



JIMTOGWEI TOURNAMENT RULES 2020

1. RULES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is the responsibility of each captain, crew and angler to obtain a copy, read, understand and abide by the Tournament's rules, including, but not limited to, any special instructions that may be announced during the Captain's Meeting at which at least one representative from each team must be present.

The Captain's Meeting, with chili, takes place, Friday December 18th, at 5:00PM at The Cutty Sark Marina 4707 Pretty Lake Ave, Norfolk, VA 23518. Rules are subject to change. Final instructions are given at the Captain's Meeting.

2. PERMITS AND LICENSES

Registered boats and anglers must comply with all Federal and State fishing laws regarding licenses, size limits, bag limits and any other fishing regulations that may apply. For information regarding Federal HMS Permits refer to <https://HMSPermits.noaa.gov> or call 888-872-8862. For information regarding Virginia state saltwater fishing licenses refer to www.dgif.virginia.gov/licenses/ or call 866-721-6911. For information regarding the Virginia Fisherman Identification Program refer to www.mrc.virginia.gov/FIP/ or call 800-723- 2728. If you wish to be eligible for a Virginia Citation, you must have, in your possession, a valid Virginia Saltwater Fishing License. For information concerning the Virginia Citation program, call 757-491-5160 or visit www.mrc.virginia.gov/vswft/index.shtm.

3. OFFICIAL CLOCK

Official tournament time is continuous GPS time and starts at 7:30AM Saturday, December 19th, 2020.

4. FISHING DATES AND TIMES

This is a one day tournament. The first annual Jimtogwei Taug Tournament fishing day is to be held Saturday December 19th, Fishing hours are from 7:30AM to 4:30PM. EACH BOAT AND REGISTERED PARTICIPANT (CAPTAIN, MATE, OR ANGLER) MAY FISH THE TOURNAMENT ONLY ONE DAY.

No lines or teasers may be in the water before the official start or after the official end of tournament fishing. Any fish hooked and reported to a Committee Boat prior to lines out may be fought until caught or released. Boats may leave from any inlet in Virginia, but must return to the Cutty Sark Marina to weigh fish.

5. TOURNAMENT COMMUNICATIONS

Tournament Officials and Committee Boats monitor VHF Channel 74.

6. WEATHER AND CANCELLATION POLICY

Weather related decisions are at the sole discretion of each Captain. Participants enter at their own risk and discretion and accept full responsibility for the following: their boat, equipment, crew,



anglers and guests. The Tournament Committee does not declare a “weather” day in the event of severe weather conditions or small craft advisory.

In the event of a natural disaster that makes fishing impossible, or no eligible fish are weighed, the tournament will have a drawing from the registered tournament team numbers to award the prize money. The drawing will be held at the banquet at the Cutty Sark Marina, Saturday, December 19th, 2020 at 7:00PM. A team representative must be present to win. If no registered team member is present within three minutes of his or her team’s number being drawn, the Tournament will keep drawing until a winner is selected. In the event that a drawing is necessary, prize money is split 60%, 30%, 10%.

8. BOUNDARIES

The Jimtobwei Tournament boundaries are the Atlantic ocean, Chesapeake Bay Virginia waters.

9. EQUIPMENT AND ANGLING RULES

IGFA Saltwater Equipment and Angling rules apply, unless stated otherwise in these rules or at the Captain’s Meeting.

THE FOLLOWING FISHING METHODS ARE NOT ALLOWED: CHUNKING, SNAGGING OR NETTING AND CHUMMING..

Spreader bars are permitted. Planers are permitted, even with wire line. Boats are permitted to troll ONLY eight rods, however, additional hookless teasers are permitted. IGFA leader length rules apply except when used with a planer.

This is a boat tournament. Any crew member may set the hook, but a registered angler must fight the fish unassisted. There is no restriction as to which participants may register as an angler; the captain and mate are both eligible if preregistered at the Captain’s Meeting.

10. WEIGHING FISH

All fish must be weighed at the Cutty Sark Marina Weigh Station: 4707 Pretty Lake Ave, Norfolk, VA 23518 The scales open at 12:00PM and close at 5:00PM on the day of fishing. Fish are weighed to the tenth of a pound using stringers provided strung and ready to be hung. Calcutta to be weighed separately. The tournament has a total combined weight of 4 fish. All entrants must be at scale or in line physically with fish no later than 4:50PM. Late money ain’t no money.

ADDITIONAL RULES:

- Rule #1 the captain is always right. Rule #2 refer back to rule #1.
- This is an aggregate weight format tournament. Scoring is based on the total weight of up to four Tautog. It is up to the crew to decide which fish they choose to weigh.
- Culling fish is prohibited. It is acceptable to practice catch and release in hopes of later catching a larger fish, but disposing of a dead fish to replace it with a larger fish is strictly prohibited.
- Fish must arrive at the dock in edible condition.
- Mutilated fish are not weighed. In this case, “mutilation” is defined as any damage that would impair the fighting ability of the fish.
- The decision to reweigh a fish must be made while the fish is still hanging.



