

Chesapeake Bay Pro-Am Fishing Tournament
OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

1. Entrants must register by 7:00 PM on April 30th, 2023 for Leg 1, May 5th, 2023 by 7:00PM for Leg 2 and May 6th, 2023 by 7:00PM for Leg 3 at www.chesapeakebayproam.com. Last minute entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Rules Committee.

2. Entry Fees: \$1000 Leg 1, \$750 Leg 2 & \$750 Leg 3

3. No Captain's Meeting will be held. Participants will receive an email with boat number. Boat number and event ticket receipt must be present to weigh any/all Fish!

4. Each boat will prominently display a placard (issued by the rules committee and included in the Captain Packages). This placard must be displayed at all times during the tournament.

5. Tournament will be three days: Monday May 1st, Saturday May 6th & Sunday May 7th. Should a day be canceled, all daily prizes associated with that day will be drawn from the Lucky Bucket. Participants shall monitor VHF channel 72. Any cancelations will also be posted on the Tournament Facebook: @ChesapeakeBayTournamentSeries/

6. Any boat may be boarded by tournament representatives for a thorough inspection of fish boxes, bilges, containers and compartments at any time.

7. At no time after the start of the tournament is any boat permitted to approach another boat, structure or land. Verified exceptions approved by committee may be excused from this rule. A charter boat may exchange fishing parties as long as the captain gets approval by tournament officials at Solomons Yachting Center. Otherwise, if this rule is broken, the entrant will be disqualified and the entry forfeited. Boats wishing to register fish can come to the main fuel pier only at designated weigh-in sites to register their fish at any time during the hours of the tournament and may go back into the bay; however, only the captain or mate may leave the boat and return to go back out.

8. **WEIGH STATIONS:** Weigh Stations are Solomons Yachting Center (Solomons Island, MD). Recorded weights at the time of measurement are final. Fish must be weighed in by 5:00 PM SHARP each day! If you are standing in line, your fish will be weighed. If you are approaching the fuel pier and not in line, your fish will not be weighed. You are only allowed to check in 2 Rockfish/Striper per boat per day. Rockfish/Striper **MUST be a minimum of 40" to be eligible for weigh-in.**

9. No lines in the water before 6:00 AM each day.

10. Boundaries: Maryland waters of the Chesapeake Bay (no tributaries). Boundaries are subject to enforcement by committee boats, aerial surveillance and fellow participants. Out of bounds will result in disqualification without refund.

11. All fish entered in this tournament must be caught by hook & line.

12. Upon return to port, each boat must go to the weigh station first, verified emergencies may be excused from this rule.

13. All fish entered will be subject to such examination, externally and internally, as the judges deem necessary. Judges reserve the right to delay any award should the fish go to a laboratory for extensive testing to determine the legality of the fish. **In case of fraud, the entrant will be subject to prosecution.** All persons on any boat registering a fish will be subject to a lie detector test if the judges deem necessary or protest is filed. All protests shall be made in writing to the judges no later than one hour after the last fish has been weighed. Challenges shall not be considered without a proper protest being filed. Any fish entered in the tournament is subject to disqualification if the judges decide it bears suspicious marks or characteristics. All decisions by the judges are final.

ROCKFISH PRIZES (BY WEIGHT)

PRIZES PAID PER LEG

DAILY PRIZES

Leg	1st	2nd
1.	90% of purse	10% of purse
2.	90% of purse	10% of purse
3.	90% of purse	10% of purse

14. An individual fish may only win 1(one) prize.

15. All communications between judges and fishermen will be monitored on CB Channel 1 and VHF Channel 72. There will be a fish report on these channels on the hour, every hour. Please be courteous at these times so everyone may hear these reports.

16. Entry fee must accompany application. Payment required online upon completion of application form. Register/pay online at: www.cobiatournament.com

17. **As participants in this year's Chesapeake Bay Pro-Am Fishing Tournament to be held in Solomons, knowing the risks and dangers involved in such activities and any unanticipated dangers that may develop, you agree to hold harmless and discharge the sponsor, namely the Chesapeake Bay Pro-Am Fishing Tournament, Solomons Yachting Center, and all event sponsors, their assigns, lessees, agents, employees and directors, from any and all damages, demands, actions, cost and/or expenses by or on behalf arising out of personal injury, property damage and or accidents incurred by participants engaged in the Chesapeake Bay Pro-Am Fishing Tournament.**

18. *Our entrants are strongly encouraged to release all fish not eligible for the tournament or which they do not want for personal consumption. Please help conserve our precious resource. All fish must be at least 40" in order to be eligible for weigh-in.*

19. By registering to participate in the tournament, all persons consent to the use without payment or restrictions, of any photographs and his or her name in which the captain, crew and/or boat appear for any purposes whatsoever.

20. Prizes:

Each Leg of event will pay daily prizes based off of purse/registrants for that day! No additional Calcuttas are available. No Grand Prize only the daily prizes!