#### Satilla Riverkeeper presents

# **Satilla River Fishing Tournament**

## Saturday, April 17 6:00AM through Sunday, April 25 6:00PM

This is a family friendly nine-day competitive fishing tournament encouraging social distancing while enjoying the magnificence of the Satilla River and her bounty!

Entry fee is \$23 per angler for anyone age 16 and over (which includes all on-line fees.) Entry fee includes the official Satilla Riverkeeper measuring device "bump board," and a one-year membership with the Satilla Riverkeeper, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to protect, restore, and educate about the Satilla River. Anglers under 16 years of age can participate using the same registration and FishDonkey account as a registered adult without an additional charge. *Entry fees are non-refundable*.

#### ALL REGISTRATIONS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED USING THE

'FISHDONKEY' APP. All participants must download the free FishDonkey app in order to register and compete in the tournament. The app is available on Apple, Android, and PC devices.

Cash Prizes of \$1,000 will be awarded to individual winners across 5 categories. All anglers are eligible to enter all cash prize categories:

Longest Redbreast \$200 sponsored by

Longest Redbreast Stringer (3 fish) \$350 sponsored by

Longest Other Panfish \$150 sponsored by

Longest Native Catfish \$150 sponsored by

Longest Largemouth Bass \$150 sponsored by

**Note:** Largest fish is defined as the longest fish in length using the official Satilla Riverkeeper supplied measuring board. Catch and release is encouraged (but not required) by the Satilla Riverkeeper.

Prizes will be mailed via the US Postal Service to the address included in your registration. <u>Ensure that the address, email, and mobile number in your app profile are correct.</u> Prizes will be disbursed by Satilla Riverkeeper.

In the event of a tie, the entry submitted first, as determined by the time stamp on the submission, will be the winner. If tied entries were submitted at the same time, then the prize will be split evenly among those holding the tie. The final decision on all ties will be determined by the Tournament Committee.

**COVID Safety**: This is a socially-distant event. There will not be a traditional weigh-in, thus no public gathering. Participants are encouraged to take actions to reduce the spread of COVID-19 while participating in this tournament.

#### **To Register and Compete:**

- 1) **Download** the Apple or Android FISHDONKEY app: www.fishdonkey.com
- 2) Create your personal account by completing the requested information.
- 3) Click "Fish in a Tournament" and search for Satilla River Fishing Tournament and Select.
- 4) Click "Join Now".
- 5) Complete the registration and payment information and you are in!

## **Rules and Regulations**

- All state and federal laws and regulations will be observed by participants. Any infraction of these laws and regulations could result in disqualification. It is the responsibility of the entrant to be familiar with the laws and regulations.
- Fishing is allowed anywhere on public waters of the Satilla River or its tributaries.
- All anglers 16 and over are required to have a current fishing license in their possession while fishing.
- Trotlines, jugs, and bush hooks are NOT allowed during the tournament.
- All participants must download the free FISHDONKEY App onto their Apple or Android phone. All fees will be paid, and fish catch submissions will be made using this app.
- All fish must be correctly measured and photographed using the official Satilla Riverkeeper bump board. Satilla Riverkeeper will supply a measuring board with each registration. All participants are responsible for making sure they have the official measuring board in hand before the start of the tournament. Fish measured in any other way than using the official Satilla Riverkeeper bump board, as specified in the tournament instructions, will be disqualified.
- When measuring the fish, the **mouth must be closed**. The nose of the fish must be touching the "bump" on the measuring board. The **tail must be splayed (spread out), in the natural position** without touching, stretching, pulling or pinching. If the fish is not measured correctly, it will be disqualified.
- If the tail crosses a graduation line, round up to the nearest graduation line. Measurements will be entered into the FishDonkey app and verified by the Tournament Director.
- If the fish is longer than the official measuring board, bump the nose of the fish against a vertical surface and use a commercial measuring tape to measure the fish. Video from nose to tail, covering the complete length of the fish with the measuring tape and submit the video.
- Official Satilla Riverkeeper bump boards will be mailed to all participants who register **by April 1, 2021.** Anyone registering after April 1, 2021 must pick up their measuring board from one of these locations:
  - Waycross City Hall, 417 Pendleton St, Waycross, GA (Monday Friday, 8am 5pm)
  - **Deep Bend Landing**, 164 Deep Bend Lane, Waynesville, GA (By appointment only 912-222-1819)
  - **Douglas-Coffee County Chamber of Commerce**, 114 N. Peterson Ave Suite 205, Douglas, GA (Monday Friday, 8:30am-5pm)

