

TOURNAMENT RULES

(*abbreviated – see website for full version)

1. All Federal and State rules and regulations will apply.
2. A maximum of two (2) anglers per team.
3. Guides allowed.
4. Launch ANYWHERE you want
5. **Mandatory Captain's Meeting** – Thursday January 22nd at 6PM – Serious Tackle
6. Wade fishing is permitted within sight of other team member (200 yard max).
7. Adult Division is per team, not to exceed 2 people MAX per team / boat. Single entries allowed.,
8. Fishing hours will begin at 6:30 a.m. January 24, 2026 and contestants must be in weigh-in line by 4:00 p.m. The weigh in confirmation line will open at 2:30 PM.
9. **You may not leave a "no-wake zone" until 6:00AM CST January 24, 2026.**
10. Weigh-in Slips will be handed out at the West End Marina (Sea Isle)
11. **Artificial Bait Only**
12. No team is permitted to approach nearer than 50 yards to any other boat, unless permission has been granted.
13. No fish may be accepted from or given to another team.
14. No communication between other tournament anglers or outside sources during tournament
15. Boat, Wade, Kayak or PWC fishing is all permitted
16. Heavy Trout Stringer will win
17. **Boundaries:** Participants may fish anywhere in West Bay, being any navigable waterway West of the Causeway Rail Bridge to SH 332 bridge.
18. All participants are subject to a polygraph
19. **ALL Anglers must check in at the marina no later than 4:00 p.m. for weights to be validated.**
20. Video Submission must be shown or previously sent to tournament director by 4PM CST.
21. All fish weighed and submitted to tournament director must be within the regulations of TPWD.
22. In case of a tie, earlier weighed fish will determine the winner.
23. **Your three heaviest fish will make up your total stringer.**
24. A "side pot" trout can, if desired, be used in both the side pot & overall heavy stringer.
25. All Weigh master's rulings are FINAL
26. Sponsors and organizers are not responsible for any accident or injury, nor loss, damage, or theft to any property.
27. **Trophies** will be awarded (top 5)
28. **Side Pot: (Optional)** - \$20/ angler Big Trout – 60/30/10% cash payout. **
29. **Anglers – Refer to website for full version of rules**
30. Cash Payout (1st – 5th Place)**
31. Awards Ceremony – 5:00 – 5:15 PM

 **Live Weigh-in** 
 **Live Music** 
 **Auction** 
 **Raffle** 
 **Door Prizes** 
 **Food & Drink** 

Tournament Overview

\$100.00 per Person

6:30 AM Start

Auction: 4:30 PM

2 Anglers (max) per boat/ team

Read Rule #4 & #5

*An interactive boundary map & comprehensive set of rules can be found online on our website.

Live Auction & Raffle Items

We will have professionally guided fishing trips, We have a number of rod builders donating custom rods and some framed paintings from various artists.

Lures, Assorted Baits, Fishing Equipment, Trips, Dinners, Marine Services and Apparel will all be auctioned off to the highest bidder.

* A full list can be found online at:

www.fishwestend.com/general/tournament

*All proceeds generated from the raffle and/or auction will be donated directly to Sea Center Texas – Lake Jackson – Hatchery Operations
•Drawing & Auction will take place at 4:30 PM

West Bay BIG TROUT TOURNAMENT & Fundraiser

January 24, 2026
Noon – 6 PM

21706 Burnet Dr.
Galveston, TX 77554

Title Sponsor



Benefiting



About the Sea Center Texas

This Texas Parks and Wildlife Department facility, Sea Center Texas, includes a marine aquarium, fish hatchery, and wetland exhibit. A 50,000-gallon aquarium allows visitors to view large Gulf of Mexico marine animals. The site's visitor center educates through interpretive displays; a 20-foot "touch tank;" and aquariums depicting native Texas habitats, including a salt marsh, jetty, reef, and open Gulf exhibits. The "touch tank" allows visitors to handle blue crabs, hermit crabs, anemones, and more. A 5-acre wetland exhibit is accessible by an elevated boardwalk.

The facility operates one of the three TPWD marine hatcheries located on the Texas coast that produce juvenile red drum and spotted speckled trout to stock in Texas bays. The hatchery has the capability to produce up to 15 million juvenile fish each year. Fish hatchery tours and educational programs are available by reservation. Admission is free to Sea Center Texas.

The Center features shark, red drum, spotted seatrout, sting rays, jack crevalle, permit, gag, scamp and rockhind groupers, oysters, clams, barnacles, periwinkle, moray eels, corals, tripletail, black drum, sheepshead, tarpon, Atlantic spadefish, striped burrfish, jacks, lane, gray and vermillion snapper. Their wetland area features butterflies, hummingbirds, dragonflies, bulrushes, black mangroves, smooth cordgrass, wading birds, turtles, snakes, and wildflowers. A small outdoor pavilion provides a quiet resting or lunch spot adjacent to the butterfly and hummingbird gardens.

<https://tpwd.texas.gov/fishing/sea-center-texas/>

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Live Music by the

The Blockade Runners are a unique mix of Texas singer songwriters that come together to provide a unique style of entertainment for West End Anglers events.



All of the members that comprise the Blockade Runners are accomplished musicians with successful independent musical careers. With gigs across the state and their busy schedules, it's always a gamble as to the who will be available for each event.

Great entertainment and a unique mix of music covering almost every genre awaits!

Come on out, have a beer and sing along!

ABOUT FISHWESTEND

The West End Anglers designed www.fishwestend.com to provide other fishing enthusiasts with quick links to up to the minute comprehensive weather updates, bay conditions, fishing reports and tidal conditions specifically for West Bay, Galveston.

We host 8 major tournaments over the course of the year, 4 of which benefit a different 501c organization. *(Texana Children's Center for Autism, the Gary J Lynn Foundation for Cerebral Palsy, The Fisher House for Military Families and Shriners Hospitals for Children, Sea Center Hatchery in Lake Jackson - TPWD)*

We are involved with many other local organizations and non-profits. Together we are making a difference and ensuring great fishing for years to come!

We have monthly club meetings and invite you to check out our online forums. Join up online today, membership is Free!

Contact Us

Please call 713-594-4252

