

# **THE CAPE COD \$5,000**

## **2010 TOURNAMENT RULES**

- All teams/boats must be registered and have paid the tournament entry fee by the conclusion of the captains meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup>
- A representative from each team/boat must be present at the Captains Meeting
- The official tournament channel is 78
- The tournament will begin (lines-in) at 12:01 am June 26<sup>th</sup> all lines must be out of the water at 2:00pm June 27<sup>th</sup>
- All bodies of water that surround Cape Cod and the Islands can be fished
- Each team can only weigh in 2 striped bass for the duration of the tournament the winning team will have weighed the 2 heaviest striped bass that measure between 28"-36" inches (**measurement to be taken from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail while the fish is laying in its natural state**) combined weight of the two fish will determine the winner. FISH THAT MEASURE OVER 36 INCHES OR BELOW 28 INCHES WILL NOT BE WEIGHED IN!!!! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!!! All fish will be weighed and measured using the exact same tools and devices. Please note the weigh master will use his/her discretion with regards to measurement and weight. Any boat/team or individual interfering in that process will forfeit the fish in question and possibly be eliminated from the tournament.
- Each team if entered in the Bluefish category can weigh-in 2 Bluefish for the duration of the tournament to compete for the Bluefish category. The prize for the Bluefish category will be determined by the number of paid entries into the Blue fish category.
- By signing the weigh-in slip, the fisherman attests to all information given.
- We will not weigh in frozen fish. The Striped Bass need to be measured in their natural state.

- Once a fish has been weighed in it cannot be withdrawn from the tournament unless the tournament committee finds that fish, or boat/team to be in violation of the rules. The tournament committee reserves the right to disqualify a fish.
- In the event of a tie the deciding factor will be earliest time of record for the second Striped Bass each team weighed in. In the event that a team/boat only weighs in one fish and there is still a tie with a team/boat that weighed in two fish then we will use the time of record for the 1<sup>st</sup> fish weighed in for both boats/teams. Same holds true for the Bluefish category.
- It is the boat/teams responsibility to dispose of their catch in a responsible manner.
- It is up to the captain to determine whether his or her craft is sea-worthy for existing sea conditions. The captain is responsible for the safety of all members of his crew both on and off the ocean.
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to postpone, shorten, or cancel the Tournament due to severe weather conditions.
- No fish shall be kept alive for culling or weigh in purposes. A boat that intentionally attempts to keep a fish alive for weigh-in purpose will be disqualified from the Cape Cod \$5000.

*e) To prohibit the practice of high-grading as defined in 322 CMR 6.07(2) recreational fishermen may not retain legal-sized striped bass and release said fish in favor of another larger legal-sized striped bass captured subsequently. Any legal-sized fish not immediately released into the water and held by stringer, live-well or another means shall be considered intent to high-grade.*

- I.F.G.A. RULES APPLY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF WIRE LINE.
- No multiple hooks (no umbrella rigs)
- The fishing method known as yo-yoing, including any method that uses weights inserted into a bait and not attached to the angler's line is not permitted. The weigh master reserves the right to examine any fish.

- Any inorganic item(s) including, but not limited to, fishing tackle, wire, rocks, and rope found to be attached to a fish or inside a fish's mouth when a fish is caught shall be removed by the angler prior to weigh-in. The weigh master reserves the right to cut open fish at his/her discretion. If any inorganic material is not visible to the angler and is discovered when the fish is cut open, this material shall be examined by the tournament committee and, if deemed to be inside the fish prior to it being caught by the angler weighing it in, the weight of such inorganic item(s) shall be deducted from the official weight of the fish. If, however, the tournament committee deems that the inorganic material was intentionally introduced to the fish, additional action may be taken including, but not limited to, the disqualification of the fish and angler.

- The Cape Cod \$5000 Tournament Committee retains sole discretion to determine the winners, to award prizes, and to resolve disagreements or disputes between and among participants in accordance with the rules of the tournament. The committee may disqualify from the tournament and/or from any or all future Cape Cod \$5000 tournaments, any person or persons who falsify information, violate tournament rules, act in an unsportsmanlike manner or falsely testify for or against any person. Any party aggrieved by a decision or action of The Cape Cod \$5000 Tournament Committee must present a written grievance signed by the party, to the Cape Cod \$5000 Tournament Committee within 30 minutes of the decision or action being challenged. The committee will investigate all grievances and may conduct a hearing to resolve the grievance in which it may call witnesses, question the party involved in the incident giving rise to the grievance and, if necessary, have any and all persons involved or with knowledge of the incident submit to a polygraph test.