

Rock the Dock

Official Rules and Captains Packet

Tournament Channel VHF 69
Tournament Call Sign: Rock the Dock
Tournament Director: Matt Sorrentino
Director Phone: (813)-944-7926

Shotgun Start 7:00am

Entrants must check in prior to fishing.
Check in locations must be determined at registration.
Vessels sailing out of Little Egg Inlet will check in at the Beach Haven Yacht Club Marina
Vessels sailing out Barnegat Light Inlet will check in at Van's Boats
All Land Based and Kayak Anglers will check in at Van's Boats
Mary M anglers will check in at the Mary M parking lot

Vans Boats Check-in
801 Bayview Ave, Barnegat Light

Beach Haven Yacht Club Marina
20 S West Avenue, Beach Haven

Mary M IV
19 W 6th St, Barnegat Light
Boat is located 3 slips from Jen's Links Mini Golf

Weigh ins at The Boat Yard
2304 E Bay Ave, Manahawkin

Weigh-ins 2:30-3:30pm

Awards Presentation 4:30pm

Official Rules

I. Entries and Participants

- A. All entries must be completed through the NJ Fishing Club website no later than 8:30pm on Friday September 1st, 2023
- B. In person entry is only available between 6-8pm Friday September 1st at Fisherman's Headquarters.
- C. No more than 6 individuals may be on the vessel during anytime after check-in and prior to weighing in fish. Regardless if they are fishing or not.
- D. Single Entry Anglers (Mary M, Miss Beach Haven, Land Based, Kayak) may fish no more than 2 rods.

II. Check-in Procedures for Entrant Vessels

- A. Vessels may not have any tournament eligible species on board prior to the slated start time of the tournament.

B. All boats are required to check-in and submit to a boarding & visual inspection of their vessel by a tournament official.

1. Check-ins will begin at 6:00am and will be performed in a first come first serve basis.
 2. Vessels must be checked in prior to 6:55am to be eligible for the shotgun start.
 3. Vessels failing to check-in, or still in line during this time must wait to begin fishing until the secondary start time.
 - a) Secondary start time is from 7:10am - 7:30am
 - b) Entrants failing to check in* prior to 7:30am will be disqualified and forfeit their entry monies.
 - (1) *or in line to check in if there is a wait at this time
 4. Inspection will include but is not limited to coolers, containers, fish boxes and live wells.
 5. Land Based and Kayak Anglers must also comply to inspection requests, this includes vehicle, coolers and kayaks.
- C. Vessels will receive a registration number upon check in that must be displayed during the duration of the event.
- D. Once checked in vessels must wait in the designated staging area prior to the official start announcement on VHF 69.
1. Staging areas are outlined in photos at the end of this document.
 - a) The Barnegat Light area consists of waters west of Barnegat Lighthouse across to the northern tip of the dike. South of Barnegat Lighthouse to Auburn Rd. East of the Dike to Bayview Ave
 - b) The Beach Haven area consists of the waters west of Delaware Ave extending about 2000'. South of Beach Haven Marlin & Tuna Club. North of Mordecai Island at Norwood Ave.
 2. Vessels may not return to their slips during this time.
 3. Vessels may fuel up during this time at fuel stations within the staging area.
 4. Once check-in is complete you may not add or remove any items from your vessel until your weigh in is completed.
 - a) You may not engage in any type of fishing during this time, including fishing for bait or non-tournament species.
 - b) You may not throw a cast net attempting to catch bait during this time.

III. Fishing and Boundaries

- A. Vessels must display tournament marker throughout the entirety of the competition.
- B. No lines in the water with baited or unabated hooks prior to official tournament start time.
- C. No fish may be passed between vessels.
- D. There are no fishing boundaries and vessels may fish any ocean, bay or tidal waters.
- E. Lines Out at 2pm. No fishing may continue passed this time. Any fish hooked prior to 2pm must be boated/landed before 2pm.

IV. Weigh-in

- A. Weigh ins will occur at the Boat Yard in Manahawkin from 2:30-3:30pm

1. Entrants may arrive via boat or vehicle.
- B. Weigh-ins will occur on a first come first serve basis. Weighed fish must be transferred in a receptacle.
 1. Fish will be transferred to a tub to be weighed and measured by tournament officials.
 - a) **Entrants may only weigh in the number of fish they are able to submit for prizes**
 - (1) Tournament only
 - (a) One Over and 2 Slots may be weighed in.
 - (2) Tournament + Calcutta
 - (a) One over and 2 slot fluke may be weighed in. 1 sea robin.
 - (3) It is recommended you triple check the length of your slot fish. Any fish deemed to be out of the slot limit compliance and will be disqualified and no other fish may be entered in its place.
 - b) Fish weights will be entered individually in a 0.00lb format.
 - c) Weights will be totaled and recorded
 2. The registered captain will need to sign off on the official weights upon weigh-in completion.

