

2021 NWKA Oregon Rockfish Classic

10th July, 2021

Depoe Bay, Oregon

The good folks of Chinook Bend Campground are excited to be the tournament headquarters again this year!



*For those who choose other accommodations, there'll be no charge for stopping by to sign in or attend the Awards Banquet.

Chinook Bend Campground is located at 2897 Siletz Hwy, Lincoln City, OR 97367



The Oregon Rockfish Classic and Northwest Kayak Anglers are proud to partner with the American Canoe Association (ACA) to provide event insurance.

*****Official Rules:*****

1. Skills required to participate in the Oregon Rockfish Classic:

- Upon unexpected entry into the water from their kayak, participants must be able to reenter their kayak unassisted within one minute
- Participants must be of a physical fitness level such that they are able to propel themselves to and from the fishing grounds unassisted while also factoring in nearshore ocean conditional elements that are common to the Oregon coast, such as winds and currents.
- Participants must understand and adhere to proper marine band VHF radio communication procedures

ALL COMPETITORS MUST ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING RULES:

2. Before launching each participant must:

- Complete a safety inspection
- Pay registration fees
- Fill out and sign release of liability waiver
- Sign the check-out list
- Launch no earlier than 5:00 am
- Actively seek to minimize their impact on all powered vessels and all vehicles launching powered vessels in and around the vicinity of the Depoe Bay boat launch

3. While on the water each participant must:

- Wear immersion gear appropriate to Oregon coastal surface water temperatures
- Wear a Coast Guard approved personal floatation device (PDF) at all times. The PFD must be type I, II, III, or inflatable life vest as defined by the US Coast Guard

- c. Carry on their kayak a functional marine band handheld VHF radio and monitor channels 80, 72, and 16 while adhering to proper VHF radio communication procedures
- d. Carry a signaling device on their person
- e. Fly a safety flag on their kayak
- f. Carry on their kayak a bailing device
- g. Propel themselves to and from the fishing grounds under their own power (only human power is allowed - no motor or sail power)
- h. Carry a valid Oregon fishing license
- i. Carry a valid Oregon invasive species permit
- j. Actively seek to minimize their impact on powered vessels at all times
- k. Follow all Depoe Bay regulations for entry to and exit from the harbor during the event
- l. Follow all ODFW regulations appropriate for the area
- m. Land their own fish without assistance unless under the age of 16 years old or permanently disabled in a way that prevents the landing of their own fish
- n. Observe and remain within the tournament fishing boundaries as follows:
 - i. No fishing is allowed in the transit channel between the bell buoy directly west of the harbor entrance and the harbor entrance
 - ii. Southern fishing boundary: Cove Point
 - iii. Northern fishing boundary: Northernmost edge of the Worldmark Resort buildings
 - iv. Western fishing boundary: Water depth of 100 feet

Tournament Boundaries

*Blue route is Tsunami Evacuation route

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1qzqgXp6ypHvlyqG8Z9m0GMaTAM0&ll=44.81093326709297%2C-124.07444269999999&z=14>

- o. Comply with all decisions made by the tournament coordinators as communicated through the VHF radio channel 72, including but not limited to suspending the tournament earlier than the original planned end time due to deteriorating ocean conditions or other events that compromise the safety of the event
- p. Must not consume alcohol or drugs of any kind during the event

4. Upon returning to the Depoe Bay boat launch area:

- a. All participants must report to the weigh-in station and sign the check out list before 2:00 pm regardless of whether or not each participant intends to submit fish for weigh-in
- b. Failure to check in by 2:00 pm may result in the participants automatic disqualification from the event, as well as future events

5. Tournament format:

- a. Only fish from participants having adhered to all rules described in these official rules will be considered for the tournament
- b. Only fish ready to be submitted at the weigh in station before 2:30 pm will be considered for the tournament and will be measured as follows:
 - i. All fish shall be measured according to weight
 - ii. All fish shall be measured in pounds to the nearest 1/100 of a pound
 - iii. All fish must have their belly cavity opened and all internal organs removed prior to being submitted for weigh in
 - iv. Gills of each fish submitted may be left in the fish

- c. Anglers shall be ranked based on total combination weight of the single heaviest of each target species in possession for the tournament.
- d. The four target species for the tournament are: Lingcod, cabezon, rockfish and greenling
- e. Any participant that is found knowingly attempting to manipulate their fish in order to achieve a higher ranking shall be automatically disqualified from this 2016 tournament and all subsequent Oregon Rockfish Classic tournaments

The roster for the 2016 ORC will be limited to 120 competitors.

The main reasons for this decision are:

- 1) The Depoe Bay Harbor has a limit to the amount of traffic of fishing craft that it can safely accommodate.
- 2) Parking in the area around the harbor is limited.
- 3) A limit to the number of competitors makes the logistics of the tournament much more easy to arrange and manage.

We must keep in mind that we are not the only group of fishermen that will be planning on using the Depoe Bay Harbor that day. It is reasonable to assume that power boaters may be targeting off-shore tuna, ocean salmon, and possibly halibut out of Depoe Bay so we must try to leave room for them too.

Best attempts will be made to try to update the list of registered participants in a timely manner, but this won't be a daily update.

Fee Breakdown: So where is your \$50 going?

\$20 goes to two raffle tickets.*

\$17 goes towards cash prizes for top 10 finishers.**

\$2 goes to pay for your boat ramp fee. So when you see the sign and box at the ramp, don't worry about it.

\$5 goes to insurance for the event through the American Canoe Association

\$6 goes to cover costs of the tournament (fire wood, propane, plates, cups, etc..)

- * Most of our sponsored prizes will be raffled off with proceeds going to Heroes on the Water and Neighbors for Kids.

We will be selling additional raffle tickets at the Chinook Bend RV resort during the weekend of the event. More information on raffle prizes to follow.

- ** If we get a full 120 anglers registered we will be giving away a full \$2000 in cash prizes to the top 10 finishers with the following breakdown.

1st \$750

2nd \$400

3rd \$300

4th \$200

5th \$100

6th-10th \$50 each