

New Orleans Aqua Aces Diving Club 2009 Rodeo Rules

All Participants this year will be responsible for disposing of their own fish

- 1 1. Registration / Ticket Purchase is open until close of business, June 17th 2009, at the area dive shops such as Temento's, Coral Reef SCUBA, Caribbean Dive Shop or from an AQUA ACES Officer. Registration fee is \$45.00. This includes a rodeo t-shirt, three drink tickets and a competitors gun raffle ticket. Pre-registration by phone or e-mail is allowed. All participants must be known by the AQUA ACES prior to the start of the rodeo. Phone-ins are welcome to Jon Nemeth 504-615-3717 jonathannemeth@cox.net, Alan Reese 504-723-9536 4redscuba@cox.net, Dan McKinzey 504-994-9233 dmckinzey@cox.net.
- 2 2. Valid fishing license is required of all participants.
- 3 3. Diving is open to all waters.
- 4 4. Competition starts June, 18th, 2009 at 12:01 AM and ends Sunday, June 21, 2008 at 2:00.
- 5 5. All fish subject to autopsy.
- 6 6. Scales open Sunday, June 21, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. only. Scales close at 2:00.
- 7 7. All decisions by Rodeo Officials will be final.
- 8 8. Headquarters for the Rodeo and weigh-in will be at Lafreniere Park Shelter # 7.
- 9 9. No power heads allowed.
- 10 10. Fish must be speared and apprehended by Diver without assistance.
- 11 11. Fish speared from boats are not eligible.
- 12 12. Skin and SCUBA are allowed.
- 13 13. Diver must be present for entrance prizes, Sunday, June 21st at 2:30 p.m.
- 14 14. Each category will receive a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award.
- 15 15. All 1st place fish receives 3 points, 2nd – 2 points, and 3rd – 1 point that goes toward King/Club/Boat Award.
- 16 16. Separate boards will be kept for the purpose of tabulating points toward 1st, 2nd, 3rd place Skindiver, The Queen and Junior Champion Awards. The 3-2-1 point system will be used with ties broken by cumulative weights of fish on these boards. Only fish shot skin diving will count for Skindiver Category and only Ladies may shoot for Queen Award.
- 17 17. Ties for King/Club/Boat will be determined by the cumulative weight taking awards.
- 18 18. In case of any ties due to weight the earliest fish entered wins.
- 19 19. In the Miscellaneous Category: No Tarpon Under 60 lbs! No Redfish, Jewfish, Manta Rays, Sharks or Ocean Sunfish or fish subject to HMS Regulations.
- 20 20. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the Skindiving Category. With 3, 2, 1 Points counting toward King/Club/ Boat Award. There will be one Award given to Champion Queen and Junior Diver. These places will count as points for King/Club/Boat Awards, 1 point for each.
- 21 21. Eligible Fishes are as follows:
 - 0 Amberjack, Barracuda, Cobia, Grouper, Mangrove Snapper, Red Snapper, Sheepshead, Triggerfish, and Miscellaneous (Fish Only) (See Rule 19)
 22. During the 2009 Aqua Aces Diving Club Rodeo a SKINDIVING Category is maintained. The use of Reels, Handheld Bungees, Riding Rigs and shafts tethered directly to a speargun will be allowed. Fish taken skin-diving by these means will count toward the 2009 Aqua Aces Master Board. 2009 Aqua Aces Rodeo is not an HMS registered event so floats and buoys will not be allowed.
 23. Participants are responsible for disposing of all fish entered into the Rodeo.

1 Competition begins Thursday, June 18th at 12:01 a.m. and ends Sunday, June 21st, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

2 Awards Ceremony will follow at 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 21st --- Aqua Aces Rodeo Weigh-in Day 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Scales Open. Food will be served from 11:00AM - till.
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