



OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES



SCOTTY'S CHARITY SHARK TOURNAMENT RULES

NOAA TOURNAMENT CONFIRMATION NUMBER: 23230aKYS1475

Captain's Meeting – Fri June 24th | Tournament Day – Sat June 25th | Rain/weather date – Sun June 26th

All anglers registered to fish in the Scotty's Charity Shark Tournament must follow all regulations set forth by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and by NOAA HMS.

ALL ANGLERS ON BOARD VESSEL MUST HOLD A VALID NYS DEC SALTWATER FISHING PERMIT

ALL VESSELS MUST HAVE A VALID NOAA HMS ANGLING OR HMS CHARTER/HEADBOAT PERMIT TO FISH FOR ATLANTIC SHARKS.

ALL VESSELS MUST FOLLOW IGFA RULES AND GUIDELINES, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF USING A HARPOON. VESSELS ARE ALLOWED TO USE HARPOONS OR FLYING GAFFS.

BANG STICKS C02 STUN GUNS AND OR FIREARMS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO LAND A SHARK.

ALL VESSELS MUST USE NON-STAINLESS STEEL NON-OFFSET CIRCLE HOOKS.

NYS DEC RECREATIONAL FISHING REGULATIONS FOR SHARKS IN STATE WATERS

ONE SHARK PER VESSEL PER TRIP, EXCEPT ONE ADDITIONAL ATLANTIC SHARPNOSE AND ONE ADDITIONAL BONNETHEAD MAY BE TAKEN AND POSSESSED PER ANGLER PER TRIP, ANY NUMBER OF SMOOTH AND SPINY DOGFISH MAY BE RETAINED.

ALLOWED SHARKS - MINIMUM SIZE 54" FORK LENGTH

TIGER, BLACKTIP, BULL, LEMON, NURSE, SPINNER, BLUE, OCEANIC WHITE TIP, PORBEAGLE, COMMON THRESHER

SHORTFIN MAKO – PROHIBITED SPECIES AS PER NOAA RETENTION BAN

GREAT HAMMERHEAD, SCALLOPED HAMMERHEAD, SMOOTH HAMMERHEAD – 78" FORK LENGTH

ATLANTIC SHARPNOSE, BONNETHEAD, FINETOOTH, BLACKNOSE – NO SIZE LIMIT

SMOOTH AND SPINY DOGFISH – NO SIZE LIMIT

FORK LENGTH MEANS THE STRAIGHT-LINE MEASUREMENT OF A FISH FROM THE TIP OF THE SNOUT TO THE FORK OF THE TAIL. THE MEASUREMENT IS NOT MADE ALONG THE CURVE OF THE BODY

PROHIBITED SHARKS

ATLANTIC ANGEL, BASKING, BLACKNOSE, BIGEYE SAND TIGER, BIGEYE SIXGILL, BIGEYE THRESHER, BIGNOSE, BLUNTNOSE, SIXGILL, CARIBBEAN REEF, CARIBBEAN SHARPNOSE, DUSKY, GALAPAGOS, LONGFIN MAKO, SHORTFIN MAKO, NARROWTOOTH, NIGHT, SAND TIGER, SANDBAR, SHARPNOSE SEVENGILL, SILKY, SMALLTAIL, WHALE, WHITE.

(A PERSON MAY FISH FOR WHITE SHARKS WITH ROD AND REEL, PROVIDED THE PERSON RELEASES FISH IMMEDIATELY WITH A MINIMUM OF INJURY AND THAT SUCH FISH MAY NOT BE REMOVED FROM THE WATER.)

NOAA HAS THE SAME BAG LIMIT AND MINIMUM SIZE LIMITS OF NYS DEC.

Any Violation of these regulations is the angler's responsibility and may be punishable by the full extent of the law.

In addition to the NYS DEC and NOAA HMS Regulations, Scotty's Shark Tournament enforces a minimum weight of 150lbs to qualify to win any Prize or Calcutta in the tournament.

TOURNAMENT RULES

- Entry fee of \$300 will be split 50/50. 50% going to the prize purse and the other 50% going to Hooks For Heroes charity. This supports Hooks For Heroes and allows us to continue to serve American Heroes.

- Entry fee tournament winnings will have a 1st, 2nd, 3rd prize.

1st place – 70% of purse 2nd place – 20% of purse 3rd place – 10% of purse

-If fishing on a private boat, **everyone on that boat MUST BE LISTED as a registered angler**. Violation will be subject to all registered anglers on that vessel disqualified.

-If fishing on a charter boat for hire, the vessel must be registered, and all persons including the Captain must be listed on an official registration form. Violation will be subject to all registered anglers on that vessel disqualified.

-Each vessel will be given a **Tournament Number** to help with identification.

- Each Calcutta category is winner takes all. 90% of Calcutta prize money goes to winner. 10% of Calcutta money will go to Scotty's Fishing Station/Hooks For Heroes charity. **Vessel's MUST be registered in a Calcutta to win it.**

- In the event of a tie, the earlier weighed fish will take priority.

-In the event that no qualifying fish is caught in a specific Calcutta Category, 95% of the Calcutta money will be returned to each registered vessel.

-Under no circumstances can one registered vessel weigh in a fish caught by anyone not listed on that vessel's registration form, or caught by another vessel, any violation is immediate disqualification. Any suspicion is subject to a lie detector test.

