

New Orleans Aqua Aces Diving Club 2011 Rodeo Rules

All Participants will be responsible for disposing of their own fish

- 1 1. Registration / Ticket purchase is open until close of business Wednesday June 22nd 2011 at area dive shops such as Temento's, Coral Reef SCUBA, and Caribbean Dive Shop or from an Aqua Aces Officer. Registration fee is \$45.00. This includes a rodeo t-shirt, and three drink tickets. Pre-registration by ticket purchase, phone or e-mail is required. All participants must be known by the Aqua Aces prior to the start of the rodeo. Phone-ins or emails are welcome to President, Keith Crescioni (504) 312-3500 Keith@priorityonecomputers.com , Vice-President, Christy Stone clpstone@cox.net or Treasurer, 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 Thursday, June 23rd 2011 at 12:01 AM and ends Sunday, June 26th 2011 at 2:00 PM.
- 5 5. All fish subject to autopsy.
- 6 6. Scales open Sunday, June 26th 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. only. Scales close at 2:00PM.
- 7 7. All decisions by Rodeo Officials will be final.
- 8 8. Headquarters for the Rodeo and weigh-in will be at Wally Pontiff Jr. playground, shelter no. 5, 1521 Palm St. Metairie, La 70001
- 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 26th at 2:30 p.m.
- 14 14. Each category will receive a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award.
- 15 15. All 1st place fish -3 points, 2nd - 2 points, and 3rd - 1 point will go toward King/Club/Boat Award.
- 16 16. Separate boards will be kept for the purpose of tabulating points toward 1st, 2nd, 3rd place Skin-diver, 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. The use of a buoy is only allowed by divers NOT using compressed air.
- 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. For 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.
- 1 21. Eligible Fishes are as follows: Barracuda, Catfish, Cobia, Drum, Garfish, Grouper, Jack Crevalle, Mangrove Snapper, Red Snapper, Sheepshead, Triggerfish, and Miscellaneous (Fish Only) (See Rule 19)
- 2 22. During the 2011 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 2011 Aqua Aces Master Board. The 2011 Aqua Aces Rodeo is not an HMS registered event so HMS type fish will not be allowed.
23. Participants are responsible for disposing of all fish entered into the Rodeo.

New for 2011: Diver definitions and buoy explanation:

Free diving is defined as a diver that descends with one breath of air. He is allowed the use of a riding rig, reel, bungee, and buoy to subdue fish. Fish subdued in that manner may be entered on the master

board. The line cannot be attached to the boat or a fixed object before descending. (ie, you cant tie your rig off before descending to shoot a fish or use the boat as a buoy) Also, the diver is not allowed to use the boat to travel to the buoy. If the buoy cannot be spotted, the diver is allowed to enter the boat to spot the buoy, but must then reenter the water to retrieve the buoy. Since this rodeo does not have a free diving board, those fish will be entered onto the main board and not the skin diving board. **If compressed air is used to “untangle” a fish, the fish becomes ineligible for submission on any board.**

Skin diving is defined as a diver that descends with one breath of air. He is allowed the use of a riding rig, reel, and bungee. A **skin diver is not allowed to use a buoy**. Those fish may be entered onto the skin diving board, but will also qualify on the main board if they are larger than the fish in the category of the main board. **If compressed air is used to “untangle” a fish, the fish may be entered onto the main board only.**

Recap: Buoy use has been approved for free divers only. Fish card must state if a buoy was used. Compressed air is not allowed for any diver using a buoy. Skin divers are not allowed to use buoys. Skin and free divers may enter fish on the master board if eligible.

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1 Awards Ceremony will follow at 3:00 PM.

Sunday, June 26^h 2011 --- Aqua Aces Rodeo Weigh-in Day 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM – Scales Open.

Food will be served from 11:00AM - till.

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