

TOURNAMENT RULES

(Apply to All Tournaments Conducted By The Cape May County Department of Tourism)

- 1 Tournament closes **DECEMBER 31** of the current year.
- 2 Tournament is open to anyone catching a fish in Cape May County waters (Atlantic Ocean, Delaware Bay off Cape May County or inland waterways and bays of the County.) Captain or any employee of a commercial or party fishing boat or anyone who offers his fish for sale. Weighmasters or any individual connected with the tournament are not eligible for prizes, but may be eligible for marlin release or recognition awards for fish caught and entered in the tournament.
- 3 Entry blanks may be obtained from any of the Weigh masters listed in this folder. To enter the tournament, obtain an entry blank, fill it out completely, sign it and have the official Weighmaster sign it as a witness. Weighmasters will mail the entries. Entries must be postmarked within seven (7) days from the date the fish is caught. Entry blank must be filled out completely or it will not be considered in the judging.
- 4 Whenever possible, a photograph should be submitted with the entry to aid in judging. If the photograph is suitable, it will be used for newspaper, magazine and TV promotion. Contestants agree to such use if photograph is submitted.
- 5 Prizes will be awarded by a Committee of Judges immediately after the close of the contest. In case of a tie, duplicate prizes will be awarded. Tackle Prizes limited to three (3) per contest year. In any event the decision of the Judges will be final. All entries, photos, etc., become property of the Fishing Tourney Committee, and will not be returned to anyone.
- 6 Extra large fish should be considered for World's Record (all species). For information concerning this and general information about Cape May County Fishing Tournament write Cape May County Fishing Tourney, Box 365, Cape May Court Hse, NJ 08210 or phone 609-463-6415 weekdays, 8:30am - 4:30pm.

Cape May County Fishing Tournament

Freeholder Dir. Gerald M. Thornton, *Tournament Director*

Freeholders:

Leonard C. Desiderio, E. Marie Hayes

Jeffrey Pierson Will Morey

DIANE WIELAND

Dept. Director of Tourism

CHARLIE LANGAN, So. Jersey Marina

ELEANOR BOCHENIEK, Rutgers University

RECOGNITION AWARDS

Win a recognition award and citation for any fish entered in tournament which weighs above the minimum standards (lbs.) set below. (Entrants will receive one recognition badge and citation for the first fish they enter. All subsequent entries will be recognized with citations.)

Column L/S is the minimum weight for fish caught with Light or Spinning Gear, column C is for Conventional.

	L/S	C		L/S	C
Croaker	0	0	Bonito (Oceanic)	2	5
Black Drum	30	30	Bonito (Common)	2	2
Fluke	5	5	Albacore (True)	10	10
Kingfish	1	1	Albacore (L. Turney)	10	10
Porgy	2 1/2	2 1/2	Tautog (Blackfish)	4	6
	4	8	Largemouth Bass	3	3
Weakfish	2	2 1/2	Pickrel	2	2
Seabass	3	4	Channel Cat	0	0
Bluefish	2	5	Cod	10	15
Tuna, Bluefin	0	0	Pollock	0	0
Yellowfin	0	0	Channel Bass	0	0
Marlin (Blue/White)	0 0	0 0	Wahoo	0	0
Dolphin	7	7	Spotted Weakfish	0	0
Rare Fish	0	0	Winter Flounder	1	1
Swordfish	0	0	Mackerel	1	1 1/2

TO HOOK THE BIG ONES . . .

TUNA, BONITO, ALBACORE

Feather jigs, metal squids, trolling plugs, cut bait, Chumming with ground mossbunker, 8/0-14/0 hand forged hook, wire leaders.

MARLIN, WAHOO . . . Cut in strips or whole fish. Good success skittering bait along surface like flying fish by using a kite or an extra long limber outrigger. 8/0-10/0 hook, S.O.'S or tuna hook on wire.

BLUEFISH . . . Feather jigs, metal squids, spoons, eel skins, cut bait. Chumming with ground mossbunker. 1/0-10/0 hook, S.O.'S, wire leader.

WEAKFISH . . . Sheddler crab, mullet, cut bait, squid, shrimp. Trolling or casting with feather jig or metal squid. Occasionally on spoons or wood plugs. 4-3/0 for small or schoolfish. For tiderunners 2/0-8/0 S.O.'S. Gut leader.

CHANNEL BASS . . . Sheddler crab, mullet, cut bait (preferably mossbunker), surf clams, squid bait. 6/0-10/0 hook, S.O.'S. Wire or gut leader.

STRIPED BASS . . .

crabs, bloodworms, cut bait, squid bait. Cast or troll with metal squid or feather jig. Clams, Hook same as Channel Bass.

BLACK DRUM . . . Sheddler crab, clams. Won't take cut bait readily. Hook as same as Channel Bass.

SEABASS, PORGY . . . Clams or squid. Cut bait. 1-4/0 ringed or snelled.

KINGFISH . . . Bait same as for Croakers. 4-1/0 snelled on gut. S.O.'S. or Chestertown Kirby. TAJUOG (Taug or Blackfish). Sheddler crab, squid, clams, fiddler crab, sand bugs. 4-2/0 strongly snelled.

FLOUNDER, FLUKE . . . Sheddler crab, minnows, clams, cut bait, bloodworms, 1-3/0 ringed or snelled, long shanked hook.

SNAPPERS (small Blues) . . . White bait (spearing), cut bait, small mullet, squid, small metal squid, Trolling / casting. 1-2/0 long shank hook preferred. Fine wire leader.

