

DERBY RULES

I. DERBY DATES and TIMES:

The 2013 Derby begins at 12:01 a.m. on Sunday, September 15, 2013 and ends at 10:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 19, 2013

II. ELIGIBLE FISH SPECIES:

Eligible fish are Striped Bass, Bluefish, Bonito and False Albacore (Little Tunny), hereinafter referred to as the species.

III. DIVISIONS and ENTRY FEES:

An individual may register only once in each division for which he/she is eligible.

1. ALL TACKLE DIVISION: \$50.00 (Seniors \$25.00)

The All Tackle Division is open to adults using any type of rod and reel including flyrod. Persons who have reached their 65th birthday on or before the opening day of the Derby will be registered as Seniors.

2. JUNIOR ALL TACKLE DIVISION: \$25.00

The Junior All-Tackle Division is open to persons who have not reached their 15th Birthday on the opening day of the Derby. Mini Juniors are 4-8 and Juniors age 9-14. There will be special Grand Awards for Mini Jr. Juniors who use any type of rod and reel including flyrod. Except where noted, the Junior Division will follow the rules of the All Tackle Division.

■ *The M.V. Striped Bass and Bluefish Derby Committee strongly discourages parents from taking children out of school to go fishing. For many years we have had an unwritten rule that no junior may fish during school hours. It is unsportmanlike to do so when all other junior are attending school. We expect all parents to enforce this commitment to education and to good sportsmanship.*

3. FLYROD DIVISION: \$50.00 Adults

\$25.00 Juniors and Seniors

The Flyrod Division is open only to persons using flyrods. Flyrod Division competitors will be issued a separate Flyrod badge and number and will fish under the rules of this Derby and the I.G.F.A. (Maximum tippet strength twenty (20) pounds). If a Flyrod competitor is also entered in one of the All Tackle Divisions, he/she may enter his/her fish as All Tackle. The decision to enter a fish in either division (but not both) must be announced to the Weigh-Master PRIOR TO THE WEIGHING OF THAT FISH. That fish is then eligible for the Grand and Grand Slam Awards, regardless of the division it is entered in. Fish may not be entered in the Flyrod Division measuring less than Derby length limits. Juniors fishing in the Flyrod Division will be considered as adults and must meet the same minimum length requirements as adults

4. PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES:

Payment of Entry Fees may be by cash or personal check. There will be a \$25.00 service charge for returned checks which, along with the Entry Fee must be paid in cash. Failure to do so will disqualify the entrant from further participation in the Derby and forfeiture of any prizes.

IV. METHODS OF FISHING and BOUNDARIES:

A Competitor must be registered in the Derby BEFORE commencing to fish. From the moment a fish strikes or takes a bait or lure, the angler must hook, fight and land or boat the fish without the aid of any other person except that another person may grasp the leader in order to gaff or net the fish.

1. SHORE:

All fish entered as shore fish must be caught from the shores of Martha's Vineyard or Chappaquiddick Islands. Fish caught from rafted boats along Memorial Wharf in Edgartown, accessible by the general public, will be considered shore fish.

2. BOAT:

Fish caught from a private boat anchored to the shore or tied to a dock will be considered boat fish. In the event that there is a question as to whether or not a fish is to be considered a boat or shore fish, the Derby Committee will determine the category and that decision will be final. All fish entered as boat fish must be caught from a boat which is within the posted bounds of the Derby. The bounds are delineated on the enclosed map. An eligible fish must not be transported outside the bounds. Each boat participating in the Derby must be in compliance with the U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations. No fish caught from a boat may touch any land except Martha's Vineyard. Boats may refuel in Fal-mouth and Nantucket Harbors, but fish must remain on board.

eg. - Fish caught from a boat tied to Oak Bluffs Steamship Pier will be considered a Boat Fish.

eg. - Edgartown Water Barge is considered a boat.

V. WEIGHING OF FISH:

All state and federal laws governing the catch of eligible species must be complied with by participants in the Derby. The Weigh-In station for all fish entered in the Derby will be at Edgartown Jr. Yacht Club.

■ The weigh-in periods will be between 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 - 10:00 p.m. on each day of the Derby.

