

2022-23 *Haven Fishing Club*



Who is ready to go fishing for their school? *Let's...go...fishing!*

To Register Click Here: [Haven Fishing Club Registration Form](#)

*In its inaugural season in 2021-22, the *Haven Fishing Club (HFC)* had over 200 boys and girls in grades kindergarten through 12th grade, and over 1000 fish, and 22 different salt and freshwater fish were caught! In May we named 6 champions in 6 different divisions- 4 of the 6 were from NBH and 2 were from BH. Congratulations to all of the participants.

*The mission and objective of the *Haven Fishing Club (HFC)* is to provide opportunities for our students to fish in the beautiful waters of Bay County, to increase parental involvement in their child's lives, to expose our students to the various bodies of water, fisheries, economy and ecosystems in our area, and, to have a lot of fun enjoying the outdoors, fishing, being in the water, and competing.

*The cost to join the club is \$25 per student angler. Please go on our website and pay on-line as the schools prefer no cash or checks. To pay online visit the northbayhaven.org or bayhaven.org websites (once on the website you will 1- Click on Our School 2- Click on Make a Payment 3- Choose your child's school 4- Click on Clubs and Activities) 5) Click on "Fishing Club." Once I receive your payment and registration form you will receive a confirmation email that your child is all registered.

*All Having Fishing Club students will receive a long sleeve dri-fit fishing shirt (can be worn as a spirit shirt on both campuses and, anglers will be eligible for prizes and awards.

**Student/Adult HFC Apparel*- Many of you loved our shirts last year and asked about how to get one- students, staff and adults. New this year we will have an optional Haven Fishing Club Apparel Website through Almega Sports - here you will find various types of shirts, sweatshirts, hats, shorts and other apparel from lower priced to higher priced items and available to

everyone. Students, make sure you follow your school dress code as not all apparel will be allowed to be worn at school (such as hoodies in grades K-8, shorts, or hats, etc.). More to come when the site is finished.

*Season begins Labor Day Weekend, September 3rd, 2022 and ends Sunday, May 14, 2023.

*Students must register by 12-15-22 in order to participate this season.

*Open season concept- you may fish 7 days a week unlimited hours until May 14th!!

*Open to all K-12 NBH and all K-8 BH students.

*Live scoreboard links will be available for instant updates by all participants (*Live links below*)

*25 fish species native to the area- both freshwater and saltwater

*This is a student club club, so the expectation is that students will be fishing either on their own, with their friends, or with a parent and/or grandparent, relative or family friend, or staff member. Only students may enter scorable fish.

*All rules are based on an honor system so we expect honesty and everyone to follow our rules. Any dishonesty may result in disqualification of the member. Again, this is a club, not a big money tournament.

*Monthly clinics, tournaments and events are being planned- more to come.....

*Awards for individual and school leaders

 **Top 5 Species Leaders (See below)

 **Male Angler of the Year (see below)

 **Female Angler of the Year (see below)

*Each person is responsible for their own equipment.

*All fish must comply with FWCC rules and regulations- know when to catch and release. Spear fishing will be allowed for flounder.

*Fishing can take place from shorelines, salt or freshwater, creeks, ponds, lakes, wading, kayaks, canoes, bridges, piers, and/or non-charter boats.

*Fishing may take place in the Gulf of Mexico, Bays, Bayous, rivers, marsh, ponds and/or lakes within 250 nautical miles from Panama City

ELIGIBLE SPECIES:

Reef Fish	Pelagics	Inshore	Freshwater
Grouper (All)	Wahoo	Redfish	Largemouth/ Smallmouth Bass
Snapper (All)	Mahi/Dolphin Fish	Trout (All)	Bluegill/ Sunfish (All)
Amberjack	Spanish Mackerel	Flounder	Crappie
Triggerfish	King Mackerel	Tarpon	Catfish (All)
Barracuda	Tuna/Bonita	Sheepshead	
	Cobia	Tripletail	
	Billfish (All)	Black Drum	
		Florida Pompano	
		Pinfish	

SCORING and AWARDS

Top 5 Species Live Leaderboards

*Top 5 leaderboard links for each species updated live all season. Here are the links:

[Live Leaderboard Link Elementary Boys Division](#)

[Live Leaderboard Link MS Boys Division](#)

[Live Leaderboard Link HS Boys Division](#)

[Live Leaderboard Link Elementary Girls Division](#)

[Live Leaderboard Link MS Girls Division](#)

[Live Leaderboard Link HS Girls Division](#)

*6 divisions- Elementary Boys and Girls, MS Boys and Girls, HS Boys and Girls

*Method of Scoring- "Length" -Standard Measure (Nose to back of tailfin)

*All fish entries must be entered by 11:59 PM of May 14

*Ties will remain ties

*See below on how to register fish

*Prizes will be given to the 25 leaderboard champions in each division

Male Angler of the Year

*Goes to the male student that has the most points from the "Top 10 Leaderboard" which is an accumulation of points earned from all 25 fish species leaderboards.

*The Top 10 leaderboard goes up and down and changes daily as fish are entered into the 25 leaderboards. For example, in week 1 Johnny Smith may have 25 points total, but the next week he now only has 20 points total. This would be the case if someone knocked him out of certain categories so he "lost" the five points in those categories.

*Points are received as following:

**5 points for biggest fish in each category, 4 points for 2nd, 3 points for 3rd, 2 points for 4th and 1 point for 5th place within each fish species category.

*During some weekends or special events, certain fish may be worth double points for a specific window. For example, in March we will have a bass fishing tournament so for that weekend only, all bass will be worth double points.

*Last date to enter fish, 11:59PM, May 14, 2023

Female Angler of the Year

*Goes to the female student that has the most points from the "Top 10 Leaderboard" which is an accumulation of points earned from all 25 fish species leaderboards.

*The Top 10 leaderboard goes up and down and changes daily as fish are entered into the 25 leaderboards. For example, week 1 Sally Smith may have 25 points total, but the next week she now only has 20 points total. This would be the case if someone knocked her out of certain categories so she "lost" the five points in those categories.

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How to Enter/ Register Fish and Regular Updates....

For each fish entry, email Principal McLaughlin the following information 24-7:

mclaum@bayhaven.org. If you have any questions you may also call/text me on my work cell

at 850-630-6427.

- 1- Clear picture of the fish in front of the tape measure so the length of the fish is clearly visible (nose to back of tailfin- standard measurement).
- 2- Name of species of fish
- 3- Important: Your child's name, what division he/she is in, and name of your child's school.
- 4- Optional- Picture of you and your fish for our *Monthly Fishing Newsletter* - Important- if you send in pictures, just make sure the picture is appropriate for school and you are allowing me to share it in the *Haven Fishing Club Newsletters* and on the NBH and BH social media pages!!

Monthly updates and information will be communicated through our HFC Newsletter which will be emailed to you and your child. Thank you and I hope you and your family have an amazing season- Mr. McLaughlin

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