



400 Fourth Street
Annapolis, MD 21403
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9th Annual Boatyard Opening Day Rockfish Tournament
April 17, 2010
To benefit the Chesapeake Bay Foundation®, Coastal Conservation Association Maryland
and the Annapolis Police Dept. Youth Fishing Camp

Tournament Official Rules

- 1. Entry Fee:** \$150.00 per boat for four anglers
\$30.00 per additional angler
Payment Options:
 - Mail or bring registration form and payment (cash or check) payable to Boatyard Bar & Grill at 400 Fourth Street, Annapolis, MD 21403
 - Or leave the signed form and check only at Anglers Sport Center on Route 50
 - Online registration (*recommended form of registration*)—Go to our website at www.boatyardbarandgrill.com under “fishing” and follow the instructions for credit card payment on-line. Make sure that if the Captain’s name on the entry form is different from the name on credit card payment that this is noted so we can match the entry form with the payment.
- 2. Date of Tournament:** Saturday, April 17, 2010. Area for fishing to coincide with Maryland D.N.R. Rules for the Chesapeake Bay.
- 3. Eligible Fish:** Rockfish. All must be caught on hook and line. All tackle IGFA rules apply.
- 4. Captains Meeting** (with cookout and band): At the **Boatyard Bar & Grill** on Friday, April 16, 2010 from 5:00-7:00 PM. The Boatyard Bar & Grill is located at 400 Fourth Street (corner of Fourth Street and Severn Ave. Eastport, Annapolis. Phone 410-216-6206. Directions are on www.boatyardbarandgrill.com under “about us”. At the Captains’ meeting you will pick up your Skipper’s Bag with tee shirts and other goodies, official measuring device and identification for Saturday’s party. Each captain will receive a complimentary year’s membership in Chesapeake Bay Foundation®.

5. **Weather:** Participants enter the Tournament at their own risk and discretion. Captain and crew must decide on each individual boat capabilities to fish on April 17.
6. **Measure-In:** Due to DNR regulations for tournaments on Opening Day, this will be “catch and release only.” *While you may take home a legal fish for your use, you must bring in a digital camera, media card or other type of digital image of the fish you caught on top of the official measuring device to enter your catch. Bring your digital image to the Boatyard Bar & Grill on Saturday, April 17 by 4:30 PM at the latest. You must be in line at the deadline. NO EXCEPTIONS. Largest fish will be determined by length only. All fish will be measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail. In case of a tie the fish measured first will be the winner. (REMEMBER --DO NOT BRING ANY FISH TO THE MEASURE-IN.) You MUST take your photo with the official measuring device (that will be given out at the Captains’ Meeting). See instructions for measuring the fish in the Skipper’s Package. Put the special measuring device that you are given on the deck of your boat. Lay the fish on top of the measuring device. Put the snout of the fish on the zero (the end of the measuring device) and the tip of the tail on the higher number. You are responsible for getting the snout of the fish exactly on the zero end of the measuring device. If a fish is longer than the 48 inch yardstick, the first photograph presented to the judges will be declared the winner. Make sure you take several pictures of your fish next to the yardstick, clearly showing the length is longer than 48 inches. (DON’T FORGET THIS IS A CHARITY TOURNAMENT AND TO USE THE HONOR SYSTEM!!!!)*
7. Digital Cameras, media cards, or other types of digital images that fail to clearly show the length of the fish, with the official measuring device, will be disallowed
8. **Minimizing Fish Mortality:** We discourage killing or harming fish for the tournament. If an entrant has caught and killed a keeper for their own use, all efforts should be employed to preserve, revive and release subsequent fish.
9. **Fishing Hours:** Saturday, April 17 from earliest time designated by DNR—again you must be in line at the Boatyard Bar and Grill by 4:30 PM at the latest.
10. **Line:** All types of line may be used in the tournament. No chumming or eels are permitted.
11. All participants and guests of participants are responsible for their own personal safety and the security of their personal property and expressly assume any and all risks to their personal safety and well being as a result

of their participation in the tournament. It is a pre-condition of participation in the Boatyard Bar & Grill Fishing Tournament that all participants shall release and hold harmless the Boatyard Bar & Grill, Chesapeake Bay Foundation®, Coastal Conservation Association Maryland or the Annapolis Police Department Youth Fishing Camp and any sponsors listed below from any and all claims, losses, costs and expenses, personal injuries, wrongful deaths and property damage, whatsoever, arising from or during participation in the Fishing Tournament. By electing to participate in the Boatyard Bar & Grill Fishing Tournament, all participants agree to, and grant this release of liability and shall not be permitted to withdraw or disavow that release of liability.

12. Location and Time of Measure-In, Awards Ceremony and Gala: Will be held on Saturday, April 17 at the Boatyard Bar & Grill located at 400 Fourth Street (Severn and Fourth) in Eastport, Annapolis 21403; 410-216-6206. Free food, beer and wine for all participants from 4:00-7:30 PM, cash bar and food for guests. Band plays until 8:00 PM.

12. Merchandise prizes from sponsors will be awarded as follows:

- 1st Prize for Longest fish (Grand prize winner with angler's fish and name painted on the Boatyard rafters)
- 2nd – 5th Prize for 2nd – 5th Longest fish
- Prize for youngest angler under the age of 16
- Prize for first legal fish (photo) in

(If fish is over 48 inches-length of measuring stick-winner will be first in.)

Again this year, CCA MD is offering \$1,000 in cash prizes for the longest fish caught on a "qualified" CCA MD boat to be awarded as follows;

- \$600 to the angler that catches the longest fish
- \$400 to the Captain of the **CCA qualified boat**

To be CCA qualified, all anglers on a registered tournament boat need to be members of the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) in current standing. To join CCA go online at www.joincca.org or see the CCA form in the tournament sign-up documents.

Outline of fish with 1st place winner's name painted on ceiling beam at Boatyard Bar & Grill. Picture of this year's 1st place winner hung in Boatyard for one year.