

FLOUNDER TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Flounder Tournament is Live Release only!
2. No lines in the water before 6:00am
3. Eligible Fish: Flounder and Bluefish caught by rod and reel inside Murrells Inlet on tournament day. Boundaries are inside the Jetties and not past the Ocean Jetty entrance. No fishing inside Crazy Sister Marina from gas dock east to "No Wake" sign. All SCDNR fishing regulations apply (SEE RULE #12).
4. Only one Major Flounder Prize (ie 1st, 2nd or 3rd place) per angler. Major Flounder Prize winners will be determined from the hourly Flounder Winners. All ties by weight will be determined by length. Tagged Flounder can only be entered into Tagged Flounder Contest. Tagged Flounder numbers will be announced at the Captain's Meeting.
5. There will be only one (1) weigh-in station for all registered anglers, located at Crazy Sister Marina dock. Weigh-in station will be open from 7:00am and close at 2:50pm. Flounder must be alive when presented for weigh-in and released alive. Anglers can keep any legal sized Flounder not weighed-in.
6. To avoid live Flounder accumulating at the weigh-in station, please keep Flounder to be weighed-in alive at your boat until a tournament representative accepts Flounder for weigh-in.
7. Flounder can be weighed-in anytime during the 8 fifty-minute periods. Each fifty minute period will have one Flounder Prize Winner. All anglers who submit a flounder during one of the eight 50-minute periods will receive a ticket to be entered into the prize drawing (Willow Lodge 1-night stay, plus 2 tickets to Medieval Times Dinner Theater and 1 - \$100 Gift Card to California Dreaming.)
8. Hourly winners will not be made public until after the final weigh-in at 2:50pm.
9. All Flounder and Bluefish must be brought to the weigh-in station accompanied with the angler's tournament number.
10. No cut or mutilated Flounder or Bluefish will be accepted. The committee reserves the right to dissect the winning Bluefish.
11. No congregating during the tournament, except for rendering aid to another boat. Boats with mechanical problems may return to the ramp, repairs made and return to fishing. Committee must be notified.
12. ALL FLOUNDER WEIGHED-IN MUST BE 16-INCH MINIMUM. ONLY ONE BLUEFISH WEIGHED-IN PER ANGLER.
13. Youth angler must be 14 or younger and listed on his or her own registration form. Your angler can be eligible for Adult prize only if he or she pays Adult entry fee.
14. The \$1,500 Tagged Flounder Prize will be equally divided among the anglers who weigh-in a 23rd GSSAA Flounder Tournament DNR numbered Tagged Flounder. (See Rule #4)
15. Tournament number must be displayed at all times by anglers.
16. ALL ANGLERS MUST ATTEND THE CAPTAIN'S MEETING TO RECEIVE THEIR TOURNAMENT NUMBER AND ANY RULE CHANGES THAT MAY OCCUR.
17. All decisions made by the Rules Committee are final.
18. A \$50 up-front fee will be required to contest any Tournament Rule or Fish Entry. This fee will be returned if the ruling is in your favor.

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LIVE RELEASE TOURNAMENT!



THE LOVELY LAW FIRM INJURY LAWYERS



April 25, 2026

MURRELLS INLET, SOUTH CAROLINA

****SPECIAL EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FEE****

**Early Bird Mail In Postmarked
No later than Wednesday, April 15, 2026**

ADULT \$60 • YOUTH FREE
(14 & Under Fish for Free!)

**Only Adult Early Birds will receive a UV Fishing Shirt
by Native Sons**

Early Bird prize drawing during Captain's Meeting.

*All Angler Registrations receive a free
2026 GSSAA Honorary Membership*

CAPTAIN'S MEETING & REGISTRATION



Captain's Meeting follows the close of registration

ADULTS \$60 • YOUTH FREE!
(14 & Under Fish for Free!)

EACH REGISTERED ANGLER MUST ATTEND CAPTAIN'S MEETING

**TOURNAMENT FISHING DATE:
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026 at 6am**
Rain Date: Sunday, April 26, 2026 at 6am

ADULT MAJOR PRIZE DIVISION

1st Place (Largest Flounder by weight).....\$2,000
2nd Place (Largest Flounder by weight).....\$1,000
3rd Place (Largest Flounder by weight).....\$500



Hourly Winners (See Rule #7 & Rule #4).....\$100
Can be weighed-in anytime during each 50-minute period.
7:00am - 7:50am • 8:00 - 8:50am • 9:00 - 9:50am
10:00 - 10:50am • 11:00 - 11:50am • 12:00pm - 12:50pm
1:00 - 1:50pm • 2:00 - 2:50pm