- The maximum number of participants fishing from a motorized boat is the U.S. Coast Guard maximum persons capacity for the vessel.
- Fish with discolored eyes and/or discolored gills may be disqualified at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee determines all disqualifications or disputes, and the decision of the committee is final.
- Single kayaks must fish in pairs (buddy system) with a minimum of two kayaks.
- Each canoe must carry a minimum of two team members.
- Fishing from the bank is allowed.
- Individuals may submit, via the FISHDONKEY app, any fish caught into any of the five prize categories. The leaderboard will automatically be updated to show the longest fish in each category.
- The *Longest Redbreast Stringer* counts the total length of the individual's three (3) longest redbreast sunfish.

#### **Additional Information**

- Family and friends can download the free app to watch how their favorite fishermen are doing in the leader boards during the 9-day tournament! *Note: Spectators do not have to register for the tournament to view the leader boards.* The app can be downloaded at: www.fishdonkey.com
- FISHDONKEY is an automated fish tournament management system which allows participants to submit photos of the fish within tournament competitive categories. Category prizes are based on fish length, NOT weight.
- Participants will take photos using the FISHDONKEY app of their catch on the official Satilla Riverkeeper **measuring device.** Photos will then be automatically uploaded to the tournament database, evaluated, verified by software, and monitored by the Tournament Committee.
- Leaderboards across all five of the prize categories are updated automatically and are viewable at any time by any tournament participant by accessing the app and selecting the "Satilla River Fishing Tournament."

"FishDonkey makes no representations or warranties regarding the Service or the quality, features, conditions, rules, prizes, results, or other aspects of any tournament ORGANIZED THROUGH, OR hosted on, the Site. AS BETWEEN FISHDONKEY AND THE TOURNAMENT ORGANIZER, THE TOURNAMENT ORGANIZER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RESULTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF THE TOURNAMENTS THEY ORGANIZE AND HOST USING THE SITE AND SERVICES."

FishDonkey is not in any way responsible, but if you believe there is a problem with your tournament director or if something seems suspicious such as not paying out the funds or prizes, please contact FishDonkey and let us know ASAP.

# BY REGISTERING FOR THIS SATILLA RIVER FISHING TOURNAMENT, I HEREBY ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATING IN ANY/ALL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2021 SATILLA RIVERKEEPER FISHING TOURNAMENT

I have read and understand the **2021 Rules, Regulations and Requirements** of the Satilla River Fishing Tournament. By registering for this tournament, I agree to the Rules, Regulations, and Requirements of the Tournament and agree to observe and obey all posted rules and warnings as well as all applicable federal and state laws. I understand that there are certain inherent risks associated with fishing and boating. I assume full responsibility for personal injury to myself and my family members and for myself and my family I release and discharge from all liability and promise not to sue the Satilla Riverkeeper, the host, the Tournament Committee, the Tournament director, and the sponsors for any and all injury or death, property loss or damage arising out of my or my family's attendance or participation at this tournament including travel to or from the activity.

I agree to indemnify and defend the Satilla Riverkeeper, the host, the Tournament committee, the Tournament director, and sponsors against all claims, causes of action, damages, judgments, costs and expenses including attorney's fees and litigation costs, which may in any way arise from my or my family's attendance or participation at the Tournament.

I grant the Satilla Riverkeeper, its representatives, partners, and employees the right to take photographs and/or to use photographs residing within the FishDonkey app of me and any minor participants for which I am the parent/guardian for at the Satilla River Fishing Tournament. I authorize the Satilla Riverkeeper, its assigns and transferees to use such photographs, with or without names, for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content, and to copyright, use and publish the same in print and/or electronically.

Official statements the days of the tournament take precedence over printed materials. The tournament will be held rain or shine. In the event of threatening weather, contestants are reminded to observe safety first and are responsible to determine the extent of their participation. The entry fee is non-refundable. All decisions made the Tournament committee or Tournament Director are final.

I have read this release of liability and assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms, understand that I have given up substantial rights by registering for this tournament, and agree freely and voluntarily without any inducement.