



3rd Annual "Vesta" Fishing Rodeo Rules
Presented by Burnham Drugs

Saturday June 17th, 2006 Mary Walker Marina Gautier, MS

1. All entrants must be registered prior to Fishing Tournament. Deadline for Registration is 7:00pm, Friday June 16th, 2006. However you may register early by mailing in your entry form and fees to the following Address:
B.J. McCreary
3409 Charlie Ave
Pascagoula MS 39581
or you may print a registration form on-line at the following address: www.kreweofvesta.org . There will be a **Mandatory** Captain's meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2006 at Mary Walker Marina @ 7:00 PM. If you cannot attend the meeting you can still enter the tournament, however you just waived any right to contest the Tournament rules.
2. The tournament will begin for the **Anglers** at 12:01a.m. Saturday, June 17, 2006. The tournament will end at 6:00p.m. on Saturday June 17, 2006. The tournament and **weigh-in** will be held at Mary Walker Marina on June 17, 2006 from 3:00-6:00 P.M.
3. Fish will be kept on display in fish bins only as long as the fish remains on the board and as space permits. Anyone requesting a fish to be returned will give notice to the weigh master at the weigh-in. Otherwise prize-winning fish will be returned after the awards ceremony.
4. Awards Ceremony will be held at 6:30pm, on Saturday, June 17, 2006. All prizes not claimed at the award ceremony or with-in 6 Days after the tournament will remain the property of the tournament. Prizes will not be awarded after the ceremony.
5. **All fish must be entered and weighed at the tournament headquarters by the angler who caught the fish. All persons on board must be registered for the tournament and the Boat Captain must be able to present tickets with each crew member's name on demand.** Fish will be judged by weight on the scales used by the Weigh Master, **THE WEIGH MASTER'S DECISION IS FINAL.** In the event of equal weights, the first fish or group of fish entered will be declared the winner. In the event of another tournament taking place the same weekend of this tournament, fish may be marked at the discretion of the tournament staff.

6. Each place will be determined by the boat that catches the best 3 fish for one or both categories(for ex:3 Snapper caught will be weighed & the total weight entered). Each boat entered can only win one place per Category. For Ex: If you win 1st prize in red snapper, you can not win 2nd & 3rd too, but you can place in another category.
7. Fish must be in good, edible condition and properly iced. Fish must be properly gaffed. *Fish which appear to have been harpooned, frozen, mutilated, shot or netted may be refused. The decision of the Weigh Master is final.* All fish are subject to test by Torrymeter. ALL 1st prize winners *may be* subjected to a polygraph.
8. All contestants will, in every aspect, catch any fish offered for prize consideration, in a sportsmanlike manner, on hook and line, obeying all rules and regulation of the tournament. All fish entered for prize consideration must comply with all fishing laws of the State of Mississippi.
9. Anyone wishing to protest an decision by the Weigh Master must enter a protest in writing before June 17th, 2007 @ 6:30PM. All written protests will be considered by a protesting committee of no less than 3 tournament directors. The protest committee reserves the option of requesting polygraph test as part of their deliberation and consider the results final. In the case of proper protest, the committee will render a decision within 7 days following the tournament.
10. Participants enter at their own risk. **Neither the Krewe of Vesta, nor any person connected with the tournament shall be held liable for any loss, damage, negligence, harm or injury to anyone for any reason.**
11. Any person previously “banned” from any other tournament will not be allowed to enter this tournament. Any fish entered in any other fishing event will be disqualified.
12. Anyone found to be in violation of the tournament rules may be disqualified for this and all future tournaments sponsored by the “Krewe of Vesta”.
13. In case of inclement weather, a complete tournament will be held the following weekend. (Bad weather rules: The National Weather service must issue no small craft warning within 4 consecutive hours. This constitutes a Valid Tournament). Once money has been turned in there will be no refunds.
14. In case the Tournament is postponed, and you enter the Fishing Tournament after the Captains meeting, you wave the right to dispute any decision, **WEIGH MASTER DECISION WILL BE FINAL.**