



5th Annual
Tournament

September 22-24,
2023
Crisfield, MD



2023 Official Rules

Benefiting Emerson Thomas



SCHEDULE

Friday:

06:30 am: Lines in

03:00 pm: Judging Table at the Legion opens

05:00 pm: Lines Out (ALL PHOTOS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY LINES OUT)

06:30 pm: Cornhole Tournament

****Dinner specials available****

Saturday:

06:30 am: Lines in

12:00 pm: Judging Table at the Legion opens

05:00 pm: Lines Out (ALL PHOTOS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY LINES OUT)

05:30 pm: Party/Fundraiser begins

05:45 pm: Cocktail Hour

06:30 pm: Announcements

06:45 pm: Dinner Service

10:00 pm: Party Ends

Dinner is included in the tournament entry – Additional tickets are available for \$15.

****Proceeds from the Fundraising Party will be donated to Emerson Thomas****

Sunday:

06:30 am: Lines in

12:00 pm: Judging Table at the Legion opens

03:00 pm: Lines Out (ALL PHOTOS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY LINES OUT)

05:00 pm: Awards Ceremony

Submit Fish and Declare your Lay Day
via the WP Tournaments App

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

Where:

Participants may fish anywhere within the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries regardless of division. We will use the official demarcation line as it shows on GPS units as the boundary for the entrance of the Chesapeake Bay. Reference image below.



When:

Friday 6:30am - 5:00pm

Saturday 6:30am - 5:00pm

Sunday 6:30am - 3:00pm

****ANGLERS MUST BE IN LINE TO HAVE THEIR FISH JUDGED OR SUBMIT THEIR PHOTOS WITH DAILY INDICATOR BY 5PM FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, AND 3PM ON SUNDAY****

In the event phone signal becomes an issue and a photo cannot be submitted, the photo can be presented to the committee on the phone it was taken. We will then check the metadata and judge the fish.

Divisions:

Power Boat: Any vessel which is powered by an electric or combustion engine/motor regardless of size.

Kayak: A vessel powered only by manpower

(i.e.: hand paddled or pedal driven kayaks, canoes, or paddle boards). If you're unclear if your boat falls under this category, please make sure you ask!

Youth: Children under the age of 14 may fish in the youth division.

Lay Day:

All anglers are permitted to fish 2 out of 3 days. They must declare their one lay day by 6:00am the day of via the WP Tournaments App.

Launching Locations:

Powerboats must launch from Wicomico, Somerset, Worcester (Cedar Hall Ramp ONLY), Dorchester or Accomack Counties. Kayaks may launch from anywhere within the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. ***REMINDER* Fishing is only permitted in the bay and its' TIDAL tributaries. Anglers may not launch from any point upstream/inland of any man made structures which impede access to the Chesapeake Bay, regardless of whether that body of water is tidal or tidally influenced.**

Eligible Species:

Striped Bass, Red Drum (bull or slot sized), Black Drum, Cobia, Speckled Trout, Grey Trout, Bluefish, Flounder, Spadefish, Sheepshead, Croaker, Spanish Mackerel, and White Perch. ***Snakehead and Blue Cat are eligible in the designated Calcutta's ONLY***

Permitted Fishing Methods:

Light tackle jigging/casting, live or dead bait, light tackle bank trolling, and fly fishing is all permitted. Deep water trolling with inline planers, inline sinkers, down-riggers, planer boards, mojos, parachutes, and other heavy lures over 3oz is **NOT** permitted. Bait fishermen **MUST** use non-offset circle hooks when targeting Striped Bass (Rockfish) in accordance with the MD state regulations. Trolling light bucktails, jigs, and spoons is permitted. A maximum of 5 rods may be used when trolling.

Weather:

All anglers will fish at their own risk/discretion. Tournament officials reserve the right to cancel any or all fishing days. In the event all three days are not fishable, the tournament will move to the following weekend (Sep 29-Oct 1, 2023). If at least one day is fishable, the tournament will continue.

