

MRMTC 2019 Fall Striped Bass Tournament Rules

1. This tournament is a MRMTC member only tournament. Only MRMTC members and non-member guests are eligible to fish this tournament.
2. Members must submit a tournament Entry Form in order to be considered as fishing this tournament.
3. Tournament entry is on a per boat basis. A member may fish on a member or non-member boat.
4. Each boat may fish only one day. However, a boat may fish multiple days if the member's fishing partner is also a club member and has entered the tournament separately. Each day of fishing requires a separate Entry Form. The entrant must be on board on each fishing day of their entry for any catches on that day to be eligible for award consideration.
5. **Entrants must declare their fishing day by 12:00AM midnight on their declared day of fishing.** To declare a fishing day, a representative from the boat must call (732) 612-8052 and leave a message with the following information: Entrants name, boat name, fishing day, and day and time of call.
6. Boats must not depart Manasquan Inlet before 12:00 AM on their declared day of fishing and must return through Manasquan Inlet on the same day. In lieu of fishing on a boat, a member may fish from the shores of Monmouth and Ocean Counties. Similarly, members fishing from shore must not commence fishing before 12:00 AM on their declared day of fishing.
7. Upon returning to Manasquan Inlet, a representative from the boat is requested to call **Dave Mellett (732) 423-6520** to advise of their safe return; boats not having fish to report are also requested to call in upon entering the inlet so that the weigh scale does not need to remain unnecessarily open.
8. In the event of a boat becoming disabled prior to leaving Manasquan Inlet, the entry may be transferred to a substitute boat and/or a substitute fishing day. The boat disability must be reported by calling (732) 612-8052 and leaving a message with the following information: Entrant's name, boat name, fishing date, nature of the boat disability, date and time of call.
9. In the event of a boat becoming disabled after leaving Manasquan Inlet, a substitute fishing day will be granted as long as the following conditions are satisfied:
 - a. Fishing lines must not have been placed in the water.
 - b. The boat must return to Manasquan Inlet by 10 AM on the same day it departed.
 - c. A participant on the boat must call (732) 612-8052 as soon as the boat enters Manasquan Inlet and leave a message with the following information: Entrants name, boat name, fishing day, nature of the boat disability, date and time of call.
10. Fish being entered for award consideration must have the fish weighed on the MRMTC scale at **Brielle Yacht Club**. Weigh in hours are from **5:00 PM to 6:00 PM** each day of the tournament. The fish must be brought to the weigh scale by the boat upon which they were caught or by vehicle.
11. The official tournament radio channel is : VHF Channel 65.
12. All State, Federal and IGFA Rules and Regulations apply to this tournament except as follows:
 - a. A fish may be hooked by anyone other than the angler provided the rod is immediately transferred to the angler after the hook-up. From that time forward, the angler must fight the fish alone until boated or released.
 - b. The use of umbrella rigs and wire line while trolling for striped bass is permitted.
 - c. Snag and drop is not permitted. A snagged bait fish must be transferred to a single hook on another rod.
13. There is no limit to the number of rods used while fishing. The use of commercial fishing gear is not permitted.
14. In the interest of conservation, MRMTC encourages the use of circle hooks when using natural bait and/or natural bait/artificial lure combinations.
15. Fish caught on a member's boat during the course of a non-member charter trip are not eligible for award consideration regardless of who the angler is. Fish caught by a member who is being paid as a crew member, i.e. a mate, captain, etc. during the course of a fishing trip, are not eligible for any prize or trophy.
16. Prize Money will be paid by check and made out to the Entrant's name as shown on the Entry Form. Prize money will be distributed to the winners upon determining the official results.
17. The tournament may be altered, cancelled, postponed or extended to other dates at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
18. **The tournament committee reserves the right to have winners take a lie detector examination.**
19. All interpretations of the Rules and decisions by the Tournament Committee are final.