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Gorenflo's 37th Annual **COBIA TOURNAMENT**

May 20th - May 21st 2023

\$100,000 in Cash and Prizes

SATURDAY PRIZE LIST

1st Place: \$1,500 2nd Place: \$1,000 3rd Place: \$500

SUNDAY PRIZE LIST

1st Place: \$6,000 2nd Place: \$2,500 3rd Place: \$1,500
4th Place: \$800 5th Place: \$600 6th Place: \$500

Dennis Meins Memorial Big Fish Award
Dr. Jim Franks Tag and Release award given Saturday and Sunday.

Break Mississippi State Record and Tournament Record for Cobia

\$20,000 Cash and a 2023 Ford F-150

(Based on 50 Teams - Team Entry: \$500.00 per boat.)



For Additional Information, Contact:

Gorenflo's Tackle & Marina Store

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Captain's Meeting for the Cobia Tournament: May 19th at Wahoo's Poolside Bar & Grill

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As an expression of our interest in the conservation of valuable sport fish resources such as cobia, tournament participants will be provided the opportunity to tag and release cobia. Tagging and releasing cobia is not only a sportsman's attitude and a conservation measure, but is very helpful to local biologists studying the growth and migration of cobia. Tournament officials will issue tagging kits to all interested fishermen. These kits are being provided through the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory's Cobia Research Project. Information on how to tag cobia will be provided in each tagging kit, and tagging instructions will be given during the Captain's meeting.

If you would like to participate, please check the box below. Tagging is considered to be an important aspect of this year's tournament, and your participation will be appreciated. There will be special recognition, presented by Coastal Conservation Association Mississippi, given some lucky tagger(s) during the awards ceremony.

I would like to be given a cobia tagging kit. I understand that these tags will be used to tag cobia only.

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By signing this entry, I agree to abide by all rules of the tournament. I also acknowledge that I have read and understand the rules.

Signature _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Boat Name _____ Length _____ Email Address _____

Gorenflo's Cobia Tournament Rules

1. All vessels must be registered prior to fishing. Deadline for registering is 8:00 p.m., Friday, May 19, 2023. There is a mandatory Captain's meeting on Friday, May 19, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Wahoo's Poolside Bar & Grill. All entries received or postmarked prior to midnight, May, 12, 2023, must be accompanied by a \$500.00 entry fee. These early entries will also participate in a drawing for a set of Shimano Offshore Rods. All entries received after midnight, May 12, 2023 will require a \$600.00 entry fee. Entry will entitle participant to tournament package and to compete for prizes.
2. The tournament will begin at 12:01 a.m., Saturday, May 20, 2023, and end at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 21, 2023. Scales open daily at 3:00 p.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. Scales will be open Sunday, May 21 from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m. Registered participants waiting in line to weigh fish when scales close will be considered on time. Fish may be held over until the next day.
3. The tournament reserves the right to keep any competitive fish for display.
4. Awards ceremony will be held at 7:00 p.m., Sunday, May 21, 2023. All prizes not claimed at the awards ceremony or within 6 days after the tournament will remain property of the tournament. Captain of the boat will be given the award or prize. Prizes will not be awarded before the ceremony. Headquarters for the tournament will be at Gorenflo's Tackle Shop, Biloxi, Mississippi.
5. The top six places in the tournament will be judged on combined total weight of 3 fish. 2 fish per boat entrant may be weighed each day. Boats cannot leave until after the captain's meeting.
6. All registered boats must leave from a Mississippi port and all fish eligible for prize consideration must be brought to the scales, by water, aboard the registered boat on which it was caught. Once a fish is taken off the boat (other than at the weigh station) it will not be eligible in the tournament. Fish will be judged by weight on the scales used by the weighmaster. The weighmaster's decision is final. In the event of equal weights and lengths, the first fish entered will be declared the winner. No boats are to come together unless an emergency exists, contact tournament headquarters.
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, or shot will be refused. The decision of the weighmaster is final. All fish are subject to test by Torrymeter. Fish must be 37" fork-length, straight line.
8. All contestants, and members of the contestant's crew, will in every aspect catch any fish offered for prize consideration in a sportsmanlike manner, 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. All contestants or members of contestants' crew found to be in violation of this tournament or previously determined to have violated any other fishing tournaments' rules shall result in the disqualification of the contestant and all members of the contestants' crew, and none of them shall be eligible to win any prizes.
9. Anyone wishing to protest a decision by the weighmaster must enter the protest in writing before 6:30 p.m., Sunday, May 21, 2023. All written protest will be considered by a protest committee of no less than 5 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 a proper protest, the committee will render a decision within 7 days following the tournament. If a protest is filed by a captain, the protest must be accompanied by a \$200.00 deposit towards a polygraph test.
10. Participants enter at their own risk. Neither the tournament nor any person connected with the tournament shall be liable for any loss, damage, negligence, harm, or injury to anyone for any reason.
11. Any fish entered into any other fishing event will be disqualified.
12. Anyone found to be in violation of the tournament rules may be disqualified from this and all future tournaments.
13. Only the Largest New State Record and Tournament Record Fish at the end of the tournament will receive \$20,000.00 and a 2023 Ford F-150 truck (the state record and the tournament record fish must be weighed by the angler who caught the fish). Tournament and State record are held by Randy McDaniel for the 106.8 lb. fish caught May 2, 1996, at Gorenflo's 10th Annual Cobia Tournament. A polygraph test may be required for insurance purposes.
14. In case of inclement weather one day fishing will constitute a complete tournament. Any 8 hour period without small craft warnings will constitute one day.