

Welcome

Welcome to the American Angler Classic, a surf fishing tournament brought to you by American Angler Fishing Club. The American Angler Classic will be held in Seaside Park on Sunday, October 1, 2023. Mobile judge stations will be every 500 feet or so. This Tournament has 4 x 4 access for an additional \$10.00 fee as per Borough of Seaside. Parking along North Ocean Avenue is available with paid metered parking or free parking just a block or so west of North Ocean Avenue. Due to the COVID19 Pandemic, the awards MAY NOT be in person this year. They will be announced virtually at a later date TBD, most likely later that day or days after the tournament. This tournament is limited and early Registration is advised. Join us on the beach!

Fishing Area . . .

Day of 4x4 permits will be available to participants for \$10 the morning of the event. Site to be local and TBD depending on the Covid situation. Walk on and 4x4 anglers may fish wherever they like in between streets in Seaside Park. If a walk on or local non registered angler gets a fishing area before someone in a vehicle, the walk on or non registered angler will have the rights to that location. Please just move. Two miles of beach are available for this tournament. Otherwise, first come first serve!

Landed fish are encouraged to be released alive. Anglers are advised to bring a bucket or container to keep their catch alive. We recommend this time of year you use a large cooler or storage container.

For more information or to register online go to www.Americananglerus.com

Prizes

There are two categories for prizes. Adult and Youth. Prizes below are awarded to the largest in length fish landed and scored as per the rules. Categories cannot be combined.

For Adults 18 years and older.

First Place Prizes Adult:

A Century Surf Rod by-Advanced Fishing - USA.
Plus **\$400.00** in gift cards from 4 local tackle shops.
(\$100.00 each) sponsored by **Betty & Nick's,**
Gabriel Tackle Co., Grumpy's and Hook House
bait/tackle shops. **Costa Delmar** Sunglasses
gift card. **Porta Rod** fishing system.

Second Place Prizes Adult:

\$200.00 in gift cards from 3 local tackle shops.
\$50.00 each sponsored by **Betty & Nick's,**
Grumpy's and Hook House bait/tackle shops.

Third Place Prizes Adult:

\$100.00 in gift cards from 3 local tackle shops.
\$25.00 each sponsored by **Betty & Nick's,**
Grumpy's and Hook House bait/tackle shops.

Youth 17 and under.

Note: Youth anglers cannot win both adult and youth prizes categories

First Place Prizes Youth:

At least \$100.00 in Retail
fishing prizes TBD

Second Place Prizes Youth:

At least \$75.00 in Retail
fishing prizes TBD

Third Place Prizes Youth:

At least \$50.00 in Retail
fishing prizes TBD

All kids registered will walk away with prizes!
Prizes are Subject to Change!

AMERICAN ANGLER Classic



SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

OVER \$2500.00 IN
RETAIL PRIZES TO BE AWARDED

**On the Beach of
Seaside Park, NJ**

October 1, 2023

Sponsored in part by

Muller Insurance, Fireplaces Plus, Stop n Shop, Porta Rod,
Costa Delmar & Century Rod/Advanced Fishing - USA

**4X4 access for participants with a
\$10.00 special Day Permit**

www.americananglerus.com

Time and Place

October 1, 2023

Seaside Park, NJ

SCHEDULE

7:00 am - 1 pm.....Fishing

COST

Early Registration:

Adult (18 and older): \$27.00

Youth (17 and younger): \$15.00

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult, and are still required to register.

* Add \$10 for 4 x 4 permit.

Day of (late) Registration: 6am - 7am

Adult (18 and over) \$30.00

Youth (17 and younger) \$15.00

Valid email is very important to give updates.

Additional Sponsors



Rules

1. Only the following fish exceeding the minimum length listed below are eligible for entry:

Black Drum = 16+ inches

Bluefish = 14+ inches

Red Drum = Slot size between 18-27 inches

Kingfish = 10+ inches

Striped Bass = Slot size between 28+ inches

Sundials = 10+ inches

NO BONUS TAGS!

Note: Minimum length for this tournament may differ from New Jersey saltwater regulations. Sharks, Skates, Sea- Robins and other species not above do not get scored! Refer to the current Marine Digest for saltwater fishing regulations.

2. Fishing starts 7am and ends at 1pm. Strictly enforced. No fishing prior to 7am.
3. Fish caught from any boat, surfboard or other floating device will not be eligible.
4. Fishing will be done anywhere in a designated area of the beach that is about a 2 mile area.
5. Terminal tackle will be limited to 2 hooks. A plug counts as 1 hook. Individuals are limited to 2 rods while fishing.
6. All fish MUST be measured where caught. Mobile Judges will be available to measure both catch and release fish and kept fish.
7. All kept fish will have a vertical cut in the tail by judges to show the fish has been measured.
8. Fish shall be measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail (tail swiped).
9. Fish will be scored to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ inch once beyond the minimum length is achieved. In case of a tie, a girth of the fish can be requested at the time of scoring. Largest girth will break a tie. If a second tie breaker is needed, first fish landed will be the winner of the tie breaker.
10. This is a rain or shine tournament. Registration fees are non-refundable. Be prepared for foul weather.
11. No wading beyond your waist. This means if your waist gets wet from the surf in any way, back up! Judges will only give one warning for this. A second infraction will disqualify you from the tournament. This is a safety and insurance issue.
12. Participants may enter as many fish to be scored no matter what qualifying species. However, only the 3 largest fish in the two categories will be winners.
13. Only one prize per winner in categories. No combinations, 1st, 2nd or 3rd place combinations, etc. Adults cannot win any prizes in the kid's category and Kids cannot win prizes in Adult Category. Any prizes not won will be returned to American Angler.
14. All rules, information and registration forms can also be found at www.americananglerus.com. Questions: contact Carl Hartmann at cfishgotu@aol.com or 201-481-4390.
15. American Angler has the final decision on all matters related to this tournament.
16. Tournament rules, location, prizes and all matters related to this tournament are subject to change for any reason.

American Angler Classic

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Age: _____ Phone: _____

The American Angler Classic Surf Fishing Tournament, its sponsors, Borough of Seaside Park, American Angler members and leadership and any persons connected with it shall be exempt from any liability whatsoever, it is expressly understood that all participants in this event enter at their own risk and assume responsibility for decisions regarding sea conditions and their own safety.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Enclose a check or money order made payable to **American Angler** for the total amount:

18 & older: \$27 .00 17 and younger: \$15.00

Registration fees are non-refundable

***Add \$10 for 4 x 4 Permit.**

Return Application to: *American Angler*
31 Colonial Parkway, Dumont, NJ 07628

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