

**45<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FREEPORT HUDSON ANGLERS, INC.**  
**SHARK TOURNAMENT**  
**June 17, 2017**  
**TOURNAMENT RULES**

**A) Purpose:**

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

**B) Eligibility:**

- 1) 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 Captain's meeting on Friday, June 16, 2017, 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 Captains' 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 Captains' 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 Captains, 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, Brown, Tiger, Mako, Thresher, Hammerhead and Porbeagle. No other fish will be considered. As of 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) All sharks must weigh 150 lbs. or more with the exception of Blue Shark at 200 lbs. as per printing subject to change.
- 3) One shark per boat will be eligible for prizes. Contestants take full responsibility for ineligible fish.
- 4) No harpoon equipment of any description may be used.
- 5) Any shark shot or unduly mutilated in any way will be disqualified.
- 6) 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.**
- 7) Use of bang stick or CO2 stun gun is illegal.
- 8) Any weight alteration will disqualify the fish.
- 9) All entered fish become the property of the Freeport Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament.
- 10) It is the responsibility of the Captain and Crew to obtain any required Fishing Licenses .

**H) Checkout Time and Date**

- 1) This contest will be run on June 17, 2017.
- 2) Alternate date, if necessary, June 18, 2017.
- 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 18. 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 6:00p.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.**

1 <sup>st</sup> PRIZE .....	55%
2 <sup>nd</sup> PRIZE .....	20%
3 <sup>rd</sup> PRIZE .....	10%
4 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE .....	5%
5 <sup>th</sup> PRIZE .....	4%
6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup> 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.

**Freeport Hudson Anglers  
Tournament-Within-a-Tournament  
Tagging**

To preserve the great sport of shark fishing, the Freeport Hudson Anglers have introduced the first competitive Shark Tagging Tournament. The rules are simple, but the rewards will be great for the *future* of our Shark Fisheries.

1. Any Freeport Hudson Angler recognized species of shark, of any weight, tagged with an official National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration shark tag is eligible.
2. A limit of three (3) tags per boat may be submitted. All tags must be completely filled out. **All** crew members must sign each tag attesting to the validity of the statement in the tagging procedure. The **boat number** issued for this tournament **must** be included on this tag.
3. There are various ways to submit your tags:
  - A. Hand them in to the check-in committee boat, located near the Long Creek Bridge as you return from the inlet.
  - B. Hand them in at the Freeport Hudson Angler weigh-in station while weighing in a shark.
  - C. Through another boat entered in the Tournament weighing in a shark at the Freeport Hudson Anglers weigh-in station.
  - D. Travel by land to turn them in at the Freeport Hudson Anglers Tournament Headquarters.

**All completely filled out tags must be submitted by no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of the Tournament**

4. Winners do not have to be present at the drawing.
5. All valid cards will be placed in a revolving drum and three (3) cards will be drawn. Six percent (6%) of the total Tournament prize money will be allotted to the Tagging Tournament-Within-a-Tournament. (3) Equal cash prizes will be awarded.
6. The Freeport Hudson Anglers will forward reply cards to the shark tagging program.
7. First thru 10<sup>th</sup> place winners are Not eligible for prize in tag tournament
8. Each boat wishing to participate in the Tournament-Within-a-Tournament must use their own shark tags.

**Shark Tagging Program  
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Narragansett Laboratory  
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***SPORTSMANSHIP IS THE NAME OF THE GAME***

**Good Luck!**