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South Padre Island Gears Up For The 83rd Texas International Fishing Tournament

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND, Texas, July 25, 2023 – South Padre Island is thrilled to host once again the Texas International Fishing Tournament (TIFT) on August 2-6, 2023. As Texas' largest saltwater fishing tournament, TIFT is set to bring together anglers from around the world for a thrilling competition and unforgettable fishing experiences.

"The Texas International Fishing Tournament is a beloved tradition here on South Padre Island, having established itself as an iconic event that attracts both seasoned anglers and enthusiastic amateurs to our shores each year," said Blake Henry, South Padre Island CVB Executive Director. "South Padre Island offers the perfect backdrop for the prestigious tournament, and we are honored to host the 83rd edition. We invite fishing enthusiasts, family, and friends to join us for an incredible week of camaraderie, competition, and celebration of our island's marine life."

Anglers will compete in one of three exhilarating divisions to showcase their skills: bay, tarpon, and offshore. The bay division promises fierce competition as anglers target popular species like redfish, speckled trout, and flounder within the picturesque Laguna Madre Bay. The tarpon division brings excitement and thrill as participants aim to catch the mighty silver king. Lastly, the offshore division allows anglers to battle impressive deep-sea species such as marlin, sailfish, and tuna. The tournament also features a junior division, and every child registered is awarded a trophy for their efforts.

The tournament begins with late registration on Wednesday and Thursday, August 2-3, with Thursday also featuring a special Playday for junior anglers. Fishing begins early Friday morning, kicking off at 6:30 a.m. for both bay and offshore. The tournament wraps up on Sunday, August 6, with a lunch and awards ceremony at 11:00 a.m. Online registration is open now, and on-site registration will be held at the South Padre Island Convention Center on Thursday, August 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Registration fees vary by age, ranging from \$40-\$125 per angler.

To learn more or register, please visit the event's website at tift.org.

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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.sopadre.com.

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