V. Results & Grievances

- A. Any contests or grievances need to be made prior to 3:45pm or close of weigh-ins by speaking to a tournament official and providing visual evidence (photos or videos).
 1. Grievances will be reviewed by tournament officials and decisions will be made based on evidence provided.
- B. Winners will be announced upon completion of the weigh-ins.
 1. All Tournament Results and Payouts are final.
- C. Entrants winning more than \$600 are required to fill out IRS form w9
- D. Winners' checks will be post-dated for 9/10/2023 to allow entry funds to clear payment processing.

VI. Prizes

- A. \$1,000 single payout for the entrant with the heaviest summer flounder between 17-17.99 inches.
 1. This payout is guaranteed regardless of the number of entrants thanks to sponsors Fisherman's Headquarters, Jingles Bait and Tackle, NJ Fishing Club and The Boat Yard Manahawkin
- B. First, Second, Third, and Fourth place payouts will be provided for the entrants with the heaviest single summer flounder limit (1 Over and 2 Slots)
 1. These payouts are based on the number of entries.
 - a) **Entrants may only qualify for one Single Limit place payout**
 - b) Payouts are based on Boat Entry Money. \$200 from each boat entry and \$40 of each single angler entry will be divided amongst the winners as follows: Single Fluke Limit 1st Place: 40% of Entry Money collected, 2nd Place 25% of Entry

Money, 3rd Place 15% of Entry Money. 4th Place 10% of Entry Money, 5th Place Prize Package TBD set Value of at least \$250)

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C. Calcutta's

1. There is a single entry option Calcutta for the tournament.
 - a) The fee is \$300 for boat entries and \$100 for single angler entrants.
 - b) 10% of these funds collected go to the fishing club.

- c) There are 5 payouts for the Calcutta and entrants may only win one prize per category. Payouts are listed by percentage below
 - (1) Heaviest (1) Fluke 1st place - 25%
 - (2) Heaviest (1) Fluke 2nd place - 15%
 - (3) Heaviest (2) Slot Fish Combined Weight 1st Place - 25%
 - (4) Heaviest (2) Slot Fish Combined Weight 1st Place - 15%
 - (5) Heaviest (1) Sea Robin - 20%

VII. Mary M Entrants

A. The Mary M will depart its slip at 6am the morning of the tournament.

B. Arrival and Check-in

1. Anglers are required to arrive no later than 5:30am for check-in.

C. Boarding

1. A preferred drifting side of the vessel will be established prior to boarding.
2. Entrants will board the vessel in a randomly drawn order and board the vessel.
3. Entrants will place one rod in a rod holder to claim their starting spot for each drift.
 - a) There must be at least one empty rod holder between anglers as they board.
 - (1) Extra rods may not be placed in empty rod holders.
4. Entrants may not be in possession of any eligible tournament species.
 - a) Possession of such fish will result in an automatic disqualification.
 - b) A visual inspection of coolers or other containers will be completed by tournament official upon boarding.

D. Fishing and Fish Storage

1. Anglers may move around the boat as they see fit or from side to side depending on the drift.
 - a) An open rod holder designates an available fishing location.
 - b) Anglers must return to their designated starting location at the beginning of each new drift.
2. All fish must be placed in individual containers.
 - a) Containers and ice are not provided

E. Weigh-ins

1. Fish leaving the vessel for weigh-ins must be tagged by tournament official prior to leaving the boat.
2. Only tagged fish will be eligible for tournament weigh-in.

VIII. Miss Beach Haven Entrants

- A. Anglers are responsible to book and reserve their own spot aboard the Miss Beach Haven.
- B. The Miss Beach Haven will depart its slip for its normal scheduled sailing.
- C. Weigh-ins
 - 1. Fish leaving the vessel for weigh-ins must be tagged by Miss Beach Haven employees prior to leaving the boat.
 - 2. Only tagged fish will be eligible for tournament weigh-in.

IX. Land Based and Kayak Anglers

- A. Anglers must check in in Barnegat Light check in between 6am - 6:45am. Kayak vessels, vehicles, coolers and other containers are subject to search by tournament officials.
- B. Possession of any tournament eligible species will result in disqualification and forfeiture of entry monies.
- C. Once checked in anglers may leave the check in area but may not begin fishing until 7:01am.

X. Tournament Cancelation, Reschedule and Refunds

- A. The tournament will be held rain or shine and all entry sales are final.
- B. In the event the tournament is cancelled due to unsafe weather conditions anglers will have the option to participate in the make up date or to receive a full refund of their entry monies and fees.
- C. Anglers who register for the Miss Beach Haven but do not secure a spot aboard the boat in the event the boat sells out the registration will transfer to a land based registration.

Vessel Staging Area Barnegat Light



Vessel Staging Area Beach Haven

