

SEA SHELL RESORT'S

26th Annual

STRIPED BASS DERBY

October 27-29, 2023

REGISTRATION FORM

BOAT NAME: _____ Shirt Sizes: Angler #1 _____ #2 _____ #3 _____

HOME MARINA: _____ #4 _____ #5 _____ #6 _____
#7 _____

BOAT LENGTH: _____ BOAT MAKE: _____ (one boat only to be registered)

CAPTAIN: _____ 2nd ANGLER: _____

ADDITIONAL ANGLERS (\$75 EACH): (3) _____

(4) _____ (5) _____

(6) _____ (7) _____

JUNIOR ANGLER NAME: _____ (under 17)

CAPTAIN'S ADDRESS: _____

CITY, ST ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

Registration fee \$200.00 per boat. This includes entry for two anglers, two commemorative T-shirts, Fri. and Sat. cocktail parties (1-hour open bar, must be 21) and Sunday Fish Fry and awards ceremony. Additional anglers are \$75.00 per angler. Please make checks payable to "Sea Shell Club". Please note that all prize winners (\$600 and above) will be required to fill out IRS form W-9, and prize winnings will be reported for income tax purposes. Return registration form and check to:

Tom Hughes
Sea Shell Club
10 South Atlantic Avenue
Beach Haven, NJ 08008

Signature _____ Date _____

Sea Shell Resort's
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Striped Bass Derby

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2023 Charitable Recipients

Beach Haven Volunteer Fire Company
and
Beach Haven First Aid Squad

I am sure you are all aware that the state of New Jersey has enacted extremely aggressive rules regarding the harvesting of striped bass. The current rules allow the harvest of only one striped bass, per angler, per day, measuring between 28 and 31 inches. However, the state also allows each angler to possess a bonus tag, which allows you to harvest one fish per season between 24 and 28 inches. With this in mind, anglers might want to consider applying for a bonus tag. As a result of these drastic changes, we have decided to have two different categories for cash prize consideration. The two categories will be a team catch and release segment and an actual weigh-in segment.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the

Top 5 heaviest fish (weighed in)

Top five combined catch and released fish (cumulative points per boat)

Fish weighed in count towards team point total, include on tally sheet

Special prize for top junior angler and lady angler (weighed fish only)

Special drawings for donated gifts from various local businesses

<u>Cash Distribution</u>	<u>Weighed fish</u>	<u>Catch & Release Points (by team)</u>	
	1 st place: \$1000	1 st place:	\$1000
	2 nd place: \$850	2 nd place	\$850
	3 rd place: \$750	3 rd place	\$750
	4 th place: \$650	4 th place	\$650
	5 th place: \$500	5 th place	\$500

(Prizes are based on 100 boats entering. If less enter, prizes will be adjusted accordingly.)

Registration: **Return enclosed packet and registration form by mail** or dropped off at our resort's front desk or register on the first day of the event (Oct. 27th) from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. **Please pre-register**, as it makes Friday night go much smoother, helps us to plan better and allows you to enjoy the captains party and avoid long lines at the registration tables. Registration will close at 9:00 pm on the night of the event. Shirts and wrist bands will be available from 1pm on Friday, NO EARLIER.

Registration is by BOAT and not angler. Only one cash prize per boat, per category. Entry fee: \$200.00 per boat for two anglers plus \$75.00 for additional anglers. All prizes go to the boat captain. Entry fee includes 1 commemorative shirt per angler, entry to both cocktail parties and entry to Sunday's fish fry and awards party.

Schedule of events:

Friday October 27th **Welcome Party** - 1-hour open bar (7:00 – 8:00) with heavy hors d'oeuvres for captains and registered anglers. Cash bar open to general public. **Captains meeting** 8:00 PM, at the Sea Shell.

Friday Oct. 27th fishing starts: 9:00 PM and continues until final weigh-in at 12:00 noon on Oct 29st at the Sea Shell.