85th Annual Cape May County

Fishing Tournament

Contest Rules, Regulations,
and Weigh Stations



Let's Go Fishin' on the Jersey Cape!

Cape May County, NJ

Contest runs January 1 thru December 31

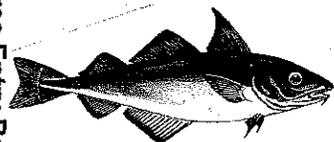
Sponsored by:

Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders

Cape May County Department of Tourism

www.thejerseycape.com

Fish For Fun and Free Prizes in Cape May County, N.J.



Enter Your Catch!

- No Entry Fees ●
- No Advance Registration

◆ Free Entry Badge . . .

Every Fisherman who enters the Jersey Cape Fishing Tournament will receive a free official Tournament Badge by return mail.

◆ Recognition Awards . . .

Fish over the minimum weights are eligible for a Recognition Award Pin and a Recognition Awards Citation. Your first Recognition Fish qualifies you for the pin and citation. Subsequent Recognition Fish will earn a citation. Wear your Recognition Pin. Frame your Citations.

◆ Enter Your Fish Regardless of Size . . .

and add your name to the growing numbers on Jersey Cape Fishing Tournament entry lists. Be a winner, but most of all, be a good sport.

◆ Enter Your Catches . . .

with the weighmaster nearest your favorite fishing spot.

◆ Win One of Many Fine Fishing Tackle Prizes . . .

which are awarded in each category of the tournament.

PROHIBITED SPECIES

See the Marine edition of the
NJ Fish & Wildlife Digest
or Fish & Wildlife's website
for a complete list.

~ Official Weigh Stations ~

◆ All Contest Entries Must Be Attested By An Official Weigher ◆
(R) indicates Boat Ramp (L) indicates Boat Lift

THE WILDWOODS 08260	CAPE MAY AREA/ COLD SPRING 08204	PEACE TOKEN Fishing Tackle 1301 Route 9 South Cape May Court House	OCEAN VIEW AREA 08230
CANAL SIDE Rentals--18th and Delaware Aves., N. Wildwood	BREE ZEE LEE Yacht Basin (R) Ocean Drive, Cape May Harbor		Boulevard Bait & Tackle-- 535 Sea Isle Blvd., Ocean View
DAD'S PLACE--Ocean Drive, (at toll bridge between Stone Harbor & No. Wildwood) N. Wildwood	CANYON CLUB--Rt. 109, CM	DELAWARE BAY AREA Villas - 08251	SEA ISLE CITY AREA 08243
DOCK STREET Seafood-- Oten Harbor, 4408 Park Blvd.	CAPE MAY Bait & Tackle--122 Sunset Blvd., West Cape May	BUDD'S Bait & Tackle--109 Fulling Mill Rd., Villas	LARSEN'S Marina-- Old Sea Isle Blvd., Sea Isle City
GRASSY SOUND Marina, 13 NW W Blvd., Grassy Sound	HAND'S TOO Bait & Tackle-- 970 Rt. 109, Cape May	SMOKER'S--140 N. Beach Ave., Reed's Beach, NJ	RED DOG Bait & Tackle-- 5020 Landis Ave., Sea Isle City
JERSEY Bait & Tackle--124 West Chestrut Ave., N. Wildwood	HARBOR VIEW Marina--954 Ocean Drive, Cape May	OCEAN CITY AREA 08226	SEA ISLE Bait & Tackle--4200 Park Road, Sea Isle City
NO BONES-- 560 W. Rio Grande Ave., WW	HINCH Marina--989 Ocean Dr., Cape May	FISHIN' STUFF--621 Bay Ave., Ocean City	TWO CHUMS Bait & Tackle-- 375 43rd St., Sea Isle City
SCHOONER Island Marina-- 5100 Lake Rd., Wildwood	JIM'S Bait & Tackle--US Highway #109 & 3rd Ave., Cape May	SEA GULL SHOP--309 55th St., Ocean City	AVALON AREA 08202
SOUTH DOCK Marina-- 231 W. 10th St., N. Wildwood	MISS CHRIS Center--3rd Ave. & Wilson Drive, Cape May	TIM'S TACKLE BOX, 300 Bay Ave., Ocean City	AVALON Anchorage-- 21st St., at the Bay, Avalon
STERLING HARBOR Marina--1020 W. Rio Grande Ave., Wildwood	SOUTH JERSEY Marina-- Rt. 109, Cape May	FIN-ATTCS, 1325 West Ave., Ocean City	AVALON HODGEPODGE-- 2389 Ocean Dr., Avalon
TOWNSEND'S INLET AREA 08243	UTSCH'S Marina--1121 Rt. 109, Schellenger's Landings, Cape May	STRATHMERE AREA 08248	AVALON MARINE Center-- 701 Old Avalon Blvd., Avalon
SUNSET Pier--86th & Inland Waterway, Townsend's Inlet	CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE AREA 08210	WHALE CREEK Marina--Sound & Taylor Aves., Strathmere	MORAN'S Dockside Bait & Tackle-- 14th & Ocean Dr., Avalon
PIER 88--8800 Sounds Ave., Townsend's Inlet	BIG JOHN'S Bait & Tackle at BAYWAY Marina--149 Rt. 47 N., Cape May Court House	STONE HARBOR AREA 08247	DENNISVILLE AREA 08214
	JUNIORS Crab & Seafood 228 RT. 47 South, Dias Creek	SMUGGLERS COVE-- 83rd St. & the Bay, Stone Harbor	DENNISVILLE LAKE Campground 47 Little Mill Rd., Dennisville (access from lake ONLY)