

BERKELEY STRIPER CLUB

2024 INTRA CLUB AWARDS PROGRAM – Final 3/2/24

Eddie Blasé Award for Longest Photographed Striped Bass - Plaque plus \$100 Cash

Boat Angler of the Year

1st Place – \$50 GC
2nd Place - \$35 GC
3rd Place - \$25 GC

Surfcaster of the Year

1st Place – \$50 GC
2nd Place - \$35 GC
3rd Place - \$25 GC

Longest Photographed Bluefish - \$50 Gift Card
Longest Photographed Weakfish - \$50 Gift Card
Longest Photographed Tautog - \$50 Gift Card
Largest Weighed Fluke - \$50 Gift Card

Individual Species Awards

Striped Bass Division

Shore Caught

1st Place - \$40 GC
2nd Place - \$35 GC
3rd Place - \$25 GC

Boat Caught

1st Place - \$40 GC
2nd Place - \$35 GC

Longest striper caught out of state - \$25 GC

Bluefish Division, Weakfish Division, Tautog Division, & Fluke Division Awards:

Shore Caught

1st Place - \$35 GC
2nd Place – \$25 GC

Boat Caught

1st Place - \$35 GC
2nd Place – \$25 GC

Junior Member Awards

Trophies awarded for the largest fish for each of the 5 species. Trophies also awarded for any fish submitted. No minimum length, open to both shore and boat caught. One trophy per species per Junior Member.

Boat Angler of the Year Award

Scoring for this award is the sum of points scored for as few as three species or as many as all five species. Points per species awarded as follows: 10 pts for largest, 9 pts for 2nd, 8 points for 3rd, 7 pts for 4th, 6 pts for 5th, 5 pts for 6th, 4 pts for 7th, 3 pts for 8th, 2 pts for 9th, and 1 pt. for 10th largest. You can always submit a bigger fish, but you can only have one entry per species. There will be 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place Boat Angler awards. Points tie-breaker: overall number of species caught followed by longest Striped Bass submitted. **Minimum lengths/weights are as follows: Striped Bass 28", Bluefish 24", Weakfish 18", Tautog 18". Weight for Fluke 4 lbs.**

Surfcaster of the Year Award

Scoring for this award is the sum of points scored for as few as three species or as many as all five species. Points per species awarded as follows: 10 pts for largest, 9 pts for 2nd, 8 points for 3rd, 7 pts for 4th, 6 pts for 5th, 5 pts for 6th, 4 pts for 7th, 3 pts for 8th, 2 pts for 9th, and 1 pt. for 10th largest. You can always submit a bigger fish, but you can only have one entry per species. There will be 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place Surfcaster awards. Points tie-breaker: overall number of species caught followed by longest Striped Bass submitted. **Minimum lengths/weights are as follows: Striped Bass 28", Bluefish 24", Weakfish 18", Tautog 15". Weight for Fluke 2 lbs.**

Bill Sculerati All Around Sportsman Award

To be presented to a member of the club who has shown outstanding qualities of an all-around fisherman and sportsman. This award shall be inscribed as follows: “The Bill Sculerati All Around Sportsman Award - Presented to ----- in memory of Bill Sculerati, a great sportsman and avid fisherman. This award is given to a member who exemplifies Bill’s high standards and dedication to the club.” An individual can only win this award once every five years.

Special Recognition Pins for Striped Bass

Special recognition pins will be awarded only for striped bass for fish 40”, 45”, and 50” Only one pin will be awarded per year to each member for each category. For example, you could receive one pin for a 40” fish and another for a 45” fish. The maximum number of pins anyone can receive in a year is three if that person is fortunate enough to catch that many large bass. For these awards it makes no difference if the fish was caught from the shore or from a boat.

Tagging Awards

Plaques will be awarded to those who tag and release the longest striped bass and the most striped bass each year. Additionally, plaques will be awarded for reaching certain milestone achievements such as tagging 1,000 striped bass. Qualified tagged fish can receive Recognition Pins once the Intra Club chairman receives the corresponding tagging record or copies of the tag card. The Tagging chairman will confirm as needed.

Club Participation Award

To be eligible for the annual club participation award, a member:

1. Attends at least four meetings, the more the better
2. Attends the Club Picnic
3. Signs up and works:
 - a. At the Flea Market
 - b. At least one Youth Education event
4. Volunteers for at least one committee other than the Flea Market

At the Intra Club Awards Ceremony, the recipient will be randomly selected from those who qualify.

President’s Plaque

Given to the President of our club upon their retirement indicating year(s) of service: “In Appreciation of Your Dedicated Service as Club President”

General Rules: Applies to all Intra Club Awards Mentioned in this Document

- 1) Fish may be caught from the shore or a boat. Boats include kayaks, stand up paddleboards, or other floating devices.
- 2) Each fish can only win one award. Additionally, gift cards will be awarded provided that a fish that has won a higher award would not have won a lesser award. For example, if the largest Fluke was caught from the shore, it would win a primary award and there would be no first-place secondary award for shore caught Fluke.
- 3) Each member can only win one award for each sub-division. For example, a member cannot win two awards for shore caught Fluke but they could win one award for a shore caught Fluke and another for a boat caught Fluke.

