

2017 Borden Light Marina Annual Fishing Tournament June 10-11, 2017



**** Rules and Regulations ****

A) Purpose:

1. The Borden Light Marina Annual Fishing Derby is a sporting event designed to encourage and promote rod and reel angling, good sportsmanship, great strategy and fair competition, along with lots of fun.
2. A lot of focus will be made for anglers in the junior class division.
3. Fishing boundaries are limited to within the confines of Narragansett Bay only.

B) Eligibility:

1. Open to all boat owners and anglers. **Space is limited so we strongly encourage early registration.**

C) Entry:

1. No one will be permitted to participate in the Derby without completing the Entry form, signing waiver and payment is made in full. **Entry forms will not be accepted after May 31st, 2017. Late fee of \$10 after May 31st.**
2. Availability is based on a first come first serve basis. This Derby will be capped at a predetermined number of boats. The number will be determined by the Derby committee at a later date.
3. Fee includes the captain and one angler to participate. There is a \$10.00 fee for every additional angler listed.
4. The Release and Indemnity waiver must be signed by the Captain and his entire crew to be eligible to compete in this derby. An unsigned waiver will be immediate grounds for disqualification for that day and possibly for the entire derby.

D) Refund:

1. All fees are non-refundable.

E) State Regulations:

1. ALL State Regulations and Laws apply.

F) Fishing Rules:

1. The fishing days are Saturday through Sunday. The fishing will begin Saturday with a 6:00 am start at Borden Light Marina & will end on Sunday at 5:00 pm. There will be weigh-in times on each day of the derby held at the Topsy Seagull. **Saturday** weigh-in time will be from 3:00 – 5:00pm. **Sunday** weigh-in time will be 8:00 – 9:00 am (for those fishing overnight) and 3:00 – 5:00 pm. Competitors are permitted to fish **anytime** between Saturday at 6:00am through Sunday at 5:00pm, but must have their catch at the weigh-in dock on each calendar day at the specified times.
2. All fish must be caught on rod and reel.
3. All fish must meet Massachusetts State minimum length requirements.
4. Any weight alteration will disqualify the fish, Captain and crew from the derby. This decision will only be made by the derby committee.
5. Contest fishing dates will be on June 10th and 11th, 2017.
6. ALL anglers must follow the current Massachusetts and fishing license requirements.
7. ALL State rules, regulation, fishing sized and closures at the time of the derby will apply. Both the Captain and crew are responsible to have full knowledge of the state rules and regulations.

G) Fish Categories:

1. ALL State regulated species.

H) Prizes: 1st, 2nd and 3rd in all categories!

1. Adults

- a. Biggest Striped Bass:-----\$1,000.00 Cash
- b. Biggest Blue Fish
- c. Biggest Fluke
- d. Largest Scup



2. **Juniors Prizes (under 16)**
3. **Special Category:**-----*(for the boat that donates the most weighed in fish to help families in need)*
4. **Seagull Round-Robin:**-----*(for the angler who catches a Striped Bass, Blue Fish and Fluke)*

I) Weather:

1. ALL Captains, Anglers, Crew and guest fish at their own discretion and at their own risk. There will be **NO** rain date scheduled.

J) Responsibilities of Contestants:

1. ALL derby competitors, Captains and crew are 100% responsible for their own actions and are liable for any and all damages they cause. We require all derby competitors, Captains and crew to act in a respectable and responsible manner at ALL times while participating in this event. If any derby competitor, Captain or crew member's actions are in question they could be disqualified from the derby. This decision will be made by the derby committee and ALL decisions will be final. Any participant or guest whose actions cause Borden Light Marina, its officers, directors, sponsors, owners and employees, to incur legal expenses, shall indemnify, hold harmless from any loss or liability, including attorney's fees and reimburse said persons or entities from such costs.

K) Radio:

1. It is **mandatory** for all boats fishing in this derby to have a functional VHF radio and abide by the safety regulations set forth by the U.S. Coast Guard. An EPIRB, GPS, Sat Phone and life raft are not mandatory, but are highly recommended.
2. Channel **65** on VHF Marine Band will be monitored throughout the Contest.

L) Emergency:

1. Captains are reminded that they are responsible to act in accordance with their best judgement and U.S. Coast Guard regulations in an emergency situation. Contact the COAST GUARD on VHF Sea Channels 16 & 22.
2. In the event of a radio malfunction you can contact the U.S. Coast Guard:
 - a. Castle Hill, Newport, RI at 401-846-3675
 - b. Point Judith Station, RI at 401-789-0444

M) Weigh-in

1. There will be a weigh-in time on each day of the tournament which will be held at Borden Light Marina Topsy Seagull scale. On Saturday the weigh-in will be from 3:00-5:00pm. On Sunday the weigh-in will be from 8:00-9:00am (for those fishing overnight) and from 3:00-5:00pm.
2. On Sunday **ALL** boats must check back in with the Derby Committee on Channel 65 or at Borden Light Marina Topsy Seagull weigh-in scale regardless of whether or not they have fish to weigh to ensure that ALL entrants return safely. Failure to do so may result in disqualification from the derby.
3. In the event of a tie, the first fish weighed in wins.

N) Protests:

In the event of a protest, the Captain will be the only spokesperson for the crew. The derby committee has been appointed to handle and make the decisions in the event of extenuating circumstances not covered by the rule in this pamphlet. In all cases, the decision rendered by the derby committee is absolute and final. The committee reserves the right to bar any angler from this derby or any future Derby's due to unsportsmanlike conduct.

Burgers served during last weight in: Sunday 3-5

Awards & Raffle: Sunday 5PM

**We, the Derby committee members wish all Captains and anglers Good Luck,
Tight Lines and Safe Passage.**

Michael Bourgault, Annie Nichols, Matt & Carol Wright