Registration:

Everyone fishing on a Powerboat must be a registered Angler assigned to a team for the tournament (including captain and/or mate on hired charter boats). All anglers or at least 1 team member **MUST** attend one of the 4 Captain's meetings to receive their official tournament measuring stick, tournament handbook, and Captain's bags. If you absolutely cannot attend any of the Captain's meetings, you must check in with a committee member before fishing. The tournament committee reserves the right to refuse the registration of any angler. Kids fishing in the Youth division may fish from a Kayak or Powerboat.

Powerboat: \$195 | Kayak/SUP: \$75 | Youth (14U): \$35.00

14U Anglers may enter the Powerboat or Kayak/SUP division if they choose by paying the associated fee. Keep in mind that if registered in the Powerboat or Kayak/SUP division, 14U Anglers will be competing against adults.

Teams:

A fishing team may consist of up to 5 Anglers. All members of a team must always fish from within the same vessel (THIS INCLUDES THE CAPTAIN AND OR MATE ON A HIRED CHARTER). All persons on a registered vessel during fishing tournament hours must be registered in the tournament. Anglers fishing on a team will submit their fish to build their stringer. Anglers fishing in the Kayak or Youth divisions may **NOT** build a fishing team for the tournament. Anglers fishing in the Youth division will **NOT** be able to contribute to a Powerboat team's stringer. Kids cannot fish in two divisions simultaneously.

Stringers:

The winners of each division will be decided by the top three two-day (5) fish stringers. A stringer may consist of no more than (3) of any eligible species for a maximum of (5) fish **EXCLUDING** Black Drum, Cobia, over slot sized Rockfish and over slot sized Red Drum. All eligible species submitted for your stringer must meet legal size requirements per Maryland regulations. Fish must be submitted with the daily identifier visible via the WP Tournaments App (available on Apple and Google Play) or measured in person by judges at the American Legion. All stringers, whether submitted by a team or otherwise, will be judged based on Maryland regulation size requirements, Official Tournament Judges will automatically cull your stringer based on submissions received in accordance with tournament rules and Maryland regulations. ****Please consider catch and release****

Judging:

Tangier Classic is a hybrid catch/photo tournament. Anglers will have the choice to submit photos of their catch with the daily identifier via the WP Tournaments App, or have their fish physically judged at the American Legion. Anglers may keep their fish or release them. All submissions will be judged based on MD State regulations meaning they must meet the minimum size requirements of a legal fish in MD to qualify. If fishing in VA waters, anglers must be aware of the VA State regulations when keeping a fish. All photos will be reviewed as they're submitted. If the graduations of the measuring device are visible, the fish will be measured from that point and adjusted accordingly. Fish will be measured to the nearest 1/8th of an inch. The nose and tail **MUST** be completely visible. If we cannot determine the length of a submission, it will be disqualified. All photos of fish **MUST** include the daily photo identifier. If the identifier is not present in the photo it will **NOT** be accepted. All daily winners will be tentatively announced that day and will be finalized on Sunday after the protest period has ended.

Tiebreaker:

In the event of a tie, the angler with the next largest submitted fish will be the winner. In the event neither angler has another fish, the winner will be decided by who caught their fish first. All anglers must have their metadata (time and location settings) turned on in their phones.

Protests:

A registered angler may protest another's catch by submitting a **WRITTEN** report to the tournament committee via the WP Tournaments App. A protest must be submitted no later than 4:00pm on Sunday. In the event of a protest, the report will be presented to a panel of 3 judges to make the decision. All protests will be finalized on Sunday before the awards ceremony. The judges' decisions will be final.

Measurements:

Fish are to be measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail at the longest point. According to the MD regulations you may pinch the tail. All anglers need to be careful not to cover the nose or tail of the fish to assure we can properly determine the length of the fish. All fish will be measured to the nearest 1/8th inch. The daily photo identifier **MUST** be visible in all photos!

