



## Houston Mariners Club Tenth Annual *Saltwater Fishing Tournament*



Hey Anglers and Club Members - It's that time again and I hope y'all are ready!! Can you believe this is our TENTH ANNUAL Fishing Tournament? That is GREAT... and a Big Thanks to everyone for your continued support!! This year the tournament will be on **Friday, May 14, 2010**. The Friday tournament has worked well and everyone seems to enjoy a day out of the office and still calling it "work".

The Tournament is being held at the same place, Capt. Wally's Marina / TopWater Grill at April Fool Point in San Leon, Texas. TopWater is back up and running and a new tournament area should be ready by tournament time. Fishing time will start at 6:00 a.m. and the weigh station will close at 4:00 p.m. The tournament will be a 4-person team competition with our normal inshore division and POSSIBLY an offshore division. Yes, we are considering adding an offshore division if there is enough interest. What we need at this time is some input from you to see if this is feasible. Please consider this possibility and give us your feedback as soon as possible. We need to make a decision within the month and will keep you posted.

As in previous years, **Entry fees are \$75.00 per person. So a 4-person team is still \$300.00, 3-person team - \$225.00, etc. Hopefully this will accommodate participants who would like to fish solo or with a buddy and may not have access to a boat, or for those who may be limited by boat size, etc.** You can still get a guide at your own expense, but remember; the guide will count as one of your team members. Weigh-in will be back at Capt. Wally's Marina from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with a buffet and beer to be provided as well as D.J.'ed music. There will also be a cash bar available.

As always, there will be great door prizes and trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams, as well as Big Trout, Big Red Fish, Big Flounder & Big Ugly. Offshore division trophies will be announced once a decision has been made. Additionally **all boundary restrictions have been removed** so you can fish wherever as long as you make it back to weigh-in on time. We figure the fewer rules we have (within reason), the fewer we have to enforce.

There are no cash prizes awarded, but if we have any funds left from the tournament, they will again be donated to The Kids Unlimited Foundation. Kids Unlimited is an organization that provides numerous activities, inclusive of hunting and fishing trips, as well as other outdoor activities, for kids with cancer and their families. The Foundation also maintains a ranch just outside the beltway off Hwy 288, where they hold numerous events such as the Kids Unlimited Christmas Party and their annual Catfish Tournament. Last year we were able to make a \$5,000.00 donation to sponsor their annual offshore fishing trip, thanks to YOU - our Members, Generous Sponsors, and Tournament Participants!

The Captain's Meeting will again be held at Luling City Market at 4726 Richmond, on Richmond just inside Loop 610, on Wednesday, May 12, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. At least one team member from each team **must** be present at the Captain's Meeting where we will provide the official tournament rules. The deadline for entry will be at the Captain's Meeting and space is limited to the first 40 paid teams.

If you have any questions or require further information, contact Tim Strickland – Tournament Director at 713-654-1560 / [strick@frvf-law.com](mailto:strick@frvf-law.com) or John Robinson – Tournament Committee Member at 713-542-6806 / [jrobinson@rhamgroup.us](mailto:jrobinson@rhamgroup.us). We look forward to this year's tournament. Until then.....

Tight Lines and Heavy Stringers – The Saltwater Fishing Tournament Committee