

3RD ANNUAL

ROBERTSON ISLAND REDFISH CUP

PENSACOLA, FLORIDA
2027 TOURNAMENT RULES & INFORMATION

TOURNAMENT	Saturday, April 24, 2027
REGISTRATION	Thursday, April 22, 2027 4:00-6:00 PM CT
ENTRY FEE	\$300 per boat Teams of 2 anglers
BIG FISH CALCUTTA	\$100 optional cash entry

100% of entry fees and Calcutta entries will be paid out in cash.

Davis Perkins — Tournament Director — (850) 485-0680

Tournament Details

Teams will compete for the heaviest bag of 2 eligible Redfish within the FWC slot range of 18"-27".

Registration

Registration will be held at Outcast Tackle & Marine in Pensacola, FL on Thursday, April 22, 2027 from 4:00 PM-6:00 PM CT.

Registration is CASH ONLY.

Questions regarding registration may be directed to Davis Perkins, Tournament Director, at (850) 485-0680.

Tournament bags and shirts will be available for pickup at registration.

Mandatory Physical Check-Out

Saturday, April 24, 2027 | 5:00–5:50 AM CT | Shoreline Park Boat Launch, 800 Shoreline Dr., Gulf Breeze, FL 32561

ALL TEAMS MUST PHYSICALLY CHECK OUT WITH TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR DAVIS PERKINS DURING THIS WINDOW TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WEIGH FISH. Teams that do not complete physical check-out by 5:50 AM CT are ineligible to weigh fish.

The Tournament Director will be stationed at the waterward end of the left boat-launch dock, as shown by the red check-out arrow on the staging graphic. He will have a clipboard containing the full list of registered teams.

Each team must pull up to the marked dock and provide its tournament boat number and both registered anglers' first and last names. Wait for the Tournament Director to acknowledge the team and confirm that it has been marked as checked out on the clipboard roster. Being present, passing the dock, or sending a message does not complete check-out.

Once checked out, please immediately clear the area of the marked boat dock so other boats can pull up and check out. Idle to the designated staging area and keep the dock approach, ramp access, and public boating access clear.

Boats may be launched elsewhere, but every team must bring its registered boat and both anglers to Shoreline Park for physical check-out and participate in the official start. Shoreline Park is the sole tournament check-out and departure location.

Staging & Air-Horn Start

Scheduled blast-off: 6:00 AM CT. All boats must wait for the Tournament Director's designated starting air-horn signal before accelerating or departing their staging area. Fishing may begin only after the official starting signal.

After check-out, boats traveling WEST must idle to the west staging area; boats traveling EAST must idle to the east staging area, as shown on the graphic. Follow the Tournament Director's positioning instructions and face the assigned departure direction. Boats must remain stopped or at idle speed within their staging area until the starting signal.

All boats must display properly functioning navigation/running lights throughout check-out, staging, and departure before sunrise, and whenever otherwise required.

Departure Spacing & Straight-Ahead Travel

MINIMUM BOAT SEPARATION: Maintain at least 100 feet of separation from other boats when accelerating and throughout the initial departure. Increase separation as speed, wakes, visibility, and other conditions require. If adequate separation or a clear departure path is unavailable, remain at idle or delay acceleration until safe.

STRAIGHT-AHEAD DEPARTURE: All boats must maintain their assigned departure heading for the first 300 yards measured from their eastbound or westbound group's starting boundary. The Tournament Director will identify each starting boundary and the end of its 300-yard departure corridor before the start. No discretionary turns, weaving, crossing another boat's bow, or overtaking are permitted within this corridor. Always slow, stop, or change course when necessary to avoid danger.

SLOWER BOATS: Boats expecting to depart at a slower speed are encouraged to stage toward the rear of their assigned eastbound or westbound group, leaving clear departure paths for boats ahead. Follow the Tournament Director's positioning instructions. Faster boats must not weave through, crowd, or overtake slower boats within the first 300 yards. A boat delayed at the start must wait for a clear path before accelerating.

The horn permits departure only when safe. If spacing, visibility, depth, wakes, or traffic do not allow a safe departure, remain at idle or wait until the path is clear. Operators must always slow, stop, or change course when necessary to avoid danger; collision avoidance takes priority over the straight-ahead requirement.

All captains and anglers must obey posted no-wake and speed zones and all applicable boating and navigation rules throughout the tournament. The graphic shows staging directions only and is not a navigational chart or assurance of safe depth.

The Tournament Director may delay the start, reposition staging, or release smaller groups if visibility, weather, water depth, traffic, or congestion makes a simultaneous departure unsafe. Early departure or unsafe operation may result in disqualification at the Tournament Director's discretion.

SHORELINE PARK CHECK-OUT & STAGING



Check-out arrow: waterward end of the left boat-launch dock. East/west staging areas are shown above. Minimum departure separation: 100 feet. Straight-ahead departure distance: 300 yards from each group's starting boundary.

Fishing Boundaries

No boundaries.

