

## Three Belles Outfitters Togtember Tournament 2022

This event runs from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Anglers are permitted to fish any waters in which Tautog (Black fish) are legally targeted in the United States from 12:01 AM on September 1<sup>st</sup> to 11:59 PM on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

### EVENT INFORMATION

Anglers may only fish in areas where Tautog may be legally targeted during the specified time frame of the tournament.

Fishing from watercraft other than a kayak and fishing from shore are strictly prohibited.

Live bait and artificial lures adhering to state laws are permitted during competition.

Entry Fee: \$35

Optional Lunker Pool: \$10

Tournament Format: CPR (catch-photograph-release)

Minimum Length: 10.00 inches

Bag Limit: 5 Fish

### SCHEDULE

Tournament Start: September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, 12:01 AM

Tournament End: September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 11:59 PM

### FISHING CHAOS APP

All registration and payment must be completed using the app. The Fishing Chaos App will be used to photo document fish and will generate live leaderboards. The leaderboards will update throughout the event as fish are submitted. All entries will be considered unofficial until verified.

### SCORING

Anglers will attempt to catch a combined bag of their 5 largest Tautog throughout the entire month of September. As anglers catch and submitted photos of their fish Fishing Chaos will automatically cull out smaller fish. The angler with the largest combined length will win.

## TIEBREAKERS

A tie will be broken by the largest submitted Tautog. If that results in a tie as well, the secondary tiebreaker will be by submission time. The first to have submitted will win the tiebreaker.

## PRIZES AWARDED

The award categories are:

5 Best: Greatest Combined Length

Cash payouts based on number of anglers competing (see attached payout breakdown, payouts can expand more than 29 anglers if needed)

Lunker: Largest Tautog

Cash payout based on number of Lunker pool tickets purchased.

Payouts will be dispersed via PayPal after the conclusion of the tournament. Please allow 5-10 business days for PayPal transfers to be completed.

## APPROVED MEASURING DEVICE

Anglers may use any of the following approved measuring devices:

Ketch Products: the original Ketch Board, the Ketch X board, the Ketch 48, or the Ketch Karbonate board.

Musky Bumper: Any Musky Bumper branded board is accepted for this tournament.

Anglers using any other measuring device will have their fish denied.

## IDENTIFIER

On the first day of the tournament, anglers will receive an auto-generated email containing the **4-DIGIT** alphanumeric identifier code that is required to be clearly visible on all submissions.

The identifier can also be accessed at any point by anglers on the Fishing Chaos tournament homepage by clicking on the yellow tab underneath the TBOTS banner.

## MEASUREMENTS

Fish must appear to be alive. If fish appears to be dead, mutilated, frozen, mangled, or otherwise damaged, or it appears to have been mashed, mauled, or otherwise altered, the photo will be denied.

Nets and grippers (e.g., Fish Grips, Boga-Grip) may be used for landing fish during tournament competition, but grippers must not remain attached to the fish in photos. Violation will result in denial or disqualification of the photo.

The minimum length for each submission is 10”.

Rounding up measurements is NOT allowed. Please record the length of the fish at the LAST line it crosses on your measuring device.

## PHOTO STANDARDS

Digital photographs of each fish submitted to judges for scoring must meet these criteria:

Timeliness: Fishing Chaos submissions must be made within 24 hours of the time of the CPR. Fish submitted after that time will be disqualified.

Unique – Each digital photo submitted in each Event must be of a different fish. Subsequent digital photos of the same fish submitted by the same Competitor in an Event will be denied.

Visible / Legible – Each photo must be in sharply focused and clear enough for a judge to:

- Verify the correct Event ID Code. Inability of the judge to verify will result in denial of photo.

- Verify the fish’s condition. Violation will result in denial of photo.

- Verify the fish’s length. Judge will score fish at the greatest length of which he is certain.

- Verify whether the fish’s jaw or lip is in contact with the measuring board fence. Inability of the judge to verify will result in a penalty of 1 inch.

- Except where covered by hand or fingers, the entire fish, from its mouth / jaw to the tip of its caudal (tail) fin, must be visible in photos. If either end is covered or cropped off, the photo will be denied.

Centered – Camera lens positioned directly over the center of the fish’s body, which contributes to accurate measurement by judges. Photos taken at a low angle so as to obscure an open mouth may be denied or penalized at the Tournament Director’s discretion.

First-generation – Each digital photo must be a first-generation image (not a photo or screenshot of another photo). Violation will result in denial of photo.

### Hand Position

- In this competition, hand or finger(s) may be in contact with the caudal peduncle but not covering or touching any portion of the caudal (tail) fin. Violation will result in a 1-inch deduction in score.

