

1st Annual Mid Atlantic Kayak Open presented by The Tupperware Navy Official Rules

1. Pre-Tournament

1.1. There will a pre-tournament captains meeting Friday June 7th between 5 PM and 8 PM at Great Bay Outfitters located at 955 Radio Rd, Little Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08087. All participants are required to fill out tournament paperwork and have their measuring devices verified by the tournament committee and receive your tournament number. All monies must be paid prior to the start of the tournament.

1.2. Registration may be made by mail, through a Tupperware Navy member, or online at www.tupperwarenavy.org, no later than June 7th, 2024 at 12:00PM

1.3. Tournament participants must have a valid, working e-mail address. Just prior to the start of the tournament, the tournament committee will e-mail each participant their own unique tournament number. That number must appear in any picture of a fish submitted for consideration in the tournament. We recommend that participants write that number on an index card, laminated card or on the visible sections of devices used to measure fish while on a kayak (Hobie Hawg Trough, Frabill Expandable Bump Board, Yak Fish Stik, etc..) dark enough and large enough to show up in photographs. Due to the nature of measuring striped bass on a kayak, you may be asked to present your measurement tool for inspection.

1.4. Lines in the water will start at 5:00 AM on Saturday, June 8th 2023. Fishing will end promptly at 5 PM June 9th 2023. Times are based on the tournament committee clock.

1.5. Once the tournament begins, there will be no refunds for any reason.

1.6. A waiver and release of liability statement is part of the entry form. It is required of each contestant that they take responsibility for themselves while participating in any tournament activities. By signing the entry form or signing up through the website, you are agreeing to the disclaimer on the entry form.

1.7. Prizes will be awarded based on the points system outline on the website at tupperwarenavy.org

2. During the Tournament

2.1. Boundaries are the Great Bay area according the map given to you at the captains meeting.

2.2. Fishing areas must be open to the public during the time period an individual is fishing the tournament. If a fishing area is closed to the public during certain times of the tournament, then it is closed to tournament fishing during that time period.

2.3. All fish must be caught on a rod and reel and within compliance of the law.

2.4. Entrants must hook and fight the fish on his/her own and must be the only person handling the fishing rod. The only assistance the angler may have is to have someone assist with measuring the fish. No assistance may be used in landing the fish.

2.5. Submitting a Fish

2.5.1. To be counted, all fish must be measured and photographed with a measuring device clearly showing the length of the fish and your tournament number clearly visible.

2.5.1.1. Fish must be released and swim away or may be legally harvested to qualify for this tournament. Striped bass must be released. Wanton waste of any species will disqualify entrant.

2.5.1.2. Fish will be measured with from tip of the nose to the end of the tail held in a normal position. (not squeezed, pinched or stretched)

2.5.1.3. Fish can be photographed in/on your kayak with a visible tape measure (Hobie Hawg Trough, Frabill Expandable Bump Board, Yak Fish Stik and similar measuring devices are encouraged). Some modifications to extend the tape measures are

allowed and may be needed depending on the length of the fish to be measured (many commercial brand kayak measuring devices are only 36" long). It is recommended that you fish with a buddy not only for safety reasons but for the assistance in taking pictures.

2.5.1.4 Your measuring device must be inspected at the captains meeting prior to the tournament. In addition, the Tournament Committee can request a visual inspection of any measuring device used prior to prizes being awarded at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. You may also incorporate a clear, uncut video of the fish on your measurement tool.

2.5.2. Individuals must supply their own tape measure or measuring device.

2.5.2.1. If the length of the fish cannot be determined from the picture, the entry will be disqualified

2.5.2. Any fish not photographed as described in rules 2.5.1 and 2.5.2 and all of their sub-rules may be disqualified. It is the responsibility of the angler to ensure the fish is photographed properly, *with that said we are aware of the challenges presented while photographing fish for Kayak C&R submission and will take all factors into consideration.*

2.5.3. Individuals must supply their own means of taking a digital photo. Digital cameras, cell phones, smart phones, video cameras, and iPod with photo capabilities will be accepted.

2.5.4. Safe boating will be observed at all times. During competition, each angler will be required to follow USCG Rules for safe boating. In addition, a safety flag must be used during the day, as well as a 360 light during the night (The Yakattack Visipole or similar) Individuals must also wear a USCG approved PFD during tournament.

2.5.5. Motorized, Pedal, and Paddle kayaks are acceptable in the tournament

2.6. Tournament Organizers will provide your entrant number on a bracelet which must be worn during the tournament and visible in pictures. Bracelets will be distributed during captains meeting.

3. Tournament Conclusion

3.1. At or before the conclusion of the tournament, all entrants who wish to enter their fish must e-mail the picture of their largest fish to the tournament committee.

3.1.1. Pictures are to be texted to the tournament committee at (808) 469 – 5895 with the entrant's name and tournament number in the body of the text.

3.1.2. Pictures must be submitted by 5:00 pm Sunday, June 9th 2023. They may be submitted at any time prior to this deadline.

3.1.5. No photoshopping or other photo editing is permitted. Original unedited pictures only.

3.1.6. The tournament committee reserves the right to make editing adjustments to the submitted photo for clarity, such as to read the ruler or the tournament number.

3.1.7. The tournament committee makes the final ruling on the length of the fish submitted.

3.1.7.1. The tournament committee will determine the length of the fish by rounding up to the nearest half inch based on the submitted photograph.

3.1.7.2. The tournament committee, based on the submitted photograph, will judge the viability of the release of the fish.

3.1.7.3. The tournament 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.

3.1.8. The tournament committee is not responsible for submissions failing to arrive by the deadline due to technical reasons beyond the committee's control, such as internet disruptions, power outages, etc.

3.1.9. Each entrant may only win one prize per division (species) While an entrant may enter multiple fish for this tournament, only the largest of that species submitted entry will be considered for a prize.

3.1.10. Entrants 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 mis-judged.

3.1.10.1. Entrants may only make one request for a second judging per tournament. Any further requests must go through the Appeals process as described in Rule 3.2

3.1.10.2. Tournament committee rulings on second judgments are final.

3.2. Any and all appeals must be made, in writing and given to a member of the tournament committee prior to the awards ceremony along with a \$25 processing fee. If the appeal is granted, the money will be refunded. No investigations will begin without the processing fee. All decisions made by the Tournament Committee will be deemed final.

3.3. The Tupperware Navy reserves the right to use any photographs submitted for prizes for Tupperware Navy and events, and for future promotion of the tournament.

3.4. 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 or message will be used to determine time of receipt.

3.5. Any entrant submitting a fish which was tampered with or was not caught by him or her within the rules and regulations of this tournament, will be disqualified with no refund of any entrance fees and may be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Entrants may be asked to take a polygraph test. Failing the test or refusing to take it within 7 days of the request will result in an automatic disqualification of the entrant with no refund of any entrance fees and forfeiture of any prizes.

3.6. Anglers who have been disqualified from this or any fishing tournament may be prohibited entry to this tournament.

3.7. Prizes will be awarded at the awards ceremony following the event at Great Bay Outfitters located at 955 Radio Rd, Little Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08087 starting Sunday June 9th at 7 PM.
If there are any questions, please contact the Tournament Committee at 808-469-5898.

3.8 Prize payout will be a minimum of 85% of all monies taken in for general entry, with up to 15% taken out for costs of running the tournament. A full breakdown of costs will be available for public viewing at the captains meeting. Calcuttas will receive 100% of cost as prizes with no monies taken out. Additional prizes will be available at awards ceremony and/or captains meeting with random chance entries.