



Southwest Florida Chapter

Proudly Invites You to Join Us for Our:

2026 ANNUAL BACKWATER FISHING TOURNAMENT

Saturday

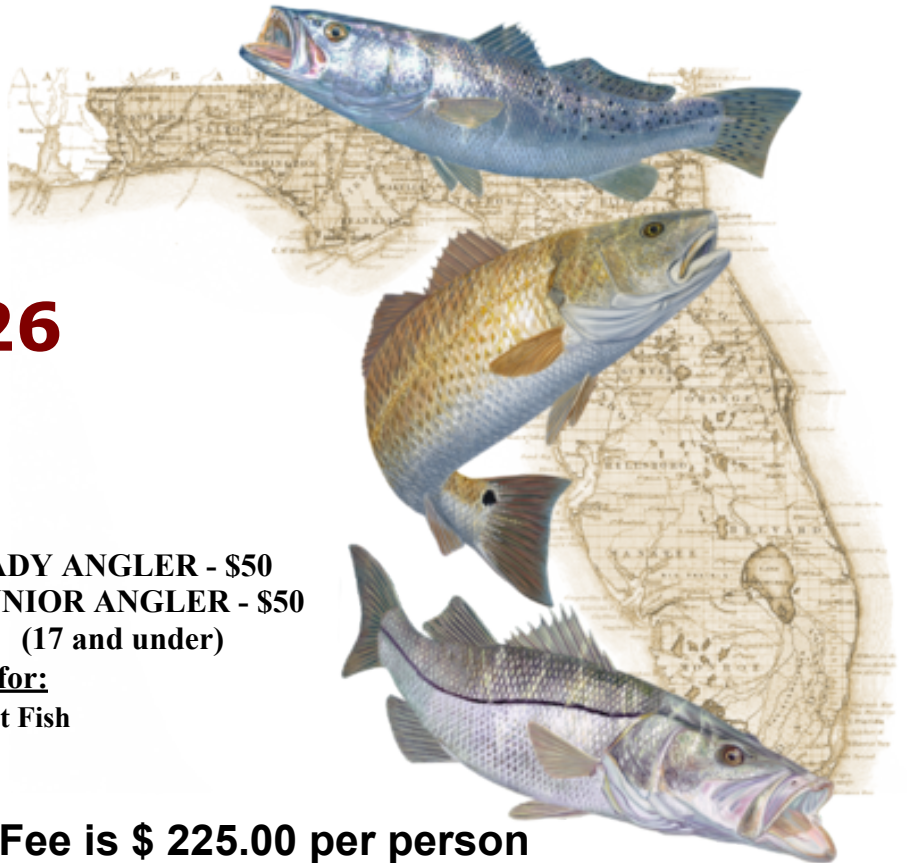
June 20th, 2026

\$1,600.00 Total Cash Prizes:

- Longest Team Snook - \$500
- Longest Team Redfish - \$500
- Longest Team Trout - \$500
- LONGEST Tournament fish by LADY ANGLER - \$50
- LONGEST Tournament fish by JUNIOR ANGLER - \$50
(17 and under)

NON-CASH PRIZES will be award for:

- SECOND/THIRD Longest Tournament Fish
(Snook, Redfish, Trout)



Entry Fee is \$ 225.00 per person

Paid entry includes:

Tournament Entry, Tournament T-shirt, Tickets for Drawings, and Awards Dinner

Dinner tickets can be purchased separately for \$35.00 each. Children under 12 years of age are \$20.00 each. Awards dinner will be held at Rumrunners at 3:00 PM (5848 Cape Harbour Dr, Cape Coral, FL 33914).

A Mandatory Captain's Meeting will be held Friday June 19th, 2026 @ 6:30 PM at Rumrunners. **One representative from each Team is required to attend to pick up Rules, Tournament T-shirts and register your vessel!**

Please direct all questions to: Gary DeVore via phone at (239) 671-6448 or email gdevore@bandiflorida.com

ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-conditioning Engineers), founded in 1894, is an international not-for-profit organization with more than 56,000 members from 132 nations. ASHRAE's mission is advancing the art and science of heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration to serve humanity and promote a sustainable world through research, standards writing, publishing and continuing education. A portion of Tournament proceeds are donated to ASHRAE research on behalf of the Southwest Florida Chapter.

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*Thank you for entering the Annual Southwest Florida Backwater Fishing Tournament hosted by the Southwest Florida Chapter of ASHRAE. The festivities this year will begin on Friday evening June 19th at Rumrunners (5848 Cape Harbour Dr, Cape Coral, FL 33914) The Captains meeting will begin at 6:30 PM, which will be a cash bar social. We will discuss rules and regulations. **One member from each fishing team is required to attend to register their boat and to pick up the tournament T-shirts and other information, you will also get your tournament ruler.***

Tournament Rules

This is a catch and release tournament

*1st-3rd Place will be determined by the LONGEST length of each individual fish. Snook, Redfish & Trout. (Not total combined length)