■ All fish must be weighed-in within 12 hours from the time of being caught.

■ Fishing method known as yo-yoing is not permitted in the Derby. Please read Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries regulations for all Derby-eligible species, as well as any species used as bait. These regulations also apply to Derby participants.

■ Any material(s) including, but not limited to, fishing tackle, fishing line, hooks, weights, seaweed, wire, ice, rocks, sand, dirt, or rope attached to a fish, on a fish, or inside a fish's mouth shall be removed by the angler (or person(s) weighing the fish in) PRIOR to weigh-in. If any such material is not visible to the angler or person(s) weighing the fish in and is discovered after weigh-in, this material shall be examined by the Derby Committee and, if deemed to be inside the fish prior to it being caught, the weight of such material(s) may be deducted from the official weight of the fish, and the fish allowed. If, however, the Derby Committee deems that the material was intentionally introduced to the fish prior to the weighing in of that fish, additional action may be taken including, but not limited to, the disqualification of the fish, the angler, and/or the person(s) weighing in the fish.

Lengths for Fish

Striped Bass	32"	Bluefish	22"
False Albacore	25"	Bonito	21"

Measure from tip of lower jaw to tip of tail.

■ At time of weigh-in the angler must present his/her badge or card and provide the Weigh-Master with full and certified information as to when and where the fish was caught, the type of tackle, lure or bait used, and any other requested information relating to the catch.

■ The angler must declare the division into which the fish is to be entered prior to the weighing of each fish.

By signing the weigh-in slip, the angler attests to all information given.

■ An angler may enter only his/her largest fish of each species into each category (boat or shore) on any one day.

■ At time of weigh-in the Weigh-Master and/or the Derby Committee reserve the right to inspect, test, open, photograph (for publicity reasons and otherwise), hold or reject any fish entered.

VI. AWARDING OF PRIZES:

1. DAILY: First, second, third and fourth prizes will be awarded on a daily basis for each species, division and category, except False Albacore (Little Tunny). During the run of the Derby an angler may win only one first, one second, one third and one fourth daily prize for each species, category and division. If an angler qualifies for a prize he has already won, he/she will be awarded the highest prize for which he/she is eligible. Other winners that day, in order of their eligibility, will be adjusted to receive prizes left vacant.

■ A Hat Trick will be awarded to an angler who wins first, second, third, and fourth Daily Prizes in a category. A special pin will be awarded for this achievement. 1 per person, per species.

2. WEEKLY: Weekly awards will be given to the largest fish in each category of each division and species, including False Albacore (Little Tunny), for each week of the Derby. During the course of the Derby, an angler may win a Weekly Award once per species, per Division. The weeks end after the last weigh-in on each of the following days: (Saturday, September 21; Saturday, September 28; Saturday, October 5; Saturday, October 12; Saturday, October 19).

3. OVERALL AND GRAND: At the end of the Derby, overall prizes will be awarded for the three largest fish in each category of each division and species, including False Albacore (Little Tunny). The largest fish of each species from boat and shore, regardless of division, will also be awarded the Grand Leader Prize for the category and species. Winners of the species grand prizes will also receive their divisional grand prizes.

4. GRAND SLAM: This category is open to all divisions. There will be separate awards for All Tackle and Flyrod Divisions. At the end of the Derby, first, second and third awards, both boat and shore, in both divisions, will be made to the angler who weighs-in the heaviest aggregate (total weight) of the four species of fish in the tournament – Striped Bass, Bluefish, Bonito and False Albacore. Anglers who achieve a Grand Slam will be awarded a special pin.

5. TOP ROD: Awarded to the individual who wins the highest number of Daily pins in the All Tackle Division by the close of the Derby. Separate awards for Boat and Shore categories and Junior Division. In the event of a tie for Top Rod, the first angler to earn the highest number of pins will be the winner.

6. FALSE ALBACORE (LITTLE TUNNY).

False Albacore (Little Tunny) are eligible for weekly, overall, grand and grand slam awards. They are not eligible for daily or mystery awards. False Albacore length limit is 25".

■ There is now a bag limit of False Albacore. Only three False Albacore are allowed per registration during the Derby. This includes any False Albacore presented to the Weigh-Master, even fish under 25".

