

Big Island "Pelagic Pursuit" Kayak Fishing Tournament

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Formerly known as the Yak Attack, this tournament will incorporate new changes to the categories and the rules.



The P and P Kayak "Pelagic Pursuit" Kayak Fishing Tournament will be taking place August 14th and 15th. Here are some of the details for "Pelagic Pursuit" tournament...

Kayak fisherman are welcome to fish at any location around the Big Island that they choose. For those who are time challenged, you're welcome to compete on a single day as long as you can bring your catch to the weigh-in on Sunday Aug 15th from 3:30-5:30 pm at the P and P Kayak retail store.

Traveling without kayak? Or interested in entering but don't yet own a kayak? You're in luck. Enter the tournament (both inshore and offshore) and get a free XT Angler kayak rental for the weekend. Available for first time tournament entrants only. There is limited availability, so don't delay to enter!

In the Open class (Which is now the only class), there will be two kayak fishing categories, one for those catching the Inshore Fish species and a 2nd category for those going after the Pelagic Species. Entrants can enter one or both categories. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three anglers in each category. The Open Class, entry fees for the tournament are \$40 for a single category and \$65 for both inshore and offshore categories. Early entrants (before Aug 7th) will receive an early entry discount, \$35 for one category and \$55 for both categories. One big rule change is that the Pro entrants (previously only allowed in Pro), as well as motorized Kayaks (3hp cap), will now be permitted to enter the Open Class. In our recent tournaments we've seen that the pros have rarely been able to surpass all the Recreational Anglers in performance so there is certainly no guarantee that they will be the ones taking down the top cash prizes. Motorized kayaks will be allowed for this tournament. They will be having to

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overcome a 10% handicap. If the fish weigh in at 50 pounds, they will only be credited as a 45 pound catch.

Cash Prizes of \$500 for 1st, \$200 for 2nd and \$100 for 3rd will be awarded for each division, Pelagic and Inshore. Another change to the tournament... P & P will be raffling off an Angler Kayak at the weigh in. All entrants (except the 1st place winners) will be eligible to win the kayak, but you must be present at the weigh in to win.

All entrants will receive a T-Shirt with soft drinks and pupu's being served during the weigh-in hours, Sunday from 3:30-5:30pm at the P and P Retail store.

The heaviest fish in each category will be scored. If by some stroke of incredible fortune that you manage to haul in the biggest fish in both the inshore and Pelagic categories (it's never happened yet), only the largest fish would count for one \$500 1st place prize.. You could still be eligible to win the \$200 prize in the other category, but only a single \$500 cash payout per entrant.

All entrants catching fish and wanting to win a prize must show up during those weigh-in hours on Sunday from 3:30-5:30pm to be eligible for awards. Weigh-in cut off time will be strictly enforced as it has been in the past. Sea Life not allowed will be Eels, Turtles, Rays, Sharks, and Marine Mammals. Fish Only! Fishing must be accomplished from a kayak though you are free to fish at any location around the Big Island that you choose. No assistance from motor boats (other than fishing from an electric or small outboard (3hp cap) powered kayak) is allowed. State Law must be obeyed. Kayakers must have a PFD and whistle on board while fishing in the tournament

All fish must be caught by rod and reel from a kayak. No night fishing is allowed during the Tournament. No previously frozen or rotten fish allowed. The weigh-in time will be strictly observed. Fish as late as you like, but make the weigh-in deadline on Sunday.

The category for Inshore fish will be comprised of Ulua, Kahala, O'milu, Kagami, Kaku, Uku, Kumu, Aha and all reef fish such as Roi, Palani or Kal. The Offshore Category will be comprised of Ahi, Mahimahi, Ono, Aku, Kawakawa, Spearfish and any other Billfish. Any species caught but not listed above will be classified by the contest officials.

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Entry Forms and Waivers will be available at the P and P retail store... or email us kate@plentypupule.com

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