

Plum Island Invitational Fishing Tournament

Rules

The Plum Island Surfcasters Annual Invitational Tournament welcomes participation from PISC members, other fishing clubs, civic organizations and at-large anglers. The Invitational Tournament begins on the scheduled start date at 8PM and concludes the next day at 7:00AM. The meet-up point is at the Plum Island Airport, (PIA), between 6:00PM and 8:00PM. All tournament team members are required to report at the meet-up point on the start date between 6:00PM and 8:00PM. The Tournament Director will brief teams and the teams may begin fishing at 8:00 PM. You are encouraged to be present at PIA as close to 6:00PM as possible as to maximize fishing time.

General Guidelines: There are two divisions for this tournament, **BOAT** and **SHORE**. A boat, AKA, “watercraft” is defined as a boat, kayak, canoe, skiff or anything that floats. Once you are registered as a member of a shore fishing team or a boat fishing team you are required to stay with your respective shore or boat team. If you are a boat captain or boat team member you are required to abide by the Coast Guard rules and regulations governing the operation of a watercraft. Vehicles are not permitted on the beach. Use the parking sign included in your team packet to post on your dashboard in a conspicuous location. PISC assumes no responsibility or liability for parking violations. PISC assumes no liability for marine violations, accidents or mechanical problems for any watercraft.

- You may use one, (1), fishing rod at a time rigged with one lure and if desired one dropper
- Fishing with bait is permitted with only one rod with no more than two (2) hooks
- Fly fishing rules are the same as those stated for surfcasting and boat/yak.

Registration: In order to participate in the PISC Invitational you must register. Registration consists of completing the PISC Invitational Tournament registration form. Senior/Adult and Junior registration forms are available online, (<http://www.plumislandsurfcasters.org>), or at:

- The PISC meeting prior to the start date
- The Plum Island Airport on start date between 6pm-8pm

The tournament individual entry fee is \$5.00. PISC members participate for FREE. All registration forms and entry fees must be received by the Tournament Committee by 8:00PM of the start date. Any person under 16 years of age must register as a Junior. Anyone under the age of 18 years must have parental permission and be in the company of an adult during the tournament. They must complete the PISC Invitational Tournament Parental Permission statement on the Invitational Tournament registration form.

Angler Teams: Teams consist of up to six (6) people with one captain. If you are affiliated with another fishing club or organization you may join a partial team [less than six (6) members]. Once you are part of a team you are required to fish with that team for the entire duration of the invitational tournament. Fishing alone is not permitted. All anglers are required to remain within observable sight of a group or a team member.

Fishing Boundaries: *(See map on page 3)* The boundaries agreed upon for the invitational are:

- To the North: The southern shoreline of the Piscataqua river NH
- To the South: The entire perimeter of Essex Bay.
- To the West: The 1-95 bridge on the Merrimack and Piscataqua Rivers, head-of-tide on the Parker River, the towns of Ipswich, Rowley and Essex.
- Boat teams have the same boundaries, including Essex Bay, and are limited to no more than three miles from shore.

Target Species & Scoring*:

- Only striped bass and bluefish are eligible to be recorded on a scorecard.
- All caught fish under 28” that are released = 1 point
- All caught fish equal to or over 28 inches, that are released alive = 10 points (Any 10-point fish must be measured and verified by a second team member.)
- All caught fish equal to or over 34 inches released alive = 15 points (Any 15-point fish must be measured and verified by a second team member.)
- All caught fish equal to or over 40 inches released alive = 20 points (Any 20-point fish must be measured and verified by a second team member.)
- No points will be awarded to any kept fish

- * First Tie Breaker: Largest fish, (measured fish and time caught recorded and verified)
- * Second Tie Breaker: Largest fish, (measured fish and time caught recorded and verified)

Point fish must be measured from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail while laying on a flat surface. Record time of catch and size with witness.

Any angler with a fish on at 7:00AM on end date may land and score this fish.

Grievances: The PISC Invitational Tournament Grievance Committee consists of one (1) member from each team.

Team Captain Duties:

- Confirm that team members understand Invitational Tournament rules
- Coordinate team sign-in at meet-up point [Plum Island Airport (PIA)]
- Keep the team together in chosen fishing locations
- Collect team member scorecards
- Confirm that team member scorecards are legible and that they are signed by the team captain
- Confirm that team captain score cards are signed by another team member
- Confirm with team members number and length of released fish
- Submit team score cards at PIA by 8:00 AM on end date.

Awards: For each division (Shore and Boat) there are first, second and third place team members who will receive striped bass pins. For each division striped bass pins are awarded to the individual anglers for the largest fish caught using bait, a lure, a fly and to the angler who accumulates the most points during the tournament. A winning team will receive gold striped bass pins for each team member.

