

# 2024 Hampton Bays Fluke Tournament

## Tournament Rules & Regulations

### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Tournament Date:** Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> rain date.

**Captains Meeting:** Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 PM at **HBFD HEADQUARTERS** (located at 69 West Montauk Highway. Hampton Bays, NY).

**Fishing Hours:** 7AM to 3 PM. To be eligible all fluke must be weighed in at our official weigh station (*sponsored by East End Bait & Tackle*) at **HBFD HEADQUARTERS** (located at 69 West Montauk Hwy. Hampton Bays, NY). The weigh-in starts at 4 PM and will end promptly at 5 PM. Any fluke brought to the weigh station after 5 PM will not count towards the tournament.

**Fishing Location:** Fish all ocean and bays from Moriches to Mecox Bay. Peconic side is the South Ferry Line

**Awards Ceremony & Celebration:** Complimentary barbeque and refreshments will be served at **HBFD HEADQUARTERS** immediately after fishing time and during the weigh-in. Refreshments will be available upon arrival and the barbeque will begin at 3PM. The Awards Ceremony and raffle drawings will begin promptly at 5 530 PM.

### GENERAL RULES AND PROVISIONS

The tournament will be held rain or shine. It is the sole responsibility of the registrant/captain of all entered boats to determine if weather and sea conditions are safe to fish. The Hampton Bays Fire Department, its members and tournament sponsors assume no responsibility or liability for any boats entered or individuals participating in the tournament. If weather conditions prohibit any or all boats from fishing and, as a result, an insufficient number of fish are weighed in to account for any or all of the prizes, any prizes unaccounted for will be awarded by drawing at the Awards Ceremony. Likewise, if poor fishing results in an insufficient number of fish being weighed-in to account for any or all of the prizes, and prizes unaccounted for will be awarded by drawing at the Awards Ceremony. All entries will receive a boat number, a door prize stub, dinner/ drink bracelets for all paid participants on their boat at captains meeting. The entry fee must be paid in full at the Captain's Meeting. If payment is not made in full, your boat and its participants will not be allowed to participate in the tournament. Additionally, once payment is made, there will be absolutely No Refunds.

This year we will be doing an in person check in starting at 6:15am at Headquarters (69 Montauk Hwy West). Any person not able to make the drive by check in that starts at 7am can come up to HQ from 6:15am-6:45am the morning of the tournament and do an in person check in. This can be anyone from your crew to check the boat in. After that you will be cleared to start at 7am. We will not be doing any more radio CHECK INS. Starting at 7AM on Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, boats must check in with the Committee Boat at buoy number 8, located just east of the Ponquogue Bridge. To check in, vessels must display their boat while driving past the Committee Boat. At this time, you will be cleared to begin fishing.

Participants must abide by the NYSDEC fluke regulations for this tournament. If any fluke brought back to the weigh station is under minimum size you will be automatically disqualified and your weigh-in will not count.

After weighing each fish, the weigh master may mark it by cutting a V-notch in the tail fin. Fluke presented for weigh-in with a freshly cut V-notch in the tail will be denied entry. Once a fish is weighed you cannot weigh another fish in at a later time. All fish must be caught during the hours of the tournament by means of hook and line and be presented as fresh, not frozen.

All fluke presented to the weigh master will be recorded in pounds and tenths of pounds and measured for length to the nearest 1/8 of an inch. The time the fish are presented for weigh-in will be recorded in hours and minutes. The weigh master will also record the name and hometown of the individual from your team who caught the fish weighed-in for press release.

If two fish tie by weight for any of the "Port" prizes, the longer fish will be declared the winner. If the two fish are the same weight and length, the fish presented for weigh-in at the earliest time will be declared the winner.

The decision of the weigh master is final. If there is an unresolved dispute, The Hampton Bays Fire Department Fluke Committee will make a final binding decision.

## **PRIZES**

There are two prize categories in this tournament:

**1) "Port" Prizes:** \$500 for first, \$250 for second, \$150 for third, and \$100 for largest Sea Robin

***Junior Division prizes donated by East End Bait & Tackle.***

**2) Door Prizes:** Donated by Sitek Electronics and will be displayed at the captains meeting.