



TAMPA BAY WATCH TARPON RODEO

HONORING ED ALBER

Castaway Soirée

ALL RELEASE PHOTO FORMAT TARPON TOURNAMENT INFORMATION AND RULES June 15-16, 2018

Join us June 15-16, 2018 for the Tampa Bay Watch Tarpon Rodeo, Honoring founding board member Ed Alber! The Tarpon Rodeo is an all catch-and-release tournament on Tampa Bay to benefit the restoration projects and education programs. The exciting post-tournament *Castaway Soirée* includes a silent auction, live auction, vendors, and great food and drinks at the TradeWinds Island Resort on St. Pete Beach. It's your turn to bring home the trophy—are you ready to join the mission to restore for the Silver King?!

Friday, June 15

- 12 pm: Mandatory Captain's Meeting and Rules Reading by CCA at Tampa Bay Watch. Lunch provided by Bonefish Grill. 3000 Pinellas Bayway South, Tierra Verde, FL 33715
- 2 pm: Tarpon Rodeo Shotgun Start, Fort De Soto Boat Ramp*
- 8 pm: Tournament conclusion- Anglers do not need to return to dock at 8pm. Winners are announced the next day, June 16, at the *Castaway Soirée*, TradeWinds Island Resort

Castaway Soirée

Saturday, June 16

- 6 pm: *Castaway Soirée* after-party at TradeWinds Island Resort Pavilion
5500 Gulf Blvd, St. Pete Beach, FL 33706

* Please note that the tournament times are according to GPS time.

Tournament Headquarters

Tampa Bay Watch Marine Center
3000 Pinellas Bayway South
Tierra Verde, FL 33715

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RULES

Overall Winner

Overall Tournament Prize: Name engraved on the perpetual trophy - will be awarded for the most Tarpon releases from either division.

Guardian Division - Includes Presenting Sponsor, Gold and Silver-level boats ONLY. The 1st prize for the Guardian Division is \$3,000.

Sport Division - Open to anglers not registered in the Guardian Division. All Bronze Entries will be automatically entered in the Sport Division. The First Prize for the Sport Division is \$1,500.

Shark Division - All participants are eligible to participate in the Shark Division. The first prize for the Shark Division is a trophy plaque.

Eligible fish

Tarpon (minimum 48" overall) and any species of shark (minimum 36" overall)

Fishing area

All of Tampa Bay to any distance offshore running north to Clearwater Pass and south to Sarasota Big Pass.

Hookup & Legal Release

Each boat shall have a smart phone with camera and email capabilities. A photo showing the angler, with an official Tarpon Rodeo wristband, holding the leader within 48" of the fish and must include the head of the fish to verify tarpon or shark.

Wristbands will be distributed at the Captain's Meeting Lunch at Tampa Bay Watch prior to the start of the tournament.

The angler must immediately email photo to the CCA at ccascoring@outlook.com and include boat number on subject line. No release will be confirmed without a boat number on subject line.

Your **first submission MUST BE a photo of your team** to include the captain and anglers – you must email the photo to ccascoring@outlook.com. Please include Team photo and boat number on subject line.

CCA Scoring committee will confirm receipt of email back to you. If you do not receive a confirmation back right away, please call scoring committee phone number **(813)735-6975**.

To avoid confusion, please submit each photo taken on a separate email. All fish must be caught on a manually operated rod and reel. Every effort should be made to insure a safe, live release.

Winners

1. The winner will be determined by total **number** of certified photos of tarpon or sharks legally released per boat within the legal fishing hours.
2. **Ties** shall be broken by time. Time is defined as the e-mail recorded time of the release of the last fish caught first.

Prize money and prizes

Overall Winner from either Guardian or Sport Division- Name on the perpetual trophy

Guardian Division (Includes Presenting, Gold and Silver Sponsors only):

1 st Place Guardian Tarpon	\$ 3,000 prize and trophy plaque
2 nd Place Guardian Tarpon	Trophy plaque
3 rd Place Guardian Tarpon	Honorable Mention

Sport Division (Includes Bronze Entries only)

1 st Place Sport Tarpon	\$1,500 prize and trophy plaque
2 nd Place Sport Tarpon	Trophy plaque
3 rd Place Sport Tarpon	Honorable Mention

Shark Category (all Divisions eligible)

1 st Place Shark	Trophy plaque
2 nd Place Shark	Honorable Mention
3 rd Place Shark	Honorable Mention

Important Rules

1. All boats will check in at the Captain's Meeting held at 12pm at Tampa Bay Watch with launch from the Fort De Soto boat ramp with a shotgun start at 2pm. Any boats that start after 2pm must check in at the Tampa Bay Watch Marine Center prior to fishing.
2. All anglers must wear an official Tampa Bay Watch wristband distributed at the Captain's Meeting on the day of the tournament; the wristband must be visible on the angler holding the leader for the photo to be eligible.
3. A Release Form must be signed by all persons aboard any boat participating in this tournament. 2 persons minimum aboard any boat for safety purposes.
4. Boat and Angler Registration is closed at 5pm on Thursday, June 14, or whenever tournament capacity sells out (Sell-out announced on Tarpon Rodeo Website: www.tampabaywatch.org/tarpon-rodeo)

Disqualification

Disqualifications for any disputes or rule violations will be determined by the judges committee at the time of the incident. Disqualification may occur, but will not be limited to, the following reasons:

1. Any boat NOT starting from the Fort De Soto boat ramp, or NOT checking in at the Tampa Bay Watch Marine Center (if starting after 2pm)
2. Fishing outside the designated area
3. Intentionally foul hooking a fish
4. Less than two anglers on a boat
5. Interfering with another angler that has a fish on
6. Fishing from any shoreline, bridge or landlocked body of water



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Tampa Bay Watch Tarpon Rodeo Release

I agree to abide by the rules and decision of the Tampa Bay Watch “Tarpon Rodeo” Tournament (herein referred to as the “tournament”) and understand that my participation in the tournament is at my own risk. I hereby release Tampa Bay Watch, including its directors, employees, staff and other agents, the tournament committee, all sponsors and co-sponsors (herein referred to as “releasees”) from all liability including but not limited to all liability for personal injuries, death and property damage incurred by me or anyone in my boat during my involvement in all activities related to the tournament. I further fully understand that I am releasing releasees from all liability for their own negligence or gross negligence in connection with this tournament.

_____ SIGNED _____ DATE

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Boat Name or Company Affiliation: _____

