



**4TH ANNUAL
REEL UNITED
BASS TOURNAMENT**



JULY 16TH & 17TH, 2021

“Reel United”

Come out for the 4th Annual Valero Reel United fishing tournament at Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Tournament is **OPEN** to the public and all ages. Join Valero Port Arthur in the continued support of the United Way of Mid-South Jefferson County. Tournament will start (First Cast) **5:54am** Saturday July 17th and last cast is at **2:00pm**. Weigh in will be at the Umphrey Pavilion in Brooklyn Texas. Final check in to weigh is **3pm**. All contestants must pick up their weigh cards by **3pm** and be in line to weigh by **3:30pm**. Prizes will be given away to 1 place for every 9 boats and overall Big Bass. Top prize will be a guaranteed **\$5000 dollars** provided by our friends at Jordan’s Marine and Phoenix Boats. There will be food, beverages and TONS of door prizes. Don’t miss the meet and greet BBQ dinner Friday night brought to you by Stronghold July 16th from 5pm-10pm. There will be live music courtesy of Corey Michaels and Friends, free flipping and Trap throwing contest sponsored by Rambo Outdoors, Daiwa, Bill Lewis baits. There will also be food, fun and fellowship and so much more!!!

Individual entry \$160 per Boat (Max 2 anglers per Boat 3 Fish limit)

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PLATINUM=\$5000 DONATION

- **3 TEAM ENTRIES (6 ANGLERS)**
- **6 TOURNAMENT JERSEYS**
- **INDIVIDUAL BANNER DISPLAYED ON TOP STAGE**
- **RECOGNITION ON TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION PORTAL**
- **RECOGNITION ON TOURNAMENT BANNER ON TOP STAGE**

GOLD=\$2500 DONATION

- **2 TEAM ENTRIES (4 ANGLERS)**
- **4 TOURNAMENT JERSEYS**
- **INDIVIDUAL BANNER DISPLAYED ON TOP STAGE**
- **RECOGNITION ON TOURNAMENT BANNER ON STAGE SKIRT**

BRONZE=\$1000 DONATION

- **1 TEAM ENTRIES (2 ANGLERS)**
- **2 TOURNAMENT JERSEYS**
- **RECOGNITION ON TOURNAMENT BANNER ON STAGE**
- **YARD SIGN AROUND PAVILION**



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(If you register online you do not need to fill this out and turn it in)

TOURNAMENT FEES:

\$5000 Platinum Sponsor

\$2500 Gold Sponsor

\$1000 Bronze Sponsor

Individuals

\$160 per boat 2 Anglers max

3 Fish Limit

Company or Individual Sponsor Name:		
Sponsorship Level (Circle One)		
Platinum	Gold	Bronze

BOAT OWNER/CAPTAIN:

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	Email:
DOB:	Age:
Boat description:	

CO-ANGLER: (IF YOU ARE FISHING ALONE LEAVE THIS BLANK. CIRCLE YES IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO LOCATE YOU A CO-ANGLER) (YES—NO)

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	Email:

DOB:

Age:



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OFFICIAL EVENT RULES:

- All tournament proceeds will go directly to the continued support of the Mid-South Jefferson County United Way. All Decisions of the Tournament Director are final and are not subject to appeal. Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the Tournament Director in his sole and absolute discretion. Each competitor agrees to report any rule violation to the Tournament Director immediately upon discovery of the violation. The violation of a tournament rule may result in weight loss, the loss of weight up to a specific time during the tournament day, total loss of weight for that particular day, the ineligibility to participate in future events, or any other penalty deemed appropriate by the Tournament Director in his sole discretion. Protests must be made in writing within 10 minutes of the official closing of the scales at each tournament. Boats may be launched anywhere on the Lake Sam Rayburn reservoir after 4am the morning of the event. Anglers are to be off the water at sunset Friday the 16th. If the boat is to be left in the water overnight, the Anglers may not board until 4am the morning of the event. First cast will be 30 min prior to Sunrise in Brookeland Texas (5:54 am). Anglers must use their best judgement for safelight navigation. Tournament will be limited to the first 250 boats. Additional entries may be permitted at the Directors discretion.

PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY:

- All Contestants must have a valid fishing license if required by TPWD.
- TEAMS: Only registered Contestants may be in the boat during official tournament day. Up to 2 Anglers in each boat. Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the tournament director for Anglers with disabilities and High School teams utilizing a boat Captain. The captain may not fish during the tournament hours.
- This tournament is designed primarily for amateurs, therefore, anyone who has fished any tournament within **12 months** of this tournament, with an entry fee equal to or greater than \$1000 or anyone who has provided guide service for pay within the past 90 days on Lake Sam Rayburn, will not be eligible to compete.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

- This event will follow all CDC and government requirements that are in place at the time of the event. All requirements will be posted as information is available on the Event registration portal.
- It is up to the Anglers to follow these guidelines to ensure the safety of all Anglers and Tournament staff.
- Valero or the United Way encourages that all contestants and staff follow CDC and Government required guidelines while competing in the event.
- This event is "fish at your own risk". Valero nor the United Way will be responsible for illness or injuries sustained while participating in the event.
- Weigh in is subject to change to a drive through weigh in the event that CDC and local jurisdictions require it.

- This is a charity event and once registered there will be no refund, without approval of the tournament director. All refunds issued will be subject to service charges through the United Way.

REGISTRATION TIMES:

- Teams can register online at the Unitedwayofmsjc.org web page.
- Teams can also register until 6:00am the morning of the event at the Pavilion. Registration will be available Friday night the 16th between 5-9pm and Saturday morning the 17th from 4-6am. A completed and signed registration form and Payment must be received before 6:00am the morning of Tournament. If you are registering online you do not need the form signed or submitted.
- Teams may launch at any location at Lake Sam Rayburn Reservoir and boat or trailer to the Umphrey Pavilion for weigh in.
- The first 250 boats registered will compete. Alternates may be accepted at the discretion of the tournament Director.

SAFETY:

- Tournament day may be shortened or canceled due to unsafe weather or any conditions that would endanger the safety of the competitors at the Tournament Director's sole and absolute discretion.
- Competitors are allowed to leave the boat and seek shelter in bad weather, at which time no fishing may occur.
- All Texas boaters' safety laws apply and must be followed.
- Boats may be launched after 4am the morning of the event. Anglers must use their best judgement to determine when there is sufficient safe light to Navigate to their desired fishing location. Valero is in no way responsible or liable for injuries or loss of assets during this event.

PERMITTED FISHING METHODS:

- Only artificial lures may be used. Only one fishing rod per angler may be used at any one time. Additional rods may be in the boat and ready for use; however, each cast and retrieve must be completed before another cast is attempted or rod is used. Trolling with the combustion engine as a method of fishing is prohibited. Switching or sharing fish with other teams or individuals is a violation of these rules and will result in immediate disqualification. All Bass must be caught alive, in a conventional, sporting manner. When sight fishing for Bass, all fish must be hooked inside the mouth to be counted as a legal fish. All angling must be conducted from the boat. At no time may a Contestant leave the boat to land a fish, make the boat more accessible to fishing waters, or locate bass.

SPORTSMANSHIP AND CONDUCT:

- All Contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any misconduct could result in loss of weight for tournament and/or banning from future events. Examples of conduct not complying with those standards include, but are not limited to, the following:
- Actions or words which reflect unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, and fair competition
- Substance abuse

- Harassment of any kind

ASSISTANCE:

- During hours of competition, Contestants may not receive fishing information from non-competitors or participate in the practice of "Hole sitting." The use of mobile communication devices such as cellular phones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CBs, etc., to communicate fishing information during tournament hours is strictly prohibited. In the event of an emergency situation, competitors should call 911 first and then notify the Tournament Director.

BOAT AND HORSEPOWER REGULATION:

- Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment. Boats must contain a properly aerated live well space to maintain alive a limit catch of Bass. Maximum horsepower for all outboards used in tournament competition should not exceed the horsepower limitations as set by the U. S. Coast Guard in such vessel. Participants must follow all boating regulations. Valero or United Way is in no way responsible or liable for any accidents or violations.

PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS:

- Contestants may fish anywhere on tournament waters accessible by boat and available to the public, except areas designated as "off limits" or "no fishing" by state or federal officials, or within 100ft of a competitor's boat which was first anchored (an anchored boat is a boat held in a stable position by a line attached to a weight with the trolling motor in the up position), or within 75ft of a non-anchored competitor's boat unless otherwise agreed upon by the other tournament angler. The act of moving Bass from one area of the lake to another confined area of the same lake at any time, whether or not during official practice days or competition days, is not permitted.

OFF-LIMITS AREAS:

- Such areas established and announced at the registration for this event. Contestants may not fish inside the established "off-limits" area. Violation of the rule will result in immediate disqualification. Contestants' boat must remain in the tournament waters once launched during the event. In inclement weather conditions exceptions may be made to ensure the safety of the anglers. These exceptions will be communicated by the tournament director prior to the event. Limits are Lake Sam Rayburn and rivers that can be accessed from a launch located on Lake Sam Rayburn. Anglers must launch within the borders of Lake Sam Rayburn. Please contact tournament director for questions around launch sites.

TRAILERING IS ALLOWED:

- Contestants may launch their boat at any ramp on the Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Official weigh in will be carried out at Umphrey Pavilion the day of the Tournament at 2:00PM. **LAST CAST is 2pm last check in to weigh will be 3pm.** All anglers intending to weigh in must be in line and have their weigh cards in hand by 3:30pm. All cards not picked up will be marked as DNW (Did Not Weigh)

SCORING:

- Will be the total pounds and ounces of each Teams catch during the tournament. Only Largemouth and Spotted Bass are accepted species. The limit will be Three (3) Bass per team. Any Contestant who possesses more than the tournament limit at any time will have their catch for that day disqualified. Bass presented for weigh-in, which fail to measure the prescribed length limit of 14" for all species (spotted or black bass), will result in loss of that particular fish and a **1 pound** penalty to the weight of the remaining fish. No regurgitated forage or other foreign matter may be placed in the bass. Any artificially weighed, preserved, or altered bass will be disqualified and that contestant will be subject to prosecution under federal and state laws. Each Contestant's catch must be presented in a weigh-in bag. The Bass will be measured with mouth closed, tail compressed and swiped to achieve overall greatest length.

LIVE FISH:

- Every effort must be made to keep bass alive through the use of a properly aerated live well. The use of chemical live well additives made by Sure-Life, which promote the healthy return of bass to their natural habitat, are recommended. A **1 pound penalty** will be deducted for **EACH** dead Bass presented for weigh-in. Any team that weighs in a dead fish for the big Bass award will receive a **1** pound penalty from the total big Bass weight. Culling of dead Bass is prohibited. Scales will be open at 12 noon.

LATE PENALTY:

- Teams must check in and pick up a tournament weigh card by 3PM the day of the event. Any team not checked and received their official Weigh card by 3PM will not be eligible to weigh in. Official weigh in starts at 2pm. Scales will open at 12pm. Anglers must be in line by 3:30pm.

TIES:

- All Ties will be broke by earliest weigh in time. Ties for individual big bass will be Broke by time of check in. Example Team "A" checks in at 1:15pm with 20lb 15oz Team "B" checks in at 1:45pm. Team "A" will win the Tie.

RAFFLES AND DOOR PRIZES

- Raffles will take place Friday Night as well as after final weigh in on July 17th at 3:30pm, for all prizes you need to be present to win!! Your door prize tickets will be attached to your weigh card and will be available at the check in table during official weigh times and on Friday July 16th from 5-9PM. If you wish to pick up your door prize on Friday night you may check in with our staff with your boat number and if you won a prize then you may pick it up then. All unclaimed door prizes will be drawn and handed out accordingly. Raffle tickets purchased in advance will be for prizes raffled off on Friday Night the 16th.

Signing this form is acknowledgement that you have read and understand the above rules/regulations and also agree to abide. For Information please contact the Tournament Director Dustin Loden 409-656-5964 or email

Dustin.Loden@Valero.com

If you have registered Online then you do NOT need to sign this and turn it in.

Name (Print):	Date:
Signature:	Legal Guardian:(if under 18)