



Crooked Letter Kayak Challenge

April 27, 2019

Hosted by South Mississippi Kayak Fishing Club

FORMAT: Heaviest four fish stringer - The fish eligible for the stringer are as follows: Slot Redfish, Speckled Trout, Flounder and White Trout. The four fish stringer may contain only one Slot Redfish and any combination of other species. An angler does not have to have a Redfish among the four fish that they weight. An angler can weigh in less than four fish.

Big Fish – The heaviest single fish of the stringer eligible species. (Redfish, Speckled Trout, Flounder, and White Trout.

TACKLE/BAIT: Artificial lures, live bait, dead bait scents, and scented lures are permitted.

BOUNDARIES: All public Mississippi waters are legal.

TIME: Captain's meeting – 6:30 pm on April 26th 2019 at The Blind Tiger (265 Beach Blvd. Biloxi, MS 39530).

Lines in the water April 27th at 5:00 am.

WEIGH-IN: The weigh-in will start at 2:00pm and close promptly at 3:00pm, at The Blind Tiger (265 Beach Blvd. Biloxi, MS 39530). Any angler in line before the 3:00 pm will be allowed to weight their catch. No anglers will be permitted in line after 3:00pm.

NOTE *** Anglers will only be permitted to win more than one standing/payout excluding the awards for Womens Stringer***

ENTRY FEES: The entry fee is \$47.00 for non SMKFC paid Members and \$42.00 for paid SMKFC members. (For membership details see web page: <https://www.smkfc.org/membership>) Anglers that register by April 21st 2019 will be provided a meal at weigh-in.

FREE YOUTH STRINGER: For anglers under the age of 13 that are fishing with an adult that is registered in the event. The youth angler is eligible for an award for heaviest stringer with in the other youth stringers. If the youth is registered as an angler for the tournament they do not qualify for the Free Youth Stringer. To participate in the Free Youth Stringer send an email to: edwardrhornsby@gmail.com

WOMEN'S STRINGER: All women that are registered for the tournament are eligible to win the Women's Stringer. An award will be presented to the women that weighs in the heaviest stringer.

LEGAL FISH: Slot Redfish - minimum of 18" and under 27", Speckled Trout – minimum of 15" and up, Flounder – minimum of 12" and up, White Trout – Minimum of 12" and up. All competitors must check in with legal fish as per MSWF/DMR regulations to be eligible for awards and prizes. All fish presented at time of weigh in must meet SMKFC tournament size requirements. Any fish presented to weigh-master that does not meet minimum/maximum size requirements will not be accepted as a tournament entry. A replacement fish will be allowed but has to be in your physical possession. You are not allowed to leave your position at the weigh table. If a second fish is presented and does not meet minimum/maximum tournament size requirements it will result in an immediate disqualification of the angler from the tournament. All gross negligence of the minimum/maximum tournament size limits will result in an immediate disqualification and the SMKFC weigh-master and Tournament Director will have final decision. Any attempt to enter fraudulent catch, exchanging catches, tampering with catch, or to hamper or threaten any official of the tournament will result in immediate disqualification. Only authorized persons will be allowed in the sign-in and weigh-in stations.

PADDLE/PEDAL CRAFT ONLY: This event allows human powered craft only. Trolling motors, sails, gas engines, and "mother ships," are not allowed. Your pedal or paddle craft must be human powered and includes solo kayaks, tandem kayaks, canoes, pirogues, and paddleboards. Anglers will not be permitted to wade fish. If an angler requires the use of an electric trolling motor please contact the tournament director Edward edwardrhornsby@gmail.com

DEPTH FINDERS: Depth finders / fish finders are allowed.

PFD REQUIREMENT: You must properly wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD while in your kayak during all SMKFC events. Failure to comply with this rule during competition could result in disqualification from the tournament. Disqualification will be determined by the Tournament Director based on investigation of any specific incident.

WATER COURTESY / ENCROACHMENT: Do your best not to disturb someone else's fishing area, by encroachment, or noise. If you come upon an angler in an egress area, as quietly as you can, ask which side he or she would like you to cross at. A good rule of thumb is that if you can both cast to a common point you're too close. Respect others and use the golden rule.

PROTESTS: All protests must be made in writing and delivered to a tournament official within 30 minutes of the official end of the weigh-in. The tournament director is the final authority in all considerations.

CHEATING/FOUL PLAY: All anglers are encouraged to report violations. Cheating and contest fraud in a fishing tournament is a crime in the state of Mississippi. SMKFC will enforce a zero tolerance policy with regard to cheating.

POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION: All participants, by signing up, agree to take a polygraph examination if requested. Any participant can be asked to submit to a polygraph examination. No explanation shall be required from the hosts of the tournament as to why a specific individual is asked to submit to a polygraph examination. Refusal to submit to or failure of a polygraph examination will result in disqualification from the tournament, forfeiture of any and all prizes / awards, and potential banishment from all future SMKFC events. No refunds for tournament fees will be granted for person(s) refusing to submit to or failing a polygraph examination.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE: A waiver, release of liability, and covenant not to sue are part of the entry form. It is required that all contestants take responsibility for themselves while participating in event activities. Please DO NOT let your competitive nature push you into doing dangerous things. You must agree to the Waiver to participate. BE SAFE, BE SEEN, AND WEAR YOUR PFD!

COMMUNICATION: Cell or electronic communication "to and from" non-tournament anglers during tournament hours will not be allowed except if it is not fishing related (Example: your spouse, work, etc.).

RULE CHANGES: Interpretation of rules is exclusively left to the Tournament Directors and SMKFC Executive Committee. The decisions of this group are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal. Please do your part in not providing a reason to place them in a position where they must make rulings, decisions, etc. Keep it simple, keep it clean, and when in doubt...do the right thing.

PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY: Participation is open to anyone 18 years of age or older. Minors are eligible to participate with a parent or legal guardian. That parent or guardian, not SMKFC, is responsible for the safety and well-being of that minor. All participants represent that they are physically and mentally competent and fit and able to participate. By entering, all participants agree to assume ALL risks of personal injury, death, and damage to or loss of property and further agree to indemnify and hold SMKFC, its officers, members, agents, and sponsors harmless from and against any and all claims, liabilities, and causes of action resulting directly or indirectly from participation.

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