YOUTH DIVISION



(Youth Anglers Must Be 14 Years Old or Younger)

1st Place (Largest Flounder by Weight).....\$200
2nd Place (Largest Flounder by Weight).....Rod & Reel
3rd Place (Largest Flounder by Weight).....Rod & Reel

NEW FOR 2026: INAUGURAL GSSAA KAYAK TOURNAMENT

Presented by the Grand Strand Saltwater Anglers Association
Join us for our first-ever Catch, Photo, Release (CPR) Flounder
Tournament! We're bringing the community together for competition,
conservation and some serious fun on the water.



KAYAK PRIZES & RANKINGS - Winners are determined by the total length of catch.

• 1st Place: \$300
• 2nd Place: \$200
• 3rd Place: \$100
*NOTE: Limit one major kayak prize per angler. In the event of a tie, the earliest submission time wins.
Any Angler in a boat or kayak will be eligible for the \$1,500 Tagged Flounder Contest.*

TOURNAMENT RULES

- **Format:** Digital submission via the Fishing Chaos App.
- **Eligible Catch:** Minimum length of 16 inches to qualify for prizes
- **The Vessel:** Human-powered watercraft only (*pedal or paddle*)
- **Electric motors are permitted** (*max 3HP thrust*).
- **Eligibility:** Open to all anglers aged 18 and older.

HOW TO ENTER - Kayak Anglers 18 and older are eligible to participate in this GSSAA flounder kayak tournament event upon registering.

- **Entry Fee:** An entry fee of \$45 plus incidental fees is required. This fee will be paid through the "Fishing Chaos" App. **The final sign up for this tournament will be Thursday, April 23 at 12 am.**
- **Platform:** All catches must be logged through the Fishing Chaos App for verification.
- **We will not be taking any tournament entry fee money at the Captain's Meeting. It is to be paid through the Fishing Chaos App only.**

The GSSAA Spirit: Our goal is to promote the sport of kayak fishing and enjoy the great outdoors. To ensure fairness and safety, organizers reserve the right to adjust rules as conditions require.

HEROES FLOUNDER CONTEST

Sponsored by Dagwood's Deli & Sports Bar



*North Myrtle Beach
Surfside Beach*

Winner (Largest Flounder by Weight).....\$200

*No additional fee required. Open to military (active and veterans) and First Responders. Supporting documentation required to participate in the Heroes Contest. Flounder can also be weighed-in the Adult Major Prize Division.
(This does not include the Kayak Tournament.)*

BLUEFISH CONTEST

\$5 Entry Fee..... Largest Bluefish wins the pot

TAGGED FLOUNDER CONTEST

*All registered Anglers are automatically entered
Tagged Flounder is not eligible for the Adult Major Prize Division.
Prize...\$1,500 (See Rules #4 & #14)*

BASKET RAFFLES

(From Captain's Meeting until the end of the Tournament. Need not be present to win)

RAFFLE TICKET COSTS: • 3 Tickets \$5 or 7 Tickets \$10



ENTRY FORM

Name _____ Youth Age _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____
 Email _____
 Boat State Registration No. _____

ENTRY FEES - ONLY ONE ANGLER PER APPLICATION

Adult Division: **\$60 Early Bird Fee** \$ _____
 Adult Division: **\$60 Captain's Meeting Fee** \$ _____
 Youth Division: **FREE Anglers 14 & Under Early Bird** \$0 _____
 Youth Division: **FREE Anglers 14 & Under Captain's Mtg** \$0 _____
 Bluefish Contest Fee: **\$5** \$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT \$ _____

Early Bird T-Shirt (Circle size) **S M L XL XXL XXXL**
 Dri-fit fishing shirt included in Early Bird registration fee only. Sorry, no youth sizes available. Any Dri-fit shirts available after Early Bird will be sold on a first come first served basis at the Captain's Meeting.

PARTICIPATION IN HEROES FLOUNDER CONTEST

YES NO

Please list below Military or First Responder Information including name of organization

Make checks payable to: GSSAA

By signing the entry form, the Angler releases Grand Strand Saltwater Anglers Association, Officers, Directors and Sponsors from any injury, loss or damage, which may result. All anglers are required to sign their entry form as certification that they read and agreed to abide by all rules.
No entry will be accepted unsigned.

Angler's Signature _____

Send completed early-bird entry form and check (postmarked no later than April 15, 2026) to:

Grand Strand Saltwater Anglers Association
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