

2024 ELIHF Fishing Showdown Rules

- Prizes for first, second and third largest striped bass are given to the longest striped bass caught and photographed laying on the ruler provided. **Total length is the longest straight-line measurement from the tip of the snout, with the mouth closed, to the longest lobe of the tail, with the lobes squeezed together, snout and tail and ruler must be visible in submitted photos. Tournament Judges will make the final decision on length. Anglers must text a picture of entered fish, the longest fish of all submitted by a team will be considered for the tournament. Text your entry pictures with the name of your team noted to the phone number provided at the Captain's Huddle on Sept 27th.**
- First, second and third largest bluefish will be determined by weight.
- For Bluefish, there is no NYS minimum length but please respect the angler bag limit of 3 fish per angler.
- For Porgies there will only be one prize and it will be determined by weight.
- Tournament fishing will commence at the conclusion of the Capt's Meeting on September 27th and will conclude at 5pm on September 28th. If weather forces cancellation of scheduled tournament, it will be rescheduled for October 1st from 5am to 5pm.
- There are no geographic fishing boundaries.
- Any fish presented, either by photograph or physically, outside the weigh-in period will not be included. Weigh in period is Sat Sept 28th 8am to 5pm. Bluefish and porgy entries will be accepted at the judges table just outside the Port of Egypt Main Office.
- In the event of a category not having a fish, prize money will be split evenly among other winning categories.
- Up to four anglers allowed on each boat and all must be registered at the captain's party. Teams of more than four, up to six, can participate with each additional angler beyond four paying a \$175 fee.
- Each boat may enter one fish for the largest striper, one fish for the largest bluefish and one fish for the largest porgy.
- Small craft advisory on Gardiners Bay will cancel fishing. Six hours of fishing required for the tournament to be considered official.
- If weather forces cancellation on tournament day or following back up day, prize money will be distributed by drawing.
- Tournament directors will address protests at the time of infraction only. Their decisions will be final.