- 4) To be eligible to win any of the awards, members must attend at least four meetings during the calendar year. Youth members must attend one meeting or one other qualifying club function. It is the responsibility of the member to sign the attendance sheet at the meetings. Credit for meeting attendance will be given to any member who attends the annual picnic, or other functions as determined by the club. Credit will also be given for working at our flea market.
- 5) Members must have paid their dues before a fish is caught in order for it to be eligible.
- 6) Fish must be caught on a rod and reel in a sporting manner and within compliance of the law. The only help anyone can have in catching a fish is to have someone net, tail, leader, or gaff it for them.
- 7) A member caught cheating in any fishing tournament or for any club award shall be ineligible to win any award from the Berkeley Striper Club.
- 8) Boundaries are all legal New Jersey marine waters, except as noted for out of state Bass. Boats (including kayaks, stand up paddleboards, or other floating devices) participating in the Boating categories must leave from and return to a NJ port.
- 9) In the event of a tie, the first fish caught shall receive the higher award.
- 10) The Intra Club tournament runs from January 1st through December 31st. It shall be the member's responsibility to see that the final standings are correct by checking them at the January or February meeting or by contacting the tournament chairmen. Any appeals must be made by the February meeting.
- 11) Gift Cards can be ordered from any Bait & Tackle store the prizewinner chooses.
- 12) Any questions or information on current standings may be obtained by contacting the tournament chairman; Craig Lorenz 732-575-4496 or bscintraclub@optonline.net

Weight Based Rules

All fish must be weighed at a store with a certified scale. An affidavit (weigh slip) must be filled out, signed by the weigh-master, and submitted by the member within ten (10) days of catching the fish. The affidavit may be placed in the club box at Grumpys, or scanned and emailed to our tournament chairman; Craig Lorenz at bscintraclub@optonline.net or mailed to Berkeley Striper Club, PO Box 9, Seaside Park, NJ 08752-0009

Length Based Rules

1) Submitting a Fish

- a) To be counted, all fish must be measured and photographed with a measuring device clearly showing the length of the fish. **The minimum length for Striped Bass is 28", Bluefish 24", Weakfish 18", and Tautog 18" Boat & 15" Shore. Junior Members: No minimum length.**
 - (1) Fish will be measured from tip of the nose to the end of the tail held in a normal position. (not squeezed, pinched or stretched).
 - (2) The measuring device must be placed along the bottom (belly) side of the fish.
 - (3) The picture must be taken with the camera directly over the fish pointing straight down.

- b) Individuals must supply their own tape measure or ruler. Rigid or semi-rigid is recommended. The measuring device must be lying straight alongside the fish and be clearly visible in the picture for the full length of the fish being submitted.
 - (1) If any part of the measuring device is hidden by the fish or any other object, the entry will be disqualified.
 - (2) If the length of the fish cannot be determined from the picture, the entry will be disqualified.
- c) Any fish not photographed as described in rules 1a and 1b and all of their sub-rules will be disqualified. It is the responsibility of the member to ensure the fish is photographed properly.

2) **E-mailing your photos**

- a) Within ten (10) days of catching any fish, members must e-mail the picture of their largest fish to the Intra Club chairman; Craig Lorenz at bscintraclub@optonline.net
- b) With the picture, submit within the body of the e-mail the following:
 - (1) Members name
 - (2) The length of the fish as measured by the member rounded up to the nearest half inch
 - (3) Date and time caught
 - (4) Boat or shore
- c) Submit only one picture. If multiple pictures are submitted for the same fish, the Intra Club committee will judge the first received, or the first in the list of pictures if they are all sent in one e-mail.
 - (1) No photoshopping or other photo editing is permitted. Original unedited pictures only.
 - (2) The committee reserves the right to make editing adjustments to the submitted photo for clarity in order to read the ruler.
 - (3) The committee makes the final ruling on the length of the fish submitted.**
 - (4) The committee will determine the length of the fish by rounding up to the nearest half inch based on the submitted photograph.
 - (5) The committee reserves the right to make editing adjustments or to disqualify the entry (at their discretion) of any submission that attempts to show a false measurement using a forced perspective technique.
- d) Members have the right to request a second judging of a submitted fish. They must make the request in writing and state why they think the measurement was miss-judged.
 - (1) Members may only make one request for a second judging.
 - (2) Committee rulings on second judgments are final.
- e) If two or more fish of the same length are tied for an award, the submission received first will break the tie. The inbox time of the committee e-mail address will be used to determine time of receipt.
- f) Any member submitting a fish which was tampered with or was not caught by him or her within the rules and regulations of this program will be disqualified from this and any other eligible Intra Club award