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York Harbor Striper Tournament Official Rules June 24-25, 2007

1. Participation

The tournament will be held on Monday June 25, 2007, with a kick-off event and registration on Sunday, June 24. This tournament is open to everyone. You can enter the tournament by sending in a registration form to York Harbor Marine Service or you can enter on-line at www.yorkharbormarine.com/fishing. All checks should be made out to York Hospital/Fishing. On-line payments will be made to CCA/Fishing using PayPal or a credit card. All proceeds will be shared by the two organizations.

Participation is open only to people who are 5 years of age or older. Any person entering a tournament under 18 must also have the signature of his or her parent or legal guardian in the provided space on the entry form.

All contestants are required to follow all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations and laws. Any violation of such regulations and laws may result in disqualification.

Teams of two or more people are preferable, but singles are welcomed. The team approach is being suggested to facilitate fun and to make capturing your catch in a photo more practical. Prizes will be awarded to the individuals catching the largest fish in each category, *not the team*. Entry forms for participants includes an area in which to designate other persons who will be part of your team, but each participant should sign-up on a separate entry form. THE NUMBER OF ENTRANTS IS LIMITED TO 150, SO TEAM MEMBERS SHOULD SEND IN THEIR PAPERWORK AT THE SAME TIME IF POSSIBLE.

~~Entries received after the tournament entry deadline of June 15 is reached will be placed on a waiting list. Those placed on the waiting list and not accepted into the tournament will receive a full refund after the tournament.~~ **The entry deadline for on-line registrations is Midnight on June 22. In person registrations may be taken at York Harbor Marine Service or at the Captain's Party up to 6 PM on June 24.**

A completed entry form and the full entry fee must be received no later than the published entry deadline for the tournament. CONFIRMED ENTRIES ARE CONTINGENT UPON THE ENTIRE REGISTRATION FEE BEING PAID BY THE DEADLINE DATE. Entry fees may be transferred if York Harbor Marine is notified prior to the entry deadline. Entry fees will not be refunded after June 15.

2. Important Tournament Details

At least one team member must appear in person at the Captain's Party which will take place Sunday June 24th from 5 to 8 PM. At that time teams will be given a welcome packet which will include an official derby ruler, catch reporting form, and other ancillary items. WELCOME PACKETS WILL NOT BE GIVEN OUT PRIOR TO THE CAPTAIN'S PARTY FOR ANY REASON. If your team cannot attend registration you will be allowed to send a person to represent your team or you can be represented by a member of another team. Teams/individuals must contact the York Harbor Marine Service by Wednesday June 20th to indicate their inability to make the Captain's Party. You must provide us with the name of the person who will be picking up your registration packet for you at the party. Teams that do not contact

York Harbor Marine Service by Wednesday, June 20th and do not appear at the Captain's Party may be disqualified.

3. Boating Safety

Each participant is encouraged to wear a fastened, U.S. Coast Guard approved, personal flotation device anytime the combustion engine is in operation. If your boat is equipped with an emergency ignition shut-off device it must be securely attached to the driver's body whenever the combustion engine is in operation.

Participants are responsible to ensure boat and operator meets all USGC requirements.

4. Sportsmanship

All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves.

Examples of conduct not complying with those standards include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Violation of, or failure to comply with, any of the official rules for the 2007 York Harbor Marine Service Striper Tournament.
- Any words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with the tournament rules.

In case of any conduct not complying with the standards, York Harbor Marine Service shall have the right to refuse any application, or to deny a confirmed application, by returning the entry fee of a previously accepted application, or to disqualify a contestant.

5. Permitted fishing methods

All fishing will be in accordance with International Game Fish Association (I.G.F.A.) Rules and Guidelines. This includes but not limited to fishing with live bait, artificial lures, and flies. Trolling, casting, and chumming are permitted and must be done in accordance with I.G.F.A. rules. *NOTE: The only deviation from I.G.F.A. rules is that chumming is not permitted in the fly fishing division.*

6. Fishing locations and Rules

Teams may fish anywhere on tournament waters which include all salt waters of Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, except areas designated by local, state or federal officials as off limits to all fishing or to fishing for striped bass in particular. Off limit areas include the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

7. Official Tournament Fishing Times

Contestants can begin fishing at dawn on Monday, June 25, 2007 and fish as long as they like; however, all photographs must be submitted to the Judging Table by 2:30 PM to be eligible for a prize.

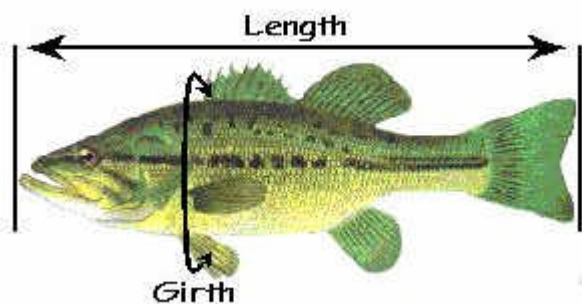
8. Catch and Release

Because this is a catch and release tournament you are required to release your fish – but not until you have captured them on camera (see below).

9. Measuring & Photographing Your Eligible Fish

You are responsible for providing the digital camera. If you do not have a digital camera, please notify YHMS prior to fishing and we will provide you with a disposable film camera or Polaroid. Photos from film cameras must be developed in time to submit to the judging table by 2:30 on June 25.

Once a participant catches a fish eligible for entry in the tournament, he/she must photograph the fish in such a way that its full length can be seen in the photograph. The official tournament tape measure must be placed beneath the fish and positioned so that one long end of the tape measure is visible in the photograph. It must be clear in the photograph the tape measure is completely stretched out. **ANY PHOTOGRAPH THAT DOES NOT SHOW THIS WILL LEAD TO THAT FISH BEING EXCLUDED FROM THE TOURNAMENT.** No fish may be entered for consideration without a proper photograph.



Photographs may be taken with any digital camera or with a Polaroid camera. Digital pictures can be downloaded at the Judging Table if you wish.

In addition to the photograph, a catch data form should be filled out for each fish being entered. **The following information must be recorded at the time the fish is caught and photographed: the name of the tournament entrant, the measured length of the fish, the girth of the fish, and the**

time and place the fish was caught. The entrant should sign the catch data form attesting to its correctness. This information should be submitted with the photo or the digital media to the judging table.

10. Awards

Prizes will be awarded to the three individuals with the longest photographed striped bass in each division. The divisions used for the distribution of prizes are: Live/dead Bait/Artificial Lure, Fly Fishing, and Youth (14 and under)

Participants 14 and under are only eligible to win in the Youth Category. In addition, Grand Prize recognition will be awarded to the person catching the longest fish of the tournament, regardless of the division entered.

11. Ties

In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will be the girth measurement of the tied fish. The second tie breaker will be the time that the photograph of the fish was turned in to the judges table.

12. Photo Downloading or Film Developing Verification of Results

All catch data record forms and digital camera cards or photos must be turned in to the judging table by 2:30 PM on June 25. Please put your name on the back of the photograph along with the measurements of the fish if you are submitting printed or developed pictures. The data and images from the entries deemed eligible to win prizes based on reported size of catch and the next three in each category will be evaluated for verification purposes.