7. IN THE EVENT OF A TIE.

The first registered fish wins.

8. UNCLAIMED PRIZES.

Prizes not claimed from the Derby Chairperson by December 31, 2013 will be forfeited.

VII. COMMITTEE RIGHTS:

■ Each contestant expressly agrees that he/she shall have no right or standing to contest any action of the Derby Committee, or otherwise make any claim against the Committee in any court of law or other forum. Each contestant entering the Derby does so at his own risk. The Committee's decisions are definitive and final.

■ Grievances must be presented, in writing and signed, to the Weigh-Master and/or to the Committee within 48 hours. The Committee will investigate all grievances and reserves the right to call witnesses, to question them and all parties involved, and if considered necessary, to have any or all involved parties submit a polygraph test.

■ The Committee may disqualify from the Derby (or any portion thereof) and/or from any or all future Derbies, any person or persons who falsify information, violate the Derby Rules, act in an unsportsmanlike manner, or falsely testify for or against any person.

■ The Committee reserves the right to require Derby participants to take a polygraph (lie detector) examination, should the Committee deem it necessary.

VIII. FILLET PROGRAM:

The fillet program is offered by the Derby to provide free fish for the Island elderly. Fishermen may donate any or all of their catch to this program. Previously fillet fish cannot be accepted for health reasons. Fishermen are asked to keep their catch as fresh as possible whether they intend to donate it to this program or not.

IX. PROPERTY RIGHTS:

In return for the generosity of property owners, it is expected that Derby participants will leave all land and beach in the same conditions, or better than those found.

- No gates be left open.
- No fences be damaged.
- No shrubbery be damaged.
- No rubbish or refuse be left on land or beaches.
- No camping be done nor any fires lighted without proper authority.
- No damage to dunes or dune vegetation be done by over-sand vehicles.
- Drive your vehicles only on designated paths throughout the dunes.

X. REGISTRATION POINTS: (by Badge Numbers)

All Tackle
 1-100 Larry's Tackle Shop/Derby Committee
 101-500 Larry's Tackle Shop – Edgartown
 501-1100 Dick's Bait & Tackle – Oak Bluffs
 1101-1800 Coop's Bait & Tackle – Edgartown
 1801-2100 Capt. Porky's Bait & Tackle – Edgartown
 2101-2300 Larry's Tackle Shop
 2301-2500 Menemsha Texaco
 2501-2800 Dick's Bait & Tackle – Oak Bluffs
 2801-3000 Shark's Landing Bait & Tackle – Oak Bluffs
 3001-3200 Dick's Bait & Tackle – Oak Bluffs
 3201-3400 Derby Headquarters – Edgartown
 3401-3600 Larry's Tackle Shop – Edgartown
Flyrod
 4001-4125 Larry's Bait & Tackle – Edgartown
 4126-4200 Dick's Bait & Tackle – Oak Bluffs
 4201-4325 Coop's Bait & Tackle – Edgartown
 4326-4350 Menemsha Texaco
 4351-4375 Shark's Landing Bait & Tackle – Oak Bluffs
 4376-4425 Capt' Porky's Bait & Tackle – Edgartown
 4426-4500 Derby Headquarters – Edgartown

2013 MARTHA'S VINEYARD STRIPED BASS & BLUEFISH DERBY

*Awards Structure

GRAND PRIZES

2013 Chevrolet Silverado 4x4 All-Star Edition Extended Cab, compliments of the Clay Family Dealerships
EASTERN BOATS 22 Center Console, with Outboard and Trailer

GRAND LEADERS

The eight Grand Leaders each receive a framed Ray Ellis print, \$500, a Vineyard Vines jacket, and a chance to win a grand prize. These eight are the individuals weighing in the heaviest fish of each species, boat and shore.

