



## 2019 Texas Anglers Charity Classic

A joint inshore fishing tournament between **NOV & Transocean** benefiting local veteran's charities

Thank you to all our participants, volunteers, sponsors, and donors who made the 2019 tournament the most successful year yet! For our 2019 tournament, the two organizations TACC chose to benefit were Mission United and Camp Hope.

Mission United: Proudly services those who have served. Veterans returning home from service often find the transition from a structured military regimen to a less structured civilian life extremely difficult. They struggle to find employment, navigate the hiring process, and re-engage in careers that give them a sense of purpose. Too many veterans returning to civilian life struggle to meet their most basic needs, like housing and health care. With MISSION UNITED, all it takes is one call for veterans, active duty military members, and their families to be connected with a dedicated case coordinator who will guide them through the process from beginning to end and find the resources to meet their unique needs.

PTSD Foundation of America – Camp Hope: Provides interim housing for wounded warriors, veterans and their families suffering from combat related PTSD in a caring and positive environment. In addition to temporary housing, Camp Hope offers a 90+ day PTSD recovery program. Staff also assists veterans with a myriad of issues including job placement, coordination with the Department of Veteran's Affairs and reputable veteran service organizations to assist with claims and benefits, transportation to appointments and peer support groups integration. The Camp Hope community embraces our troops, veterans and their families as they seek the rewarding and fulfilling lives they so richly deserve.

The Greater Houston area is home to more than 300,000 veterans, the second largest veteran population in the United States.

228

Anglers in the tournament

339

Pounds of fish weighed

\$90,460

Total Raised



NOV & Transocean worked together to organize and host the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Texas Anglers Charity Classic on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in Galveston, TX. The weather was a little spotty on Friday which resulted in us giving anglers an extra hour to reel in the big one on Saturday. We ended up with beautiful clear skies on Saturday and tons of fish in the boat.

The captain's happy hour was one of the biggest yet with over 120 anglers in attendance. We served appetizers and beverages courtesy of our sponsors **ABB**, **8<sup>th</sup> wonder brewery**, and **Beer, Blood and the Bayou**. This was a great time to answer questions about the rules and give anglers a detailed account of the following days events.

Saturday was a great day on the water! We had 75 teams and 7 individuals participate in the tournament. With weigh in pushed back an hour to 5pm, our anglers really had a chance to compete. **Coastal Bend Weigh Team** was back for another year. Ed, Denise and Danielle did an outstanding job running the weigh in and their professionalism really made for a smooth tournament. Ed and Danielle are both proud Veterans. Their commitment to supporting our veteran charities included donating their weigh-in services in support of the tournament.

While listening to steel drum entertainment from **Ray Theaux of Ray's Island Sounds**, participants were able to purchase raffle tickets for the opportunity to win great prizes ranging from rods, reels, and tackle, to Astros gear and tickets to a game. Our first year to host a silent auction was also a great success! We had a one of a kind **Avid Angler** necklace plus **Captain's Trey Prye & Grey Francis** were generous enough to donate guided fishing trips.

This year's 1<sup>st</sup> place slam was presented to Reel Slick, weighing in at 28.51 lbs. 2<sup>nd</sup> place slam went to team Hook Setters at 21.61 lbs., and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to WEKNEEDEEP at 20.98 lbs. Red Drum went to Marsh Pirates at 8.69 lbs. and Reel Slick took home Speckled Trout at 5.88 lbs. and Flounder at 3.7 lbs. Congrats to all of our winners. They all took home a custom made trophy from **M.C.Welding**, a visa gift card, various rods and tackle, and other items from our generous donors.

This event has really gained continued community support with over half of our sponsors being repeats from the previous year. During our sponsor plaque ceremony, **Polar Rig and Gulf Electroquip** surprised everyone by EACH donating an additional \$5,000 to support our veteran charities. We cannot thank our sponsors enough. With the help of all our sponsors, donors, and participants, we were able raise \$90,460 to be split between Mission United and Camp Hope.

We will see ya'll back in Galveston on April 25<sup>th</sup> for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual tournament!





**1<sup>st</sup> place slam**

Team: Reel Slick

David Jatter, Joe Madsen & Daniel Hilliard



**3<sup>rd</sup> place slam**

Team: WEKNEEDEEP

Jesus Rangel, Marty Pickett & Luis Antu



**1<sup>st</sup> place Trout (left)**

Joe Madsen

**1<sup>st</sup> place Red (right)**

Cameron Palmore



**1<sup>st</sup> place Flounder**

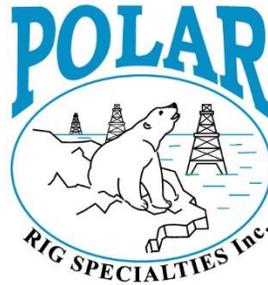
Joe Madsen

**2<sup>nd</sup> place slam** (not pictured)

Team Hook Setters

Jeff Haehnel, Nick Jamilla, and Jared West

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Special Thank You to our sponsors who made in kind donations. Our raffle and first, second, third place prizes would not have been possible without your support!!