- No portion of a hand or finger may be under the fish’s operculum (gill flap or cover). Violation will result in denial of photo.

### Mouth

- Fish’s lip or jaw must be in contact with measuring board fence (bump board, upright), and the fence must be visible in the photo. Violation will result in denial of photo.

### Caudal (Tail) Fin

-The tip of at least one lobe of the caudal (tail) fin must be in contact with measuring board. (The Ketch cradle is not considered to be part of the measuring board for measurement purposes) If the entire fish's caudal (tail) fin is lifted away from the measuring board so that neither tip remains in contact with the board, the photo will be denied.

Eye – the fish's left eye must be visible in photo. Violation will result in denial of the photo.

### PENALTIES

In the event of a rule violation, the Tournament or Director may impose such penalties as deemed appropriate, including without limitation, the following:

- Reduction of score (length) as described above or determined by the Tournament Director
- Loss of catch up until the violation has been remedied
- Disqualification from the tournament in question
- Any additional penalties determined by the Tournament Director

### LAWS AND REGULATIONS

All federal, state, and local fishing and boating laws must be abided by.

Failure to comply with any tournament rules subjects participants to disqualification and removal from the competition, as determined by the tournament officials. The right to refuse sale and/or revoke a competition ticket to anyone is hereby reserved.

### CHEATING

Anyone caught breaking the law or disobeying the rules will be disqualified.

Fish must be hooked and caught live in a conventional manner. Fish cannot be snagged, netted, speared, etc.

### SAFETY

Participants are responsible for their own safety, actions, and property at all times.

### SPECIAL NOTES FOR THIS EVENT

This event is open to anglers in the continental United States where Tautog can legally be targeted.

The event identifier code will be revealed on Fishing Chaos at the state of the tournament.

QUESTIONS?

For any questions, please contact the tournament director:

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## PAYOUT BREAKDOWN

	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1	\$97.50	\$117.00	\$136.50	\$156.00	\$175.50	\$180.00	\$198.00	\$216.00	\$234.00	\$252.00	\$270.00	\$288.00	\$306.00	\$324.00	\$342.00
2	\$52.50	\$63.00	\$73.50	\$84.00	\$94.50	\$90.00	\$99.00	\$108.00	\$117.00	\$126.00	\$135.00	\$144.00	\$153.00	\$162.00	\$171.00
3						\$30.00	\$33.00	\$36.00	\$39.00	\$42.00	\$45.00	\$48.00	\$51.00	\$54.00	\$57.00
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Split	65/35	65/35	65/35	65/35	65/35	60/30/10	60/30/10	60/30/10	60/30/10	60/30/10	60/30/10	60/30/10	60/30/10	60/30/10	60/30/10
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29					
1	\$330.00	\$346.50	\$363.00	\$379.50	\$396.00	\$412.50	\$429.00	\$445.50	\$462.00	\$478.50					
2	\$150.00	\$157.50	\$165.00	\$172.50	\$180.00	\$187.50	\$195.00	\$202.50	\$210.00	\$217.50					
3	\$60.00	\$63.00	\$66.00	\$69.00	\$72.00	\$75.00	\$78.00	\$81.00	\$84.00	\$87.00					
4	\$30.00	\$31.50	\$33.00	\$34.50	\$36.00	\$37.50	\$39.00	\$40.50	\$42.00	\$43.50					
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Number of Anglers	Cost per angler	Admin / CC Fees	Entry Fee Pool
1	\$35	5	\$30.00
2	\$35	10	\$60.00
3	\$35	15	\$90.00
4	\$35	20	\$120.00
5	\$35	25	\$150.00
6	\$35	30	\$180.00
7	\$35	35	\$210.00
8	\$35	40	\$240.00
9	\$35	45	\$270.00
10	\$35	50	\$300.00
11	\$35	55	\$330.00
12	\$35	60	\$360.00
13	\$35	65	\$390.00
14	\$35	70	\$420.00
15	\$35	75	\$450.00
16	\$35	80	\$480.00
17	\$35	85	\$510.00
18	\$35	90	\$540.00
19	\$35	95	\$570.00
20	\$35	100	\$600.00
21	\$35	105	\$630.00
22	\$35	110	\$660.00
23	\$35	115	\$690.00
24	\$35	120	\$720.00
25	\$35	125	\$750.00
26	\$35	130	\$780.00
27	\$35	135	\$810.00
28	\$35	140	\$840.00
29	\$35	145	\$870.00
30	\$35	150	\$900.00