

Kent County Ducks Unlimited | Molly's Place Sporting Goods 2021 Annual Chester River Catfish Tournament

Presented by Quaker Neck Gun Club

Tournament Rules

I. General Tournament Rules

A. Entry Guidelines

1. Entry fee is per angler.
 - a) \$100 Boat Captain before Aug. 15th. **\$125 August 15th-August 31st**
 - (1) Boat Captains must attend mandatory Captain's Meeting on Friday 9/3/21 (evening). Location and details TBD.
 - (2) Boat Captains will also be required to provide their boat registration number.
 - b) \$100 Adult Angler before Aug. 15th. **\$125 August 15th-August 31st**
 - c) \$30 Junior Angler (Aged 15 and Under) before August 15th. **\$50 August 15th-August 31st.**
2. Each fishing participant will receive a tournament shirt. Boat captains will receive a YETI Tournament Bucket containing gifts and swag from DU and our sponsors. Junior Anglers will receive a youth oriented swag bag and shirt. **MUST REGISTER BY AUGUST 15th** to guarantee shirts, buckets, and swag bags.
3. Every angler must list 1 registered boat captain as their captain.
4. Every boat must have a registered boat captain.
5. There is no minimum or maximum boat size.
6. An unlimited number of anglers are allowed per boat captain but all must be registered with the tournament.
7. All persons aboard a tournament boat must be registered for the tournament.
8. Boat Captains must be 18 years of age or older.
9. No professional anglers can enter this tournament. We define professional fisherman as those who are paid by sponsorships to fish in tournaments.
10. By registering with the Chester River Catfish Tournament and paying the entry fee, participants acknowledge that they have read these Rules and agree to be bound by all rules of this tournament.
11. The Tournament will be held Sunday, September 5, 2021. Lines in at 5:30 a.m. and Lines out at 12:30 p.m. Anyone fishing before 5:30 a.m. or after 12:30 p.m. will be disqualified.

12. In the event of severe weather where tournament officials feel that it will be unsafe to fish, the Rain Date is Sunday, September 12, 2021. There will be no refunds if you cannot make the Rain Date.
13. Registration is only accepted online via www.kentdu.com
14. Registration cutoff for tournament shirts and YETI buckets is AUGUST 15th. After this date there will be no guarantee of either.
15. Online Registration closes August 31st, 2021 11:59pm EST - **NO EXCEPTIONS will be made for late registration of boats. Boat captains can pay for additional anglers at the Captain's Meeting.**
16. NO refunds will be given.

B. Fishing and Weigh-In Procedures

1. The official Weigh station will be the Kent School Dock (Same as 2020) in the Chester River. See map for coordinates.
2. Only fish brought by boat will be accepted.
3. There is NO on-land spectator site for weigh-ins. Weigh-ins will be broadcast on the radio and live streamed via Kent County Ducks Unlimited's social media pages.
4. Fish may be brought to weigh-in starting at 10:30am. All participants must be in line by 1:30 p.m. to have their fish weighed. Anyone not in line by 1:30 p.m. will not have their fish weighed or be eligible for any prizes/trophies.
5. All fish must be caught by Hook and Line on the day of the Tournament.
6. While fishing, all anglers must comply with all Federal and State regulations concerning fishing.
7. Any legal, commercial, or natural bait will be allowed.
8. Fishing is only allowed from a boat in the Chester River, Queenstown Creek, Langford Creek (East & West Forks), Lower Corsica River, Grays Inn Creek, SouthEast Creek, Grove Creek, Reed Creek, Tilghman Creek, Morgnec Creek. (see attached map)
9. No fishing allowed within 100 yards of any pound nets or fish holding areas.
10. Weigh-Master's rulings are final.

C. Additional Rules

1. Kent County Ducks Unlimited Committee members are not permitted to enter the Tournament.
2. We will **NOT** tolerate any drunken, disorderly conduct! If you are exhibiting these behaviors, you will be immediately disqualified.
3. We are **NOT** responsible for any accidents or boating violations. Please practice safe boating and follow all Maryland State boating laws and regulations.
4. Arguing and fighting between participants before, during, or after the tournament will result in immediate disqualification.
5. There will be a **mandatory** Captain's Meeting on the evening of Friday, September 3rd. Additional details will be released prior to the tournament via email. All Captains must attend for their boat to be eligible to fish in

the Tournament.

6. We ask that all boats make every effort to fly the tournament flag given to them in Captain's Bucket so we can better identify tournament boats.

II. Prizes and Awards

A. Prizes

1. Prizes will be awarded based on the weight of the single heaviest fish. In the event of a tie, the first weighed fish will win.
2. Catfish must be at least 18 inches in length to qualify.
3. The largest qualifying fish are as follows: bluecat/flathead catfish, channel catfish and snakehead.
4. Junior division will be determined by the largest fish of any of the qualifying categories.
5. There is a guaranteed tournament purse of \$8,000 for the adult divisions:
 - a) Bluecat/Flathead Catfish: 1st Place \$2,000, 2nd Place \$1,000, 3rd Place \$500
 - b) Channel Catfish: 1st Place \$2,000, 2nd Place \$1,000, 3rd Place \$500
 - c) Snakehead: \$1000 (winner take all)
6. Junior Class (Age 15 & under) will have trophies in addition to Molly's Place Gift Cards for 1st (\$500) 2nd (\$250) 3rd (\$150) and 4th (\$100) place finishers.
7. There will be multiple Calcutta's offered at the Captain's Meeting. Buy in will be cash only. Details to follow sharing divisions and levels. Any fish on the adult division leaderboard **cannot be** included in a Calcutta stringer entry.

B. Awards

1. The first place Junior Angler will receive the A.D. Burt Memorial Cup.
2. This cup trophy is to be returned to Kent County Ducks Unlimited by July of 2022 to be passed on to the next winner.

Any questions should be directed to The Kent County Ducks Unlimited Committee via email at kentcodu@gmail.com. All tournament information can be found on our website at www.kentdu.com.