

## Cape Cod Salties Sportfishing Club, Inc. 2007 Fishing Derby Rules & Regulations

1. The Derby shall be held from March 1 through November 30.
2. A current, paid member and his/her immediate family are eligible to enter.
3. A member must have joined the Salties at least 15 days before entering a fish. Entrants must be Salties members.
4. Fish must be caught with a rod and reel and played by only one person but may be gaffed or netted by another. Commercially licensed anglers may not enter fish caught during the commercial season.
5. For the **All Methods** category, fish must be weighed in at a fish market, tackle store or marina. For the Fly Fishing and Catch & Release categories, fish must be measured by total length (tips of tail and snout) and girth.
6. All affidavits must include angler's name, date caught, species, weight or length and girth, Division, (Male, Female, or Junior), Category (All Methods, Fly Fishing, Catch & Release, Boat, or Surf), witness (16 years or older), signature, and weigh-in station (All Methods only).
7. Entries for any one month will not be accepted after the 14th day of the next month.
8. No duplicate awards will be given. For ties, the earliest date caught shall determine the winner. If this does not break the tie, the winner will be determined by lot. In the event of disputes, decisions will be made by the Derby Chairman and the Board of Directors.
9. Mail all entries to the Derby Chair: **Bill Cottle, PO Box 3145, Bourne, MA 02532-0845.**
10. No Adult or Junior may take more than one award in any Category, except when theirs is/are the only affidavits entered for the additional award(s).
11. **Awards** will be presented at the Annual Banquet as follows:
  - a. **ALL METHODS:** There will be three Divisions: Male, Female, and junior. Awards will be presented for the year's 1st, 2nd, and 3rd heaviest fish, and for the heaviest fish of the month in the Boat Striped Bass and Bluefish, and Surf Striped Bass and Bluefish categories. Annual awards apply for the heaviest fish for all other species.
  - b. **CATCH & RELEASE METHOD:** Annual awards only in the Boat and Surf categories combined will be awarded in a combined Male, Female, and junior Division for Bass and Blues. Submit length and girth measurements.
  - c. **FLY FISHING METHOD:** Annual and monthly awards in the Boat and Surf categories for the "heaviest" Striped Bass and Bluefish will apply in the Male, Female, and junior Divisions. Overall length and girth measurements will be used to estimate "weights". Release is optional. Annual awards apply for other species.
  - d. **EXCEPTIONAL CATCH:** This category is for fish legally caught and documented by any of the above methods but is not a species otherwise covered. For example, wolf fish, haddock, mahi mahi, etc. These awards are made solely at the discretion of the Derby Chairman and the Board of Directors.
  - e. **The Charlie Ferlita Award** will be given for the heaviest **Winter Flounder** entered.
12. **Fish eligible** in this year's Derby and their minimum weights/ lengths are:
  - a. **All Methods:** Striped Bass, 28" - Bluefish, 5 lbs - Winter flounder, 2 lbs - Bonito, 5 lbs Cod, 15 lbs - Fluke, 3 lbs - Tautog, 5 lbs - Mackerel, 1.5 lbs - False Albacore, 5 lbs Small/ Medium Bluefin Tuna per angling category rules.
  - b. **Catch & Release Method:** Enter length and girth in inches for Striped Bass and Bluefish, minimum 28'.
  - c. **Fly Fishing Method:** Striped Bass and Bluefish, minimum 28'.
13. All entrants are eligible for a prize drawing at the Annual Banquet.

NOTE: Release all undersized fish. Daily bag limits always apply.