Saturday Oct 28th 6:00 to 8:00 PM Cocktail party with heavy hors d'oeuvres for all captains and registered anglers. Open bar 6:00 to 7:00, cash bar open to the general public.

Sunday Oct 29th 12:00 to 2:00 PM Fish Fry for all captains and registered anglers. Friends and family are welcome for fish fry (\$20.00). Cash bar 12:00 to 4:00 PM, 2:00 PM awards ceremony

Weigh in Schedule (Sea Shell Tiki bar)

Sat. Oct. 28th 11:00 AM till 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM till 7:00 PM.

Sunday Oct 29th Final weigh-in 10:00 AM till 12 noon (AT&T cell time).

Rules

- Start fishing: 9:00 PM Friday Oct. 27th
- Final weigh-in: 10 AM - 12 noon Sunday, Oct 29th NO ALIBIS OR EXCUSES! (AT&T cell time), when clock strikes noon, weigh-in is over, unless there is a line and you have checked in with the judges.
- Fishing limited to inshore waters within 3 miles of the beach. Northern and southern boundaries have been eliminated. Western boundary - The Garden State Parkway.
- All fish must be caught on the captain's boat and must be from rod and reel. All fish must be hooked and fished to landing by **one angler only**. Captains may register and fish one boat only. Registered anglers will be allowed to fish on one boat only, the use of multiple boats is not allowed, nor are anglers able to switch boats during the event. In the case of a documented mechanical issue with your boat, please contact the Derby Committee. Captains attempting to switch boats to gain a competitive advantage will be disqualified.
- Only one fish per boat, will be eligible for a cash prize in the final weigh-in category. Multiple fish are eligible for a cash prize in the (weighed in) segment category.
- For the catch and release category, anglers will be allowed to count any size striped bass they catch. The size of the fish will determine the number of points awarded. Catch and release fish pictures must be presented (via text message) during each weigh-in and in total (using the team tally sheet) at the final weigh-in. Each picture must be clear and show the angler, the fish alongside a Derby provided measuring tape and a phone with the time and date. This will be required for that fish to count. Fish of legal size (28-31 inches) will also count towards the team catch and release points. See point totals below.
- Second to weight, and only if needed, total length will be used to determine final standings in the weigh-in category. Total length will be measured by New Jersey Fish and Wildlife standards. Fish are measured from the tip of the snout (mouth closed) to the longest part of the tail (when squeezed). In case of a tie, the prize money for that prize and the next lowest prize will be divided equally by the respective boat captains. Please familiarize yourself and your crew about current size limits.
- Official weigh-in station is located at the Sea Shell's tiki bar.
- Captains agree to donate all weighed fish for the Sunday fish fry.

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Multiple Point System for Catch and
Release

- Under 28 inches = 1 point
- 28 to 31 inches legal = 2 points**
- Over 31-35 inches = 3 points
- Over 35-38 inches = 4 points
- Over 38 inches = 5 points

Derby Committee Rules

1. If a discrepancy arises, the complainant should first contact the head judge (Rich Ferguson) of the Derby Committee. He will be available during all weigh in times at the Sea Shell. Please refrain from discussing issues privately with any judge. If you have an issue, present it directly to the head judge. If the head judge is unavailable, we will designate an alternate.
2. If there continues to be a disagreement, the head judge will convene a meeting of the Derby judges. The committee will meet with the interested parties and hear the complaint. The complainant will then leave the meeting and the committee will render a binding decision. The complainant will be made aware of their decision within one hour.
3. Any discrepancy regarding the weight of a fish must be registered with the judge while the fish is on the scale. Once a fish has been removed from the scale, that weight will be official.
4. The Derby will be a rain or shine event. The decision to fish or when to fish will rest solely with the boats and their captain. In the event of severe weather, the Derby Committee will decide on the possibility of postponing the event until the following weekend. This decision would be made prior to 9:00PM, Friday Oct. 27th.
5. All registered anglers in this year's 26th Annual Sea Shell Club Striped Bass Derby, are **REQUIRED** to participate in the NJ Saltwater Recreational Registry Program. You must re-register each year. Please make sure you are aware of all current NJ fishing regulations as they apply to Striped Bass, especially size limitations and the number of fish that can be harvested.

