

# 2023 Fishing Showdown Rules



## Striped Bass Release Division

- Prizes for first, second and third largest striped bass will be awarded to the longest striped bass caught and photographed laying on ruler provided by Tournament Directors on 9/29/23.
- Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from tip of snout, with mouth closed, to longest lobe of tail, with lobes squeezed together. To enter a fish, anglers must:
  1. Lay provided ruler flat & place fish on ruler, squeezing lobes of tail together and holding longest lobe of tail at zero.
  2. Take photo of entire fish on tournament ruler. *Check photo to make sure tournament ruler and entire fish, including snout and tail, are visible.*
  3. Text photo and Team Name to phone number provided at Captain's Huddle on 9/29/23. *Team name must be included for entry to be valid.*
- Snout, tail and ruler must be visible in submitted photos.
- All texts must be submitted before the end of the weigh-in period.
- A team's entry will be the longest fish of all striped bass they submit for consideration.
- Tournament Judges will make the final decision on length.

## Bluefish and Porgy Non-Release Division

**Bluefish** First, second and third largest bluefish will be determined by weight. There is no NYS minimum length, but please respect angler bag limit of 3 fish per angler.

**Porgy** One prize, determined by weight.

## General Rules

- No fish that does not meet NYS Fishing Regulations will be accepted.
- Tournament fishing will commence at conclusion of Captain's Huddle on 9/29/23 and conclude at 5pm on 9/30/23. If weather forces cancellation, tournament will be rescheduled for 10/1/23 from 5am to 5pm.
- There are no geographic fishing boundaries.
- Any fish presented, either by photograph or physically, outside weigh-in period will not be included. Weigh-in period is Sat., 9/30/23 from 8am to 5pm outside Port of Egypt Marine showroom.
- In the event a category does not have an entry, prize money will be split evenly among winners in other entry categories.
- Up to four (4) anglers allowed per registered boat. Each angler must be registered and submit a signed Liability Waiver & Release Waivers by conclusion of Captain's Huddle on 9/29/23.
- Teams of more than four (4), up to six (6) anglers, may participate with each additional angler over four (4) paying a \$150 fee.
- Each boat may enter one (1) fish per category – one (1) for largest striper, one (1) for largest bluefish and one (1) for largest porgy.
- Small craft advisory on Gardiners Bay will cancel fishing. Six (6) hours of fishing required for tournament to be considered official.
- If weather forces cancellation on tournament day or following back up day, prize money will be distributed by drawing.
- Any protests will be addressed by Tournament Directors at time of contested action only. Their decisions are final.

## Prizes, Gifts and Events

- Registered boats will receive four (4) tournament long sleeve sport shirts.
- Tournament will sponsor Release Division \$150 Striper and Non-Release Division \$150 Bluefish Calcutta with 33% of each pool going to the ELIH Foundation.
- All Captains and crew members are invited to the pre-tournament Captain's Huddle and Rules Review, at least one (1) team member must attend.
- Captain's Huddle will take place from 6 - 7pm on 9/29/2023 at Fishing Station located on southeasternmost section of Port of Egypt property (62300 Main Road, Southold).
- All Captains and crew members are invited to post-tournament Lobster Bake at Port of Egypt from 5-8pm on 9/30. Winning category prizes will be presented.