

2018 High Point Vol. Fire. Co. Striper Shootout Rules and Regulations:

- All current state regulations apply
- Open Tournament for boats only.
- Begin fishing at 3:00 am Sat. June 9th, 2018
- Stop fishing at 3:00 pm Sat June 9th, 2018
- All fish must be weighed-in at HPVFC by truck or boat
- The public dock is located at 78th street in Harvey Cedars.
- Shuttle service will be provided from public dock to weigh-in(hail channel 69)
- We stress that fish be weighed-in by truck to make the process go smoother

Boundaries:

- Seaside Casino Pier to Wreck Inlet- Inshore or offshore up to three miles off the beach. - Each registered boat has been provided with a boundary flag that must be prominently displayed on his or her vessel throughout the duration of the competition.
- Each registered boat in the act of fishing **must** stay within legal water and abide by the set tournament boundaries.
- Each registered boat may **not** venture outside the set tournament boundaries to make bait & then bring them back in.
- Each registered boat may **only** venture outside the set tournament boundaries in running too & from port or in an emergency situation during the set tournament timeline (3am to 3pm)

Boat Switch:

We will allow a switch up of boats:

- Mechanical failure
- Blow out tide/Channel access
- Weather conditions
- Fishing strategy, etc...

As long as your boat team/registered anglers are not fishing two boats at the same time and abide by the set tournament boundaries, timeline, rules & regulations

Tournament Rules:

- This is an All Tackle Tournament.
- Whatever angling technique a captain or angler may use to catch a striped bass or Bluefish is accepted, as long as the fish is caught from a boat and must be caught using a rod and reel. - From the time a fish strikes, a single angler must hook and fight the fish. The only help he or she may receive is in the netting or gaffing of the fish.
- Weigh-in time is 2 – 5:00pm (Verizon cell time)
- Times will be kept by the Weigh-master which has the final word.
- The weigh station will be located at the base of the apron on the northwest side of the firehouse.
- Space will be provided to pull your truck up to the scale to weigh-in your catch.
- Captains agree to donate all weighed fish for afternoon fish fry.
- Unless an emergency situation, two or more boats may not congregate (close enough to pass fish) at any time throughout the duration of the competition.
- This is a High Point Vol. Fire Co. fundraiser, good sportsmanship and fair play should be evident at all times.

- Any registered boat, boat captain and/or crew violating any tournament rule or local state or federal fishing law will be disqualified from the HPVFC Striper Shootout. Any registered boat, captain and/or crew disqualified will not be allowed to have their fish weight counted during the tournament and will forfeit any entry fees, Calcutta's and prize money.

Scoring / Main tournament:

- By weight and length as determined by current regulations of the State of N.J.
- All fish will be weighed on the same digital scale.
- All fish will be measured from the most forward point of the head, to the farthest tip of the tail, with the tail compressed.
- All weighed fish will be rounded up to the nearest ounce, and measured up to the nearest 1/8 of an inch.
- Each registered boat is allowed to weigh-in no more than a 4 fish total towards the scoring in the main tournament and for all Calcutta's.
- Prizes will be awarded to the boats catching the top three heaviest fish
- Each registered boat's single heaviest fish will qualify for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the main tournament
- Winners of prizes will be to the registered owner of the boat
- Only one cash prize per boat /main tournament **1st \$2000 2nd \$1000 3rd \$500**

Scoring / Calcutta:

- Each boat must be registered in the main tournament to sign up for the Calcutta.
- The Calcutta's cash payout is a completely separate entity from the main tournament.
- The "High Hook" Striped Bass Calcutta goes to the registered boat weighing-in the two heaviest striped bass combined.
- If every registered boat signed up for the "High Hook" Calcutta fails to weigh-in the two fish minimum, The Calcutta and the cash prize will then be awarded to the boat that weighed-in the single heaviest fish.
- The "Yellow Eye" Bluefish Calcutta and the cash prize will be awarded to the registered boat weighing-in the single heaviest Bluefish.
- The HPVFC (Est. 1937) Calcutta goes to the registered boat weighing-in the single Striped Bass weighing closest to 19.37 Pounds (over or under)
- Each boat registered in the Calcutta is still eligible for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the main tournament with their single heaviest fish
- In the unfortunate event that every registered boat in each of the Calcutta's fail to weigh-in a single fish period, all Calcutta money will be donated to help support the HPVFC.

Derby Committee:

- Any discrepancy with regard to the weight or length of a fish must be registered with the weigh master while the fish is on the scale. Once the fish has been removed from the scale, that weight and length will be official.
- In case of a tie in weight, the prize money will be awarded to the fish with the longer length. - In case of a tie in weight and length, the cash prize and standing will be awarded to the fish that arrived first to the legal weigh-in time slot.
- In the unfortunate event that every registered boat in the entire tournament fails to weigh-in a single fish period, all prize money will be donated to help support the HPVFC.
- The tournament will be a rain or shine event. The decision to fish or when to fish will rest solely with the boats and their captain.