



Annual Tampa Bay Ocean Sweep Reef and Beach Trash Collection Tournament 2023

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INTRODUCTION

*Welcome to our Annual Tampa Bay Ocean Sweep Reef and Beach Trash Collection Tournament. The tournament includes an awards ceremony that is open to registrants and unlimited guests. In addition to category awards, drawings will be held throughout the night for some **Salty** door prizes. Friends and family are encouraged to attend. All proceeds of this event benefit Byrne Ocean Conservation's 501c(3) and provide Scholarships towards Camp Coral.*

EVENT SUMMARY OF DATES/TIMES:

Join us in 2023 for the annual Tampa Bay Ocean Sweep Trash Collection Tournament

Waterborne Teams: Divers, Snorkelers, Kayakers, and boaters

Shoreside Teams: Beach or Park etc

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Captains Meeting 9/14/23

Weigh-in : Ricks on the River 9/16/23

Auction: Ricks on the River 9/16/23

Awards Ceremony: Ricks on the River 9/16/23

Team Cleanup Competition for Prizes

Rain or Shine (No backup date)

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TOURNAMENT DATES, LOCATION AND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Cleanup Tournament: Saturday, September 16, 2023 8am-5pm

The tournament will be held **Saturday, September 16, 2023. The Captains Meeting is Thursday September 14, 2023 from 5-7pm. Teams check in available.** Water Warriors can start cleaning after check-in at 8am-8:45am from The Tampa Bay Region: Tri-County Area: Pinellas, Hillsborough and Sarasota Counties Reefs and Beaches. Weigh-ins will be allowed from 12:30 pm until 2:30 pm. Water Warriors may clean into the afternoon but their vessel must be in the weigh-in area **by 2:30 PM.**

**Main Event Location:
Ricks on the River**

**Weigh-In Locations:
Ricks on the River**

Awards and trophy presentations will commence at 3:00pm at Ricks on the River. The presentation ceremony is a public event. *In addition to category awards, drawings will be held throughout the night for some **salty** door prizes. Friends and family are encouraged to attend Bring Friends and Family!* There will be plenty of room and plenty of fun!

TOURNAMENT PACKAGE

Tournament is a team competition. For each team registered, you will be provided a tournament package. It will include; Team bucket, and lunch ticket for each volunteer (Lunch provided at Mulletts Fish House) Rules will be available upon request for those who do not have them by then.

FORMAT

The tournament format is a team competition. All applicants under the age of 18 must have the content of a parent to participate, forms must be signed prior to event participation.

The Prize Categories are for Two Divisions: Waterborne or Shoreside

Trash will be calculated by total weight (lbs) &/or (qty) depending on category .

Categories:



Shoreside:

1st place Winners

Team or individual (6 winners: 3 team winners & 3 individual winners)

- **Total weight**
- **Most unique Item**
- **Most single us plastics**

Waterborne:

Team competition by vessel

1st and 2nd place winners

6 winning Teams

- **Total weight**
- **Most unique item**
- **Most Anchors**

Youth:

Waterborne or shoreside

1 winner from each

2 total winners

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Water Warriors must register in either the Waterborne or Shoreside. Divers that wish to participate in both categories must complete a separate entry form waiver.

THE COMPETITION

Water Warriors will be allowed to weigh in unlimited times per category during the Tampa Bay Ocean Sweep

Juniors must participate in the event with their parent (or legal guardian) and have the parent's (or legal guardian's) signature on the waiver of liability to participate. This signature must be notarized or witnessed by the tournament director or the tournament coordinator.



PRIZES & TROPHIES

Prize Categories:

14 prize categories:

9 team prizes: 6 1st place and 3 2nd place prize bundles

Five individual prize options

First place Winners

Two youth prizes

REGISTRATION

Registration for the tournament includes the following:

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Free for all to enter

Waterborne Team Competition

Shoreside Individual or Team Competition

Youth Competition

Registration Forms and Release and Waiver Forms are available [online](https://www.waterwarrioralliance.org) at www.waterwarrioralliance.org

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WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE

All weigh-ins will take place at Ricks on the River. To get your trash weighed, your boat must be inside the docking area no later than 2:30 PM on the day of the tournament.

When you arrive in the weigh-in area:

- All trash must be sorted by category to be weighed/ counted. There is a sorting area open to Water Warriors. Water Warriors presenting any trash that does not appear to have been taken from reef or beach will result in disqualification. Water Warriors weighting personal trash will also be disqualified.



Trash must be weighed during the designated time frame window on Saturday, September, 2023 from 12:30pm to 2:30pm). Trash must be collected during the specified timeframe of the tournament.

ADDITIONAL RULES

- 1) All adult contestants must be 18 years of age or older, and have signed Release and Waiver Form to participate in the tournament. All juniors must have the Release and Waiver Form signed by a supervising parent or legal guardian, notarized or witnessed by the tournament director/coordinator.
- 2) All contestants and boats must possess all proper safety equipment, Coast Guard equipment, First Aid kits and VHF radios as required by state law.
- 3) By entering this tournament each contestant has given implied and expressed rights and consent for Tampa Bay Ocean Sweeps Byrne Ocean Conservation to use his or her name, and or likeness to promote any current and future efforts, events or promotions.
- 4) Decisions, interpretations and disputes of all these rules will be discussed and decided upon by the Tournament Directors. Contestants are responsible for knowledge of any and all rules and amendments to the rules,
- 5) Reimbursement of Tournament Fees paid can occur up to, but not within, 30 days prior to the event.
- 6) In the case of inclement weather or excessive sea conditions, It is a single day event. There is no back-up date for the tournament.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

We reserve the right to disqualify individuals for suspect trash, unsportsmanlike conduct, or disruption. If you have a dispute, we will do everything possible to address it. We just ask for courtesy, and your participation in this event means that you will accept the committee's majority decision in a respectful manner, without further recourse.