



## FOURTH ANNUAL SHARK HUNTER TOURNAMENT

June 15-16, 2019

### **\*RULES\***

1. At least one authorized representative from each boat must attend the Captain's meeting on June 14, 2019; 7:30PM at the Forked River Tuna Club; 18 Bay Avenue, Forked River, NJ 08731.
2. There are 2 available fishing days for the tournament. Boats are allowed to fish one day, Captain's choice, no weather committee. The Crew members of each individual boat will be solely responsible for the decision as to which day to fish. The Forked River Tuna Club assumes no liability or responsibility for any damage or loss.  
**NOTE: Boats wishing to fish both days, may do so by paying an additional full entry fee.**
3. Each boat must pick one non-fishing day by submitting the official lay day form (*unless 2 entries have been submitted*). Boats opting not to fish Saturday may turn in their form at the Captain's Meeting or between 10:00AM and 11:00AM on Saturday, June 15. Said forms must be physically delivered by a member of the boat's crew to the Tournament Committee at the Forked River Tuna Club.
4. All weigh-ins are by boat only. Boats may sail from any inlet but must weigh-in at Holiday Harbor Marina, Waretown.
5. Weigh-in times will be from 3:30PM – 9:00PM daily at Holiday Harbor Marina.
6. All boats wanting to weigh-in must be west of the BI Marker and within sight of Holiday Harbor by 8:30PM to qualify for weigh-in. No exceptions. Boats shall call tournament committee on Channel 19 to notify of weigh-in.
7. No lines or bait of any kind, including chum, may be put into the water until 7:00AM.
8. No more than 6 lines may be fished from any boat regardless of the number of anglers.
9. Boats shall not fish within a half mile of another boat. While under way, please avoid crossing established chum slicks.
10. VHF Channel 19 will be used for all official communications.
11. All sharks must be caught on rod and reel. No dart gaffs or green sticks.
12. **All anglers are required to use non-stainless steel, non-offset circle hooks.**
13. A fish may be dispatched by gun or bang stick after they have been wired.
14. A fish may be hooked by someone other than the angler provided the rod is immediately transferred to the angler after hook-up. From that time on the angler must fight the fish alone until boated or released.
15. Absolutely no transferring of fish between boats will be allowed. This will disqualify all boats and teams involved.
16. All participating boats must possess a valid Atlantic Highly Migratory Species "HMS" permit.
17. All sharks must be weighed in their natural state, no jaws wired.
18. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to retain all eligible sharks by a Tournament Officer and or a marine biologist.

19. All participants are subject to a polygraph test if deemed necessary by the Tournament Committee.
20. Each boat will receive a boat number that is to be posted visibly from outside the boat during fishing and weigh-ins.
21. Only mako sharks qualify for the first and second place prize money. First Place is \$3,500 and Second Place is \$1,000. Tournament prize money is based on a minimum of 25 boats entered.
22. Calcuttas are additional and must be paid in cash. They will be paid out 100%.
23. Only one fish can be weighed in per day for this tournament. The minimum qualifying length is **83 INCHES FOR A FEMALE MAKO AND 71 INCHES FOR A MALE MAKO**. Winners are determined by weight, thus the heaviest qualifying fish will win. In the event of a tie, the first fish weighed-in wins.
24. The Tournament requests that any non-qualifying fish be released uninjured.
25. If only one qualifying mako is weighed in, then the First and Second place prize money will be awarded to that single winner. In the event no qualifying mako sharks are weighed in, the prize money for First and Second place prize money will each be determined by a drawing of each registered boat. All Calcutta money will be returned.
26. Winners will be identified and paid out on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at the Forked River Tuna Club. The event will be held from 6:30PM to 9:00PM and will include a barbeque dinner.
27. If the winner is contested, the Tournament Committee may elect to delay announcing the winner until more information is gathered to support a final decision.
28. All Tournament Committee decisions are final.
29. All contestants must read the Rules and Regulations and agree to abide by them. It is the responsibility of the Captain and Crew of each participating boat to make sure they have the rules and that they are understood and followed.
30. In the event that the Tournament has to be postponed due to bad weather, that decision will be made no later than 7:30PM on June 14, 2019 at the Captain's Meeting.

**I AM THE OWNER, OPERATOR OR DESIGNATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FISHING VESSEL IDENTIFIED HERIN AND I SPECIFICALLY CONFIRM TO THE FORKED RIVER TUNA CLUB TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE THAT THE VESSEL HEREIN HAS PROTECTION AND INDEMNITY INSURANCE COVERAGE AND THAT I SHALL PROVIDE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE INSURANCE CARRIER, AS WELL AS MY POLICY NUMBER TO THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE UPON ITS REQUEST.**

BOAT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_