Teams may begin fishing only after the Tournament Director's official starting air-horn signal, scheduled for 6:00 AM CT, and only after completing mandatory physical check-out.

BOAT MUST REMAIN IN THE WATER: Once a team completes physical check-out at Shoreline Park, the registered boat must remain in the water continuously until the team has weighed its fish at Robertson Island. The boat may not be trailered, removed from the water, or relaunched at another location for any reason before weigh-in. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification.

Weigh-In

WEIGH-IN DEADLINE

Robertson Island, Pensacola, FL | 4:00 PM CT | Saturday, April 24, 2027

Robertson Island is only accessible by boat.

All boats must be past the red line shown on the weigh-in access map by 4:00 PM CT to be eligible to weigh fish.

Awards presentation will follow completion of the weigh-in.

ROBERTSON ISLAND WEIGH-IN ACCESS



All boats must be past the red line marked above by 4:00 PM CT on Saturday, April 24, 2027, to be eligible to weigh fish.

Please note that the only entrance to the back side of Robertson Island is marked with the white arrow.

Tournament Rules

All Redfish must be caught on rod and reel after the official starting air-horn signal and no later than 4:00 PM CT on Saturday, April 24, 2027, by a registered team member from their registered boat. The team must have completed mandatory physical check-out to be eligible to weigh fish.

Live bait, dead bait, and artificial baits are all allowed.

Each team is allowed to weigh a two-person legal bag limit of Redfish (one Redfish per Angler).

Any dead redfish presented for weighing will receive a 0.50-pound penalty per dead fish. This penalty applies to both the team's bag weight and the individual fish's Big Fish Calcutta weight.

All fish must comply with FWC regulations: Redfish - measured with the pinched tail, not less than 18" or more than 27".

All measurements will be done using an RIRC-provided Check-It Stick (slant board) utilizing the perfect pinch.

All measurements will be done by sliding the perfect pinch to the 26" mark and taking the length at the longest point of the tail.

Redfish will be measured using a "hands off" approach.

Redfish will be measured belly side down on the slant board.

Redfish that are touching the 27" mark will be considered legal.

Participants may not attempt to intentionally manipulate the weight or length of any fish.

All fish will be measured on the same measuring device and weighed on the same tournament scale.

Redfish will only be weighed one time. All weights are final.

Payouts & Prizes

Payouts will be awarded to the top 3 teams weighing in the 2 heaviest Redfish:

- 1st Place - 50%
- 2nd Place - 30%
- 3rd Place - 20%

Optional Big Fish Calcutta — ranked by each team's heaviest eligible redfish:

- 1st Place - 50%
- 2nd Place - 30%
- 3rd Place - 20%

The top 3 teams based on heaviest bag weight will receive big checks and custom RIRC artwork/trophies.

Tie Results

In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken by the weight of the team's largest fish.

If still tied, the team that weighed in first will be declared the winner.

A tie in the Big Fish Calcutta will go to the team that weighed the fish in first.

Weather

RIRC understands that a lot goes into fishing a competitive inshore tournament, and most anglers do not prefer to fish in excessive wind and rain.

If the forecast is looking excessively windy or rainy, a decision will be made by 4:00 PM CT on Thursday, April 22, 2027 whether to postpone the tournament. The initial bad-weather plan will be to move the tournament to Sunday, April 25, 2027. Any postponement or weather-related schedule change will be announced on the official RIRC Facebook and Instagram pages. If the tournament is moved to Sunday, all tournament times, physical check-out procedures, staging and air-horn start requirements, and weigh-in procedures will remain the same unless otherwise announced by the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director may also delay or modify the morning start based on actual conditions.

Final Decisions / Disclaimer

The Tournament Director may implement additional rules and restrictions if deemed necessary. Entrants are responsible for understanding all RIRC rules. The Tournament Director will have the final say in all sportsmanship and conduct matters, and all decisions of the Tournament Director, judges, and weighmaster are final.

Participation & Assumption of Risk

All captains, anglers, crew members, observers, and guests participating in or attending the Robertson Island Redfish Cup (RIRC) do so entirely at their own risk. Each captain is solely responsible for the safe operation of their vessel and for the safety and conduct of all persons aboard.

Release & Hold Harmless

By registering for, paying entry into, or participating in RIRC, each captain, angler, crew member, observer, and guest agrees to release and hold harmless RIRC and all persons or entities directly or indirectly involved with the tournament from claims, losses, damages, injuries, or expenses arising from or related to tournament participation, including injury to persons or damage to property.

Media Release

By registering for, paying entry into, or participating in RIRC, participants grant RIRC permission to use photographs, video recordings, and other media in which they may appear for tournament-related promotional, marketing, advertising, and social-media purposes without compensation or further consent.

Acceptance of Rules

By registering for, submitting payment for, or participating in RIRC, the captain, anglers, crew members, observers, and guests acknowledge that they have read, understand, accept, and agree to abide by all tournament rules, regulations, and requirements.

All participants are expected to use safe fishing and boating practices at all times.