

Flounder Tournament Date: August 5, 2023 7:00am—3:00pm

TOURNAMENT RULES

Registration & Eligibility: You must register for the tournament no later than Friday, August 4, 2023 at 12 Noon. All fees must accompany registration form. Eligibility includes fishing from boat, surf, pier or bridge, see below for specific details. Those fishing on flounder charter boats are eligible to fish in this tournament. However, not eligible for the tournament are the charter Captains and acting 1st Mates the day of the tournament. Participants can register online at www.OceanPinesChamber.org or registration forms can be obtained from the Ocean Pines Chamber office located at 11047 Racetrack Road in Ocean Pines. Forms mailed to same.

Tackle Requirements: All fish must be landed using rod, and reel, hook and line. You must hook, fight, and land your own fish.

Where to Fish: Fish must be caught in Maryland waters, Coastal Bays, or inshore waterways to the Delaware and Virginia state line. Fish must be hooked within 3 nautical miles of shore. Tournament EXCLUDES the Chesapeake Bay.

Fishing Date and Time: Lines in the water no earlier than 7:00am, lines out of the water no later than 3:00pm on Saturday, August 5, 2023.

Weigh-In: Weigh-In will be from 12:00pm until 4:00pm at the Ocean Pines Yacht Club Marina. Prizes will be awarded immediately following the last weigh in. Winners are based on **total length of the fish**. In the case of a tie in length of fish, the weight will determine the winner. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The longest fish brought in by anyone 13 and under will win \$100.

Calcuttas: Calcuttas are per person, not per boat and are NOT included in any sponsorships.

- 1) \$20.00 optional fee for **longest flounder**, over state required size limit. 90% of the Calcutta will be distributed by way of: 1st place: 50% 2nd place: 25% 3rd place: 15%
- 2) \$20.00 optional fee for **heaviest flounder**. 90% of the Calcutta will be distributed by way of: 1st place: 50% 2nd place: 25% 3rd place: 15%

Regulations & Minimum Size: Anglers must comply with all Federal and State of Maryland laws regarding size and number of flounder caught. The Maryland Department of Natural Resources sets the minimum size requirements for recreational summer flounder each year. **The 2023 recreational minimum size for summer flounder is 16 inches in all MD waters, the limit of flounder caught is 4/person/day** . Visit www.dnr.state.md.us/fisheries for more information.

NOTE:

- 1) All fish will be subject to any examination judges feel appropriate for the integrity of the tournament.
- 2) Violations of the tournament rules shall constitute grounds for disqualification.
- 3) Judges shall rule on any violations. The decision of the judges shall be final.
- 4) **ENTRY FEE AND CALCUTTA BUY IN ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**
- 5) **Only ONE fish entry per person.**
- 6) Tournament is rain or shine (exception: may be rescheduled if Hurricane forecasted)