### **TOURNAMENT RULES**

- (\*\*abbreviated see website for full version)
- 1. All Federal and State rules and regulations will apply.
- "Blackjack" means Slot Redfish & Flounder closest to 21" w/o going over, trout will be closest to 19".
- 3. Individual Tournament but any number of anglers can fish together.
- 4. Guides allowed.
- 5. No Captain's Meeting & you can Launch ANYWHERE you want
- 6. Wade fishing is permitted within sight of other team member (200 yard max).
- 7. All persons on the boat must be entered, no exceptions.
- Fishing hours will begin at 7:00 AM CST on April 5, 2025 and contestants must be in weigh-in line by 4:00 p.m. Weigh-in will begin at 2:30 p.m.
- 9. You may not leave a "no-wake zone" until 6:30 AM CST April 5, 2025. \*\*
- 10. Weigh-in @ West End Marina (Sea Isle)  $^{\ast\ast}$
- 11. Artificial or Live Bait
- 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 or angler on your boat or other boat.
- 14. No communication between other tournament anglers or outside sources during tournament.
- 15. Boat, Wade or Kayak fishing is all permitted
- **16.** Boundaries: Participants may fish anywhere in West Bay, being any navigable waterway West of the Causeway Rail Bridge to SH 332 bridge.
- 17. All participants are subject to a polygraph
- Anglers must be in the weigh in line no later than 4:00 p.m.
- 19. All fish weighed in must be within the regulations of TPWD.
- 20. In case of a tie, earlier measured fish will determine the winner or weighed if in the side pot.
- 21. Only approach weigh master with one fish per species per person plus any side pot fish.
- 22. A "Check-It Stick" is the preferred measuring device
- 23. A "side pot" redfish can, if desired, be used in both the side pot & blackjack division.
- 24. All Weigh master's rulings are FINAL
- 25. Anglers must be standing in line to hold their position in the weigh line. No exceptions.
- 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!
- 28. Side Pot: (Optional) \$20/ angler Redfish w/ most spots- 60/30%/10% cash payout. \*\*
- 29. Kayak Anglers Refer to website for full version
- 30. Cash Payout (1<sup>st</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Place for Trout, Red & Flounder)
- 31. Awards Ceremony 5:00 PM

Live Weigh-in Live Music Auction Raffle Door Prizes

### **Tournament Overview**

\$100.00 per Person 7:00 AM Start, 6:30 AM Launch Weigh-In: 2:30 – 4:00 PM Read Rule #6

\*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, artwork & jewelry.

Lures, Assorted Baits, Fishing Equipment, Trips, Dinners, Marine Services and Apparel will all be auctioned off to the highest bidder or a lucky drawing winner!

\* A full schedule of our events can be found online at: <u>www.fishwestend.com/general/tournament</u>

\*All proceeds generated from the raffle and/or auction will be donated directly to the Gary J Lynn Foundation for Research & Cure of Cerebral Palsy.

•Drawing & Auction will take place at 4:45 PM •Participants will receive a raffle ticket & gift card good for use at the marina with their paid entry the day of the event. – <u>Anglers must check-in by 4PM!</u> •Awards to immediately follow Auction & Drawing

# West Bay BLACKJACK



## **TOURNAMENT** & Fundraiser

April 5, 2025 | Noon – 5 PM 21706 Burnet Dr. Galveston, TX 77554



### 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 West End Marina & Restaurants**

West End Marina and Restaurants is a seafood restaurants with Cajun and Latin influences including comfort food and desserts. With the option of eating upstairs under the Palapa or downstairs in the Sandbar, you will not be disappointed with the beautiful view right on the bay! The marina offers wet stall storage with 4T lifts, bait and fuel. The convenience store has all the essentials you may have left at home including gifts, t-shirts and much more! Located on the West End of Galveston Island in the Sea Isle subdivision. Live entertainment on the weekends and a reserved parking spot for Clay Walker, you will never know who you may run into here!



Gary was born with spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy. After six hours of blood transfusions, the doctors had no hope that he would ever function at a normal level. Under the best of circumstances, his parents were told, the most they could hope for was a child with a severe learning disability. Not wanting to give up on their son, Gary's parents began working with him at home. At two years of age, Gary was enrolled in a school for children with special needs. Within a few weeks he was working on a computer. With constant stimulation and unrelenting guidance, Gary began reading words and short sentences at the age of four. Next came the Pre-K program, elementary school, and Gary's fifth grade graduation where he received the Presidential Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence. Having made the honor roll almost every year in high school, this outstanding young man graduated in 2010 among the top twenty fifth percentile of his class. Gary is now in college with hopes to become a sports attorney and eventually go into politics. He plans to continue The Gary J. Lynn Foundation, supporting research which will benefit all those who are afflicted with cerebral palsy.

Gary refuses to be defined by his disability. He has a wonderful sense of humor and an extremely quick wit.

Cerebral palsy may have confined him to a wheelchair, but his mind and unbridled spirit make him stand 10 feet tall. Those of us who know him are in awe of his ability to confront adversity with amazing grace and are honored to be considered among his friends.

### **ABOUT FISHWESTEND**

The West End Anglers designed <u>www.fishwestend.com</u> 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, each tournament benefits 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)

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 today, membership is Free!

#### **Contact Us**

Please call 713-594-4252

