SARGENT AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
16th Annual Sargent Trout and Redfish Tournament (S.T.A.R.T. FISHING TOURNAMENT)
2025 Rules

1. Tournament is open to the public. This is an amateur tournament, so no guides are allowed, this is an Individual Tournament.

2. Tournament hours will be from 6 am to weigh in.

   Weigh in will start at 2:00 pm and end at 4:00 pm. All participants must be in line with fish in hand at Bayside Bar & Grill by 4:00 pm or they will be disqualified. In the event of a tie the earlier weigh-in shall win the tie.

3. All fishing will be done in the Matagorda Bay complex (both live and artificial bait) may be used.

4. All fish must be caught with rod and reel in accordance with the current Texas Parks and Wildlife fishing rules and regulations. Fish must be caught on the day of the tournament. Tournament weigh master will have the final say in the matter.

   - **All redfish entered must be within slot limits of 20" to 28"**
   - **All trout entered must be within the slot limits of 15" to 20"**.
   - Once a fish is measured by the weigh master it may not be substituted with another fish. Fish not meeting tournament requirements or state law requirements will be thrown out.
   - Any Contestant participating in the S.T.A.R.T Tournament can only win TWO prizes for the day.

5. The weigh master's decision is final.

6. For safety and legal reasons all entrants shall follow Texas State Laws regarding the use of alcohol while participating in this tournament. Any intoxicated contestants will be disqualified.

7. Wade fishing is allowed.

8. There will be no pooling of fish between Participants.

9. All Anglers in the boat must be registered in the Tournament.

10. Any violation of these rules will result in disqualification of the Participant these decisions will be made by the tournament committee officials and will be final.

11. Each contestant, evidenced by his/her entry in the tournament, does hereby release and agree to protect, indemnify and hold harmless, the tournament committee form and against any and all claims, demands, causes of action of any sort and damages resulting from and accident, incident or occurrence arising from, incidental to, or in any way resulting from his/her participation in this tournament. Each contestant hereby further covenants and agrees for him/herself, his/her heirs, successors and assigners, that they will not make and claim or institute and suit or action at law or equity the committee, it's agents, representatives, successors or assigns, arising out of injury or damage a contestant may suffer while participating in this tournament.

NEW SPECKLED TROUT LIMITS

Effective Sept. 1, 2023, the limit is now three (3) fish per day per angler. A minimum size of 15" and a maximum size limit of 20". One oversized trout greater than 30" is allowed as part of the daily bag limit. This fishing tournament will abide by the size limits as the law states and will only accept fish for weigh in 15" to 20". No oversized fish will be weighed.