

ST. JAMES FISHING CLUB DERBY RULES



Revision January 2021

Eligibility: All members of the club when fishing from land or a boat.

Duration: January 1, 6AM - December 26, Midnight

Location: To be eligible for the derby, boats must depart and return from a marina or boat ramp located between Southport harbor on the north and Little River inlet on the south. Entries from the Shore or Piers within this geography are also included. Departure and fishing out of Baldhead Island and Oak Island are accepted.

All freshwater fish entries must be caught in the ponds of St James Plantation.

Entries: All entries must be sent to the Derby Coordinator (Hiroki Toma, aquaman6227@gmail.com), within two weeks. Entries must include with angler's name, Captain's Name or landed location, date of catch, fish length rounded to the nearest inch or half inch (**include how it was measured. T.L, CFL, LJFL, FL etc.**) and fish weight (optional). If possible (not required), include a photo in Jpeg format in full size. Do not reduce pixels.

Fish may be entered that were caught while using a guide, a non-members boat or on a charter. The angler gets credit. The guide/ charter is viewed as the captain thus will be listed as "Guide". Member Captains will get a credit for being Captains for a Non-Member if the nonmembers fish is larger than the current posted fish. This larger fish will not displace the existing Members catch in the Derby. **Starting Jan. 1, 2021, fish caught onboard Kayak, Canoe or any other floating vessel, the operator of the vessel will get the credited as the Captain.**

Regulations: Fish must be within the **size limits and seasonal restrictions** imposed by the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries to be submitted to the Derby. Angler must hold a required Fishing license for appropriate species. Please see the list of qualified species by following the link below.

[NC Citation Fish Species](#)

Special Additional Species: Members may submit the following fish to the derby. All fish in this category are eligible for awards and count for angler and Captain of the year: Big Eye Tuna, Bluefin Tuna, Yellowfin Tuna, Tarpon, Striped Bass, Blue Marlin, White Marlin, Jack Crevalle, Red Snapper, African Pompano, **Tilefish (all species), Florida Pompano, Snapper (others)**, Sailfish, Mako Shark, Tautog, Triple Tail, Spot, Atlantic Bonito, Spade Fish and Hog Fish. These fish are in addition to the ones listed in appendix B. All billfish caught will receive awards, but the fish must be brought to the boat (leader touched) and a picture must accompany entry.

Awards: Awards will be presented for the longest fish (**using the proper measurement**) for each species on the leader board at the end of the Derby.

Length Measurement:

- **Total length (TL)** is measured from tip of snout with mouth closed to top of compressed tail.
- **Fork length (FL)** is measured from tip of snout to middle of fork in tail.
- **Lower jaw fork length (LJFL)** is measured from lower jaw to middle of fork in tail.

- **Curved fork length (CFL)** is the measurement of the length taken in a line tracing the contour of the body from the tip of the upper jaw to the fork of the tail.

See Appendix A for clarification

Anglers of the Year: Two club members will be awarded Angler of the year. The club member who has the largest number of fish, in each category, on the leader board at the close of the derby year, will be Angler of the Year. The Categories are : Fresh Water and Salt Water.

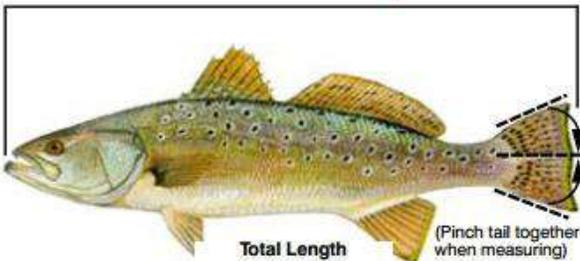
Captain of the Year: The captain whose boat has the most entries posted at the close of the derby year, will be captain of the year.

