Note: - Anglers with a "released" Tarpon during a 2 or 3 day hunt <u>must</u> be present at the weigh-in, on the dock by 4 pm latest - for the fish to count for that hunt.

## **Club Rules and Guidelines**

- 10/ Tarpon "released" at anytime during the season count towards your total for the year. Tarpon hooked prior to the starting time of a hunt are not eligible for the hunt, but qualify for a "release" for the year. Tarpon are not eligible for your yearly total, if "released" during an official club function, for example a club meeting, club picnic etc, or between 4 & 5pm during a weigh-in at the dock after a two or three day hunt.
- 11/ There are three divisions per hunt, unlimited, light tackle and fly. There will be awards for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Tarpon "released". No ties in regards to hunt winners, time of "release" always takes precedence.
- 12/ All "releases": The weigh-master <u>must</u> be notified within 24 hours of a "release" to count for that year. Include name of Angler, time of release, approximate weight of fish, line weight, bait used, location of hook up, and boat Captain's name.
- 13/ A "Junior member" is a member who is 16 yrs. old or younger on or before the 1st of January and is then considered a Junior member for the rest of that season.
- 14/ A "Rookie member" is a member who has never caught a legal Tarpon with the club. The member will be considered a Rookie for the remainder of the season of their first club release.
- 15/ During a Couples hunt, the lady must catch the 1st fish.
- 16/ Any fish caught with a <u>paid Charter Captain</u> will <u>not</u> count as a club release.
- 17/ A club member may belong to more than one Tarpon club, but "releases" will qualify for one organization only. That club must be specified on our membership application each year.
- 18/ Any ties that occur for all hunts or annual awards will be decided by the time of <u>first fish</u> "release".

Note: - Tarpon weight may be estimated by using the MirrOlure Tarpon weight computer. A copy of this table can be supplied by the club.

## Light Tackle Division Regulations (20lb. Line class & under)

- L/1 Club will recognize 4 lb.(2kg.), 8 lb.(4kg.), 12 lb.(6kg.), 16 lb.(8kg.), and 20lb.(l0kg.) line classes An information sheet is available from the club detailing leader lengths and specifications.
- L/2 Any world record fish caught by a club member will get a special trophy at the Awards Banquet at the end of that season.
- L/3 4lb. Line class: Tarpon must be 36 inches long to be legal. (To the "V' of the tail), not 50 lbs. as for conventional line classes.
- L/4 A Sportsman trophy will be presented to a member with the most "releases" on 12 lb. line or less.
- L/5 A trophy will be given to any club member who catches 3 or more Tarpon on 3 different line classes in one season. (This includes unlimited and fly rod classes). Called the "Tarpon Grand Slam Award"
- L/6 Awards will be given for first and second place to club members with the most releases on fly rod (any leader length allowed) and each line class, at the annual Awards Banquet. Page 2 of 2