

BERKELEY STRIPER CLUB
2022 INTRA CLUB AWARDS PROGRAM

MORATORIUM ON KILLING STRIPED BASS FOR ANY AWARD REMAINS IN EFFECT

Primary Awards

Eddie Blasé Award for **Longest Photographed** Striped Bass - Plaque plus \$100 Cash
Boat Angler of the Year – \$50 Gift Card
Surfcaster of the Year – \$50 Gift Card
Largest Bluefish - \$50 Gift Card
Largest Weakfish - \$50 Gift Card
Largest Fluke - \$50 Gift Card
Largest Tautog - \$50 Gift Card

Secondary Awards

Bluefish Division

Shore Caught

1st place - \$35 Gift Card

2nd place - \$25 Gift Card

Boat Caught

1st place - \$35 Gift Card

2nd place - \$25 Gift Card

Largest Bluefish caught by a youth - \$25 Gift Card

Weakfish Division

Shore Caught

1st place - \$35 Gift Card

2nd place - \$25 Gift Card

Boat Caught

1st place - \$35 Gift Card

2nd place - \$25 Gift Card

Largest Weakfish caught by a youth - \$25 Gift Card

Fluke Division

Shore Caught

1st place - \$35 Gift Card

2nd place - \$25 Gift Card

Boat Caught

1st place - \$35 Gift Card

2nd place - \$25 Gift Card

Largest Fluke caught by a youth - \$25 Gift Card

Tautog Division

Shore Caught

1st place - \$35 Gift Card

2nd place - \$25 Gift Card

Boat Caught

1st place - \$35 Gift Card

2nd place - \$25 Gift Card

Largest Tautog caught by a youth - \$25 Gift Card

Special Awards Division

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.

Boat Angler of the Year

Scoring for this award will be by a point system with 2 points a pound for Bluefish, 3 points a pound for Weakfish and Tautog, and 4 points a pound for Fluke. However, only the single largest Bluefish, Weakfish, Tautog, and Fluke will be scored for each member. A member will have to weigh in a fish for at least 3 different species to be eligible for this award. Minimum sizes to qualify for this award are as follows: Bluefish 10 lbs, Tautog 5 lbs, Weakfish 5 lbs, and Fluke 4 lbs,

Surfcaster of the Year Award

Scoring for this award will be by a point system with 2 points a pound for Bluefish, 3 points a pound for Weakfish and Tautog, and 4 points a pound for Fluke. However, only the single largest Bluefish, Weakfish, Tautog, and Fluke will be scored for each member. A member will have to weigh in a fish for at least 3 different species to be eligible for this award. Minimum sizes to qualify for this award are as follows: Bluefish 5 lbs, Weakfish 4 lbs, Tautog 3 lbs, Fluke 2 lbs.

Special Recognition Pins for Striped Bass

Special recognition pins will be given to those who participate in the length category. 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

Special 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.

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 (weight based)

- 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 Bluefish was caught from the shore, it would win a primary award and there would be no first-place secondary award for shore caught Bluefish.
- 3) Each member can only win one award for each sub-division. For example, a member cannot win two awards for shore caught Bluefish but he could win one award for a shore caught Bluefish and another for a boat caught Bluefish.
- 4) TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN ANY OF THE AWARDS, MEMBERS MUST ATTEND AT LEAST FOUR MEETINGS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR (EXCEPT THAT YOUTH MEMBERS MUST ATTEND TWO MEETINGS OR ONE MEETING AND 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) An affidavit (weigh slip) must be filled out and submitted by the member within ten (10) days of catching the fish. The affidavit may be placed in the club box at Grumpys, 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
- 6) All fish must be weighed at a store with a certified scale. The affidavit must be signed by the weigh-master.
- 7) Members must have paid their dues before a fish is caught in order for it to be eligible.
- 8) 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 or gaff it for them.
- 9) 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.
- 10) All fish must be caught in New Jersey waters unless there is a specific out of state award listed.
- 11) In the event of a tie, the first fish caught shall receive the higher award.
- 12) 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.
- 13) Gift Cards can be ordered from any Bait & Tackle store the prizewinner chooses.
- 14) Any questions or information on current standings may be obtained by contacting the tournament chairman; Craig Lorenz 732-575-4496 or bscintraclub@optonline.net

Length Based Awards

This is not a Catch and Release program; however, members are encouraged to release fish quickly based on viability. The same fish is not eligible for both “weight based” and “length based” awards. Any member submitting such will be disqualified from any award.

Striped Bass Division

Shore Caught

1st place - \$40. Gift Card

2nd place - \$35. Gift Card

3rd place - \$25. Gift Card

Boat Caught

1st place - \$40. Gift Card

2nd place - \$35. Gift Card

Longest striper caught out of state - \$25. Gift Card

Bluefish Division

Shore Caught

1st place - \$35 Gift Card

2nd place - \$25 Gift Card

Boat Caught

1st place - \$35 Gift Card

2nd place – \$25 Gift Card

Weakfish Division

Shore Caught

1st place - \$35 Gift Card

2nd place - \$25 Gift Card

Boat Caught

1st place - \$35. Gift Card

2nd place – \$25 Gift Card

General Rules (Length Based)

- 1) To be eligible to win any of the awards, members must attend at least four meetings during the calendar year. Youth members must attend at least two meetings or one meeting and 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.
- 2) 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.
- 3) All fish must be caught on a rod and reel and within compliance of the law.
- 4) Members 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 net, tail or leader the fish during the landing.

5) 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" and weakfish 20".**
 - (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 5a and 5b and all of their sub-rules will be disqualified. It is the responsibility of the member to ensure the fish is photographed properly.
 - (1) Members must supply their own means of taking a digital photo. Digital cameras, cell phones, smart phones, video cameras, and iPODs with photo capabilities will be accepted.

6) 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
 - (5) Bait or Lure
- 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

Mail Intra Club Tournament slips to:
 BSC Tournament Chairman
 PO Box 9, Seaside Park, NJ, 08752-0009
 or email scanned copies to: bscintraclub@optonline.net

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Species: _____
 Weight: _____ Length: _____
 Date Caught: _____
 Location: _____
 Boat or Shore: _____
 Bait or Lure: _____
 Weigh-in Station: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Weigh master's signature: _____

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