This means you must register in the program and hold a valid certificate from the program. This requirement is in addition to any other valid fishing license or permit that you might currently hold that would exempt you from the state program. **YOU MUST BE REGISTERED IN THE STATE PROGRAM.** Failure to do this will result in your boat being disqualified from any prizes offered by the Sea Shell Striped Bass Derby.

The state of New Jersey has made several size changes for harvesting Striped Bass since our last event. It is the sole responsibility of the captains and anglers to be aware of these changes. Also please understand that anglers that possess bonus tags can use them to weigh a second fish if they choose. Any fish that does not meet these requirements will be disqualified. Once a fish has been presented for weighing, that fish is the property of the fishing derby, even if it is subsequently disqualified.

Upon request each and every registered angler must present their registration certificate, NO EXCUSES WILL BE ALLOWED. You will be unable to weigh-in a fish without this documentation, and prior to the awarding of any cash prize all registered anglers on the boat must present their documentation.

Tom Hughes - Derby Coordinator

Derby Committee:

Rich Ferguson (head judge)
Rich Conaway
Harvey Kelsall
Bob Smith
David Cowles
Mike Boyle
Jaimee Boyle
Britt Solon
Paul Solon
Morty Southwick (contingent head judge)

CALCUTTA INFORMATION

The Calcutta's are separate wagers among the various boat captains. Monies will be collected at the captains meeting and disbursed by a third party

after the Derby is concluded.

CALCUTTA #1 \$100 ENTRY

THREE PRIZES FOR TOP THREE WEIGHED FISH OF THE ENTIRE DERBY

1ST PLACE = 50%

2ND PLACE = 30%

3RD PLACE = 20%

IF A TOP FINISHING FISH IN THE DERBY IS NOT IN THE CALCUTTA THE NEXT FISH WHO IS IN THE CALCUTTA MOVES UP INTO THE MONEY.

CALCUTTA #2 \$100 ENTRY

THREE PRIZES FOR TOP THREE TEAM POINT TOTALS OF THE ENTIRE DERBY
THERE WILL BE ONE ENTRY FOR THE ENTIRE BOAT TEAM

1ST PLACE = 50%

2ND PLACE = 30%

3RD PLACE = 20%

CALCUTTA #3 \$50 ENTRY

THIS IS A DAILY PRIZE, ONE PRIZE FOR TOP WEIGHED FISH (IN CALCUTTA) IN EACH OF THE THREE WEIGH-INS

TOTAL MONEY FOR \$50 CALCUTTA DIVIDED INTO THREE EQUAL PRIZES

CALCUTTA #4 \$50 ENTRY

THIS IS A DAILY PRIZE, ONE PRIZE FOR TOP TEAM TOTAL OF FISH (IN CALCUTTA) IN EACH OF THE THREE WEIGH-INS

TOTAL MONEY FOR \$50 CALCUTTA DIVIDED INTO THREE EQUAL PRIZES

**CALCUTTA #4
DAVE BOHAN MEMORIAL**

\$25 entry

ONE PRIZE TO BE DRAWN FROM A HAT, FOR ALL THOSE THAT WEIGHED A FISH AND ENTERED THIS CALCUTTA. THE PRIZE WILL BE THE TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED AND WILL BE AWARDED TO ONE LUCKY ANGLER, REGARDLESS OF THE SIZE OF THE FISH. THE WINNER COULD BE FIRST PLACE OR LAST PLACE, IT DOES NOT MATTER. WHAT MATTERS IS DID YOU ENTER. EACH BOAT MAY ENTER AS MANY TIMES AS THEY WISH, SO THE QUESTION IS AND ARE YOU FEELING LUCKY.