



**46th ANNUAL
FREEPORT HUDSON ANGLERS, INC.
SHARK TOURNAMENT
June 16, 2018
TOURNAMENT RULES**

A) Purpose:

The Freeport Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament is a sporting event designed to encourage and promote rod and reel angling, good sportsmanship and fair competition.
To promote the conservation of immature sharks by tag and release.

B) Eligibility:

Open to all clubs and individuals. The Freeport Hudson Anglers reserve the right to refuse any entry.

C) Entry:

- 1) Entry fee of \$300.00 if registered by June 1. If registered after June 1, entry fee is \$350.00 payable cash only.**
- 2) The Captain or at least 1 crewmember must attend a Captains meeting on Friday, June 15, 2018, 7:00 p.m. at Town of Hempstead Marina, Freeport, NY (Guy Lombardo Marina).
- 3) Liability waiver must be signed by Captain and Crew.
- 4) The Captain may elect not to sign a liability waiver but must, in that event, pay as an entry fee the sum of \$25,000 or the cost to the Club of the added insurance liability premiums, whichever is greater. Here, no refunds for withdrawal can be allowed.

D) Withdrawal:

You, as Captain, are entitled after the Captain's meeting and until 6 a.m. the morning of the Tournament to withdraw your boat and crew from the Tournament and receive a partial refund of \$170.00 in the event that, in your judgment as Captain and / or crew, weather conditions, notwithstanding the Tournament proceeding, are otherwise than safely fishable. The Club's electing to proceed with the Tournament shall in no way be deemed to warrant to you or to other Tournament contestants the seaworthiness of your boat or your expertise in handling the prevailing sea conditions. You are the ultimate and sole authority on whether to proceed to fish. Any and all withdrawals after the Captain's Meeting and prior to 6 a.m. are entitled to a full refund of the prize money (\$170.00).

E) Refund:

If the contest is called off for any reason by the Tournament Committee on both days, the prize money (\$170.00) will be refunded to Captains. If no eligible fish is caught the PRIZE MONEY (\$150.00) will be refunded to Captain's, and balance of (\$20.00) will be applied to the Tag Tournament.

F) Subject to National Marine Fisheries Regulations:

- 1) Contest is limited to the following species of shark: Blue, Tiger, Mako & Thresher.
No other fish will be considered. As of this printing subject to change.

G) Fishing Rules:

- 1) All sharks must be caught on rod and reel from the boat entered in the contest.
- 2) Mako sharks must measure 83" or more in fork length as per this printing subject to change.**
- 3) Thresher sharks must weigh 150 lbs. or more, and Blue sharks must weigh 200 lbs. or more.
- 4) One shark per boat will be eligible for prizes. Contestants take full responsibility for size and weight of ineligible fish.
- 5) No harpoon equipment of any description may be used.
- 6) Any shark shot or unduly mutilated in any way will be disqualified.
- 7) International Game Fishing Association Format shall apply, all sharks will be inspected for fair play, and the **DECISION OF THE FREEPORT HUDSON ANGLERS JUDGES WILL BE FINAL.**

Winners are subject to polygraph test at the discretion of the judges.

- 8) Use of bang stick or CO2 stun gun is illegal.
- 9) Any weight alteration will disqualify the fish.
- 10) All entered fish become the property of the Freeport Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament.
- 11) It is the responsibility of the captain and crew to obtain any required fishing licenses.

New Rule



H) Checkout Time and Date

- 1) This contest will be run on June 16, 2018 .
- 2) Alternate date, if necessary, June 17, 2018 .
- 3) All boats must display on both the port and starboard sides their tournament numbers, be recognized and acknowledged by the Committee Boat, which will be located south of the Loop Bridge.
- 4) No boat shall pass Bimini start boats located at the JI Buoy PRIOR to 6:00 a.m. (The JI Buoy is a bell buoy located 1 mile south of Jones inlet).

I) Weather and Responsibility:

If there are "small craft advisory" with winds greater than 20 kts. for the local marine forecast of the NOAA weather radio at 5 a.m. for the day of the tournament, the tournament will be postponed until Sunday June 17. If conditions persist the tournament will be cancelled. By participating in the Tournament you acknowledge that your sources of weather information is no less than that of the Committee. You further acknowledge that the decision to proceed or withdraw, with or without refund, is the sole responsibility of the Captain. You, as Captain, will hold the Club harmless should any weather related casualty occur and will indemnify it should any of your crew elect to sue the Club for weather related injury or death.

J) Radio & EPIRB

- 1) It is mandatory for all boats fishing in this Tournament to have a functional V.H.F. radio. An EPIRB is not mandatory, but is highly recommended.
- 2) Channel 06 on V.H.F. Marine Band will be monitored throughout the contest.

K) Emergency:

Captains are reminded that they are responsible to act in accordance with their best judgment in an emergency situation. CONTACT COAST GUARD on SEA CHANNELS 11, 16.

L) Weigh-In:

- 1) The tournament ends at 6:00 p.m. at the Committee Boat located south of Loop Bridge. To be eligible for weigh-in, boats must pass, check in with and be acknowledged by, the Committee Boat by 6:00 p.m. on the day of the contest, and then proceed to the Guy Lombardo Marina at the foot of Hudson Canal for weigh in immediately



2) All entrants must Check In with the Committee Boat on Channel 06 or the tournament phone upon return (516) 378-5181 regardless of whether or not they have fish to weigh.

- 3) The five (5) heaviest sharks, will be declared the winners. **THE DECISION OF THE JUDGES WILL BE FINAL.**
- 4) In the event of a tie the winner will be determined by the earlier weighed in fish.

M) Prize Money:

\$170.00 will be returned as prize money.

1st PRIZE	55%
2nd PRIZE	20%
3rd PRIZE	10%
4th PRIZE	5%
5th PRIZE	4%
6th-10th PRIZE	Merchandise / Certificate
TAGGING	6%

Awarding of prizes will be at completion of contest.

N) Dockage:

Limited dockage at discretion of Tournament Committee at a fee of \$50.00 per night.
First come first serve basis only.