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**60th Annual Destin Fishing Rodeo Commences near Hotel in Destin, Florida**

*Residence Inn Sandestin at Grand Boulevard Supports Month-Long Fishing Competition*

DESTIN, FL, October 05, 2008 **/24-7PressRelease/** -- October 1, 2008 marked the commencement of the 60th Annual Fishing Rodeo in Destin, Florida. Established in 1948, the Destin Fishing Rodeo is the ultimate fishing tournament for saltwater anglers of all ages.

Open every day from October 1 through October 31, 2008, the rodeo is free to anglers fishing aboard a registered event boat, whether private or chartered. They also offer free entry for pier, bridge, jetty and surf fishing. Throughout the month of October, over \$100,000 will be awarded in cash and prizes. Virtually every gamefish is recognized with awards throughout the competition, whether you're trolling inshore for King Mackerel, offshore for Marlin and Sailfish, or fishing the deep bottoms for Red Snapper and Grouper.

Weigh-ins will take place every day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at A.J.'s Seafood & Oyster Bar. These daily weigh-ins are open to the public at no charge.

With over 30,000 anglers expected to compete in this year's competition, Destin is sure to be packed with residents and out-of-towners alike. The Residence Inn Sandestin at Grand Boulevard is offering the perfect accommodations for any length of stay. Retreat to the comfort of private [Sandestin, Florida suites](#), which feature full kitchens and separate, well-designed living and sleeping areas. Stay connected with free Wi-Fi and wired high-speed Internet access, and enjoy down-time in the game room, library, outdoor pool, hot tub or fitness center. Then wake up to a free hot breakfast buffet each morning and enjoy complimentary social hours select evenings during the week.

Make the Residence Inn [Sandestin Hotel](#) at Grand Boulevard your home base, whether fishing in the rodeo or coming as a spectator, this Florida hotel offers the ideal accommodations to help you lose your sea legs and steady yourself on solid ground.

The Destin Fishing Rodeo is a non-profit organization that is supported by our members, sponsors, local businesses, and the fishing community. For more information, email [fishing@destinfishingrodeo.org](mailto:fishing@destinfishingrodeo.org), call (850) 837-6734, or visit <http://destinfishingrodeo.org/>

Residence Inn Sandestin at Grand Boulevard

Discover the new Residence Inn Sandestin at Grand Boulevard, a [pet-friendly hotel in Destin](#), Florida hotel located just beyond the gates of the 2,400-acre Sandestin Golf and Beach Resort. Welcoming guests to a stunning setting on the Gulf coast, this Sandestin hotel allows for all the privileges of the resort community, including sandy beaches, spa services, shopping, nightlife and marina access, complete with a complimentary tram service. Let this [Miramar Beach hotel](#) pamper you with all the comforts of home. For more information or to make a reservation, call (850) 650-7811 or visit <http://marriott.com/hotels/travel/vpsri>