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South Padre Island to Host 2026 Dargel Boats Owner's Fishing Tournament

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas, May 21, 2026 - South Padre Island, one of the nation's premier saltwater fishing destinations, will once again welcome anglers from across Texas and beyond for the 2026 Dargel Boats Owner's Fishing Tournament, set for May 29-30, 2026. Hosted at the South Padre Island Convention Center, the annual tournament brings together Dargel boat owners and fishing enthusiasts for a weekend of competition, camaraderie, and coastal adventure.

Competitors will take to the waters of the Lower Laguna Madre in pursuit of trophy redfish, with the tournament's signature "spot" format awarding prizes to the slot redfish with the most spots.

"South Padre Island offers some of the best shallow water fishing anywhere on the Texas coast, making it the perfect setting for the Dargel Boats Owner's Tournament," said Kelly deSchaun, Chief Executive Officer for Visit South Padre Island. "This event brings together passionate anglers, beautiful coastal scenery, and the welcoming atmosphere that makes South Padre Island such a special destination. Visitors can spend the day on the water and then enjoy incredible dining, nightlife, beaches, and outdoor activities throughout the Island."

Tournament festivities include a captain's meeting, dinner, raffles, and tournament activities at the convention center, followed by a full day of fishing on the Laguna Madre. Anglers and spectators alike can expect an exciting weekend celebrating South Texas fishing culture and the legendary shallow-water performance of Dargel Boats.

Full tournament details and registration information can be found at [Dargel Boats Tournament Website](#).

More information about Visit South Padre Island, including accommodations, dining, attractions, and upcoming events, is available online at www.visitsouthpadreisland.com

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About South Padre Island

With miles of pristine shoreline and clear emerald water, South Padre Island is Texas' only tropical island paradise. Calm weather and more than 300 days of sunshine make South Padre Island a year-round destination offering a variety of nature tourism attractions, water sports, and activities for the entire family. For more information, visit www.visitsouthpadreisland.com.