AWARD	All Tackle Division		Junior All Tackle Division		Flyrod Division	
	BOAT Category	SHORE Category	BOAT Category	SHORE Category	BOAT Category	SHORE Category
DIVISION LEADERS For All Four Species Win a Plaque, Fishing Equipment and/or Other Merchandise	1st 2nd 3rd	1st 2nd 3rd	1st 2nd 3rd	1st 2nd 3rd	1st 2nd 3rd	1st 2nd 3rd
WEEKLY AWARDS For All Four Species Win Merchandise and/or Gift Certificate	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st	1st
DAILY AWARDS For Striped Bass, Bluefish, and Bonito Win the Prizes Indicated	Pins & Cash 1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10 4th - \$5	Pins & Cash 1st - \$20 2nd - \$15 3rd - \$10 4th - \$5	Pins Only 1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Pins Only 1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Pins Only 1st 2nd 3rd 4th	Pins Only 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

GRAND SLAM AWARDS

All Tackle Grand Slam Awards - Boat

1st Place – St. Croix Rod – Plano Tackle Bag – Accurate Pliers – Assorted Lures – Plaque and \$500.00.
2nd Place – St. Croix Rod – Plano Tackle Bag – Accurate Pliers – Assorted Lures – Plaque and \$300.00.
3rd Place – St. Croix Rod – Plano Tackle Bag – Accurate Pliers – Assorted Lures – Plaque and \$200.00.

All Tackle Grand Slam Awards - Shore

1st Place – St. Croix Rod – Plano Tackle Bag – Accurate Pliers – Assorted Lures – Plaque and \$500.00.
2nd Place – St. Croix Rod – Plano Tackle Bag – Accurate Pliers – Assorted Lures – Plaque and \$300.00.
3rd Place – St. Croix Rod – Plano Tackle Bag – Accurate Pliers – Assorted Lures – Plaque and \$200.00.

Junior Grand Slam Awards

Boat and Shore, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Places – Plaque.

Any angler who achieves a Grand Slam will receive a special pin.

Fly Rod Grand Slam Awards - Boat and Shore

1st Place – Plaque and \$500.00, Assorted Apparel and Equipment, **2nd Place** – Plaque and \$300.00, Assorted Apparel and Equipment
3rd Place – Plaque and \$200.00, Assorted Apparel and Equipment

MYSTERY PRIZES:

Daily prizes of fishing tackle awarded by luck of the draw from all Striped Bass, Bluefish and Bonito weighed in.

All Derby Participants:

