



## Sportfishing Tournament 2011 TOURNAMENT RULES

- 1 IGFA Rules apply for the Maine State record grand prize, tournament Calcutta and when submitting fish for tournament catch and release, with the exception of vessels fishing in category tuna. Tuna vessels follow HMS General Category rules.
- 2 General Category Rules apply with the following exceptions:
  - No electric Harpoons
  - No airplanes allowed
  - All Atlantic Bluefin Tuna (ABT) are to be hooked, fought and brought to boat side by manually operated rod and reel or hand line ONLY. Power driven reels or devices of any kind are prohibited. This includes, but not limited to, motor, hydraulic and/or electrically driven devices
- 3 Rules are available online at [www.igfa.org](http://www.igfa.org). A copy of the IGFA rules will also be in the Captain's bag to be handed out at the Captain's meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2011. All participants are responsible for the information and rules reviewed at the Captain's meeting. The Captain's meeting starts at 5:00 PM. It is MANDATORY that a representative from each registered boat be present at the Captains meeting and be logged in no later than 7:00 PM.
- 4 All fish weighed for the state record prize contribution must be caught by a registered fisherman and fishing from a registered boat. This is a Boat Tournament and the names of all persons fishing from a registered boat must be supplied to Tournament officials at the Captain's meeting.  
NOTE: Limit of 4 anglers allowed per day
- 5 Fishing boundaries are within 50 NM from the Portland, Maine LNB. 

Latitude	4307 242 N
Longitude	070 24 018 W
- 6 For Catch and Release awards, Sharks are considered caught when the leader is being hand-held or is brought to the rod tip and the leader is cut within six (6) feet of the shark.
- 7 CATCH AND RELEASE AFFIDAVITS - Affidavits must be submitted by one hour after the close of scales each day. The original affidavits must be presented at the awards ceremony on Saturday evening by 5:30 PM when the scales close. MUST include latitude and longitude with each shark caught.
- 8 In order to be eligible for awards, prizes and Calcutta, a fish must be caught legally under all State and Federal regulations.
- 9 No BLUE SHARK. Calcutta sharks: MAKO, THRESHER and/or PORBEAGLE. Sharks must have a minimum curved fork length of six (6) feet in order to count for score towards Calcutta.
- 10 Fishing hours are set by local GPS time.
- 11 **SCHEDULE:**

<b>DAY 1</b> Friday, August 19 Lines & chum in water at 6:30 AM Lines out at 5:00 PM Scales open from 3:00 PM to 7:30 PM	<b>DAY 2</b> Saturday, August 20 Lines & chum in water at 6:30 AM** Lines out at 3:30 PM Scales open 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM
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**\*\*Does not apply to Captains fishing in Category Tuna\*\***

A boat hooked up prior to lines out time must announce status on VHF Channel \_\_\_\_\_ and have until 7:30 PM to weigh or release the fish. The final result (caught or lost) must be announced on VHF Channel \_\_\_\_\_.

**ALL BOATS (EXCLUDING TUNA BOATS) MUST RETURN TO PORT BY 8:30 PM ON DAY 1**

**NO OVERNIGHT TRIPS ARE ALLOWED.** If you hook up prior to 3:30 PM on Day 2 - you can still fight the fish after making an announcement on VHF Channel \_\_\_\_\_ but MUST HAVE ROUNDED Spring Point Headlight NO LATER THAN 5:30 PM as the scales close at this time.

- 12 All Tournament committee rules and decisions are final. There are no refunds.
- 13 All fish weighed for PRIZE consideration must be caught from a tournament registered boat. In the event of a mechanical failure, participants may fish from another vessel. The tournament committee must be advised in writing of the vessel change.
- 14 Sportsman-like conduct ashore and afloat is required of all participants and their guests.
- 15 Any registered boat that is reported passing through a competitors chum slick within 300 yards of the boat more than twice may be subject to disqualification by the tournament committee.
- 16 There is no weather committee, therefore the decision to fish is left to the participants at their own risk. Traveling on the ocean in seasonal conditions are subject to constant change. Engaging in a fishing tournament that requires movement and exposure to these conditions is an inherently dangerous activity that could result in severe injury and/or death. All participants knowing and willingly accept these risks. Participants must be in good health sufficient to withstand the rigorous nature of this activity and are knowledgeable about safe fishing practice and boat safety.
- 17 ALL REGISTERED BOATS must fly the TOURNAMENT FLAG (included in Captains bag).