- At least one team member must remain with the fish for the entire weigh-in process, and turn in weigh-in forms to the Weighmaster before leaving the scales. The Weighmaster and VBTT Officials reserve the right to refuse to weigh any fish that does not meet tournament requirements.

DECISIONS MADE BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE ARE FINAL.

11. TOURNAMENT CASH AWARDS

Cash awards are based on the number of boats entered in the Tournament. The Tournament will retain \$10 from each \$100 entry to offset the cost of producing the Tournament. The remaining \$90.00 of each entry fee will be paid as follows:

- Aggregate Tautog: 1st Place–55%; 2nd Place–25%; 3rd Place–10% (If only two places – 1st Place–60%; 2nd Place–30%; and if only one place – 1st Place–90%)
- Oyster toad special \$25.00. Biggest toad fish weighed.
- In the event that NO eligible Tautog are caught, the Tournament proceeds as a “Toad Fish tournament.
- Guaranteed 1st place: \$1500.00–4 fish stringer payout biggest
- 2nd place: \$500.00
- 3rd place: \$250.00–Heaviest Aggregate Weight, Split 50%, 30%, 20% (Entry prize money based on 25 entries)
- Calcutta is 2 level \$50 and \$100 (\$250 all in) 4 men. Any extra is \$25.00.
- \$50 Calcutta for the biggest oyster toad.
- There will be no absentee or mail in ballots. You must be present to win.

13. BREAKING TIES

Ties between the aggregate weight of Tautog are broken by the weight of the heaviest single fish in the group. For example, If both Team A and B’s four fish weigh the same amount the team with the heaviest fish wins. If there is still a tie, the second heaviest fish is considered, then the third.

14. POLYGRAPH EXAMINATION

By virtue of signing the entry form Registered Participants agree to submit to a polygraph examination if requested to do so by VBTT Officials. Failure to comply will result in disqualification of that Participant and, at the discretion of VBTT Officials, the Participant’s entire team. Disqualified Participants/Teams or Participants/Teams that fail a polygraph examination forfeit any and all entry money, prizes or prize money, and are refused entry to future VBTT tournaments. The decision of The Rules Committee is final.

15. PROTESTS

Registered Participants may submit a protest against any fish entered. Protests must be submitted in writing to The Tournament Committee by 9:00AM on the day following the catch of the disputed fish with the exception of the final fishing day when the protest must be made by 8:00PM. Protests must be accompanied by a \$250 deposit, which will be refunded if the protest is upheld. The Rules Committee, at their discretion, may use a polygraph examination to reach a decision. By virtue of signing the entry form Registered Participants agree to the final decision of The Rules Committee. The Tournament reserves the right to inspect any entered boat without notice.

16. LEGAL

By entering the Tournament, all anglers, crews and guests, hereinafter referred to as Participant(s), agree to, and understand the following:

THAT deep-sea (offshore) fishing has numerous obvious and non-obvious inherent risks that are always present in such an activity regardless of safety precautions used. Related injuries can be



severe requiring hospitalization and resulting in more lasting residual effects than injuries in other activities. All participants acknowledge such risks and hereby freely assume responsibility for their activities.

PARTICIPANTS AGREE THAT in consideration of the Jimtobwei Tournament, hereinafter referred to as the Tournament, allowing participation in this activity under the terms set forth herein and in the Tournament rules participants on behalf of themselves, and on behalf of their heirs, administrators, personal representatives, or assigns, do agree to hold harmless, release, and discharge the Tournament, Sinclair Communications, the hosting marinas, their owners, agents, employees, officers, directors, representatives, assigns, members, owners of premises, affiliated organizations, insurers, and others acting on their behalf, hereinafter collectively referred to as Associate(s), of and from all claims, demands, causes of action, and legal liability, whether the same be known or unknown, anticipated or unanticipated, due to the Tournament and/or its Associate's ordinary negligence and participants do further agree that except in the event of the Tournament's gross and willful negligence, participants shall bring no claims, demands, actions and causes of action, and/or litigation against the Tournament and its Associates, as stated above in this clause, for any economic and/or non-economic losses due to bodily injury, death, or property damage sustained in relation to the operation of the Tournament. By entering the Jimtobwei Fishing Tournament, Participants, and their guests or other attendees, do allow their person/image to be photographed, videotaped, and/or filmed for the purpose of being used in any marketing efforts desired by the Tournament.

This is an open tournament. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to deny entry to any boat, team, or person. All decisions made by the Tournament Committee are final.

Please practice and follow CDC guidelines for social distancing.

Additional Information:

Tournament entry does not pay for nor guarantee dockage for the Tournament. If you wish to secure a slip, contact Matt at the Cutty Sark Marina at 860-982-6680.

On your tournament fishing day, if you do NOT plan to weigh any fish, please call the weigh station on VHF channel 74, to let the weigh master know. It helps us to account for the boats we have not heard from, and plan accordingly.

Rules were written by Tournament Control and revised annually by the Jimtobwei Tournament
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