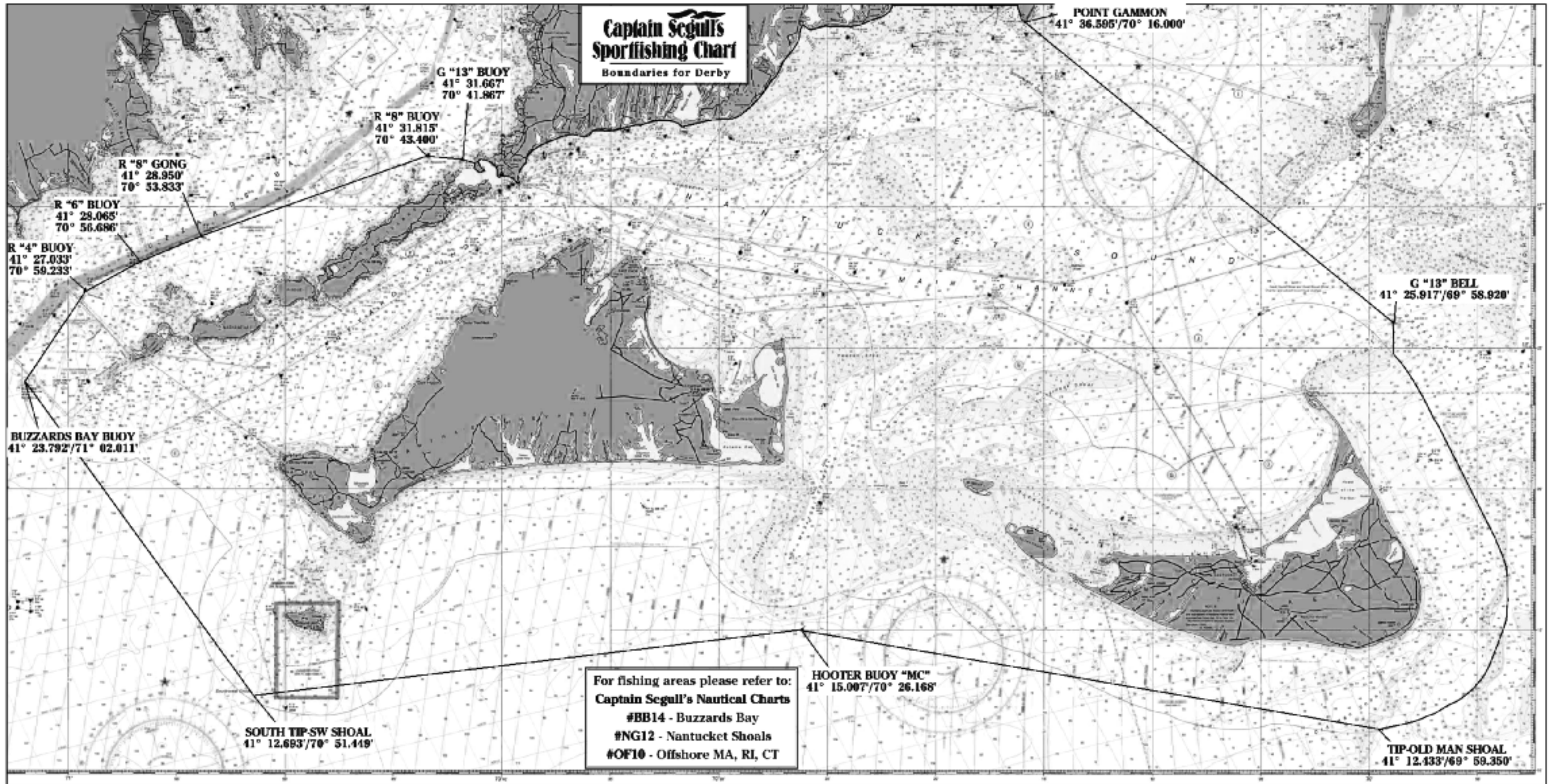
Who donated an optional \$10.00 to the Derby's College Scholarship Fund at registration will participate in a drawing for a Derby exclusive, framed, limited edition Ray Ellis print.

* all specific prizes listed are subject to change

DERBY AWARDS CEREMONY

Sunday, 1:00 PM, October 20, 2013 at **Farm Neck Golf Club**

Should the commercial bass season extend into the Derby certain restrictions will apply. These restrictions will be posted at Derby Headquarters.



BOAT BOUNDARIES:

The waters in and around Martha's Vineyard Island including Vineyard and Nantucket Sounds as follows:

Vineyard Sound from Nobska Point NW to the S tip of Juniper point;
 Along the perimeter of Woods Hole's Great Harbor from Juniper Point to the S tip of Penzance Point;
 NW to G "13" WNW to R "8" W to R "8" GONG W to R "6" W to R "4"
 RB "VS" at the Entrance to Vineyard Sound SW to Buoy RB "VS" at the entrance of Vineyard Sound.
 SE to the southern tip of Southwest Shoal (60' contour); E to a point 1 nm due south of buoy RW "MC" (the "Hooter");

SE to the Southern tip of Old Man Shoal (30' contour); NE of Great Point;
 NE and N following the SE and E portion of the Nantucket "Territorial Sea" demarcation line N to buoy G "13";
 NW to Point Gammon (East end of Hyannis Harbor) following shoreline of Cape to Nobska Point.

Chart References: Martha's Vineyard to Block Island

No boat caught fish shall touch any land except for Martha's Vineyard. Boats refueling may do so as long as fish remains on board. (eg.- Falmouth Harbor and Nantucket Harbor.)


