

Anglers 16 years or older must register with

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**Forked River Tuna Club**

**29th Annual Ladies’ Catch of the Day**

**Tournament Rules and Regulations**

Monitor Channel 19

1. Fishing day will be **Saturday, July 9, 2022**. There is no storm date.

 Awards dinner (rain or shine) will be immediately following on Saturday, July 9, 2022 at 5:00PM.

1. Fishing hours: Lines in the water at 7:00AM. Weigh-in time will close at 4:00PM. Start and finish times will be by official clock only. Weigh-in station:

 **Forked River Tuna Club**

 **18 Bay Avenue**

 **Forked River**

1. All anglers **MUST** attend Angler’s Meeting on Friday, July 8, 2022 at 7:00-9:00PM. at the Forked River Tuna Club. Angler tournament packages will be distributed at this time. All rules and regulations will be reviewed. Doors and kitchen will open at 6:30PM. Registration will close at 9:00PM.
2. Entrants in the Mermaid Division must be **12 years of age or under** and must be accompanied by an adult (male or female). Adult accompanying mermaid does not need be a registered angler in this tournament. All fishing and/or crabbing must be done by the registered mermaid. No entry fee required for registered mermaid. All tournament rules apply to Mermaid Division.
3. If Angler, for whatever reason, decides not to fish or crab, there is no refund of registration fee. All participants will fish or crab at their own risk. A male may operate boats, but the registered Angler must do all fishing and/or crabbing.
4. Only **Adults** are eligible for “Early Entry” drawing. (postmarked by June 24th) Drawing will be Friday, July 8, at the Angler’s Meeting.
5. In the Women’s Division, there will be prizes for the fluke and sea bass categories. In the Mermaid Division, prizes will be awarded for fluke and crab categories. Crab must be a minimum of 4-1/2 inches point to point. An eligible fluke must be a minimum of 18 inches in length. There is a 3 fish maximum per person.
6. Prizes will be awarded by weight only. All fish and crabs must be weighed in at the Forked River Tuna Club no later than 4:00 PM. on Saturday, July 9, 2022 and must be weighed in by a weigh-in station official. Adult Anglers are limited to one fluke and/or one sea bass per angler. Mermaid Anglers are limited to a one fluke and/or a total weight of five (5) preselected crabs, caught by drop line or individual crab trap per angler. If a crab trap is used the dimensions must not be greater than 12-1/2 inches by 12-1/2 inches by 12-1/2 inches.
7. In case of fish of equal weight, first fish weighed in holds the position.
8. A weigh-in station official will inspect all fish and crabs considered for place in tournament. Their decision concerning eligibility is to be final.
9. Prizes will only be awarded to Anglers registered in the tournament. Each Angler is limited to one prize per category.

If no fluke are weighed in, there will a drawing for $300 for all adult registered anglers.

1. Results will be posted at the Forked River Tuna Club prior to awards dinner for review. All protests must be made **IN WRITING-IN PERSON by 5:00 PM. on Saturday, July 9, 2022** at the Forked River Tuna Club. Any discrepancies should be reported to a Tournament Chairperson. All entrants agree that the decision of the Tournament Chairperson(s) shall be final.
2. When drawing Door Prizes, if a basket contains alcohol and a minor's number is called, she will receive the next basket that does not contain alcohol.

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