

# 2023 Gasparilla Island Kids Classic Tarpon Tournament



■ Ethan Coleman, the first male angler to release a tarpon, working hard.



■ This angler on the winning boat was putting his back into it and giving it all he had.



■ Anglers on the winning boat of "Family Tradition" with Capt. Travis Joiner. They include Hugh Potter, Braeden Dolphin, Grady Abbott and Brandt Cataldo.



■ Second place anglers on "Irene" with Capt. Dave Hayden included Nicky Hayden, Luke Lemieux, Aiden Abernatchy and Jax Babbs.



■ Third Place went to the team on "Last Call" with Capt. C.J. Soderquist. Anglers were Crosby Ghiskey, Buzz Fox and Lincoln Gale.



■ First fish was caught and released by Ethan Coleman (left) and Piper Shortuse (right), and both won Zap skimboards and apparel.



■ Above are the majority of the young anglers who released at least one tarpon. They were individually recognized and presented with medals for their efforts. In all, 27 tarpon were released in the tournament. There were 21 boats with 78 anglers in the tournament this year.

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