

March 15, 2007

Tournaments for 2007 Season:

Charlie Ruiter Tag & Release Striped Bass Club Tournament

May 1 – 30th

All fish entered may be Tag & Release Only

Striped Bass only

Longest fish by length

1st prize – trophy

2nd prize – plaque

Season Long - Club Fishing Tournament

May 1st – October 31st

Striped Bass & Bluefish Only

Surf Division

Catch & Release Only

Striped Bass

Longest fish by length

1st prize – trophy

2nd prize – trophy

3rd prize – trophy

Bluefish

Longest fish by length

1st prize – trophy

2nd prize – trophy

3rd prize – trophy

Boat Division

Catch & Release Only

Striped Bass

Longest fish by length

1st prize – trophy

2nd prize – trophy

3rd prize – trophy

Bluefish

Longest fish by length

1st prize – trophy

2nd prize – trophy

3rd prize – trophy

Fly Rod Division

Catch & Release or Catch & Keep

Striped Bass

Longest fish by length

1st prize – trophy

2nd prize – trophy

3rd prize – trophy

Bluefish

Longest fish by length

1st prize – trophy

2nd prize – trophy

3rd prize – trophy

Kayak Division

Catch & Release or Catch & Keep

Striped Bass

Longest fish by length

1st prize – trophy

2nd prize – trophy

3rd prize – trophy

Bluefish

Longest fish by length

1st prize – trophy

2nd prize – trophy

3rd prize – trophy

Heavy Weight Division

Biggest Fish by Weight only

Striped Bass & Bluefish Only

Must be weighed on a Certified Sealed Scale

Surf Category

Striped Bass

1st prize – trophy

2nd prize – trophy

3rd prize – trophy

Bluefish

1st prize – trophy

2nd prize – trophy

3rd prize – trophy

Boat Category

Striped Bass

1st prize – trophy

2nd prize – trophy

3rd prize – trophy

Striped Bass

1st prize – trophy

2nd prize – trophy

3rd prize – trophy

Juniors Division

Must be 15 years of age or younger

Longest fish by length

Catch & Release or Catch & Keep – Anglers choice

Fish may be caught from surf or boat

Striped Bass

Longest fish by length

1st prize – trophy

2nd prize – trophy

3rd prize – trophy

Bluefish

Longest fish by length

1st prize – trophy

2nd prize – trophy

3rd prize – trophy

Die Hards Club Tournament

November 1st – 31st

Longest fish by length

Catch & Release or Catch & Keep – Anglers choice

Fish may be caught on surf or boat

Striped Bass

Longest fish by length

1st prize – trophy

2nd prize – trophy

3rd prize – trophy

Bluefish

Longest fish by length

1st prize – trophy

2nd prize – trophy

3rd prize – trophy

Wayne Garron Memorial Award

This award goes to the club angler entering the most catch & release fish striped bass or bluefish from the surf & boat divisions of the season long tournament. This award is in memory of Wayne Garron who was a club promoter of catch & release fishing.

Club Tournament Rules

1. The annual club tournaments are open to all dues paying members of the Marblehead Surfcasters Inc. fishing club.
2. All entrants must have been a member in good standing at least 5 days before date of catch for their entry to be accepted. The postmark will determine the date dues were paid for those that pay for membership via the mail.
3. Fishing is allowed in all coastal waters & shorelines in New England.
4. All fish must be caught and landed by a club member on sporting tackle and all regulations of the state fished in shall prevail.
5. All entries must be submitted on an official Marblehead Surfcasters 2004 Tournament Slip and must be received within 15 days of catch. No catch submittal slip will be accepted with a postmark past **November 15th for all tournaments except the Die Hards Tournament which will need a postmark no later than December 15th**.
6. All fish must be entered on an official Marblehead Surfcasters 2004 Tournament Slip and mailed to Tournament Chair Rick Cuzner at : 9 Naples Road, Salem, MA 01970. All questions not specifically covered by these rules here set forth, will be resolved by the Tournament Committee, consisting of the Tournament Chairman and the club directors.
7. All fish entered in the **Heavy Weight Division** must be weighed on a state certified sealed scale, before a weighmaster. The person weighing the fish must sign the weighmaster portion of the entry slip. A scale certified by the IGFA (Boga Grip for example) may be used to weigh and enter a fish in the Heavy Weight Division.
8. Any fish caught may only be entered in **ONE** division; the same fish cannot be entered into two separate divisions.
9. An entrant cannot win 1st, 2nd & 3rd place for the same species in any category under a said Division. An entrant can only place **ONCE** in the same species in each category under a said Division.

10. No duplicate awards will be given. In case of a tie, the entry with the earliest date will be declared the winner. If the date caught is the same, the award will be given to the entry with the earliest postmark.
11. Any fish entered by length should be measured down to the 1/8th or 1/16th of an inch if possible. All fish are to be measured from the tip of the nose to the fork of the tail across the fish.
12. NO person making a living from commercial fishing, including guides, party boat skippers and crews, will be eligible to enter fish caught while working at their trade. Entries will be accepted if the after mentioned are fishing privately for their own personal pleasure and not with a paying party.
13. All tournament Trophies and awards will be distributed at the Year ending Awards Banquet, date to be announced.
14. Any person disqualified from this contest will be referred to the executive committee for disciplinary action.
15. In the case of a dispute or an objection, the decision of the Tournament Committee is FINAL!
16. Useful information to remember:
 - We ask that everyone please fish responsibly, and obey all the laws pertaining to the area or body of water being fished.
 - If there is any doubt as to whether a fish has reached the legal limit for keeping a fish, please release it back into the water and let it gain that extra inch for next year.
 - All fish should be handled with care and respect, hook removal and the re-release of any fish should be done in a professional manner.
 - Anyone wishing to receive an email update of the tournament standings during the season should submit a request to **MSCTournament@yahoo.com**