All are invited to attend the DERBY AWARDS CEREMONY – Sunday, 1:00 PM, October 20, 2013 at Farm Neck Golf Club

THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD STRIPED BASS & BLUEFISH DERBY TIDE CHARTS SEPT. 15 – OCT. 19, 2013



Event	Day	Wachusett		Cape Poge		Edgartown*		Oak Bluffs		Vineyard Haven		West Chop													
		Morning	Evening	Morning	Evening	Morning	Evening	Morning	Evening	Morning	Evening	Morning	Evening												
6:23 am	Sun, Sep 15	6:28	1:54	7:05	1:39	8:42	1:48	9:01	2:09	8:53	2:02	9:13	2:22	8:26	1:27	8:47	1:47	8:22	1:43	8:42	2:04	8:14	1:16	8:34	1:36

Event	Day	Lake Tashmoo		Cedar Tree Neck		Menemsha Bight		Gay Head		Squibnocket		Chilmark Pond													
		Morning	Evening	Morning	Evening	Morning	Evening	Morning	Evening	Morning	Evening	Morning	Evening												
4:19 pm	Sun, Sep 25	5:48	12:32	6:21	12:47	4:36	12:06	5:33	11:51	4:42	11:08	5:13	11:55	4:34	11:19	5:06	---	3:41	10:17	4:18	11:22	5:21	11:39	5:48	---

*Tide flow and times in Edgartown have changed due to the Narrows Point cut. Edgartown officials advise boaters to use extreme caution when entering Edgartown Harbor. Please check with local authorities for tide information.



Derby Tide Charts compliments of

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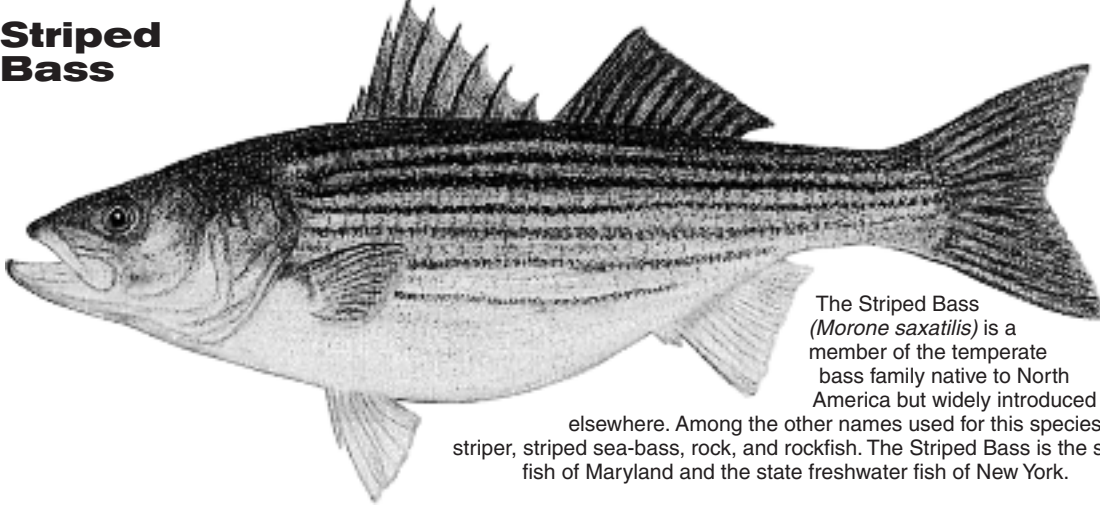
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Martha's Vineyard Striped Bass & Bluefish Derby

All fish are measured in total length from the tip of the lower jaw to the tip of the tail.

(See page 2 of rules brochure - Derby Rules "New Minimum Lengths for Fish statement").

Striped Bass

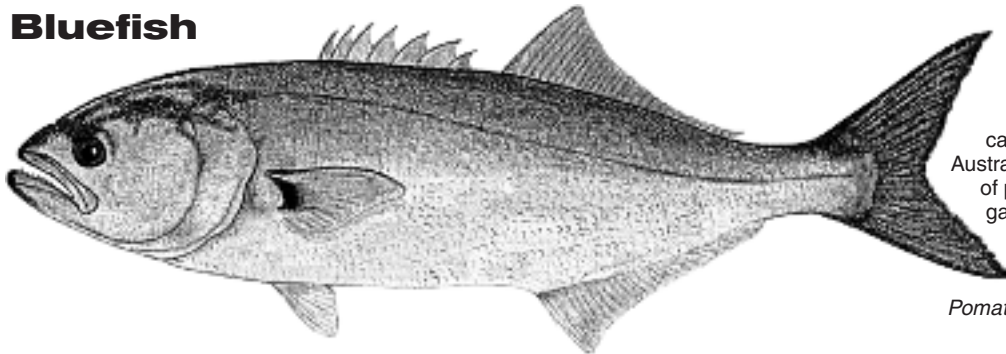


The Striped Bass (*Morone saxatilis*) is a member of the temperate bass family native to North America but widely introduced elsewhere. Among the other names used for this species are striper, striped sea-bass, rock, and rockfish. The Striped Bass is the state fish of Maryland and the state freshwater fish of New York.

