



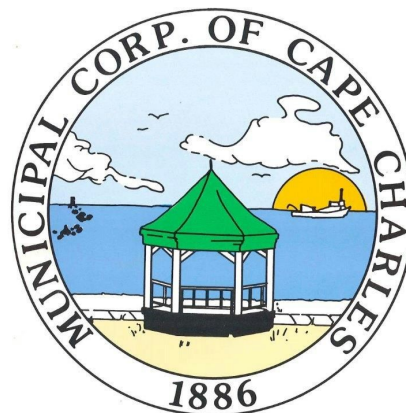
“Queen of the Bay”



2016 Pier Fishing Tournament Series

July 27th - August 30th

Specific Rule Set for Cape Charles, VA





Rules (Updated 01/29/2016)

1. The tournament will be conducted on the Cape Charles Town Pier from Wednesday, July 27th through July 30th.
2. The tournament schedule is as follows:
 - Wed, July 27th
 - 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Optional Captain's Meeting
Question and Answer Session
 - 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM - scales open for fishing
 - Thursday, July 28th
 - 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM - scales open for fishing
 - Friday, July 29th
 - 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM - scales open for fishing
 - Saturday, July 30th
 - 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM - scales open for fishing
 - Awards Ceremony : 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (location to be announced)
3. Only catches made between declared fishing hours may be weighed in (i.e., catches made before declared fishing hours will not be weighed, but you are more than welcome to begin fishing before and after those times.
4. Based on weather conditions and our ability to staff the weigh in station, we will attempt to provide additional hours of officiated fishing. Updated hours will be posted on the live leaderboard. You will also be able to determine open fishing hours by the "pirate flag" posted at the foot of the pier. A "red flag" will be posted in the event we need to close the weigh in station due to weather conditions (i.e., extreme heat, lightning, heavy rains, etc.).
5. The tournament will administer four major divisions:
 - Open Division (anyone)
 - Lady Angler Division (any female)
 - Junior Angler Division (15 and younger)
 - Special Angler Division (see Special Angler Foundation qualification rules)

and a Queen of the Bay division.



6. Each major division will be seeded with \$250 each that will be divided into five species subdivisions.
7. As a new species is weighed into a division, a species subdivision is created.
8. The seeded prize money of \$250 will be split between the sub-divisions created during the tournament. For example, if only two species are recorded in the Open Division (e.g., Spot and Croaker), the \$250 would be split to \$125 for the Open Spot subdivision and \$125 for the Open Croaker sub-division. If a total of five species are registered, each subdivision would be awarded \$50 for the top catch in that subdivision.
9. The prize money is awarded to 1st place in each species subdivision.
10. All submitted fish, from any species subdivision, are automatically accounted for in the Queen of the Bay Division, which is scored based on the number of species subdivisions an angler has entered catches. Ties will be broken by the first fish weighed in by the anglers.
11. Fish species being compared by weight will be weighed and recorded to the tenth of an ounce.
12. For species that are considered to consistently weigh in less than a lb (e.g., spot, striped killfish, perch, pinfish, etc.), the subdivision will be scored based on length, to a tenth of an inch. All measurements will be rounded down (e.g., a fish showing a length of 6.59 inches would be recorded as 6.5 inches . If a fish shows 6.6 inches or slightly longer, it will be recorded as 6.6 inches).
13. When measuring the length of a fish, the fish will be measured from the tip of the nose to the tip of the tail (see figure).
14. Ties in weight or length will be broken by the first to weigh in under a specific species and division.
15. The “catch” is defined as the act of baiting the rig, casting the rig, and successfully retrieving the fish to the pier.
16. All species must be caught with a hook and line (e.g., netting and crab lines are not permitted). Netting of large fish that are first hooked with hook and line is permitted.

