

2023 Norm Baldwin Memorial Fall Rockfish Tournament

"The Norm"

Rules & Regulations

Saturday, December 2nd , 2023

1. Entry Fee - \$200. 10% of entry fees will go to the EYC Foundation and after expenses are covered the remaining amount will be designated prize money.
2. Documents and Online Registration - <http://eastportyc.org/go-fish>
3. Eligible Fish Species - Rockfish (Striped Bass) ONLY
4. Fishing Area and Method - All fish must be caught by hook and line in the portion of the Chesapeake Bay between Love Point and Cove Point, including tributaries accessed within that area (See attached chart). All state regulations must be complied with. Chumming is not allowed.
5. Captain Meeting - There will be a Captains meeting at EYC on Friday, December 1st from 5:00 – 6:00 pm.
6. Weather - Participants enter the Tournament at their own risk and discretion and accept full responsibility for the boat, crew and anglers. There is NO "Weather Committee".
7. Fishing hours - 7:00 am until 3:00 pm.
8. Check-In and Measurements - Fish must be brought to the Measuring Station directly by boat. Fish must be brought to the Measure Station by water in the same boat that they were caught. The Measuring Station will be located at EYC and will be open from 3:00pm until 4:00 pm.
9. Check-In and Measurement Limits - A maximum of three (3) fish may be entered per boat. With the exception of the Tournament within a Tournament, each boat can win only one prize. In the event of a tie, the earliest fish checked in shall be considered the winner.
10. Measurement - Total Length of the Fish will be measured. The total length is the maximum length of the fish from the lower lip, with the mouth closed and the tail fin pinched. **Rockfish must meet State minimum length requirements.**
11. Waiver of Liability - Participants of The Norm 2023 Tournament accepts the risks and dangers involved in such activity, and they acknowledge that unanticipated or unexpected dangers may occur. Participants agree to indemnify and hold harmless Eastport Yacht Club, its officers, directors, members, committee members, its assigns, sponsors, lessees, agents and employees from any and all liability for any: claim, loss, injury, damage, demands, actions, costs, accidents, libel, slander, negligence and/or death suffered by any member, family, crew and/or other persons which may occur during their term of membership or participation in this Tournament.

12. Prize Categories

Winning fish will be determined by measurement total length. The Prize Entry fees, minus 10% EYC Foundation Donation and expenses, will be divided as follows:

First	50%
Second	30%
Third	20%

Tournament within a Tournament - Only participants of the Tournament within a Tournament are eligible for these prizes. 10% will be donated to the EYC Foundation, and the remaining funds will be disbursed as follows:

First	50%
Second	30%
Third	20%

Note: In the event no fish or not enough fish are entered for any prize category, ½ portion of the prize money will be donated to the Eastport Yacht Club Foundation and ½ portion of the prize money will be held for following year's tournament.

Check-in will be in the back of Eastport Yacht Club and all fish must be checked in, or in line to be checked in, by 4:00 pm.

13. All decisions by the judges will be final and acceptance of measurement at the Measurement Station will be final. The Tournament Committee, at its sole discretion, may refuse entry of any person.
14. Separation of Vessels - At no time during the tournament fishing hours is a vessel permitted to approach another boat or structure. Immediately upon returning to port all participants must first measure-in with the Measurer. Participants may not return with fish for measurement after landing or leaving the vessels. Refusal or error will result in disqualification.
15. Protests - All protests must be accompanied by a \$100 fee, refundable only if decision of judges in protestor's favor.
16. Party - There will be a free party with chowder and beer provided from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at the Eastport Yacht Club following the final measurement time. Awards will be made at the party.
17. Trophy – Alltackle has donated consecutive "The Norm" trophy. The winner's boat name will be permanently displayed on the AllTackle Trophy at EYC.

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