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**OUR LADY OF MERCY FISHING RODEO RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**October 18– 19, 2024**

1. All State and Federal Fish Regulations apply to the Our Lady of Mercy (OLOM) Fishing Rodeo.
2. There are two angler divisions for the 2024 rodeo (Adult and Youth). Participants in the Youth division must be 13 years of age or younger by October 16, 2024. A registered angler must select one division (Adult or Youth) for participation.
3. All Rodeo events, including the weigh-in, will be held at Port Fourchon Marina (Fourchon, La.).
4. All eligible fish must be caught by rod, reel, hook and line only.
5. All fish must be weighed on the designated Rodeo scale. Only fish weighed on the designated Rodeo scale by the OLOM-designated Weighmaster will be eligible for participation. Fish will be weighed one time only. The Weighmaster has final authority on declaring weights and fish condition (whether fish will be allowed to be weighed) and cannot be overruled by anyone, including committee members. Excessive arguing with Rodeo organizers or the Weighmaster will result in disqualification. Care should be taken not to interfere with the Weighmaster. Weighmaster may consult as he sees fit.
6. All fish will be measured as outlined in the current Louisiana Fishing Regulations pamphlet.
7. No frozen, spoiled, gutted, altered or mutilated fish will be accepted by the Weighmaster. Fish already weighed, will be designated by the Weighmaster clipping the dorsal or tail fin.
8. In the event of a tie, the fish that was weighed-in first shall be declared the winner.
9. Registration and Fees:
  - Registration/Captain's Party/Blessing of the Fleet/Dinner – Friday, October 18, 2024, 5 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Port Fourchon Marina – the Pavilion, Cash, Checks and Credit Cards will be accepted.
  - Entry Fee - \$80 per person until midnight Sunday, October 12. Late Registration Fee begins Monday, October 13, \$100 per person. No entries will be accepted after 8:30 p.m., Friday, October 18.
  - All OLOM Fishing Rodeo registration fees, sponsor donations and raffle purchases are non-refundable.

- **All registered participants will receive a wrist band which must be worn and is required to weigh-in a fish and to be served food and beverages at the meal events.**

10. Fishing starts at safe light on Saturday, October 19. The scales will open at 3:00 p.m. and close at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. Participants must check in with the Weighmaster assistant before 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 18 in order to have their fish weighed.

10A. Prizes will be awarded for the Inshore, Offshore and Rig division species for registered anglers in the Adult Division.

INSHORE DIVISION

Speckled Trout  
Redfish, under 27"  
Flounder  
Sheepshead

RIG DIVISION

Cobia

Mangrove Snapper

Grouper

OFFSHORE DIVISION

Dolphin

Wahoo

Tuna

10B. Prizes will be awarded for Inshore, Offshore and Rig division species for registered anglers in the Youth Division:

INSHORE DIVISION

Speckled Trout  
Redfish, under 27"  
Flounder  
Sheepshead

RIG DIVISION

Cobia

Mangrove Snapper

Grouper

OFFSHORE DIVISION

Dolphin

Wahoo

Tuna

11. It is the responsibility of each participant to read and follow all the rules of the Our Lady of Mercy Fishing Rodeo and those mandated by State and Federal Regulation.

12. It is expressly understood that all participants in the Our Lady of Mercy Fishing Rodeo enter at their own risk, and that Our Lady of Mercy, Port Fourchon Marina, sponsors of the Our Lady of Mercy Fishing Rodeo, and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of said rodeo shall be exempt from any liability for libel, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury or death suffered by any participants, boat captains, crew members, vessels and equipment which may occur during or in connection with the Rodeo. All participants, by their attendance at the Rodeo, agree to indemnify Our Lady of Mercy, Our Lady of Mercy Fishing Rodeo, and Port Fourchon Marina. By rodeo entry the captain or owner consents that the Our Lady of Mercy Fishing Rodeo may use without payment or restriction, any photographs in which he/she or any of their crew may appear for any purpose whatsoever, including but not limited to resale, advertising,

commercial or promotional material. The captain, owners and his crew further release the Our Lady of Mercy Fishing Rodeo operators, sponsors, and all persons directly or indirectly related to the Rodeo from injury, loss or damage that may result from participation in this rodeo.

13. These rules are subject to change.