

## **HOLIDAY HARBOR "SHOW US YOUR SOW" RED SNAPPER TOURNAMENT**

Holiday Harbor Marina will hold its 8th annual red snapper fishing tournament during the 2026 Summer Red Snapper season in Florida. The eligibility requirements, tournament dates, tournament rules, winner selection and awards are described below.

**Participant Eligibility:** The tournament is open to any recreational fishing boat which has all required registrations and fishing licenses. Tournament participants are registered by boat, not by individuals. Boats that have been used for charter during 2026 and/or are run by a captain for hire are not eligible to participate.

**Tournament Dates:** The tournament opens at 12:01 AM on May 22, 2026, and ends at 5:30 p.m. on July 31, 2026. These dates are subject to change if the state closes the season early.

**Registration Requirements:** Each eligible customer or employee who wishes to participate in the tournament must register.

- a. Registration requires a valid Florida Fishing license (or documentation of exemption from license requirement).
- b. Registrations will be accepted at the office of Holiday Harbor Marina either in person or by email [office@myholidayharbor.com](mailto:office@myholidayharbor.com) . (See registration form for details.) **If by email the entrant must call to confirm receipt of entry and pay via phone for the entry at least 48 hours prior to weighing a fish. Failure to confirm receipt of entry will result in non-entry.**
- c. Registration fee is \$50.00 per boat and can be paid by cash, check or credit card at the time of registration. (The registration fee may not be charged to a customer account.)
- d. A Tournament Package for registered participants will be available for pick up at the marina office beginning May 22, 2026. It will include a copy of these tournament Rules and Regulations, a boat registration placard that must be shown when arriving by boat to weigh a fish, a tournament T-shirt and other goodies, all provided in a 5-gallon bucket provided by Ace Hardware.

### **Tournament Rules**

- a. To be eligible, all fish entered must be caught during the tournament period and must be weighed the day they are caught. When bringing a fish to be weighed, it must be accompanied by the tournament placard provided in the tournament package and designated for the registered boat. For record purposes, a picture of the placard along with the customer, fish, and scale reading will be taken at the time of weighing the fish. **Any fish brought without the tournament placard will not be eligible to be weighed.**

- b. All fish must be caught on rod and reel. Fish caught by spear, trap, net or other entangling device, harpoon, snag or foul hook are not qualified and will not be weighed.
- c. All fish must meet the Florida and Federal size limits and other regulatory requirements. Holiday Harbor Marina is legally obligated to report violations of regulatory requirements, including minimum size lengths and possession limits.
- d. **All fish must be brought to the weigh station by a registered boat**; delivery by car, non-registered boat or walk-up **will not be accepted**.
- e. All fish must be weighed at the weigh station located near the south fuel dock at Holiday Harbor Marina. The IGFA-certified weigh scale will be open daily 1 hour after the marina opens and will close daily 30 minutes before the marina closes. All tournament entrants physically **on land in the weighing line with their fish** at the designated closing time (see above) will be permitted to have their fish weighed. Those not physically in the line at the designated closing time will not be permitted to join the line or have their fish weighed.
- f. To support conservation of red snapper, a registered boat is limited to weighing only one (1) red snapper per day.
- g. All fish must be in acceptable condition at time of weighing. Fish must be in whole condition to be weighed; partially eaten fish are not eligible. The weigh station reserves the sole right to reject any fish entry due to poor condition, mutilation or having been frozen.
- h. To verify condition and other characteristics, all fish are subject to random gutting. Failure to allow gutting by the weigh station will result in disqualification of the fish in question.
- i. Violation of any of the Tournament **Rules** will subject the participant to disqualification from the tournament with forfeit of registration fee.

**Winner Selection:** Tournament winners will be determined by the weight of a single red snapper. Five prizes will be awarded in the General category: 3 for the fish weighing the most, 1 for the fish closest to a Wildcard Weight and 1 for Junior Angler. In addition, one prize will be awarded in both the HHM Account Holder and the Seatow member categories for the fish weighing the most

- a. **1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place:** In the General category, the three (3) snappers caught and weighed during the period of the tournament (as specified above) that individually weigh the most will be the top 3 tournament winners, with the snapper weighing the most being the first place winner, the snapper weighing second most being the second place winner, and the snapper weighing third most being the third place winner. For the top 3 places there is a guaranteed total payout of \$1,000.

- b. In case of a tie for one of the first 3 places, the first fish weighed will be considered the winner at that level and the second fish weighed will be considered the winner for the next level (up to 3<sup>rd</sup> place). This applies to the junior angler award also. In case of a tie the first fish weighed will be the winner.
- c. **Wildcard Weight:** This award will go to the first weighed fish that comes closest to a Wildcard Weight. The Wildcard Weight will be determined at the end of the tournament by a random drawing of possible weights (pound and ounce) between 5 lbs. and 15 lbs.
- d. In case of a tie for the Wildcard Weight, the HHM account holder and the SeaTow bonus, the first fish weighed will be the winner.
- e. Junior Angler: Largest Red Snapper caught by an angler under the age of 12.
- f. In the General category, an individual boat may win at only one level and receive only one award (including Junior Angler); only one award/prize per registered boat. However, an individual boat winning in the General category may also win in the HHM Account Holder and or the Seatow Member category.
- g. Weighing decisions and award determinations of the tournament committee are final.

**Tournament Awards:** The awards for each winning place will be:

General Category Winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: 50% of entry fees (minimum \$500) and 1 pair of Costa Del Mar Glasses from Marina Selection
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 30% of entry fees (minimum \$300) and a Yeti Cooler (provided by Davison Fuel, Inc.)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 20% of entry fees (minimum \$200), 1 Bubba Blade Filet Knife
- Wildcard Weight Prize: Red Snapper closest to the Wildcard Weight: gift certificate to Sunset Grille and 1 Frabill Bait Pen
- Junior Angler Award – Largest red snapper caught by Angler under the age of 12: Penn spinning combo and a Holiday Harbor Marina Youth Straw Hat

**Additional Prizes (can be won together with the award above)**

HHM Account Holder Category Winner:

- \$500 Gas credit at Holiday Harbor Marina

Seatow Member Winner:

- \$500 paid by Sea Tow

- In addition to the prizes to be awarded for fish caught, there also will be “door” prizes. At the end of the tournament, tournament registration numbers will be drawn. All registered participants, including winners of the prizes for fish caught, are eligible for this drawing.
- a. Awards will be announced the day after the closing of the weigh-in on the final day of the tournament and will be posted as a banner on the marina website, [www.myholidayharbor.com](http://www.myholidayharbor.com). Current standings for the first 3 places will be provided weekly on the marina website and available on a “standings” board in the Main Marina Office and the North Store.
- b. Winning anglers will be notified August 1, 2026, and can receive their awards by claiming them in person at Holiday Harbor Marina (or by making other arrangements). All awards must be claimed by August 31, 2026.

### **Tournament Administration**

- a. Questions concerning tournament rules or other matters related to the tournament should be directed to Wade Woolford, Manager, Holiday Harbor Marina.
- b. By registering and participating in the tournament, participants agree to having pictures taken of them and their weighed fish, and to the publication of such picture on the Holiday Harbor Marina website and in other publications/media as may be deemed appropriate.

**Appreciation:** Contributions by the following businesses have helped make this tournament possible:

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