



## **Dockside Striper Tournament Official Rules June 24-27, 2010**

### **UNDERSTANDING THE RULES**

It is the responsibility of all participants to familiarize themselves with all the rules and regulations and agree to abide by said rules and regulations. Participants also agree that all decisions of the Tournament Committee are final. All participants will be required to sign the attached release and indemnification agreement (Youth anglers will need a legal adult to sign on their behalf).

#### **1. Participation**

The tournament will be held on Friday, Saturday, Sunday June 25th-27th 2010, with a Captain's Party on Thursday June 24th. This tournament is open to everyone. You can enter the tournament by sending in a registration form to York Harbor Marine Service or you can enter online at [www.docksidestripertournament.org](http://www.docksidestripertournament.org). All checks should be payable to "*Dockside Striper Tournament*". Online payments may be made using PayPal or a credit card on the tournament website. All proceeds will be shared between Kittery Footprints Food Pantry and York Community Food Pantry.

Participation is open to people who are 5 years of age or older. The Youth Division is for any girl or boy between the ages of 5-14 yrs.. Any person entering a tournament under 18 must also have the signature of his or her parent or legal guardian in the provided space on the entry form.

**New for 2010: Team Awards**~ To encourage increased participation in the event the Tournament Committee has added a team award based on overall points. Teams of four (4) people will register individually but will inform the tournament committee of their 4-person team and team name. Teams will be eligible for cash & prize awards based on total points earned. Points will be assigned to every division and every category and total points will be totaled on Sunday at the conclusion of the final weigh-in.

Online registration must be processed on or before the deadline of June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010. After that date, registrations will be accepted in-person at York Harbor Marine Service (June 22<sup>nd</sup> through June 24th) and after that at the Captain's Party beginning @ 5:00 PM on June 24th.

#### **2. Important Tournament Details**

Participants must appear in person at the Captain's Party which will take place Thursday June 24, 2010 from 5 to 8 PM. At that time, participants will be given a Captain's Bags which will include an "official tournament measurement tape", catch reporting forms, and other ancillary items. Captain's Bags WILL NOT be given out prior to the Captain's Party for any reason.

Address of the Captains Party~ Dockside Restaurant, 22 Harris Island Rd, York, ME 03909

\*This is a tournament being held in Maine waters, participants are strongly reminded they will need to adhere to Maine law with regard to possession & size limits. All participants are required to follow all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations and laws. Any violations of such regulations and laws may result in disqualification.

#### **3. Sportsmanship & Boating Safety**

This tournament is intended to be a fun event where the highest levels of sportsmanship are displayed at all times. Each participant is encouraged to wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device. Participants are responsible to ensure their boat and operator meets all USCG requirements.

#### 4. Fishing Divisions and permitted fishing methods

**Striped Bass Only – “Catch & Release” Division**- this is a catch and release division and all fish photographed for presentation to the tournament judging table are to be released alive and in good condition. The length of the fish will determine the winning fish. There will be four (4) categories as follows:

- **Women’s Open**- Only open to women, Fly rod or Open tackle, Ages 15 & up
- **Fly Fishing** – fish must be caught by using a fly rod with artificial fly
- **Open ~Bait/ Tackle**- Fish must be caught by using bait or artificial lures (bait can be alive or dead); the use of circle hooks is strongly encouraged.
- **Youth**- Fish must be caught by a boy or girl between the ages of 5-14 yrs

**Striped Bass Only- “Harvest” Division**- this is a harvest division, you are permitted to fish Open tackle or bait or Fly rod/reel & flies. The weight of the fish will determine the winning fish. There are no separate categories in this division \*There will be only ONE winning fish \* \*\*See Rule #8 below\*\*

- **Heaviest Striper- (Open) – Fly/Tackle/ Bait/ All tackle**

**Other Species** – There is a kill division for the following (3) species only:

- **Bluefish**- fish may be caught either by using fly rod or open tackle, Ages 5 & up
- **Atlantic Cod**- fish may be caught either by using fly rod or open tackle, Ages 5 & up
- **Mackerel**- Open to KIDS ONLY, Ages 5-14 yrs

#### 5. Fishing locations and Rules

\*With regard to size limits and possession laws, while the tournament participants may fish open saltwater in Maine, New Hampshire or Massachusetts, HOWEVER, the tournament weigh-in is being held in Maine waters, participants are strongly reminded they will need to adhere to Maine laws. In addition, all participants are required to follow all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations and laws. Off limit areas include the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Any violations of such regulations and laws may result in disqualification.

