



# 2019

## SPRING STRIPED BASS TOURNAMENT

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

**UNDERSTANDING THE RULES** It is the responsibility of all participants to familiarize themselves with all the rules and regulations and agree to abide by said rules and regulations. Participants also agree that all decisions of the Tournament Committee are final.

#### **GENERAL RULES**

Of all the fish caught in the tournament and presented to the official weigh master by the predetermined time only one fish will be weighed per boat; choose your heaviest fish. Winners will be determined by the weight of the heaviest striped bass.

#### **WHO CAN BE A CAPTAIN?**

Members who register as captain or alternate-captain must be at least 18 years of age and must have had their eighteenth birthday prior to fishing the tournament.

#### **GENERAL TOURNAMENT RULES**

1. It is the sole responsibility of the captain of all entered boats to determine if weather and sea conditions are safe to fish. Participants expressly and unconditionally agree as a condition to the acceptance of their application that the Hi-Mar Striper Club and its administrators, officers, and agents are not liable for any claims, suits, or obligations arising out of or resulting from participation in this event as a result of negligent or intentional conduct by the Hi-Mar Striper Club or its sponsors. **Participant agrees to indemnify and hold the Hi-Mar Striper Club harmless for all claims and costs, including attorney fees, arising out of his or her conduct resulting from participation in the tournament.** Specifically by entering the tournament you understand that in conjunction with engaging in the Hi-Mar Striper Club Tournament, you could experience certain hazards and be involved in certain risks. You further recognize that it would be impractical, as well as unfair, for the Hi-Mar Striper Club, its officers, directors and committee members and/or any and all other persons or boat owners and their crew directly or indirectly involved in or connected with the Tournament to be liable or responsible in any way for my safety. You hereby release, hold harmless and forever discharge the Tournament and its officers, directors, committee members, the boat owners and their crews from any liability and/or libel, slander, loss, damage, harm, injury or death suffered by me or which may occur during the Tournament. You understand this includes any claims based upon any negligent act or omission You understand that you enter the Tournament at your own risk and hereby assume all risks, which may be involved in participating in the Tournament, particularly hazards due to weather conditions, and you fully understand that any time during your participation you may elect not to participate when you think weather or any other hazards are too great.

2. You, by entering this tournament do hereby agree to the terms and conditions of this General Release and agree to abide by the rules and regulations prescribed for competition in the Hi-Mar Striper Club Spring Striped Bass Tournament
3. Boats are limited to six (6) persons per boat, including captain and crew.
4. Rod and Reel only, no restrictions on line test used.
5. Any Striped Bass caught and presented at a tournament scale for tournament participation must be fit for human consumption. Please ice your fish properly. All fish considered for a place in the tournament will be inspected by a tournament official and/or marine biologist. Their decision concerning eligibility of the fish shall be final.
6. The weigh station opens at 12:00 pm on Saturday, and closes at 5:00 pm on Saturday. No striped bass will be eligible for a prize if the boat is not at the weigh station at that time. **No Exceptions.**
7. After weighing the fish, the weigh master will mark it by punching a hole in the tail fin. Striped Bass presented for weigh in with a hole punch in the tail will be denied entry. All fish must be caught during the hours of the tournament and be presented as fresh not frozen. Any foreign object found in your fish to alter the weight, will constitute a violation of the rules. The tail will be punched and the fish disqualified.
8. Once the tournament begins, two or more boats congregating (close enough to pass fish) will be disqualified from tournament competition. The only exception is in the case of a life-threatening emergency.
9. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to inspect all boats entered in the competition at any time.
10. All protests concerning the determination of the tournament winners shall be made to the Tournament Committee in writing, and shall be accompanied by a \$100 cash deposit. All protests must be made no later than 30 minutes after the close of the weigh-in. If the protest is upheld, the \$100 will be returned; otherwise, the \$100 cash deposit becomes the property of the tournament. All entrants agree that the decision of the tournament committee shall be final.
11. Each entry is limited to one place per boat per vessel (I.E. First, Second, Third)
12. Any Tournament sponsor, Hi-Mar member entering the tournament in compliance with the tournament rules are eligible for any and all prizes.
13. All boats must have an operational VHF radio on board.
14. All boats are responsible for getting their fish to the weigh station under their own power and on the boat that caught the fish. Any assistance from another vessel and you are disqualified.
15. The Hi-Mar Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any person or persons.
16. Participants in tournaments should scan channel 16 along with the tournament channel to keep abreast of any marine warnings issued by the U.S. Coast Guard. Weather warnings should be heeded and captains should seek safe port.
17. Payment of the entry fee into a tournament constitutes a representation by each entrant that he or she has read and understands the tournament rules and will abide by such rules and that the decisions of the tournament's committees and personnel.

18. This tournament is a captain's choice tournament; it is up to the participating captain to determine whether his or her craft is sea-worthy for existing sea conditions. The Hi-Mar Tournament Committee may postpone or cancel if sea conditions are not safe or if Gale Warnings have been posted by the Coast Guard. The captain is responsible for all members of his crew both on and off the ocean. If the Tournament is postponed and cannot continue or is canceled, a drawing will be held on Saturday at 5:00 PM at Bahr's Landing and Restaurant to determine the winners.

19. Eligible Fish Species: Striped Bass

20. Captains Meeting: Friday Evening: 7 PM

21. Fishing Hours: Boats may leave from any port, but must return by the boat that you entered in the tournament to the weigh station. Lines In: 5:00 AM Saturday. (even snagging bunker)

22. There is a 70 miles radius limit in which you can fish. It runs from the tip of Sandy Hook, this includes the present 3 mile limit with no fishing in the EEZ zone. The 70 mile radius runs from the north side of Absecon Inlet up to the south and the west side of Shinnecok Inlet to the east.

23. Additional rules and/or regulations shall be clarified at the captains meeting if required.

24. If the tournament is postponed, it will be held the following day on Sunday, weather and conditions permitting. Same rules apply.