

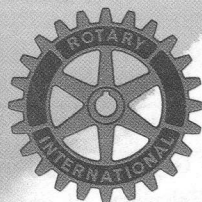
Oriental Rotary Club Tarpon Tournament
Post Office Box 205
Oriental, North Carolina 28571

PROVIDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO PAMLICO COUNTY STUDENTS

HEADQUARTERS: Fishermen - 252-249-0400 • Fax - 252-249-2784
e-mail: marineinsurance@embarqmail.com • Internet: www.orientalrotary.org

19th Annual

**Oriental
Rotary**



**TARPON
TOURNAMENT**

July 29-31, 2011

*Benefits the Oriental
Rotary Scholarship Fund*

www.orientalrotary.org (Tarpon Fest)



CAPTAIN'S ENTRY FORM

Make check payable to & mail form to:
Oriental Rotary Club Tarpon Tournament
PO Box 205, Oriental, NC 28571

Captain's Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone H(_____) _____
W(_____) _____
C(_____) _____
E-mail _____
Boat (make & length) _____
Engine Mfg. _____ Type: _____ (I/O, IB, OB)
Boat Name: _____
Hull Color: _____ VHF? _____ Head? _____

Questions: 252-249-0400

Entry Fee Schedule

Before 5:00 p.m. 6/25/11 — \$250.00

Before 5:00 p.m. 7/29/11 — \$275.00

After 5:00 p.m. 7/29/11 — \$350.00

Entry Fee Enclosed (incl. 4 BBQ tickets) _____
Extra BBQ tickets _____ @ \$10.00 _____
Bait \$75.00 _____
Championship TWT \$150.00 _____
Sportsman TWT \$100.00 _____
TOTAL \$ _____

I, as an Entrant, do hereby RELEASE, DISCHARGE and HOLD HARMLESS, ORIENTAL ROTARY CLUB TARPON TOURNAMENT, its officers, directors, sponsors, and agents, whether individual or corporate, from any claim for damages to my person or property incurred by my participation in the Tournament. This release applies to all members of my crew and all parties fishing from or occupying my boat. By signing the entry form and paying the entry fee, I acknowledge that I have read this release and am bound by the same. This release shall also be binding on my heirs, executors, administrator, or assigns.

Signature (required)

*Bait orders must be received prior to 7/20/11

ORIENTAL ROTARY CLUB TARPON TOURNAMENT

2011 will mark the 19th year for the Tarpon Tournament. Beginning in 1992 the Tarpon Tournament held in Oriental, NC features some of the best Tarpon action north of Florida and one of the only tournaments to be held outside of Florida on the east coast. The lower Neuse River Basin opening into the Pamlico Sound features broad waters, scenic panoramas and excellent Tarpon fishing. While the area offers numerous Speckled Trout tournaments throughout the summer and fall, the Tarpon tournament is where a big game fisherman's prowess is tested. Judged by many to be one of the world's most exciting game fish, the average Tarpon landed is 25 to 80 lbs with the world tackle record at 283 lbs 4 ounces.

The tournament as originally established continues to use the proceeds towards scholarships for eligible high school graduates who wish to further their education. Scholarships to date have been in excess of \$250,000 with five scholarships awarded in 2011. As exciting as the fishing is, those which might be attending but not fishing will have an opportunity to discover the magic of the local surroundings. Oriental, which was originally established as a fishing village, is now occupied by numerous restaurants, marinas and a wealth of historically significant houses. The tournament itself also offers numerous events including live music, food and great hospitality.

For those planning to participate and attend, the Rotary Club looks forward to your participation and the opportunity to make new friends as well as introduce you to the magic which is Oriental.

LODGING INFORMATION:

Oriental Marina and Inn

252-249-1818

103 Wall Street • Oriental, NC 28571
(Early bird rates if accommodations are booked prior to June 20th)
Slip rental also available

River Neuse Suites

252-249-1404

201 Mildred Street • Oriental, NC 28571

TROPHIES AND PRIZES

MAIN TOURNAMENT

Based on 50 entrants at 250.00 per entry

Three qualifying fish caught

1st place	50%	\$5,625
2nd place	30%	\$3,375
3rd place	20%	\$2,250

Two qualifying fish caught

1st place	60%	\$6,750
2nd place	40%	\$4,500

One qualifying fish caught

1st place	100%	\$11,250
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**Prize money is based solely off of the number of vessels registered. If qualifying fish is not caught all prize awards revert to the Oriental Rotary Club. Tie breakers will be determined based on first qualifying fish caught and total number of qualifying fish caught. Rotary retains 10% of the entry fees.*

TOURNAMENT WITHIN THE TOURNAMENT

There are two (2) additional tournaments within the main tournament; the "Championship TWT" and the "Sportsman TWT"

**Prize money is based on the number of entrants.*

All prizes will be awarded.

TWT prizes are in addition to and not a part of the main tournament prizes.

Entrants must be in the main tournament.

Prizes are awarded based on tournament catches.

In the event all prizes within the TWT are not awarded for caught Tarpon, the total amount of prize money not awarded shall be divided by the number of unclaimed prizes to determine an equal amount to be awarded for each unclaimed prize. Each unclaimed equal prize shall be awarded by a drawing from those entrants in the specific TWT who were not awarded a prize for caught tarpon.