1. For scoring, anglers will be required to take a picture of their catch on a tournament provided ruler. Fish must be measured with the tail starting at the zero mark of the ruler. You will be able to text or email photos ahead of time to organizer no later than **2:30**
NO EXCEPTIONS – PENALTY WILL BE ENFORCED
2. No fishing before 7:00 AM. Teams may be on the water and catch bait or navigate to fishing holes prior to official 7:00 AM start.
3. This is an open bait tournament (live or artificial baits may be used).
4. Anglers are allowed to fish from any desired location.
5. All boats must stay 50 feet away from other vessels, with the exception of pass fishing, a breakdown or an emergency.
6. Kayak and canoe teams must stay together and fish from the same locations.
7. The holding of fishing holes or chumming of holes by another boat is not allowed.
8. All anglers are required to be at the awards dinner no later than **3:00 PM**.
9. The ASHRAE tournament directors will resolve any disputes or interpretations of the fishing rules during review of fish photographs.
10. All anglers must be present for any door prizes or awards.
11. **All anglers must abide by State and Federal fishing regulations.**
12. **All appropriate fishing licenses and/or stamps are the responsibility of each angler.**
13. All fish must be released alive to constitute a catch.
14. Have fun and be safe!

Saturday morning June 20th, 2026 is an Honor Start at 7:00AM from anywhere you would like. No lines in the water until 7:00 AM! There is no formal check-in.

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

The awards dinner will be held at Rumrunners (5848 Cape Harbour Dr, Cape Coral, FL 33914) starting at 3:00 PM. The awards, trophies, prize drawings, and raffles will be held during dinner. All Anglers must be present to win!

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This is your opportunity to participate in sponsoring the states only ASHRAE Backwater Fishing Tournament! All prior backwater fishing events were a huge success. This year we anticipate an even bigger turnout. Please be the first to join our team by sponsoring this event.

A Portion of the Proceeds will be contributed to ASHRAE Research

Medallion sponsorship is as follows:

Bronze Medallion \$300.00 One paid entry fee, Company logo will be printed on T-shirt

Silver Medallion \$475.00 Two paid entry fees, Company logo on T-shirt

Gold Medallion \$850.00 Four paid entry fees (transferable to anyone you wish)

Company Logo on T-shirt and special recognition

Diamond Medallion \$1,000.00 Four paid entry fees (transferable to anyone you wish)

Company Logo on T-shirt, 25 Raffle Tickets for Prize Raffle (Not Yeti Raffle), plus special recognition at Award Dinner (2 Diamond Medallions available)

Platinum Medallion \$1,500.00 Six paid entry fees (transferable to anyone you wish)

Large Company Logo on T-shirt Sleeve, 50 Raffle Tickets for Prize Raffle (Not Yeti Raffle), plus special recognition at Award Dinner (1 Platinum Medallion available)

Sponsorship Data

Company Name: _____
Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Telephone/Fax: _____
E-mail: _____

Sponsor Level: (Please Circle One)

Bronze (\$300)

Silver (\$475)

Gold (\$850)

Diamond (\$1,000)

Platinum (\$1,500)



Please make checks payable to:

Southwest Florida ASHRAE
2701 Prince Street
Fort Myers, FL 33916
Attn: Gary DeVore

ASHRAE is a non-profit organization with Group Tax Exempt Status

All Sponsorship forms and company logos must be sent in no later than May 20th, 2026 in order to get the logos on to the shirts!

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Official Entry Form

Captain Name _____ **Shirt Size** _____

Team Name _____

Vessel Make _____

Vessel Length _____

Vessel Color _____

ADDITIONAL TEAM MEMBERS

1. _____ **Shirt Size** _____

2. _____ **Shirt Size** _____

3. _____ **Shirt Size** _____

I represent by my signature below that my crew and I will comply with the rules of the Annual Backwater Tournament. We will comply with the guidelines established by the State of Florida pertaining to lengths and limits of fish. I understand that I am responsible for my boat and crew at all times and that my vessel meets the minimum safety requirements set by the State of Florida. I hereby release the Southwest Florida Chapter of ASHRAE, its principals and affiliates from all liability.

CAPTAIN SIGNATURE

DATE

Please return this completed form NO LATER THAN 05/15/2026 to:

Southwest Florida ASHRAE
2701 Prince Street
Fort Myers, FL 33916
Attn: Gary DeVore

Phone: (239) 671-6448, Fax: 239 332-5928, or e-mail: gdevore@bandiflorida.com

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Raffle

1 Ticket \$5.00

3 Tickets \$10.00

10 Tickets \$25.00

25 Tickets \$50.00



Raffle Prizes Still TBD

Last Year's Prizes Below:

- *Penn Spinfisher VI Reels*
 - *Bubba Blade*
 - *Bubba Pliers*
- *Shadow Tech Landing Net*
 - *Other Fishing Gear*



YETI 45 Raffle



1 ticket for \$10.00 / 3 tickets for \$25.00

ONLY 150 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD!

Tickets will be available for purchase at all ASHRAE events.

Make Checks payable to:

Southwest Florida ASHRAE
2701 Prince Street
Fort Myers, Florida 33916
Attn: Casey Hazen

Or make payments on the Southwest Florida ASHRAE website under Upcoming Events

www.swflashrae.org

**YETI will be raffled off @ ASHRAE Fishing Tournament
You do not have to be present to win!**

Portion of the proceeds to Benefit ASHRAE Research and the SWFL ASHRAE Chapter Endowment Fund
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