

# **Tommy Norred's Choctawhatchee Challenge**

*Saturday, April 25, 2026*

## **Schedule of Events**

Friday, April 24

*Packet Pickup: 2pm - 5pm*

Saturday, April 25

*Lines in: 7am*

*Tournament Update/Wildcard Draw: Noon*

*Lines Out: 3pm*

*Check-In/Photo Verification: 3pm-5pm at Harbor Docks*

*Awards Ceremony: 5:30pm*

## **Tournament Rules**

1. All fish must be caught by hook and line.
2. The tournament will take place in Choctawhatchee Bay and its estuaries. Boundaries will be Brooks Bridge to the west, Peach Creek to the east, the east finger jetty to the south and no northern boundary.
3. Tournament can be fished as an individual or as a team. If fishing as a team, no more than four anglers may fish on one boat.
4. All persons fishing must register and pay for entry on the tournament Eventbrite page whether fishing as an individual or as part of a team.
5. Teams must be declared during packet pickup, anyone who does not declare a team will be considered an "individual angler".
6. Junior Angler awards will be for children 12 and under ONLY. Any child must fish with an adult present.
7. An angler or representative from each team MUST come to Harbor Docks between 2pm and 5pm on Friday, April 24, 2026 for packet pickup and rule review.

8. In order to determine the targeted species, tournament committee will conduct a random draw of fish species present in Choctawhatchee Bay, these species will be grouped in the following point categories, with two fish drawn from each category;  
Squirts (1 point): Think baitfish and other small fish.  
Trashfish (2 points): Catfish, ladyfish, etc. fall here.  
Gamefish (3 points): Speckled trout, redfish, and other traditionally targeted species.  
Teeth (4 points): You guessed it, sharks, bluefish and other predators.  
Oddballs (5 points): Now it's getting tricky. Can you catch a toadfish? Striped burrfish?  
Lostboys (7 points): How'd that get here? Think cobia aren't in the bay, wanna bet?
9. The target list will be provided at 7am on the morning of Saturday, April 25, 2026 via email. This will mark "lines in" and will be the official start of the tournament. All messaging from tournament staff to anglers will be done through email. **PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR EMAILS!**
10. The tournament will provide an update via email at noon to recap the day's events to that point. Make sure to check your email at noon, and expect some curveballs to be thrown your way! ;-)
11. This is intended to be a catch and release tournament, but anglers are welcome to retain any legal fish for personal consumption as long as all state and federal rules are followed.
12. All fish will be judged by photo verification, any picture that does not clearly identify the species will not be accepted.
13. Tournament indicator (included in angler packet, and determined before lines in) must be clearly visible in all pictures.
14. Photos that show the location and the angler are preferred, the more creative the better as these photos will be used for the promotion of future tournaments. There will be a prize for best picture taken.
15. Picture must be sent to Racheal Sharp at 850.687.1972 as soon as possible after landing, and must contain the following information; species, time of landing, angler name and team name (if applicable).
16. **DO NOT BRING SHARKS AND RAYS ON BOARD!** Safety first, any photos of these fish can and should be taken with the fish still in the water, near the boat.
17. All photos will be verified and confirmed during check-in at Harbor Docks between 3-5pm. With scoring tabulation and awards presented immediately afterwards.

18. The winner will be the individual or team with the highest total score. In the event of a tie, the winning team/individual will be determined by the number of total targeted species caught. If the tie remains, the team/individual who caught their final targeted species fish first will be declared the winner.
19. All participants must register through the tournament event page on Eventbrite by 5pm on Friday, April 24, 2026 to be eligible to participate.
20. Participants are encouraged to take pictures of each and every species of fish caught, even if they are not included as a "targeted species", as there will be additional prizes for most species caught, strangest catch, etc.
21. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall, as well as top lady, top junior angler (12 years and under), and angler who catches the most total species.
22. Anglers will be awarded one raffle ticket for each targeted species caught during the tournament. Raffle drawing will take place during the awards ceremony. Anglers must be present to win any prizes.
23. Anglers must abide by all state and federal fishing and safe boating regulations.
24. Disqualifications may be made for any reason deemed inappropriate by the tournament committee and include, but are not limited to; fishing outside of allowed areas or times, use of illegal or non-approved methods, any unsportsmanlike actions.
25. Protests must be made in writing, no later than 5pm on Saturday, April 25, 2026 and accompanied by \$500 cash, which will be refunded only if the protest is upheld by the tournament committee.
26. All decisions made by the tournament committee are final.
27. All rules are subject to change. Any changes will be announced when picking up your packet or via official tournament communication through email system.
28. Any questions, please contact Eddie Morgan at 850.502.9733.