



**61<sup>st</sup> Annual Empire South Pass Tarpon Rodeo  
Thursday, Friday, & Saturday - August (13, 14 & 15) 2009**

**Donation:** \$35 per angler – All proceeds will remain in the Parish and benefit St. Patrick's Catholic Church & the Recreational Fisheries Research Institute's Programs ([RFRI@charter.net](mailto:RFRI@charter.net)).

Download application at [www.lafishrodeo.com](http://www.lafishrodeo.com).

**Categories: Open – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Only:** Tarpon (1 entry per person, >4.5 feet), Tag & Release Tarpon, & 1<sup>st</sup> Tarpon Weighted (\$500). **1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Places:** Wahoo, Dolphin, Tuna, Grouper, Amberjack, Cobia, Mangrove Snapper, Black Drum, Flounder, Redfish, Sheepshead, Speckled Trout, White Trout, Spanish Mackerel, King Mackerel, Jack Crevalle, Bass, Gar, Catfish, Best Overall Angler and Best Overall Female Angler. **Kids (under 12) 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Places:** Redfish <27 inches, Speckled Trout, Flounder, Sheepshead, Black Drum, Catfish & Bass. **Live Redfish – Fri & Sat Only** – Enter up to 5 Live Redfish (16 to 27 inches) per angler per day! Heaviest 3 fish stringer wins! **Payout: 1st - \$500; 2nd - \$300; 3rd - \$200**

**Weigh-in Hours:** Thursday & Friday 3 pm - 8 pm (Delta Marina)  
Saturday 3 pm - 6 pm, Awards 7 pm - 9 pm (Delta Marina)

**Location:** TheDeltaMarina.com, 317 Rose Marie Drive, Empire, LA 70050, 504-657-5116,

**Name:(print)** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sex:** M or F

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** under 12 or >12

**Make Check to:** Empire South Pass Tarpon Rodeo **Mail to:** 151 Primrose Drive, Belle Chase, LA 70037



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# Empire South Pass Tarpon Rodeo RULES

1. All fish entered in rodeo competition must be registered and weighed at rodeo headquarters at the Delta Marina in Empire. Only persons who register for the Rodeo and either receive an entry receipt or are listed on the Rodeo's list of eligible participants are eligible to participate.
2. The registration fee is \$35 per person. Anglers must be registered prior to the official start of the rodeo. Ticket number must be presented to the weighmasters (WM) each time a fish is brought in for entry. Angler must be present.
3. All fish entered in the rodeo shall be marked by the WM. No fish may be entered more than once. No transfer of fish among rodeo participants shall be allowed. No frozen, spoiled, gutted, altered, or mutilated fish will be eligible for entry.
4. Fishing waters include all Louisiana inshore and offshore territorial waters and the Gulf of Mexico.
5. Fishing competition during the rodeo shall begin at sunrise on Thurs, Aug 13, the first day of the rodeo and close at 6 pm on Sat, Aug 15. The official weigh station shall be open at 3 pm and will close at 8 pm on Thurs and Fri and open 3 pm and close at 6 pm on Sat when the rodeo officially ends.
6. Weights will be determined in pounds and ounces. Fish shall not be weighed except in the presence of the WM and the owners' registration ticket or ticket number must be presented or the fish will not be weighed.
7. In the event of a tie, the first fish entered places.
8. The rodeo WM is the supreme judge and all decisions are final. WM decides how many fish an angler can weigh. He is a professional at his job and SHALL NOT be subject to any type of abuse.
9. ALL decisions of the WM are final.
10. The WM, in ruling on the eligibility of mutilated fish, shall do so in accordance with the rules of the International Game Fish Association (IGFA).
11. All participants and fish must comply with the rules and regulations of the State of Louisiana governing the recreational harvest of saltwater fish in 2009.
12. All fish entered which qualify for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place at any time during rodeo competition become property of the rodeo. (Waiver of the rule permitted in case of Yellowfin Tuna only.)

**The decision of the Board of Directors of the Empire South Pass Tarpon Rodeo (ESPTR) in its sole discretion shall be final on any and all matters. In the event of any litigation between a participant and the ESPTR and/or any of the other sponsoring entities that arises, out of any aspect whatsoever of the Rodeo, the losing party in said litigation shall be bound to pay all attorneys fees, expenses of litigation, court costs and other costs incurred by the winning party in said litigation. The entire responsibility for valid entry and eligibility rests solely on the participant. Each participant is responsible for knowing the rules of the Rodeo and, by participating in the Rodeo, agrees to comply with and abide by all rules of the Rodeo.**

In consideration of your acceptance of this ESPTR fishing rodeo entry, I expressly agree that my participation in this event shall be undertaken at my own risk. The ESPTR, event sponsors and all companies', directors, officers, and volunteers shall not be liable for any claims, demands, injuries, damages, or actions whether resulting for active or passive negligence on the part of the heretofore stated parties and I hereby individually do expressively forever release and discharge the heretofore stated parties from all of the above stated claims. I have read and agree to the terms and conditions above and on the back of this page.

**Sponsorships Levels:** Call John at 504-256-8175 or email to [redfish55@yahoo.com](mailto:redfish55@yahoo.com)

**Trophy Sponsors Levels:** \$150 (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>) and \$500 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup>).

**Banner/Program Sponsors:** \$5,000 Platinum (includes Full Page ad in rodeo Brochure)  
\$2,500 Gold (includes Half Page ad in rodeo Brochure)  
\$1,500 Silver (includes Quarter Page ad in rodeo Brochure)



**All Sponsorship Donations must be finalized before Aug to ensure proper recognition.**

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**Sponsor Name:(print)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Address:(City, State, Zip)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone # :** \_\_\_\_\_ **Hm Wk Cell (circle one).** **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

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