

## **6th Annual Krewe of Vesta Fishing Rodeo**

**Saturday, June 20, 2009**

**Presented by Burnham Drugs**

### **Tournament Rules**

1. \* All entrants must be registered prior to fishing. Deadline for registering is 7:00 p.m., Friday, June 19, 2009. However you may register early by mailing in you entry form to the following address:  
Ashley Paul ~ 1415 Lafayette Ave ~ Pascagoula, MS 39567  
or you may print a registration form online at [www.kreweofvesta.org](http://www.kreweofvesta.org)  
There will be a **Mandatory** Captain's Meeting on Friday, June 19th, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Mary Walker Marina. The Boat Captain or a designated angler must be in attendance.
2. The tournament will begin for Saltwater Anglers at 12:01a.m. Saturday, June 20, 2009. The tournament will end at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, 2009. The tournament and weigh-in will be held at Mary Walker Marina on Saturday, June 20, 2009 from 3:00 - 6:00p.m.
3. Fish will be kept on display in fish bins only as long as the fish retain a place on the board and as space permits. Anyone requesting a fish to be returned will give notice to the weigh master at the weigh-in. Prior requested prize winning fish will be returned after the awards ceremony.
4. Awards ceremony will be held at 6:30 p.m., on Saturday, June 20, 2009. All prizes not claimed at the awards ceremony or within 6 days after the tournament will remain the property of the tournament. Prizes will not be awarded before the ceremony.
5. All fish must be entered and weighed at the tournament headquarters by the angler who caught the fish. All persons on board must be registered for the tournament and the Boat Captain must be able to present a ticket with each crew member's name on demand. Fish will be judged by weight on the scales used by the Weigh Master. **The Weigh Master's decision is final.** In the event of equal weights, the first fish or group of fish entered will be declared the winner.
6. Each place will be determined by the boat that catches the best three fish for one or both categories (for ex: 3 Snapper caught will be weighed & the total weight entered). Each boat entered can only win one place per category. For example: if you win 1st prize in Red Snapper, you cannot win 2nd or 3rd too. But you can place in another category.
7. Fish must be in good, edible condition and properly iced. Fish must be properly gaffed. Fish which appear to have been harpooned, frozen, mutilated, shot or netted may be refused. The decision of the Weigh Master is final. ALL 1st prize winners may be subject to a polygraph.
8. All contestants will, in every aspect, catch any fish offered for prize consideration, in a sportsmanlike manner, *on hook and line*, obeying all rules and regulations of the tournament. All fish entered for prize consideration must comply with all fishing laws of the State of Mississippi.
9. Anyone wishing to protest a decision by the Weigh Master must enter a protest in writing by Saturday, June 20, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. All written protests will be considered by a protest committee of no less than 3 tournament directors. The protest committee reserves the option of requiring a polygraph test as part of their deliberation and will consider the results final. In the case of proper protest, the committee will render a decision within 7 days following the tournament.
10. Participants enter at their own risk. Neither the Krewe of Vesta, nor any person connected with the tournament shall be held liable for any loss, damage, negligence, harm or injury to anyone for any reason.
11. Any person previously "banned" from any other tournament will not be allowed to enter this tournament. Any fish entered in any other fishing event will be disqualified.
12. Anyone found to be in violation of the tournament rules may be disqualified for this and all future tournaments sponsored by the Krewe of Vesta.
13. In case of inclement weather, a complete tournament will be held the following weekend. (Bad weather rule: The National Weather Service must issue no small craft warnings within 4 consecutive hours. This constitutes a valid tournament).
14. No commercial fishing vessels will be allowed. Anyone caught fishing on a commercial fishing vessel will be automatically disqualified.