

## Tournament rule changes effective starting 2024.

The PISC Board approved the following changes to the club tournament rules.

### Changes:

1. Eliminated monthly drawing to reduce risk to stripers and limited interest.
2. Changed Striper and Blues from surf and boat to only have a single set of first, second and third place awards to reduce risk to the fish.
3. Increase minimum striper length for entry in YLT for seniors in surf, boat and Plum Island categories to 36". Fly caught entries will stay at 28" for stripers and juniors will have no minimum requirement.

**As a reminder the only acceptable measurement tool is a commercially made ruler. It is recommended that some form of hard ruler, such as a fold out, be used but a soft ruler is acceptable if it is pulled straight. Details on measurement requirements for catch and release fish can be found on the club web page.**



## PISC Year Long Tournament Rules (Updated 2024)

All entrants must be a paid member of the Plum Island Surfcasters for the current year prior to entering a fish.

- The Year Long tournament will run from April 1st -October 31st, with awards given in November. Awards for all categories will be First, second and third places. The boat category includes kayaks and other flotation devices like paddle boards.
- Die Hard tournament will run from Nov. 1-Dec. 31st with awards given the following January at the general meeting. Die Hard tournament will only award first place awards for striper and blue fish caught from the surf.

The categories for the Regular tournament are as follows (stripers will be catch and release only):

- Three Stripers from the Surf (Seniors only)
- Striper from Plum Island Surf
- Striper from Surf
- Striper from Boat
- Striper on Fly
- Blue from Surf
- Blue from Boat
- Blue on Fly
- Carp (Juniors only)

There will also be awards in each of these categories for Juniors (17 and under).

Three Stripers from the Surf will be the accumulate length of the largest three stripers submitted by an individual during the Year Long tournament (April-October). As an individual enters fish the tournament board will be updated to show the largest three fish.

There are no geographical boundaries for this tournament. (Except Striper from Plum Island Surf must be caught from Plum Island). A striper caught on Plum Island may be entered in either the Striper from Plum Island Surf or Striper from Surf category but not both. The person submitting the entry must identify which category they want to enter it.

Awards will be given based on length of the fish in each category. Fish must have a witness signature on the form or submitted using the Catch, Photo and Release criteria process when no witness is available. (criteria is same for kept with no witness). • **Note: Length of Bluefish and Carp will be from end of snout to the inside fork of the tail. For Stripers it will be from snout to the end of the tail.**

Tournament affidavits slips can be found on our webpage.

Entries should be completed using the club web page or using the club entry form. Slips must include the following information:

- Species
- Indicate if being entered in the Plum Island (C&R) category.
- Senior or Junior
- Length for fish
- Name
- Date of catch
- Time of catch
- Date of submission
- Surf or Boat caught
- Name of witness
- Witness signature (if not using Catch, Photo, release process)
- \*Photograph for each fish if no witness. See club web pages for details on how to enter a catch and release fish when there is no witness. **Note: only rulers will be accepted, marked rods or such will not be accepted.**
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Any angler may only hold one place at a time per category.

Slips must be submitted within 30 days of being caught. Slips must be submitted no later than 3 days after the end date of the tournament. If mailed in the post mark date will be used.

Slips must be handed in to the tournament director, (see board web page), either by mail, Emailed, using the online form on the club web page or at the monthly meeting.

All tie breakers will be determined by the day slip was received. For the Three Stripers from the surf the tie breaker will based on largest striper.

Second tie breaker determined by day and time fish was caught.

All decisions are final.

For seniors all stripers entered must be at least 36", except fly caught fish must be at least 28". Juniors may enter any size striper.