

**16TH ANNUAL
WEST SIDE OUTCASTERS OPEN
FISHING TOURNAMENT**

Official Rules are included in packet

This is for your reference.

1. **Entry Fee:** \$120.00/\$85.00. Early bird available until Sept. 4th, 2017
2. **Tournament Dates & Weigh-in Location:** Sept. 16th & 17th, 2017 Nanticoke Harbor, Nanticoke, MD
3. **Eligible Species:** Rockfish, Trout, Hardhead, Bluefish, Perch, and Catfish.
4. **The \$20.00 50/50** is a combined weight of up to 3 Bluefish total. SEE INSERT IN PACKET.
5. **Kids Spot:** 12 years old & younger. 1 fish per boat per day. Kids must weigh the fish they caught. Prizes for the top 3 spot of the tournament.
6. **Captains Meeting:** Sept. 15th, 2017 at West Side Volunteer Fire Dept. Bivalve, MD. Door Prizes awarded.
7. **Awards Ceremony:** Sept. 17th, 2017 5:00PM at Boonies Burgers, Bait & Beer, Tyaskin, MD. Prizes awarded.
8. **Prize Money:** The overall winner will be its own separate payout. Each day will have a "Place Pending" for each category on the weigh-in board. On whichever day the overall category winner is weighed, the "Place Pending" will move to third place. Therefore moving everyone up one place for that category, for that day.
9. **Weather:** Participants enter the Tournament at their own risk and discretion, accepting full responsibility boat, crew, and anglers. There is NO WEATHER COMMITTEE. Captain and crew must decide individually as to the boats capabilities to participate each day of the tournament.
10. **Weigh-in:** WEIGH-IN FISH MUST BE BROUGHT FROM BOAT ENTERED IN TOURNAMENT TO OFFICIAL WEIGH-IN STATION DIRECTLY FROM THE FISHING WATERS. Participants weighing in fish will be issued a receipt. Once signed the Captain agrees with the weight masters recording. Captains must have weigh-in number provided in packet to weigh-in fish.
11. **Protest:** Any protest must surface at the time of the incident at the official weigh-in station.
12. **Check In:** West Side VFD Volunteers will be at Nanticoke Harbor at 5:30AM on both tournament days to provide lighting for your preparation.
13. **Fishing Hours:** There are no lines in the water before 7AM. **On Sept. 16th participants must be inside the jetties with fish to weigh-in by 5:00PM. On Sept. 17th participants must be inside the jetties with fish to weigh-in by 3:00PM. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
14. **Scale Hours:** The official scales will be open from 10:00AM until 5:00PM Saturday the 16th of Sept. 2017 and from 10:00AM until 3:00PM Sunday the 17th of Sept. 2017. All fish must be at the weigh-in station by the deadline. It is the responsibility of each Captain to have fish in line to be weighed by the deadline. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
15. **VHF Radio:** Use VHF Channel 6 to report problems, or incidents. The scales will provide periodic updates.
16. **Emergencies:** In case of an emergency breakdown of a boat a participant may board another boat in order to weigh-in fish. The scales should be notified as soon as possible on VHF Channel 6.

17. **FISH:** ONLY ONE(1) FISH OF EACH SPECIES CAN BE WEIGHED IN PER BOAT PER DAY. LARGEST FISH IS DETERMINED BY WEIGHT ONLY. CAPTAINS MUST CHOOSE PRIOR TO WEIGH-IN WHICH FISH WILL BE WEIGHED. COMBINED WIEGHT 50/50 CAN BE UP TO THREE(3) BLUEFISH.
18. **Tie Breaker:** In the event of a tied weight in any segment of the Tournament, the prize money will go to the fish weighed earliest.
19. **Fish Inspection:** All fish are subject to any such examination deemed necessary by the judges.
20. **Boundaries:** All fish must be caught inside tournament boundaries (see map) on hook and line.
21. **Conduct:** Any suspicious activity or unsportsman like conduct are reasons for disqualification. There must be a report made on VHF Channel 6 to the judges who will act as deemed necessary.
22. **Registration Numbers:** All boats must visibly display the registration number provided in the packet at all times during the tournament.
23. **Boat Inspection:** The Tournament Judges reserve the right to board and inspect any vessel in the Tournament at any time.
24. **Transferring Fish:** Except as noted in rule 16 no fish shall be transferred from boat to boat. Any such transfer will result in disqualification.
25. **Judges:** All Participants in the Tournament agree the decisions made by the Judges are final.
26. **Disembarking:** There is to be no disembarking or landfall for any reason other than weigh-in unless prior approval to do so is given by the Judges on VHF Channel 6.
27. **Tournament Packets:** Captains entering the Tournament should attend the Captains Meeting if they have not received the Captains Packet. Registration will be accepted at the Captains Meeting.
28. **Laws:** All Federal, State and Local laws are to be adhered to at all times.
29. **Disclaimer:** West Side Volunteer Fire Dept. and it's sponsors are not liable for personal injury, property damage, and/or accidents while engaged in the Tournament.
30. **Safety:** Think safe, Thank you for your support, and tight lines!

Bluefish 50/50

1. The \$20.00 Bluefish 50/50 is a combined weight of up to three(3) Bluefish total.
2. Here is how it works: Entrants will be able to weigh a single bluefish per day in accordance with Tournament rules. Upon weighing a bluefish, the scale master will then ask if you are entered in the Bluefish 50/50. If you are entered you may add up to two(2) more bluefish to the scale without removing the first bluefish, following the direction of the scale master. The scale master will announce the Bluefish 50/50 combined weight and the judges will record the combined weight per tournament rules. Up to three(3) bluefish may be weighed in combination once per day. The heaviest overall combined weight of the two days of the tournament is the sole winner of the 50/50.
3. Entrants must follow the directions of the scale master. Do not add or remove fish unless instructed to do so.
4. All bluefish must be brought to the scale at the time of weighing; entrants are not allowed to exchange fish during weigh-in.