

2019 Riptide Rendezvous Rules

General:

1. There is a \$10 entry fees for all participants.
2. Participants must register in either the "Fly Fishing" division, or "Conventional Tackle" division
3. You must have a valid California saltwater fishing license in possession
4. You must accept the liability waiver on this website, or sign a liability waiver prior to participation
5. The Event Coordinator will decide any rules disputes. The Event Coordinator's decisions are final.

Equipment Restrictions:

1. Each angler shall provide their own rod, reel, line and terminal tackle
2. Each angler must wear some form of eye protection while fishing. Sun glasses, prescription glasses or safety glasses are all acceptable
3. Fly Fishing Division:
 - a. Only single- and double-handed fly rods and reels are allowed.
 - b. Leaders and tippets can be of any strength or length
4. Conventional Tackle Division
 - a. Any legal fishing tackle other than fly fishing tackle is allowed
 - b. Line and leaders can be of any length or strength

Lure Restrictions:

1. Fly Fishing Division:
 - a. Only flies tied on single point hooks, in sizes: #6, #4 or #2s will be accepted. Double- or treble-hooked files are NOT allowed
 - b. The fly must be designed to be fished subsurface. No surface flies (poppers, crease flies, sliders or dry files) will be accepted.
2. Conventional Tackle Division:

Only the following lures are allowed:

 - a. **Carolina Rig:** 1/4 - 1/2oz egg sinker with 2" - 3" soft plastic grub in motor oil or other dark natural base color (accent color flakes OK) with matching hook (total of 3 bodies required for lure exchange)
 - b. **Dropshot Rig:** 1/4 - 1/2oz dropshot weight with 2" - 3" soft plastic grub, or paddle tail in motor oil color or other dark natural base color (accent color flakes OK) with matching hook (total of 3 bodies required for lure exchange)
 - c. **Leadhead Jig:** 1/4 - 1/2oz jig head with 2" - 3" soft plastic grub, or paddle tail in motor oil or other dark natural base color (accent color flakes OK) (total of 3 bodies required for lure exchange)
 - d. **Lucky Craft 110** Flash Minnow in a chrome finish, or chrome with a colored back
 - e. **Rapala Xrap XR10** size in a chrome finish, or chrome with a colored back
 - f. **Kastmaster or Krocodile spoons**, 1/4 - 1/2oz., in silver, silver/blue, or gold

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Lure Exchange:

1. Fly Fishing Division
 - a. Each participant must provide one surf-appropriate fly pattern.
 - b. Each fly will be inspected and deemed fishable before it will be accepted. If the fly you supply does not meet requirements, a substitute fly will be entered on your behalf at no charge
 - c. If you do not provide a fly, you are required to pay \$10.00, and a fly will be supplied on your behalf
 - d. Flies submitted at check-in will be logged, placed in an envelope, and thrown into a bag.
 - e. Each angler will be given one randomly assigned fly from the bag prior to fishing
2. Conventional Tackle Division:
 - a. Each participant must provide one lure from the approved lure list above. In the case of lures with soft plastic bodies, one jig head or sled head or drop shot rig + three total bodies must be provided
 - b. Each lure will be inspected before it will be accepted. If the lure you supply is not on the above list, a substitute lure will be entered on your behalf at no charge
 - c. If you do not provide a lure, you are required to pay \$10.00, and a lure will be supplied on your behalf
 - d. Lures submitted at check-in will be logged, placed in an envelope, and thrown into a bag.
 - e. Each angler will be given one randomly assigned lure from the bag prior to fishing

Competition Rules:

1. Fishing:
 - a. All contestants may only use their assigned fly or lure for the entire tournament time window.
 - b. If you lose your fly or lure, you must stop fishing. No exceptions!
 - c. If a fly falls apart due to poor construction, a Beach Spotter (see below) will provide a replacement fly
 - d. "Lines-In" (start of fishing) is 8:15am. "Lines-Out" (end of fishing) is 10:15am. An air-horn blast will be used to announce Lines-in and Lines-out.
 - e. Prior to Lines-In, all anglers must attend a brief meeting at the registration desk to review the rules and safety protocols, define the allowed fishing area(s), and review any last-minute announcements
 - f. After the meeting, anglers will have approximately 15-20 minutes to walk to a starting position on the beach.
 - g. At Lines-out, all anglers must stop fishing immediately, except that any fish hooked before Lines-out will count, even if landed after Lines-out
 - h. ALL FISH MUST BE FAIRLY CAUGHT AND NOT FOUL HOOKED! Foul hooked fish will not count. For anglers using a single-hook lure or fly, "foul hooked" means the fish was not hooked in the mouth. For lures with multiple hooks, "foul hooked" means none of the hooks are inside the fish's mouth.
 - i. At Lines-Out, anglers should return to the area near the Event Desk for the remainder of the activities

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2. Scoring:
 - a. "Beach Spotters" will be stationed at intervals within the tournament area, and can be identified by their bright yellow measuring boards
 - b. When an angler catches a fish, the angler will take the fish to a Beach Spotter for scoring
 - c. Beach Spotters are responsible for measuring fish and recording the angler's catch using the official measuring board and the required iAngler Tournament System. All catches must be recorded by a Beach Spotter to be official!
 - d. Fish length will be measured from the tip of the fish's nose with the mouth closed, to the tail fork, or to the back edge of the middle of the tail, if there is no fork.
 - e. After scoring the catch, the fish must be released as quickly as practical.

Safety Rules:

1. Anglers must maintain a safe distance from each other to avoid hitting each other with their casts or tangling lines.
2. For extra safety, Beach Spotters will watch for bystanders, and ensure that anglers maintain a safe distance from neighboring anglers and other beach-goers.
3. Beach Spotters will have whistles to warn anglers of safety issues. Whistles will be used ONLY in extreme situations.
4. If a whistle is blown it means you are either in an unsafe situation, crowding another angler, or there is a beach-goer endangered by your casting. You must stop casting immediately.
5. Anglers that have their flies or lures in the water may complete their retrieve, but may not cast again until instructed by the Beach Spotter.
6. Any angler disregarding a blown whistle may be immediately disqualified, at the discretion of a Beach Spotter