



Rules & Regulations

1. Eligible species - Striped Bass, also known locally as Rockfish.
2. Fishing area is limited to the James River and its tributaries West of the Hampton Roads Bridge Tunnel (HRBT), fishing East of the HRBT more than 300 feet is not allowed.
3. Only one prize will be awarded per boat. Prize money will be awarded for the three boat entries, one per boat. A fourth prize will be awarded for the smallest legal fish by weight. Four separate boats will be awarded prizes.
4. Fishing begins at 6:00am on November 12, 2022, and fish must be at Deep Creek Landing Marina weigh-in location by 4:00pm. Registered boats can leave from any port and fish may be transported by car for weigh-in. The Tournament Committee will monitor VHF Channel 69 and can be reached at (757)877-9555. The weigh station will open at 3:00pm.
A representative from your boat must be in the weigh-in line and checked in with the Tournament Chairman by 4:00pm or your fish will not be weighed.
5. Prize winners will be determined first by weight, then by length (as measured nose to tail, then by girth...as measured just behind the pectoral fins). In the event of a tie, the prize will be divided equally.
6. Entry fees are posted on the website and online registration. Deadline for registration is by 9:00pm on Friday, November 11, 2022.
** Entry fees are nonrefundable. Everyone on board must be registered!**
7. All anglers must carry a Virginia Saltwater Fishing License or be fishing on a licensed boat and registered with Virginia's Fisherman Identification Program, you may register for free using the link - <https://www.mrc.virginia.gov/fip/>.
8. All fish must be caught on rod and reel during tournament hours by the registered angler who enters the fish.
9. Fish may be scanned with a metal detector or cut open for examination at the discretion of the Weigh-Master or the Tournament Committee.
10. Weather consideration is the Captain's responsibility. Captains who choose to fish will accept full responsibility for boat and crew.
11. Any protest concerning winners must be made in writing to the Tournament Chairman within 30 minutes of the awards on the day of the tournament and be accompanied by a \$100 cash protest fee. If the protest is denied, the protest fee becomes property of the tournament.
12. Any violations of tournament rules will mean disqualification. Please contact Arielle Darrow, Tournament Co-Chairman, at (757)877-9555, if you have any questions.
13. Most important, HAVE FUN, relax, and fish, fish, fish!