Vacation catches: The purpose of the derby is to recognize club members and the angling that is done in our local area. The club also wishes to encourage members with boats to take out members without boats so that everyone can get a chance to fish. It is understood by the club that many of member's fish while on vacation in other areas. If a member makes an exceptional catch while on vacation they can submit their catch to the derby director for possible special recognition at the end of the year. Vacation catches do not count for angler of the year.

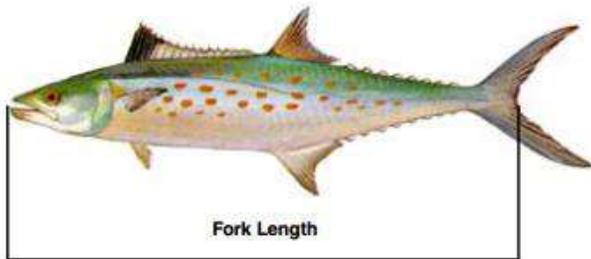
Leader board will be displayed in the Marina office window and posted on the website.

Appendix: A

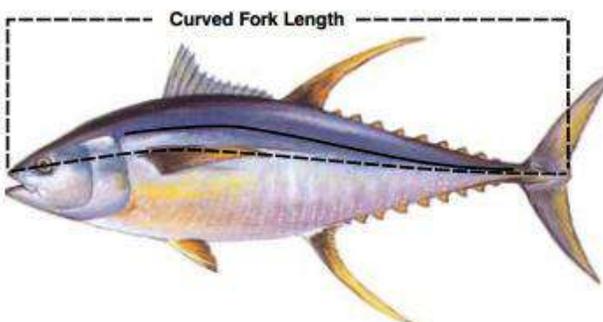
How to measure a fish



Use this method for all fish except for those listed below



Use this method for:
Amberjack, Barracuda, King Mackerel,
Spanish Mackerel, Florida /African
Pompano and Wahoo



Use this method for: False Albacore and
all Tuna



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2020 Derby Species List Appendix "B"

FISH	MEASURE METHOD	Past Leader			Current Leader			DATE CAUGHT
		ANGLER	LENGTH (INCHES)	CAPTAIN	ANGLER	LENGTH (INCHES)	CAPTAIN	
Albacore, False	CFL	Bill Smith	40.0"	Mary Smith	Joe Johnson	45.0"	Guide	1/4/19
Albacore, False	CFL				Non Member	46.5"	Mary Johnson	1/6/19
Amberjack	FL	Jack McFarlin	31.0"	Mike Carney	Chuck Jackson	35.0"	Hirioki Tomo	1/5/19
Barracuda	FL							
Bluefish	TL							
Cobia	TL							
Croaker	TL							
Dolphin	TL							
Drum, Black	TL							
Drum, Red Slot	TL							
Drum, Red Release	TL							
Flounder	TL							
Grouper	TL							
Grunt	TL							
Mackerel, King	FL							
Mackerel, Spanish	FL							
Mullet, Sea/Whiting	TL							
Pompano, Florida	FL							
Porgy, Red	TL							
Porgy, Other	TL							
Sea Bass, Black	TL							
Sheepshead	TL							
Snapper, Vermilion	TL							
Tilefish	TL							
Triggerfish	TL							
Trout, Gray	TL							
Trout, Speckled	TL							
Tuna, Blackfin	CFL							
Wahoo	FL							
BLUEGILL	TL							
CATFISH	TL							
LARGEMOUTH BASS	TL							
Captain of the Year								
Angler of the Year		Salt Water						
Angler of the Year		Fresh Water						
For more information go to http://www.stjamesfishingclub.org/								
Please submit entries to Hiroki Toma, aquaman6227@gmail.com								

Additional Species, Jack Crevalle, Red Snapper, African Pompano, Sailfish, Mako Shark, Tautog, Triple Tail, Spot, Atlantic Bonito, Spade Fish and Hog Fish. These fish are in addition to the ones listed in appendix B.: All billfish caught will receive awards, but the fish must be brought to the boat (leader touched) and a picture must accompany entry.