



5TH ANNUAL
REEL UNITED
BASS TOURNAMENT

JUNE 10TH- 12TH, 2022



Reel United and Average Joe Team UP!

We are excited about this year's event! To add to the fun, we have partnered with our friends over at **Outlaw Outdoors** to round out a fun filled weekend. Come out for the 5th Annual Valero Reel United fishing tournament June 11th at Sam Rayburn Reservoir and stay for the **Outlaw Outdoors Average Joe's** tournament June 12th. These tournaments will be separate events both held out of Umphrey Pavilion but with a twist. If you register to fish both tournaments the Reel United on Saturday June 11th and the Average Joe on Sunday June 12th your total weight from both tournaments will be added to a combined bracket for additional prize package valued over \$1000.

Both Tournaments are geared toward Amateur anglers but are OPEN to the public.
Review qualification requirements below.

Join Valero Port Arthur in the continued support of the United Way of Mid-South Jefferson County. The Reel United Tournament will start at 6:00am (First Cast) Saturday June 11th and teams must **stop fishing at 2:00pm**. Weigh in will be at the Umphrey Pavilion. All anglers must be in line to weigh by **3:30pm**

Payouts are 1 place for every 8 boats and 1 place for overall Big Bass. Top prize will be a guaranteed **\$5000 dollars** provided by our friends at **Jordan's Marine and Phoenix Boats**.



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Don't miss the meet and greet captain's dinner Friday night brought to you by Stronghold LTD June 10th from 5pm-10pm. There will be food, beverages, door prizes, flipping contest and much more!! There will be live music courtesy of **The Curse and the Cure**. Food and Drinks will be provided by our generous sponsors so come hungry!

While your there set up a test drive with Jordan's Marine and get behind the wheel of the best boat on the market. Rambo Outdoors, Daiwa, Bill Lewis baits and Gopher Industrial will all be onsite hosting flipping contest.

Individual entry \$180 per Team (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



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

TOURNAMENT FEES:

Individuals

\$180 per Team 2 Anglers max

3 Fish Limit

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:



OFFICIAL EVENT RULES:

****NOTE****

These rules ONLY apply to the Reel United Event. To ensure you qualify for both the Reel United and the Average Joe Tournament please review both qualifications. Average Joe Tournament information can be found at www.OutlawOutdoors.com

- 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. When in question interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the Tournament Director and the appointed rules committee. 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. Boats may be launched from any public ramp on the Lake Sam Rayburn reservoir after 4am the morning of the event. Anglers are to be off the water at sunset Friday June 10th. 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 at 6:00am.** Anglers must use their best judgement for safelight navigation. Tournament will be limited to the first **350 boats**. No additional entries will be permitted.

PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY:

- All Contestants must have a valid fishing license as required by TPWD.
- All State, Coast Guard, Federal Parks & Wildlife regulations shall apply at all times. A violation of any of these regulations could result in a Team surrendering their stringer and/or being disqualified.
- 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 Rules director for Anglers with disabilities and High School teams utilizing a boat Captain. The captain may not fish during the tournament hours. Approval must be given on a case by case basis. If you are a high school angler or have disabilities that require you to utilize a boat captain the boat captain must meet the same requirements as the anglers. Pre-tournament approval is required by the tournament director and rules committee.
- **This tournament is designed primarily for amateurs, therefore, anyone who has fished any single tournament within 12 months of this tournament, with an entry fee equal to or greater than \$1000 or anyone who has provided largemouth guide services for payment within the past 14 days on Lake Sam Rayburn, will not be eligible to compete nor captain.**

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, Outlaw Outdoors, 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/Event 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 until **Thursday June 9th at 5pm.**
- Onsite Registration will be available **Friday June 10th ONLY between 5-9pm. There will be NO Saturday morning registration!** A completed and signed registration form and Payment must be received before 9PM June 10th. If you are registering online you do not need the form signed or submitted.
- Teams may launch at any public boat ramp on Lake Sam Rayburn Reservoir and boat or trailer to the Umphrey Pavilion for weigh in.
- The first 350 boats registered will compete. Alternates to registered anglers 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, Outlaw Outdoors or The United Way 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, Outlaw Outdoors 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 posted as "Off limits" or "No fishing" by state or federal officials are considered off limits' areas for this tournament. Contestants may not fish inside the established "off-limits" or "No Fishing" 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 Same Rayburn and rivers that can be accessed from a launch located on Lake Sam Rayburn. Anglers must launch at a public boat ramp within the borders of Lake Sam Rayburn. Please contact Rules director for questions concerning launch sites.

TRAILERING IS ALLOWED:

- Contestants may launch their boat at any public ramp on the Sam Rayburn Reservoir. Official weigh in will be carried out at Umphrey Pavilion the day of the Tournament All anglers intending to weigh in **must be in line by 3:30pm**. Any anglers not in line will be marked as DNW (Did Not Weigh)

SCORING:

- Will be the total pounds, measured to the 1/100th of a pound, 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 (except during the culling process) 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 a disqualification of the team. 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. Big Bass must be alive to be eligible for Big Bass Award. Culling of dead Bass is NOT prohibited. Scales will be **open at Noon**.

LATE PENALTY:

- Teams must be in line to weigh by 3:30PM the day of the event. Any team not in line will be marked as DNW. All teams are to stop fishing at 2PM! **Official weigh in also starts at 2pm**. Scales will open at Noon ~~1pm~~ for anglers wishing to weigh in early.

TIES:

- A tie will be resolved by combining the money from tied places and splitting it evenly between tied Teams.

RAFFLES AND DOOR PRIZES

- Raffles will take place **Friday Night June 10th**, for all prizes you need to be present to win!! Your door prize tickets will be available at the check table Friday June 10th from 5-9PM. As you check in each angler will be given a door prize ticket. There will be a designated area to check your ticket to see if you won a door prize. All Door prizes and Raffle prizes will be awarded **Friday Night June 10th**. Please make arrangements to be there or have a designee. At 9PM all prizes not picked up will be reassigned to present anglers.

Signing this form is acknowledgement that you have read and understand the above rules/regulations and also agree to abide. You also agree to submit to and accept the results of a polygraph exam. For Information please contact the Tournament/Rule Director Clint Wade at (817) 235-9570 or email clint@OutlawOutdoors.com Event Director Dustin Loden (409)-656-5964 Dustin.Loden@valero.com

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

Captain Name (Print):	Date:
Captain Signature:	Legal Guardian:(if under 18)
Co-Angler Name (Print):	Date:
Co-Angler Signature:	Legal Guardian:(if under 18)