

# ST. JAMES FISHING CLUB DERBY RULES

Revision Dec. 2023

**Eligibility:** All members of the club when fishing from land or a boat.

**Duration:** Jan. 1, 2025 - December 30, 2025

**Location:** To be eligible for the derby, boats must depart and return from a marina or boat ramp located between Southport harbor on the north and Little River inlet on the south. Entries from the Shore\* or Piers\* within this geography are also included. Departure and fishing out of Baldhead Island and Oak Island are accepted.

\*All freshwater fish entries must be caught in the ponds of St James Plantation.

\*Inshore Angler fish entries must be caught inside the inlets

**Entries:** All entries must be sent to the Derby Coordinator (Nick Colatosti, [stjfishgroup@gmail.com](mailto:stjfishgroup@gmail.com)) within two weeks. Entries must include a full pixel jpeg photo of the catch on a measurement device, angler's name, Captain's Name or landed location, date of catch, fish length rounded to the nearest inch or half inch based on required measurement point (**TL**, **FL**, **CEL**) for the fish on the Derby list (Appendix B) of fish .

Fish may be entered that were caught while using a guide, a non-members boat or on a charter. The angler gets credit. The guide/ charter is viewed as the captain thus will be listed as "Guide". Member Captains will get a credit for being Captains for a Non-Member if the nonmembers fish is larger than the current posted fish. This larger fish will not displace the existing Members catch in the Derby. Fish caught onboard Kayak, Canoe or any other floating vessel; the operator of the vessel will get the credit as the Captain.

**Regulations:** Fish must be within the **regulation size limits imposed by NCDMF**. Fish maybe caught out of season, (Cobia, Flounder, Red Snapper etc.) but must be safely released. Angler must hold a required Fishing license for appropriate species. Please see the list of qualified species by following the link below.

## [NC Citation Fish Species](#)

**Special Additional Species:** Members may submit the following fish to the derby. All fish in this category are eligible for recognition and included for angler and Captain of the year: Big Eye Tuna, Bluefin Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, Tarpon, Striped Bass, Blue Marlin, White Marlin, Jack Crevalle, Red Snapper, African Pompano, Tilefish (all species) Florida Pompano, Snappers (others), Sailfish, Mako Shark, Tautog, Triple Tail, Spot, Atlantic Bonito, Spade Fish and Hog Fish. These fish are in addition to the ones listed in appendix B. All billfish caught will receive awards, but the fish must be brought to the boat (leader touched) and a picture must accompany entry.

**Recognition:** Recognition will be presented for the longest fish (using the proper measurement) for each species on the leader board at the end of the Derby.



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