

## **Coastal Out of Boundaries Fishing Contest Rules**

- 1) Boundaries include all coastal waters from the Maine coast south to the North Carolina coast excluding any land locked bodies of water.
- 2) Contest runs from April, 15 thru December, 15.
- 3) All fish must be caught on hook and line to be eligible.
- 4) There are three species eligible for this contest:
  - a) Striped Bass
  - b) Bluefish
  - c) Fluke
- 5) There are (2) two divisions:
  - a) Surf caught fish
  - b) Boat caught fish
- 6) For a fish to be eligible for this contest they must be weighed in on a certified tackle shop scale witnessed by the tackle shop proprietor who needs to sign a GCAC Out of Boundaries Fishing Contest Fish Slip or the fish can be brought back to the club weighed on the club scale and witnessed by a club member on a certified hand scale.

## Information that must be included on the fish slip:

- a) Members name
- b) Species caught
- c) Certified weight
- d) Note if surf caught or boat caught
- e) Where fish was caught
- f) Name of weigh in tackle shop with a phone number for verification and proprietor's signature
- g) If not weighed in at a tackle shop, weighed in on the club scale with the witness signature on slip
- h) Date fish was caught
- 7) Weigh-In slips will be available at the club.
- 8) All fish must be of legal size and caught within season for the costal state the entered fish was caught in.
- 9) Charter/Party boat caught fish are eligible for this contest but all entered fish must be weighed in at a tackle shop, club scale or a certified hand scale.

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- 10) Only **one** fish of each species can be entered per calendar day.
- 11) Fish caught in the regular GCAC boundaries may not be entered in this contest and will not be eligible for any other GCAC contests.
- 12) Any fish weigh-in slips with the tackle shop's name, phone number or proprietor's signature left out will be disqualified from this contest. In addition, a certified scale must be noted when used.
- 13) All weigh-in slips from fish caught the month before the regular GCAC general meeting must be turned in to the sitting Fishing Committee Chairman at such meeting.

## **Awards Structure**

- Choice of plaque or \$25.00 gift certificate for heaviest striped bass of the year (Boat Caught) + 5points
- Choice of plaque or \$25.00 gift certificate for heaviest striped bass of the year (Surf Caught) + 5
   points
- Choice of plaque or \$25.00 gift certificate for heaviest Bluefish of the year (Boat Caught) + 5 points
- Choice of plaque or \$25.00 gift certificate for heaviest Bluefish of the year (Surf Caught) + 5
  points
- Choice of plaque or \$25.00 gift certificate for heaviest Fluke of the year (Boat Caught) + 5 points
- Choice of plaque or \$25.00 gift certificate for heaviest Fluke of the year (Surf Caught) + 5 points
- \$25.00 gift certificates will be awarded to the 2<sup>nd</sup> place and 3<sup>rd</sup> place heaviest fish of each species for both boat and surf categories.
- All 2<sup>nd</sup> place fish in each category will be awarded 3 points
- All 3<sup>rd</sup> place fish in each category will be awarded 2 points
- Angler with the most accumulated points in the <u>Out of Boundaries</u> Contest will be awarded an additional \$50.00 Gift certificate and have his name posted on a plaque in the clubhouse.

It is mandatory that all members / participants maintain an active NY State Marine Fishing Registration when they are fishing, and when participating in club sponsored derbies/events.

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