



## **1<sup>st</sup> Annual 2024 Texas Champions - Bay Bash Tournament**

The TCKM Tournament began in 2013 and was a platform used to raise funds for the Freeport to Port O'Connor Toy Run which is going in its 22nd year, starting in 2002. This year we are launching our 1<sup>st</sup> ever Bay tournament and will run it in parallel with the TCKM Tournament in Freeport.

**Our History:** Seeing a need for Christmas toys for underprivileged children along the Texas Gulf Coast, we formed our organization to provide just that. We've consistently grown since our first run 22 years ago and it's all thanks to the helping hands and generous folks of this amazing community!

**Mission:** As a 501(c)(3) charity we strive to make sure any needy child in our area is provided wonderful new toys for Christmas. In many cases this may be the first time the child has ever had a new toy. It's a simple mission but one of profound meaning to both the child and the donor. [POC Toy Run](#)

**When & Where:** Captains Meeting

Friday July 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Surfside Marina (827 Gulf Rd, Surfside Beach, TX 77541). At least 1 person per team must attend the Captain's Meeting.

Tournament Day Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>: 6am to 3:00pm

**Format:**

This will be a TEAM tournament consisting of up to 4 ppl per team. **You can fish as an individual & Kayakers and Waders are welcome! Live & Artificial bait.**

**\$100.00 per angler.** Deadline to register is at the Captian's meeting Friday July 12<sup>th</sup>.

To encourage as many people as possible to fish, **we are not accepting licensed fishing guides** for this initial tournament. Perhaps something we can expand on in the future.

**Rules:**

This **is a 5-fish stringer** that can consist of a combination of Redfish, Flounder and Speckled trout with no more than 2 Redfish on a team stringer. **All fish are slotted as per TPWD.** Awards and money will be given to 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place.

There will be several side pots:

Heaviest Redfish: \$50.00

Redfish w/ most spots: \$50.00

Mystery Fish: \$50.00 to be named at the Captain's meeting.

Fish on stringer **cannot** be used for side pots. Team must choose their own fish. Weighmaster will have final call on legality & quality of fish. Any fish deemed altered will be a complete disqualification for the entire team. If necessary, weigh-in time will be used as a tie-breaker.

Start time is 6am (lines in the water) with a cutoff for weigh in at 3:00pm. Teams must be in line by 3:00 pm.

**Payouts:**

Stringer/Entry – POC Toy Run will keep 25% of the proceeds as a donation.

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be paid out in a 60/30/10 for the remaining 75%.

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1<sup>st</sup> place side pot will be paid out 100% of the remain \$.

Cash payouts will be determined by the number of registered anglers at the Captain Meeting (deadline).

**Protests:**

This is a fun event for a worthy cause, and we ask each angler to be on his/her best behavior. In the event a protest is lodged you will be required to submit the protest in writing to the judges. Their decision to accept the protest or to follow through with it is final. If accepted the party under protest may be required to submit to a polygraph test and a final decision made. Winners may also be subject to a polygraph to assure compliance with the rules. A protest/polygraph fee of \$450 is due at the time of protest.

**Safety:**

All applicable state and federal rules and regulations apply according to TPWD. Fishing areas are the Galveston Bay complex to East Matagorda Bay (Colorado River). All team members must stay within 100 yards of each other for kayakers and 50 yards for wade fishing teams.

This is a Captain's Choice event, meaning it is up to each Captain to participate or not based on weather conditions. The event will not proceed if sea conditions require a small craft advisory or if the Tournament Director deems weather conditions are unsafe. If Saturday is not possible then the event will be held on Sunday. The event may be postponed or cancelled at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

**Your help:**

As this is our first year we are looking for your help with **any donations and sponsorships** (\$, gifts, gift cards, coolers, rods, trips, tickets etc.) you may be blessed and fortunate to give. Remember, the money being raised will be used to purchase gifts for kids that have nothing... Your help, generosity and donations are greatly appreciated!

**For more information contact:**

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Registration: <https://forms.office.com/r/V6a5YwVYZR> or [TX Champions Bay Bash \(pocoyrun.net\)](http://TXChampionsBayBash.pocoyrun.net) or