Measuring Devices:

All fish must be measured with an official Tangier Classic 48" measuring stick which will be provided at the Captain's meetings. You may also have us pre-approve your Hog Trough or other measuring device at one of the 4 Captain's meetings. If you're using a measuring device other than a Tangier Classic official measuring stick, and it was not approved beforehand, your submissions will be disqualified. A form must be completed and signed by an official Tangier Classic committee member once the measuring device is approved. These forms will be kept on file by the Tangier Classic Committee. In the event a fish exceeds the provided measuring stick, an angler may use another measuring device of their choice in combination with the Tangier Classic measuring stick. The additional measuring device will need to be approved by the committee prior to the picture being accepted. It is recommended that you have us pre-approve a secondary measuring device if you intend to target fish exceeding our provided 48" measuring sticks. This will help avoid delays in the judging process.

Metadata (Location):

Tournament officials and judges reserve the right to examine the metadata of any photo image to confirm the validity of a claim. Photos with edited or missing metadata may be disqualified at the officials' discretion. It is important that all anglers make sure the metadata is turned on in their phones before fishing.

State Regulations:

All anglers fishing the Tangier Classic must be aware of the regulations for the state waters which they'll be fishing. The submissions will be judged in accordance with Maryland regulations. However, if an angler is fishing in Virginia, they must follow the Virginia regulations when keeping a fish. If a fish qualifies under the Maryland regulations for the tournament, but is not legal in Virginia, the fish **MUST** be released after a photo submission. As noted above, all prize-winning fish must be caught in accordance with Maryland State regulations and meet the legal-size limits of each species.

Licenses/Permits:

It is the angler's responsibility to obtain all licenses/permits required to fish in this tournament. Please take special note for the required Cobia permits when fishing in Virginia waters. Also, if an angler holds a Maryland fishing license and plans to fish in Virginia waters, they will need to obtain a VFIP number. Both the VFIP and Cobia permits are free and can be obtained online. MRC.VIRGINIA.GOV/FIP

Indemnity:

All anglers will fish at their own risk. All anglers agree to indemnify and hold harmless all members of the Tangier Classic Fishing Tournament board, committee, sponsors, and their agents and employees from all liability, loss, or damage they may suffer as a result of this fishing tournament.

Compliance:

Failure to comply with any rule or regulation of the tournament, or Maryland State fishing guidelines, may cause the disqualification of an angler or the anglers catch. Any registered angler so disqualified will not be entitled to any prizes or entry refund.

ADDITIONAL TOURNAMENT DETAILS:

Tournament Board:

President: Brad Taylor

Vice President: Justin Ancheta

Secretary: Adam Corry

Logistics & Judging: Lindsay Mason

Tournament Committee:

Ashley Taylor · Erika Corry · Scott Drollette · David Galeone

3 Judge Panel:

Bud Humelsine · Mark Whitelock · Ricky Morris

Contact Information:

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Venue:

Crisfield American Legion Post 16 · Address: 116 Lorie Quinn Drive, Crisfield, Maryland 21817

Payouts:

Powerboat: 25% of entry money · Kayak: 25% of entry money.

Donation to Emerson Thomas: 50% of entry money plus proceeds from fundraising parties.

Calcuttas: 100% - Winner takes all (except the Tangier Slam – 70% payout, 30% donation).

Calcuttas:

Tangier Slam: \$150 Powerboat Team | \$75 Kayak/SUP

Eligible Species: Rockfish under 31" (slot), Red Drum under 27" (slot), Speckled Trout, and Bluefish.

Must catch 3 out of 4 species to qualify. The angler who catches the most qualifying species wins. If multiple anglers catch the same number of species the tie breaker will be determined by stringer length.

Heavy Weights: \$150 Powerboat Team | \$75 Kayak/SUP

Eligible Species: Rockfish over 31", Red Drum over 27", Black Drum, and Cobia.

Must catch 2 out of 4 species to qualify. The Longest stringer of qualifying species wins. One fish from each species is permitted in a stringer.

2-Day Stringer: \$130 Powerboat Team | \$65 Kayak/SUP

Longest five fish stringer over 2 days of fishing wins. This Calcutta mirrors the general entry division.

Refer to rules for number of each species permitted in a stringer

This calcutta does not include Rockfish over 31", Red Drum over 27", Black Drum, Cobia, Snakehead or Blue Cat

2-Day Invasive Species Stringer: \$130 Powerboat Team | \$65 Kayak/SUP

Longest two fish stringer over 2 days of fishing wins. Each stringer must contain 1 Snakehead and 1 Blue Cat.