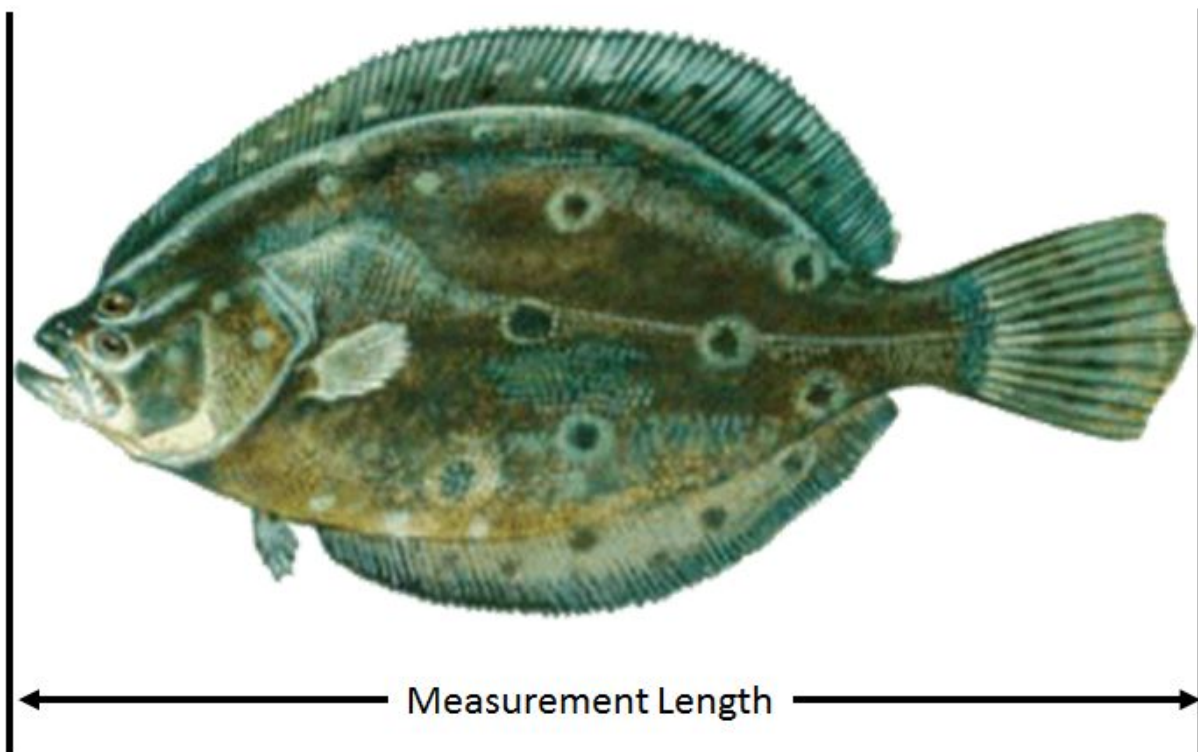


17. "Assisting the catch" is defined as assisting in any of the three components of the "catch." If you are a Jr. Lady Angler, and you want to weigh in a fish in the Lady Division, you cannot receive assistance in those three elements. The Youth and Special Angler Division permit assistance in the catch, but not the Lady and the Open divisions.
18. Protests. We'd rather not want to deal with protests, instead, the sponsors will provide referees to encourage, adjudicate, and advise anglers.
19. Anglers must make present and viewable their angler ID badge at all times to referees and the media by either wearing it over their neck or affixing it to their clothing.
20. Roving weigh in officials will be provided along the pier. In the event a roving official is unavailable, you must weigh in your fish at the permanent station under the pavilion on the pier.
21. Fishing within eye site of the pier from the shore will be permitted. If you can see an official and they can see you, then you are permitted to fish off the pier, but remember, you have to bring your fish back to the pier for weigh in. Be advised that the pier fishing license does not cover anglers fishing from the shore line.
22. Fishing from a watercraft is not permitted, although we are looking at opening up a new division next year to support fishing from watercraft.
23. All fish not meeting the minimum weight specifications for keeping, may still be weighed in, but then carefully returned in a healthy state to the Bay waters.
24. Tournament officials maintain the right to close registration due to overcrowding. We also maintain the right to limit the number of anglers fishing on the pier at any one time to make it a more pleasant experience for all. Those who have pre-registered will be given Priority Passes in the event we need to enforce a billeted crowd control policy.
25. Anglers are responsible for all applicable taxes on prizes received.
26. All participants shall allow Fish Dispatch, USA, the Special Angler Foundation, and the Town of Cape Charles the opportunity and right to photograph, film, videotape, and record anglers during the tournament and the awards ceremony and to use the angler's name, voice and likeness without further compensation for advertising and promotion by said parties.



27. All participants agree that Fish Dispatch, USA, the Special Angler Foundation, the Town of Cape Charles, and any sponsor of this tournament shall not be liable for injury, loss, or damage of any kind resulting from participation in this tournament or from the acceptance or use of any awarded prize.
28. Tournament officials are not eligible to fish in this tournament, except in the case if a “bragging rights division” is created, without prize money or awards. Children of tournament officials are permitted to enter fish, but they will not be eligible to win any of the cash prizes (e.g., they are eligible to win 1st place trophies, but cash prizes would go to the next angler in line).

Measuring Fish



1. Place fish on its side with jaw closed.
2. Attempt to position tail in a natural way to obtain length.
3. Measure a straight line from the tip of the snout to the extreme tip of the tail fin.





Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Why is it called “Queen of the Bay”? **Answer:** The rules are heavily slanted heavily toward the lady and the young girls who have the ability to weigh in fish in several divisions. The “queens” essentially have all the strategic moves available in this tournament. For example, a Lady Special Angler could lock up catches in the Special Angler Division, the Lady Division, and the Open Division assuming that they comply with the “catch” rules for each of those divisions.
2. Can a fish be weighed into separate major divisions? **Answer:** No. You can only weigh in a particular catch into one major-division for which you are eligible.
3. Can I register after catching a fish and then weigh that fish in? **Answer:** Yes. We want to maintain that option for someone to come out and fish on the pier without paying a dime, and if you then make a great catch and want to join in the tournament, then you can do so. The risk to you is that you may not be able to get on the pier to fish if you are not registered and there are already 100 persons fishing. The early registration also guarantees you a T-Shirt.
4. Can an angler win the prize money in multiple Species sub-divisions? **Answer:** Yes. That is the way this is architected. You have the ability to “run the tables” here. The girls still possess most of the moves here because they can submit in so many major divisions and each of the species sub-divisions. They are in the best position to run the tables and become the “**Queen of the Bay.**”
5. Can I be penalized by a pier referee? **Answer:** We hope it will not come to that, but if you do some dangerous casting with anglers nearby, expect the yellow flags to come flying by the guys in the pinstripe suits. If you start playing with a stingray, you will be flagged. If you stick your finger in a sharks mouth, you will be flagged (but we think that the shark bite will be all the penalty that you need).
6. Are crabs permitted as a species sub-divisions? **Answer:** Yes, for the youth division only. Chesapeake Bay Blue Crabs are beautiful swimmers and lovely to eat. You will need to catch them with hook and line. They will be measured tip to tip. We have the ability to create a unique "crab" division, so if you know a sponsor who wants to ante up some real prize money (or maybe a bushel of crabs) for this division, let us know.