

The Striper Kings Tournament will be held on Block Island, Rhode Island, arguably the greatest striper grounds on the planet. The invited anglers and teams will represent the most accomplished individuals in the sport of Striped Bass fishing. This is an invitational catch and release tournament promoting the sport of sustainable fishing and preservation of the Striped Bass.

**Tournament Format**
Boat Division – Limited to 20 boats by invitation Each boat is limited to 4 anglers (including captain). $500 per team

Shore Division – Limited to 15 teams of 2 anglers (30 anglers). Each team must fish together. $250.00 per team.

**Divisional prize money will be 75% of the registration fees received per division**

**Tournament Rules**

* **Fishing will start** **at 6pm on Friday, June 16th. Fishing ends at 12pm, Sunday, June 18th.**
	+ All anglers will report to the **Yellow Kittens Tavern**, on Corn Neck Road, to pick up their certified measuring device and tournament badges **between 5 and 6pm on Friday, June 12.**
	+ Each team must have the ability to video and photograph fish being measured and released – this is what team mates are for. Smartphone video and photographs are acceptable. Photo’s must be texted to the tournament director immediately so all teams can be updated as to the length to beat via a group text.
	+ All measuring devices must be returned **by 1pm on Sunday June 14th to Yellow Kittens** with awards to follow.
* **Fishable areas**
* By boat – State waters up to three miles around Block Island. Any boat beyond the 3 mile fence will be DQ’d.
	+ By Shore – All Block Island beaches and shoreline accessed via public rights of way (there are no private beaches or shorelines on Block Island).
* **TACKLE, EQUIPMENT, AND GEAR**
	+ - Single hook rigs with non offset circle hooks required for bait fishing
		- Trolling wire line, lead line, or weighted lines are prohibited.
		- Downriggers used with non weighted lines and single hook rigs are permitted.
		- The practice of ‘Yo-Yoing’ is prohibited.
		- The use of gaffs to land fish is obviously **strictly prohibited**.
		- Nets used to boat or land fish must not exceed 8 feet in overall length. (When fishing from a bridge, pier, breakwater or other high stationary structure, this length limitation does not apply.)
		- The use of knotless, rubber coated nets, or other similarly designed nets that minimize slime and scale removal, is strongly recommended.
	+ **MEASURING REQUIREMENTS**
		- Fish must be measured on a flat surface using an official Striper Kings measuring device, which will be provided. The 2017 badge must be visible in the pictures.
		- The fish must be lying on top of the measuring device.
		- Measurements will be taken from the most forward part of the fish’s snout to the rear center edge of the tail.
		- All measurements will be made in inches.
		- Fish that measure between measurement increments will be recorded at the lower of the two increments (a fish that measures between 45 and 45.25 inches will have a recorded length of 45 inches).
	+ **PHOTOGRAPHIC REQUIREMENTS**
		- Teams must provide their own digital camera device for photographic record of their catch. High -resolution cell phone photos are encouraged, and video capability is optimal. Images must be emailed to **striperkings@gmail.com** or texted to **401-742-3992** so we may provide real time results via social media.
		- In the photograph of the catch, please include the full length of the fish on the measuring device, clearly showing the position of the mouth and tail. The fish may be held in position, but must be done in a manner that does not obscure the view of the fish on the tape. Video footage is recommended.
		- Please include one overall photo and two close-up photos; One showing the position of the nose of the fish on the measuring device, and another of the tail on the measuring device.
		- Additionally, please include a photo of the rod and reel used to make the catch.

**The following acts will disqualify a catch:**

* **Failure to comply with Tournament equipment or angling rules**.
* **Death of Fish** during the documentation process, or inability to swim away on its own accord after release.
* **Failure to return the measuring device** to the Yellow Kittens by 1pm, Sunday June 14th.
* **Best Practices.**
	+ To remove your fish from the water to document it for record purposes, anglers should use either hands or a knotless, rubberized landing net to minimize slime and scale loss. Lip gripping devices may be used to help subdue fish. However, large fish should not be hoisted vertically out of the water, as this can cause damage to jaw muscle and bone as well as to internal organs. The best method for removing fish from the water by hand is to grip the fish by the lower jaw and support the fish’s underside. Again, the point is always to hold fish horizontally and not vertically.
	+ If the hook cannot be removed, the leader should be cut as close to hook as possible.
	+ Anglers should refrain from manually breaking or “popping” leaders because this can cause additional harm to fish, especially those not hooked in the jaw.
	+ Ample time should be taken to revive exhausted fish by gently moving them forward in the water to get water flowing over the gills.
* **Releasing**
	+ Considerable time and care should be exercised when releasing fish. Fish should be placed in the water and held by the base of the tail. If the fish does not swim away from your grasp on its own, gently move it forward in the water to get water flowing over the gills. For best results, move the fish in the forward direction only instead of back in forth. A fish’s gills somewhat resemble the pages of a book and are designed for water flow in only one direction. Moving the fish in a slow circle or gently towing it behind the boat will accomplish this.

 **EMAIL US FOR YOUR INVITATION:** **STRIPERKINGS@GMAIL.COM**



TEAM REGISTRATION

**TEAM NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Division**: BEACH (2 person) BOAT (4 person team)

**Anglers**:

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**Team Capt**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**BOAT TEAMS**:

Vessel Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Homeport:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Registration fee**: $250 per beach team $500 per boat team

 *(checks payable to Striper Kings Events)*

15 teams limited for beach division 20 team limit for boat division

1st place awarded to longest striper in each division. Winning teams get 75% of division fees, custom trophy by the Glass Station in Wakefield, and bragging rights for the entire year.

 **Our contact info:** **STRIPERKINGS@GMAIL.COM****, or call Chris Willi at 401-742-3992**