

What is Redbone?

In 1984 Gary and Susan Ellis' newborn daughter, Nicole, was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis, a genetic disease that causes the body to produce an abnormally thick, sticky mucus that clogs the lungs and can lead to life-threatening lung infections. They were told that with considerable care, she should live to her early teens. After asking the question, "What is cystic fibrosis?", they set out to find a way to fight it.

In 1988 with the help of their friends, including baseball legend Ted Williams, they founded the Redbone Celebrity Tournament Series to help fund CF research. Guides, anglers and celebrities from film and sports teamed up on thirty-three boats to fish for redfish and bonefish. From that tournament came the name "Redbone." They raised \$16,000 that first year and more importantly, introduced cystic fibrosis into the conscience of the very caring community of the Florida Keys.

From that small seed, the Redbone Series has grown to include the Redbone Trilogy, five Redbone@Large tournaments throughout the United States, Belize and Mexico, two Redbone Red•Trout Tournaments, and one Redbone Bahamas Bonefish Classic. In the last sixteen years, Tournaments bearing the Redbone name have averaged over a million dollars a year to fight cystic fibrosis.



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Tarpon Tourney

April 8-10, 2022

'To Catch The Cure'
FOR CYSTIC FIBROSIS





TOURNAMENT HOST

TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1. All participants must "sign-off" on Tournament Rules and Score
- 2. ANY LENGTH BOAT MAY BE USED. Boats must depart from and return to Tournament Fishing Headquarters by water. No trailering. Anglers must fish from the SAME BOAT for both tournament days. The Tournament Committee will make an exception in case of mechanical difficulties. At the "Blessing of the Fleet" on Day 1, boats must depart in the order they are announced.
- Tarpon may not be boated under any circumstance. To Qualify they must be photographed by the other angler or Captain in the water as close to the boat as possible. A tarpon is considered caught once the Captain or teammate touches the leader of the hooked fish. Fish must be entered on score sheet at the time of release to avoid disqualification. Tarpon must be a minimum of 48 inches in length measured from the snout to the inside fork of the tail. Measuring gauge will be supplied to the Guides by the Rules Committee. There must be a least one DIGITAL camera on every boat. Cell phone photos are acceptable.
- IGFA rules and tackle specifications apply.
- 5. No heavier than thirty (30) pound test line (Manufacturer's Stated Test) for General and Artificial Division and twenty (20) pound test line for Fly Division. One working rod per angler.
- 6. Fly and Artificial Divisions are artificial lure categories. No tipping is permitted. Bait or tipping is permitted only in the General Division. In all divisions, ONLY the angler can cast, hook, and fight the fish.
- 7. CHUMMING OR CHUNKING IS NOT PERMITTED BY PARTICIPANTS OR ANY OUTSIDE INDIVIDUAL. Bait must have a hook in it. In case of inclement weather, bait decisions will be made by the tournament
- All Anglers must be accompanied by a Licensed Guide approved by the Rules Committee. Licensed Captains or Guides may enter as Anglers only with Tournament Committee approval.
- Guides must sign out before departure each day and sign in upon returning regardless of catch.
- 10. There must be two (2) Anglers on every participating boat. In the absence of a teammate or celebrity Angler, a substitute Angler will be appointed by the Tournament Committee. The Redbone tournaments are TEAM events. In the spirit of good sportsmanship, the Guide will encourage equal casting opportunities (bow time) to both teammates. Trolling motors are permitted for ingress and regress only. No fishing is allowed while trolling motor is in use.
- 11. Fishing in man-made canals is prohibited with the EXCEPTION OF EAST CAPE CANAL.
- 12. Fishing hours will be announced at the Tournament Rules Meetings.
- 13. Ties will be awarded to the Angler who catches the last fish first.
- 14. The Rules Committee will make any weather decisions. All decisions of the Rules Committee are final
- 15. The penalty for any violation of the rules is NO POINTS for the day. All protests must be in writing and signed. They must be presented to the Rules Committee within one hour of LINES OUT on the day of the violation. If a formal complaint is filed, Redbone, Inc. reserves the right to request a lie detector test from the team in question.
- 16. The Grand Champion Angler Award will be presented to the angler with the most qualified points. The Team Grand Champion Award will be presented to both anglers on the team that both anglers have accumulated the most combined points.
- 17. Release Points will be awarded as follows: General 100 Points; Artificial 150 Points; Fly 200 Points

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 8

Islamorada Fishing Club

5:00-6:00 pm Registration, Silent Auction opens Kick-Off, Welcome Reception 6:00 pm

Saturday, April 9

Lorelei Cabana Bar & Marina

GUIDES must check in with scorekeeper prior to departure 5:30 am Continental Breakfast, anglers/guides 6:00 am Guides check-in, Blessing of the Fleet, boats depart and GO FISHING 10:00 am Lines out of the water ***GUIDES*** must check in with scorekeeper by 11:00 am regardless of catch ***GUIDES*** must check in with scorekeeper prior to departure 4:00 pm Boats depart and go fishing ma 00:8 Lines out of the water ***GUIDES*** must check in with scorekeeper by 8:30 pm regardless of catch

Sunday, April 10

Lorelei Cabana Bar & Marina

5:30 am Continental Breakfast, anglers/guides 6:00 am ***GUIDES*** must check in with scorekeeper. Boats depart and GO FISHING

10:00 am Lines out of the water

GUIDFS must check in with scorekeeper by 11:00 am regardless of catch

Islamorada Fishing Club

11:30 am - 2:00 pm Awards Luncheon 2:00 pm Silent Auction Closes

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Redbone@Large Celebrity Tournament Series



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Will you need room information? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Will a guest be attending social functions? ☐ Yes ☐ No
☐ We have a guide. GUIDES NAME:
☐ We need a guide.
*ENTRY FEE: \$2,000 team entry – Two anglers fish as a team * (Includes guide fees and social entries for each angler, their guests at guide. Does not include guide gratuity.)
Non Refundable
Amount Enclosed: Make check payable to: REDBONE, IN
□ Visa □ MC □ AmEx
Number CC
All participants in the tournaments enter at their own risk. Officials, committee members and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of Redbone@Large Series shall be exempt from any liability suffered to any partic entrant, sportfisherman, their companions, captains, vessels and equipment will may occur during the tournament(s). Participants may be photographed at Seri events and those photographs may be used in conjunction with promotion of the Series. I understand and agree to the above paragraph and agree to abide by the Redbone@Large Tournament Series rules.
SIGN:
DATE:
PRINT NAME:
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cystic fibrosis. 50% of entry fee is a tax-deductible contribution. A copy of the official registration and financial information of the Redbone, Inc. may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll free (800) 435-7352 (within the State of Florida).