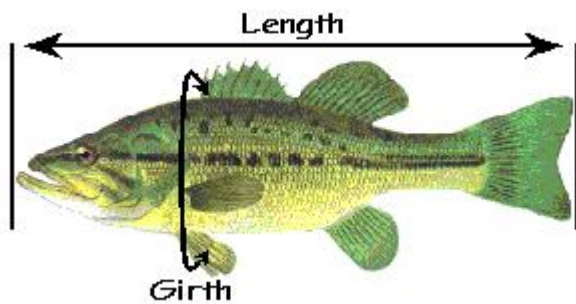
#### 6. Official Tournament Fishing Times

Participants may begin fishing at 12:00AM (E.S.T.) on Friday, June 25, 2010 and fish as long as they like through Sunday, June 27th; however, if you have a picture of a qualifying fish or a (killed) fish to be considered by the judges, all entries must be presented for tournament judging as per rules stated in **Rule # 7 & # 8 & #9, below.**

## 7. Measuring & Photographing Your Eligible Fish (Striped Bass –Catch & Release Div Only)

You are responsible for providing your own digital camera for pictures. **You are responsible for submitting your digital card (pics) to the tournament judging table (2:00-3:00 PM) (EST) on SUNDAY ONLY June 27, 2010.** To be eligible for any tournament prizes, all pictures must be submitted before 3:00 PM (EST) on Sunday June 27, 2010. (Photos will not be received or reviewed by tournament judges at any time other than the final day as outlined here in Rule # 7)

If a participant catches a fish they deem eligible as a qualifying fish, they must photograph the fish in such a way that its full length can be seen in the photograph. The “official tournament measurement tape” must be placed above the fish and positioned so that the long end of the tape measure is visible in the photograph. It must be clear in the photograph the tape measure is stretched-out completely. **ANY PHOTOGRAPH THAT DOES NOT SHOW THIS WILL LEAD TO THAT FISH BEING EXCLUDED FROM THE TOURNAMENT.**



Photographs may be taken with any digital camera  
Digital pictures will be downloaded at the  
tournament judging table.

In addition to the photograph, a **catch data form** must be completed for each fish being entered.

**The following information must be recorded:**

- **Name of the tournament participant**
- **Measured length of the fish**
- **Girth of the fish**
- **Time and approximate location the fish was caught**

The participant must sign the catch data form attesting to its accuracy. This information must be submitted with the photo or the digital picture to the tournament judging table.

## 8. Striped Bass (Harvest Division Only)- please read carefully

Since this is a harvest division, it is required that eligible fish are weighed by the tournament committee staff at the dock of York Harbor Marine Service in York Harbor, ME. Fish will be checked for freshness and subject to inspection of stomach contents.

To help reduce the unnecessary killing of large striped bass, the tournament committee has created several ways to reduce waste. There will be several official weigh-in dates/times. After the first official weigh-in is complete at 1 pm Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, all anglers participating in this division are strongly encouraged to: monitor the tournament VHF radio channel 68; call by phone into the tournament message center; review the tournament website; monitor tournament FaceBook page; call York

Harbor Marine Service 207-363-3602 for current largest fish weights. All five of these information sources will be updated as soon as possible following the weigh-ins.