This calcutta ONLY includes Snakehead and Blue Cat

Longest Fish Overall: \$60 Powerboat Team | \$30 Kayak/SUP

All 13 eligible species apply. The longest fish wins regardless of species including: Rockfish over 31", Red Drum over 27", Black Drum, and Cobia.

This calcutta does not include Snakehead or Blue Cat

Longest Fish Daily: \$60 Powerboat Team | \$30 Kayak/SUP

All 13 eligible species apply. The longest fish each day wins regardless of species including: Rockfish over 31", Red Drum over 27", Black Drum, and Cobia.

This calcutta does not include Snakehead or Blue Cat

Longest Rockfish: \$50 Powerboat Team | \$25 Kayak/SUP

The longest individual Rockfish wins including: Rockfish over 31".

Longest Redfish (including bulls): \$50 Powerboat Team | \$25 Kayak/SUP

The longest individual Red Drum wins including: Red Drum over 27".

Longest Speckled Trout: \$50 Powerboat Team | \$25 Kayak/SUP

The longest individual Speckled Trout wins.

Longest Bluefish: \$50 Powerboat Team | \$25 Kayak/SUP

The longest individual Bluefish wins.

Longest Perch: \$50 Powerboat Team | \$25 Kayak/SUP

The longest individual Perch wins.

Longest Snakehead: \$50 Powerboat Team | \$25 Kayak/SUP

The longest individual Snakehead wins.

MARYLAND REGULATIONS – ELIGIBLE SPECIES:

All anglers fishing the Tangier Classic Fishing Tournament are responsible for obtaining any license and permits required to fish in Maryland waters.

Rockfish (Striped Bass):

Size: 19-31" Creel: 1 fish per person Season: Aug 1–Dec 10

Red Drum (Redfish):

Size: 18-27" Creel: 1 fish per person Season: Year Round

Speckled Trout:

Size: 14" Creel: 4 fish per person Season: Year Round

Grey Trout:

Size: 13" Creel: 1 fish per person Season: Year Round

Cobia:

Size: 40" Creel: Catch and Release only Season: Jun 15–Sep 15

Flounder:

Size: 16" Creel: 4 fish per person Season: Year Round

Bluefish:

Size: 8" Creel: 3 fish per person Season: Year Round

Sheepshead:

Size: None Creel: 4 fish per person Season: Year Round

Spadefish:

Size: None Creel: None Season: Year Round

Croaker:

Size: 9" Creel: 25 fish per person Season: Year Round

White Perch:

Size: None* Creel: None Season: Year Round

**When fishing with hook and line*

Black Drum:

Size: 16" Creel: 1 fish per person Season: Year Round
6 fish per boat (with 6 anglers)

Spanish Mackerel:

Size: 14" Creel: 15 fish per person Season: Year Round

VIRGINIA REGULATIONS – ELIGIBLE SPECIES:

All anglers fishing the Tangier Classic Fishing Tournament are responsible for obtaining any license and permits required to fish in Virginia waters.

Rockfish (Striped Bass):

Closed June 15 – October 4

Red Drum (Redfish):

Size: 18 - 26" Creel: 3 fish per person Season: Year Round

Speckled Trout:

Size: 14" Creel: 5 fish per person Season: Year Round
Only 1 greater than 24"

Grey Trout (Weakfish):

Size: 12" Creel: 1 fish per person Season: Year Round

Cobia:

Size: 40" Creel: Catch and Release only Season: Jun 15–Sep 15

Flounder:

Size: 16" Creel: 4 fish per person Season: Year Round

Bluefish:

Size: None Creel: 3 per person Season: Year Round

Sheepshead:

Size: None Creel: 4 fish per person Season: Year Round

Spadefish:

Size: None Creel: 4 fish per person Season: Year Round

Croaker:

Size: None Creel: 50 fish per person Season: Year Round

White Perch:

Size: None* Creel: None Season: Year Round

*When fishing with hook and line

Black Drum:

Size: 16" Creel: 1 per person Season: Year Round

Spanish Mackerel:

Size: 14" Creel: 15 fish per person Season: Year Round