**LWV Rod & Gun Club Charter Reservation Policy**

June, 2025

The dates, load limits and cost of our Club’s charters are established by the Clubs Board of Directors and administered through our Charter Master (also a Board member). Since the 1960’s, we renegotiate our charter dates and pricing with Dana Warf Sportfishing.

We are always sensitive to cost, but our primary focus is to design a safe, enjoyable and productive experience for our members and their guests.

Years of experience dictate that the best way to achieve these goals is to establish a load limit for each charter that is suited to the best outcome. i.e., Max load of 25 people for fishing at anchor or shallow water fishing and 15 people when drifting very deep areas like the 14-mile bank. These limits are subject to change based on the decision of the Charter Master and the Captain of the Boat.

We encourage Club members to bring family members and guests on our charters. But we need to also ensure that members receive “first-right-of-refusal” for the spots on the boat. We rarely experience a situation of members not being able to fish because of a non-member taking their spot. However, to make sure that we don’t have it in the future, we have adopted the following Policies for our charters. *Please note that the Charter Master has the authority to limit the number of guests per member.*

**Charter Reservation policy for traditional Monday charters:** Members will be given first-right-of- refusal for spots on a Charter up to 5:00 PM on the Friday preceding the Charter. After that time, the Charter Master will open spots for non-member guests in the sequence the request for including a guest(s) was received by the Charter Master.

**Charter Reservation Policy for Charters scheduled for Wednesdays due to Holidays that fall on a Monday:** Members will be given first-right-of- refusal for spots on a Charter up to 5:00 PM on the Sunday preceding the Charter. After that time, the Charter Master will open spots for non-member guests in the sequence the request for including a guest(s) was received by the Charter Master.

**Charter Reservation Policy for special and ad-hoc Club Charters:** The Charter Master will establish the charter date, load limit and the cut-off date for first-right-of-refusal for members. The cut-off date will be established at a date no less than 72 hours before the charter date. After that time, the Charter Master will open spots for non-member guests in the sequence the request for including a guest(s) was received by the Charter Master.