



2012 Certified USC Observer Program Application Form

Event Dates & Location:

May 4th – 6th Laishley Crab House at Laishly Park, Punta Gorda, Florida

Free Training Session Date & Location:

May 4th between the hours of 4pm and 7pm at the Laishley Park Marina Community room in Punta Gorda, FL.

What a USC Observer does.

One observer is assigned to each team vessel for a full day of competition on May 5th and/or 6th. Competition hours both days are 7am - 4pm. All Observers will first be trained in the following areas.

- Observer Guidelines
- Species Identification
- Best Practice Catch & Release Procedures
- Tagging and Documentation
- USC Rules and Regulations

We appreciate your interest in participating as a Certified USC Observer Volunteer in this innovative angling format designed to meet the combined goals of sport, science and conservation. All Observers must be at least 18 years of age and are required to submit a completed application.

Some fishing experience is recommended. Applicants should not be prone to seasickness, and must be physically capable of carrying out the required tasks, while sharing a desire to promote responsible recreational fishing and the conservation of our marine resources.

Applicants are urged to visit the tournament website at www.TheUltimateSharkChallenge.com to familiarize themselves with the event and its format.

Observer eligibility will be made based on a variety of factors including, but not limited to information provided on this application form. All applications will be accepted, reviewed and considered by tournament staff. In some cases, further communications may be requested. The USC reserves the right to approve or deny any applicant.

Upon review, applicants will be contacted by a USC Tournament Director and notified whether or not they've been accepted into the program. Before receiving an event assignment, accepted applicants must successfully attend a free training session held the afternoon of May 4th at the tournament location in Punta Gorda between the hours of 4pm and 7pm.

Individuals who successfully attend and complete the training session will be designated a certified 'USC Observer'. Required items will be provided by the USC.



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YOUR INFO:

First Name: _____

Last Name: _____

Nicknames (if any): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Numbers:

Cell: _____ Home: _____ Work: _____

Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

Website: _____

Gender (please circle or check): M F

Age: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Height: _____

Weight: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Numbers:

Cell: _____ Home: _____ Work: _____

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Have you attended training or been an Observer for this event in the past? Y N

Are you willing to travel to tournaments and training outside your area? Y N

Are you able to attend a training session the afternoon of May 4th in Punta Gorda? Y N

Which of the following tournament dates are you available to observe?

May 5th, 2012 May 6th, 2012

Are you physically able to observe from a boat for a full day? Y N

Are you prone to seasickness? Never Sometimes Often

Have you ever fished professionally? Y N As a: Captain Mate

Have you ever fished in a tournament? Y N How Many? _____

Have you been an observer in any tournaments? Y N

Are you familiar with the species of sharks found in the Southwest Florida area? Y N

A "NO" answer does not disqualify you from being an observer. All observers must attend a training session on shark identification.

Do you now or have you ever owned a boat? Y N

Do you own a digital camera (video/still) that you're willing to use during the tournament? Y N

Options for Returning Completed Application Forms:

Electronically

If you were emailed this form or downloaded it from the USC website as a Microsoft Word document, you can type your answers into the fields provided, save a copy to your computer, and email it as an attachment to: Directors@UltimateSharkChallenge.com

US Mail

If you received a hardcopy of this form or downloaded it in PDF format from the USC website to fill out by hand, the mailing address is:

Ultimate Shark Challenge
6672 Marius Road
North Port, FL 34287

Contact: Brooks Paxton: 941-416-5073, Sean Paxton: 941-416-1788 or via email to:
Directors@UltimateSharkChallenge.com