- **ALL NOAA/NYS DEC ALLOWED** SHARKS MAY BE FISHED FOR AND WEIGHED IN TO QUALIFY FOR WINNING.

COMMITTEE TENT CHECK IN & SHOTGUN START

Check in Day of Tournament at Scotty's Dock or Committee Boat in Debs Inlet

- Vessels Registered in the Scotty's Charity Shark Tournament **MUST CHECK IN** with **The Committee Boat located in Jones Inlet OR the Committee Boat located in Debs Inlet** beginning at **5am** sharp the morning of the tournament.

- It is very important to check in! IF A VESSEL DOES NOT CHECK IN, THEY WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO WEIGH IN A FISH.

- Vessels may check in by contacting the committee tent with their vessel tournament number via **VHF Radio channel 71** starting at 5am, **vessels must be in visual contact and radio contact**, vessels must also get a **confirmation reply** via radio assuring their check in.

- Once a vessel is checked in, they may proceed to wait at the **JONES INLET (JI) BUOY or the DEBS INLET (ER) BUOY**. Vessels must wait withing safe boating distance of the other vessels in the immediate vicinity of the JI or ER Buoy.

A Shotgun Start notification will be made via VHF Radio Channel 71 at 6am sharp.

- **Equally Important**, other than vessels weighing in fish, any vessel returning from fishing the tournament, MUST check in via VHF Radio Channel 71 OR TEXT your return check-in to **(516) 660-7179** with your Vessel Tournament Number.

- VESSELS WHO DO NOT CHECK IN THEIR RETURN, OR WEIGH IN A FISH, WILL BE CONTACTED VIA THE CAPTAIN'S CONTACT NUMBER ON THEIR REGISTRATION FORM. IF NO CONTACT IS MADE WITH THE VESSEL A NOTIFICATION TO THE EMERGENCY CONTACT WILL BE MADE. IF NO CONTACT IS MADE WITH THE EMERGENCY CONTACT, CONTACT TO THE USCG WILL BE MADE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL REGISTERED VESSELS.

WEIGHING IN A FISH

- Fish weigh ins will be held at **Scotty's Fishing Station, 72 Bayside Drive, Point Lookout, NY 11569 (516) 432-4665, from 10AM TO 6PM.**

- People who want to weigh in a fish **MUST BE PRESENT AT SCOTTYS WITH FISH by 6pm.** There is limited dock space to weigh in, those unable to dock must wait in line to be directed to dock.

-Any vessel that is not in line/in sight to weigh a fish in by 6pm sharp will be disqualified for prizes/Calcutta. No exceptions.

In line means physically waiting in line at Scotty's dock waiting to weigh in fish. In Sight means in visual contact in Reynolds channel approaching Scotty's Dock to weigh in a fish.

This rule is in effect until 6pm sharp. At 6:01pm all opportunity to weigh in a fish will be closed other than those in line or in sight. NO EXCEPTIONS.

ALL FISH WEIGHED IN MUST MEET THE 150lb MINIMUM WEIGHT REQUIREMENT TO QUALIFY A WIN.

Heaviest Fish weighed will win the 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall tournament prize.

Each Calcutta will be heaviest fish weighed separate from tournament prize.

Any Shark mutilated without a legitimate excuse will be disqualified.

Shooting a shark is immediate disqualification.

ANY WEIGHT ALTERATION WILL DISQUALIFY A FISH

ALL FISH WEIGHED IN WILL BE RETURNED TO THE OWNER.

THE CURRENT 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD PLACE FISH WILL BE DISPLAYED AND CARED FOR ON SCOTTY'S DOCK, AFTER 6PM THE SHARKS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CAPTAIN AND CREW. IF A SHARK IS BUMPED FROM 3RD PLACE THE SHARK WILL IMMEDIATELY BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CAPTAIN AND CREW.

Tournament Postponement, Cancellation and Refunds

The Tournament Date is Saturday June 25th, 2022

Alternate Date if Necessary is Sunday June 26th, 2022

On Saturday June 25th at 5:00am, In the event of a SMALL CRAFT ADVISORY with winds greater than 20kts for the local marine forecast, the tournament will be postponed to Sunday June 26th 2020. If at 5am the local marine forecast is persistent, the tournament will be cancelled.

Each Captain/Vessel may withdraw from the tournament up to 6:00am the morning of the tournament based on your judgement as a captain/crew. If your crew withdraws BEFORE the Captain's Meeting on Friday June 24th 2022, you will be entitled to 100% refund of your registration fee and Calcutta. If you withdraw AFTER the Captain's Meeting you will be entitled to 50% of entry fee (\$150) and 90% of each Calcutta Entered.

Miscellaneous

A working VHF Radio is MANDATORY for all vessels fishing.

An EPIRB is not mandatory, but HIGHLY recommended.

In an EMERGENCY situation, Captain's are reminded to Contact the USCG via channel 11,16

All winners are subject to a lie detector test to verify catch if deemed necessary by organizers.

All participants must sign waiver form, and practice safe boating and fishing while entered in tournament.

Any reckless behavior can lead to disqualification.

Any deviation of these rules is subject to immediate disqualification, and if deemed necessary, notification to the proper agency will be made.