Minimum Sizes

32 inches

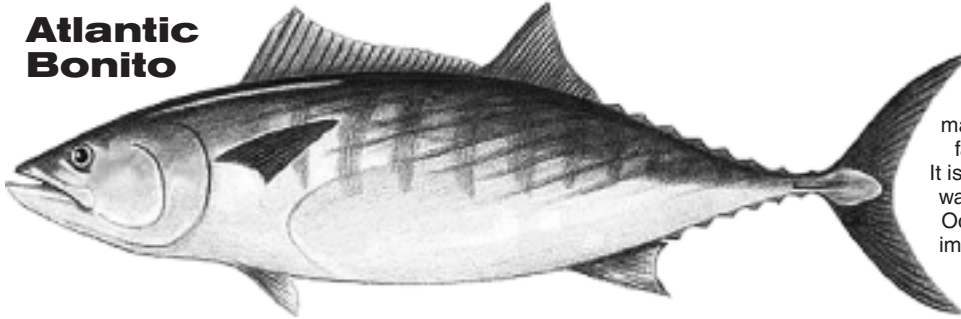
Bluefish



The Bluefish (*Pomatomus saltatrix*), called "tailor" in Australia, is a species of popular marine game-fish found in all climates. It is the sole species of the *Pomatomidae* family.

22 inches

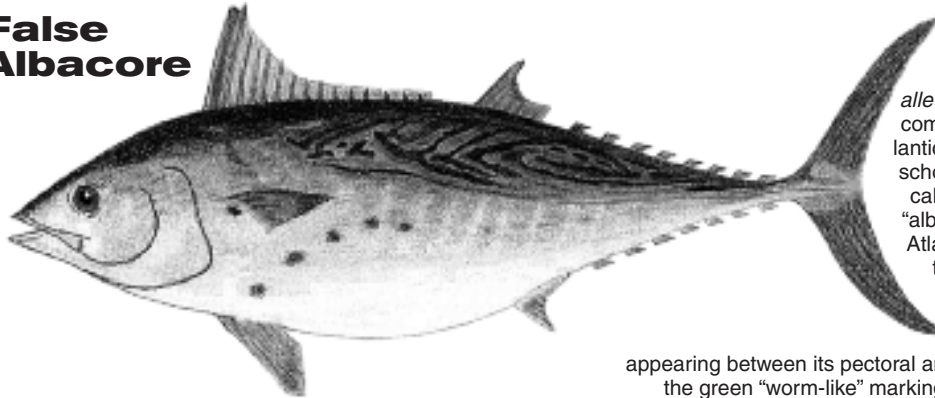
Atlantic Bonito



The Atlantic Bonito, (*Sarda sarda*) is a large mackerel-like fish of the family *Scombridae*. It is common in shallow waters of the Atlantic Ocean where it is an important commercial and game fish.

21 inches

False Albacore



The False Albacore, (*Euthynnus alle-teratus*), is the most common tuna in the Atlantic. Occurring in large schools and commonly called "little tunny" or "albie". It resembles the Atlantic bonito, skipjack tuna and species of mackerel and is best identified by the dark spots appearing between its pectoral and ventral fins and the green "worm-like" markings on its back.

25 inches

Derby Limit:

3 per Badge*

* The Derby limit of 3 fish per badge is the maximum number of **false albacore** that you can bring to the weigh station during the entire Derby. It includes all false albacore brought to the weigh station, whether or not they meet the 25 inch minimum size. Therefore, when you bring a false albacore to the weigh station, it will count toward your individual limit regardless of its size. Once you have reached your Derby limit of 3 false albacore per badge, you are no longer permitted to bring a false albacore to the weigh station.