Weigh-in times for all Striped Bass in this division will be:

**Friday @ 12:00pm- 1:00pm AND 5:00pm-6:00pm**

**Saturday @ 12:00pm- 1:00pm AND 5:00pm-6:00pm**

**Sunday @ 2:00pm-3:00pm**

**After the first weigh-in is completed (after 1pm on Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup>), any fish brought to the docks during an official weigh-in time that is submitted and weighed-in and found to be less than the current heaviest fish will subject the participant to disqualification from the striped bass kill division. (Why? We want to limit the unnecessary killing of big striped bass-)**

**9. Other Species-** For the (3) other species (**Bluefish, Atlantic Cod, Mackerel**) there will be official weigh-in times as follows:

**Friday @ 12:00pm-1:00pm AND 5:00pm-6:00pm**

**Saturday @ 12:00pm-1:00pm AND 5:00pm-6:00pm**

**Sunday @ 2:00pm-3:00pm**

## **10. Awards**

As outlined in section # 4, above, there are (4) four **Striped Bass “Catch & Release”** categories as follows:

- **Women’s Open- there will be 3 awards for the 3 longest fish**
- **Fly Fishing – there will be 3 awards for to the 3 longest fish**
- **Bait/ Tackle- there will be 3 awards for the 3 longest fish**
- **Youth- there will be 3 awards for the 3 longest fish**

Prizes will be awarded to the three individuals with the longest photographed striped bass in each division. Participants in the Striped Bass Only Youth Division (ages 5-14 yrs) are eligible to win in the Striped Bass Youth Division, only.

As outlined in section #4, above, there will be (1) award for **STRIPED BASS “Harvest”** division as follows:

- **One Single Cash Award- Heaviest Striper**

As outlined in section # 4, above, there will be (3) three **Other Species** division as follows:

- **Bluefish- there will be 3 awards for the 3 heaviest fish**
- **Atlantic Cod- there will be 3 awards for the 3 heaviest fish**
- **Mackerel- there will be 5 awards for the 5 heaviest fish (KIDS ONLY, Ages 5-14 yrs)**

**Team Awards** ~ there will be awards to the teams with that have scored the most points according to the scoring grid assigned to each division and category. There will be a complete listing and points summary included in every Captain's Bag for each participant.

### **11. Ties**

In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will be the girth measurement of the tied fish. The second tie breaker will be the time (and/or time/date) that the photograph of the fish or actual fish (other species division) was submitted to the tournament judging table; (the first fish turned in will be the 2nd tie-break winner).

### **12. Photo Downloading Verification of Results (for Catch Release Striped Bass only)**

All catch data record forms and digital camera cards must be turned in to the tournament judging table between (2:00-3:00 PM) (EST) on Sunday- June 27, 2010. The data and images from the entries will be deemed eligible to win category cash & prizes based on reported size of catch and the next three in each category will be evaluated for verification purposes. The tournament judge's determination is final. **There will be no judging of C&R Striped Bass prior to the final weigh-in on Sunday afternoon.**

### **13. TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

With regard to Rule # 8, above, and for monitoring the current leader board in Other Species (Bluefish, Atlantic Cod & Mackerel) all boats are required to have a marine VHF radio and to monitor the tournament channel 68; call York Harbor Marine Service 207-363-3602; the official tournament website is [www.docksidestripertournament.com](http://www.docksidestripertournament.com); Dockside Striper Tournament FaceBook page; (during the event only~there will be an official tournament message center phone 207-206-7631. Updates will be reported as soon as possible on these sources.

### **14. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST DECLARE THE STRIPED BASS DIVISION IN WHICH THEY ELECT TO COMPETE:**

- a. **What's This? Because this tournament has cash and prize awards, the tournament committee requires that all participants must declare their decision to compete in Catch & Release or Harvest Division. (Youth are exempt from this requirement)**

\_\_\_\_\_ I elect to fish in the Striped Bass (Catch & Release Division)  
INITIALS

\_\_\_\_\_ I elect to fish in the Striped Bass (Harvest Division)  
INITIALS

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**Signature of participant & date**

**\*\*add here the Release and Indemnification Agreement\*\***