

Rockfish Frostbite Challenge

The tournament is a three day event. Teams may fish up to two days out of the three, Captain's Choice. Tournament dates are Friday, January 16 through Sunday, January 18th.

Captain's Meeting will be held Thursday, January 15th, at Dirty Dick's Crab House on Rudee Inlet. Meeting will start promptly at 7:00 PM, registration starts at 4:00 PM. All teams must have a representative at the Captain's Meeting.

Each team must have a designated Captain. The Captain will receive all Tournament payouts and is responsible for disbursement among his team and payment of all taxes.

Entry Levels are as follows:

Level I: *Basic Entry Fee \$225.00 prior to Jan 3, 2009 and \$275.00 Jan 4th-Jan15th. Pays heaviest aggregate 3 fish bag caught. Tourney retains \$75.00 for unrecoverable tournament expenses. In the event the tourney is canceled due to weather, act of God, all moneys will be returned, less the unrecoverable expenses, and the nightly events will still take place. Tournament pays 1st and 2nd place, 60% and 40% respectively. Teams that register prior to January 3rd are entered into a drawing for a free Level 1 entry to the Frostbite Challenge.*

Level II: *Biggest Fish \$150.00. Winner take all for the largest single fish weighed during the 3 day Tournament. Must enter Level I to enter II.*

Level III: *Daily Biggest Bag \$150.00. Pays 1/3 to each day's largest bag of up to 3 weighed fish. Must enter Level I to enter III.*

Level IV: *Jr. Angler, \$50.00 Pays biggest fish caught by angler 16 yrs old or younger. Must also enter Level I.*

Level V: *Lady Angler, \$50.00 Pays biggest fish caught by a female angler. Must also enter Level I.*

All payouts to be made at the Awards Banquet on Sunday night.

One fishable day will constitute a complete tournament and all prize money will be awarded.

Only saltwater striped bass legally caught by rod and reel are eligible for prize money. Fish must have been caught in waters then legally open to striped bass capture, using legal equipment, baits and methods.

Tournament scales are open from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM each fishing day. Boats not in line at the scale at 6:00 will not have their fish weighed. There are no exceptions!

Official Tournament Scales will be located at Dirty Dick's Crab House (adjacent to Fisherman's Wharf Marina) on Rudee Inlet and at Long Bay Pointe Bait and Tackle on Long Creek (Lynnhaven).

There is a maximum limit of 8 rods per boat being fished at any given time, regardless of the size of the crew.

Powered reels are prohibited.

One weighed fish will be retained by the tournament and served at the awards banquet on the final night.

Lines in @ 7:00 AM and out at 3:00 PM each fishing day. No lines may be in the water prior to 7:00 AM.

Bait may be caught from a registered boat by castnet only prior to 7:00 AM on any fishing day. Bait may be caught by hook and line after 7:00 AM.

Tournament boundaries are as follows: Northern - the Maryland state line, Southern - the Sea Buoy off of Oregon Inlet NC, Eastern - Territorial Sea Boundary (three mile line), Western – as indicated by closed seasons.

No striper may be landed using a gaff. This includes a lip gaff.

Disfigured, mutilated or modified fish will be disqualified.

Boats suffering mechanical breakdown may substitute another boat without penalty. There is no refund of tournament fees for boats unable to fish due to mechanical breakdown.

Intentionally snagging fish is prohibited.

All boats must depart from, and return to, a Virginia port.

All fish must be delivered to the scales in the boat they were caught from. Fish may not be delivered by motor vehicle.

All prize amounts are estimates. Actual payouts are determined by entry fees received and may vary.

Violation of the above rules will result in disqualification of the entire team. Disqualified teams surrender all rights to entry fees, prizes and prize money.

Protests must be accompanied by a \$500 deposit and presented to a Tournament Committee member within one hour of the closing of the scales on the day of the infraction. If the protest is found to have merit, the deposit will be refunded. If not, the deposit becomes the property of the tournament committee.

The Word of Honor of each Captain, that all rules and intent set forth within this document were followed, shall be accepted as truth by the Tournament Committee unless there is compelling evidence to the contrary. Where more than one truth is found to exist, the decision of the Tournament Committee and/or Weigh Master shall be final and binding in all matters.

It is understood that all participants in this tournament enter at their own risk, and that the Virginia Beach Sport Fishing Tournaments Inc., it's Officers and Directors, the Tournament Committee, Sponsors, Volunteers, and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of said tournament, shall be exempt from any liability whatsoever for libel, slander, property loss or damage, negligence, harm, injury or death suffered by any participant, entrant, vessel and/or equipment, companions and guests, boat captains, mates, crew members, or innocent bystanders which may occur during or in conjunction with this Tournament or Tournament related events.