CHAMPIONSHIP TWT

Open to any entrant

Entry Fee \$150	(50 boats = \$7,500)	
Prize payout:	1st place 50%	2nd place 30%
3rd place 10%	Retained 10%	

SPORTSMAN TWT

Open only to boats where no one on the boat has caught a tarpon in a previous Oriental Tarpon Tournament

Entry Fee \$100	(50 boats = \$5,000)	
Prize payout:	1st place 40%	2nd place 25%
3rd place 15%	4th place 10%	Retained 10%

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, July 29th

5:00 to 6:30 p.m.	Check In
6:30 p.m.	Captains Meeting
7:30 p.m.	Social / "Early Bird" Drawing

Saturday, July 30th

7:00 a.m.	Lines In
4:30 p.m.	Lines Out
5:00 p.m.	Check In
7:00 p.m.	Barbecue Dinner
"Door Prize" Drawings	
FREE Concert	

Sunday, July 31st

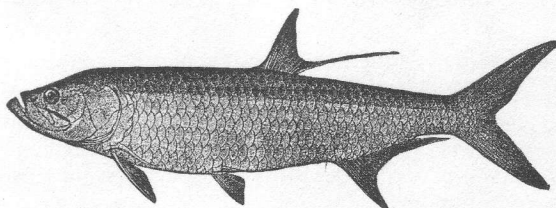
7:00 a.m.	Lines In
2:00 p.m.	Lines Out
2:00 p.m. until ??	Burgers & Dogs
FREE Concert	
3:30 p.m.	Check In
4:00 p.m.	Awards Presentation

TOURNAMENT HISTORY

Over \$250,000

in Scholarships & Awards to
College-bound High School Seniors

Over \$185,000 in Prize Money
to Fishermen



2011 OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

ORIENTAL ROTARY CLUB TARPON TOURNAMENT

1. **Deadline for Entries:** The deadline for receiving entry fees in the 2011 Oriental Rotary Tarpon Tournament is Friday, July 29, 2011.
2. Once officially registered, all entry fees are non-refundable, except for cancellation of the entire tournament.
3. **Official Hours:** The official fishing hours for the 2011 Oriental Rotary Tarpon Tournament are as follows:
Saturday, July 30: Lines in the water – 7:00 a.m. Lines out of the water – 4:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 31: Lines in the water – 7:00 a.m. Lines out of the water – 2:00 p.m.
4. **Captains Meeting:** All Captains and/or representatives of officially registered boats should be present at a “Captains Meeting” which will be held at the Tournament Headquarters at 6:30 p.m., Friday, July 29, 2011.
5. **Fishing Boundary:** There is no set fishing boundary for this tournament other than fish must be caught in the waters of Pamlico Sound or its tributaries.
6. Tournament Headquarters will monitor VHF channel 72 during the tournament. Headquarters cell phone numbers will be provided at the “Captains Meeting.”
7. **Catch and Release Tournament:** The Oriental Rotary Tarpon Tournament is strictly a “Catch and Release Contest.” The winners will be judged by the total number of tarpon judged as caught and released within the official fishing hours. **In case of a tie, all placements will be determined by the earliest tarpon caught.**
8. A tarpon will be judged “caught” when the leader is held and fish is clearly photographed.
9. To be eligible, a hooked tarpon must be brought to the boat by rod and reel only. No “HANDLING” (ie: retrieving the tarpon by pulling the line by hand or other methods to bring the fish to the boat) is allowed. However the rod and reel may be handed over to other registered tournament participants during the catching process as long as only the rod and reel are used. When the fish is brought to the boat, the fisherman or any other participant may grab the leader to photograph the fish. Photograph of fish on leader is required to qualify it as caught. Photograph must clearly show the fish as a Tarpon. To release the catch, remove the hook from the fish or cut the leader as close to the tarpon’s mouth as possible.
10. **Photographic equipment to be used:** Participants may use either a digital camera and/or cell phone. All equipment is required to be registered prior to the tournament start and is subject to inspection at the Captains meeting. Picture is required to have a time and date stamp.
11. The leader may be no longer than 6 feet from the line swivel to the hook snap.
12. The use of gaffs on a tarpon is not permitted.
13. Any tarpon “boated” during the tournament will disqualify the boat for the entire tournament.
14. Both natural and artificial bait are permitted.
15. Four (4) tarpon/skate lines are allowed in the water at any time, regardless of the number of anglers on board. Unlimited light tackle bait lines are permitted. Any tarpon/skate caught on the light tackle bait lines will be disqualified.
16. A registered boat may have no more than five (5) people on board during the contest.
17. Only one (1) hook per line may be used. No trailer hooks are allowed.
18. For safety purposes, all boats entered must adhere to USCG regulations for their size. It will be the responsibility of the boat captains to provide an approved personal flotation device for the observer.
19. A registered boat may not be replaced after competition begins without permission of the Rules Committee.
20. **Questions Not Covered by the Rules:** The Tournament Rules Committee shall determine the solutions to questions or situations and its judgment SHALL BE FINAL.
21. Failure to adhere to any of the above rules shall be grounds for disqualification.
22. Except as noted in the “Cancellation Policy” published in the Tournament Program, suitability of the weather is the captain’s choice. Fishermen fish at their own discretion and the captain accepts full responsibility for the safety of the crew and boat. In the event that extreme weather or other emergency causes cancellation of both days fishing by the Rules Committee, entry fees will be refunded. Fishing either day or partial day will constitute a tournament.