

Port Kinsale Potomac River Rockfish Tournament

Tournament Rules

1. The deadline for entry fees shall be Friday April 29, 2011
2. Weather considerations will be Captain's Choice; fishermen will fish at their own discretion and accept full responsibility for their respective crew and boat.
3. The tournament will furnish each boat with a numbered card which must be displayed at the weigh-in.
4. Official fishing time will begin at 7:00am on April 30, 2011. No lines in water until 7:00am.
5. There is no official ending time for fishing but all boats must be in view of the gas dock at Port Kinsale Marina no later than 4:00pm. Any boat not in view of the Gas dock will not be allowed to participate in the weigh-in.
6. Only Rockfish (Striped Bass) may be entered in the tournament.
7. Fish must be caught on hook and line.
8. In the event of identical weights, the first fish checked in will be declared the winner.
9. Fish shall not be mutilated in any way other than hook and gaff marks.
10. For the purpose of safety, all boats must adhere to Coast Guard regulations. If possible, all boats must be equipped with a VHF radio. The tournament will be monitored on VHF channel 66.
11. The rules committee reserves the right to inspect any boat on the day of the tournament. No boat may have any rockfish on board from time preceding 7:00am April 30, 2011.
12. Only one rockfish per boat will be allowed to be entered.
13. Contest fishing is limited to the Potomac River. No boat will be allowed to fish in the Chesapeake Bay. Boats observed outside of the Potomac River and its tributaries will be disqualified.
14. Rules, infractions, disqualifications. The violation of any of the above rules or the altering of the fish in any way as to increase weight shall constitute grounds for automatic disqualification. The Rules Committee shall be the sole judge of any rule violation and the decision shall be final.
15. The boat captain is responsible for attaching a completed fish tag (included in the captain's bag) through the lip of each fish. It must include the captain's name and boat number.