

# FISHING TOURNAMENTS

## No Fish Tale



By David Ball

The Port Arthur Convention and Visitors Bureau (PACVB) will be hosting two fishing tournaments this year. From the professional to the weekend angler and kids maybe fishing for the very first time, the SALT Fishing Rodeo and the Oh Boy! Oberto Redfish Cup offers a good time for everyone.

The SALT tournament is in its 34th year and will run from May 24-25 on Pleasure Island. There are three offshore divisions and five inshore divisions, according to organizer Stan Armstrong.

Inshore anglers will be fishing for speckled trout, flounder, redfish, black drum and sheephead while offshore fishing will consist of ling, red snapper and king mackerel. First place for a spec is \$1,000, first place for a redfish is \$800, a flounder \$500 and black drum and sheephead are \$150 a piece for first place. First place for the offshore division is \$500 across the board. Last year's tournament had 300 entrants.

Junior anglers will compete in 11 different sub-divisions from specs to crabs for trophies. Armstrong said the kids will have their catch weighed like the big boys and oohed and aahed over. Prizes for top inshore and offshore women anglers will be given, as well.

Door prizes will be awarded



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including a grand prize of a \$1,000 travel voucher will be won by some lucky recipient. Also, vendors such as boat vendors will be donating items for the tournament.

Armstrong said for more information, call him either 963-0433 or 883-0725. The Oberto Cup will

run from May 30 - June 1 at Pleasure Island for the second year in a row.

Patti Salter with the PACVB said the tournament will have more of a festive atmosphere with events such as redfish calling, papier mache redfish to color from Texas Artist Museum,

music and different vendors. Last year's artist was Gil James and Cajun Harmony.

Salter said one of the best parts of the tournament is listening to the fishermen's stories at weigh-in. ESPN 2 will be covering the event and taping the weigh-in sessions.