



“Big Al Gone Fishin” Tournament

1. Species for Tournament
 - a. Striped Bass
 - b. Perch
 - c. Catfish
 - d. Snakehead
2. Geographic location of fishing area
 - a. 20 Nautical Miles radius from Doc’s Sunset Grille (38 41 N 76 10 W)
 - b. Why? Because Big Al never fished farther than 20 Miles from Oxford.
3. Two independent divisions.
 - a. Recreational Angler
 - i. Fee is \$25 per person includes one species of fish – All other fees are a single per boat fee.
 - ii. \$25 for each additional species selected
 - iii. Each boat must have a designated Captain who lists each angler fishing on his boat
 - iv. All persons on the boat 11 years old and older must be entered into the tournament. There is no entry fee for children 10 and under, however they may enter into the children’s Calcutta if the boat enters and pays the children’s Calcutta.
 - v. Kids 15 and under have the option to enter the Children’s Calcutta if the boat enters and pays the children’s Calcutta. (This includes children 10 and under).
 - vi. The designated Captain is responsible for listing every person on his boat and payment of fees
 - b. Professional Angler– This division includes all persons who regularly carry commercial fishing parties, has a commercial fishing license for any of the species fished for in this tournament, or anyone who has received financial or other promotional endorsements related to fishing or fishing in tournaments. A charter boat Captain and / or his boat will be considered a professional angler even if they are not conducting a commercial charter during the tournament.

- i. Fee is \$200 per boat regardless of the number of persons onboard and includes one species of fish.
- ii. An additional per boat fee of \$25 for each additional species selected
- iii. Only the Captain and the boat must be registered. Members of the charter or other anglers on the Captain's boat do not have to be listed.

4. Prize Structure

- a. Top three places for each species and in each division will pay
- b. Total winnings are dependent upon the total number of anglers in each division and for each species
- c. There will be one winner for each Calcutta per division

5. Calcutta - A Calcutta is a separate and independent winning pot which each boat may enter if they so desire. The payout of each Calcutta is dependent upon the amount of boats that enter that specific Calcutta.

- a. List of Calcuttas
 - i. Woman – For woman or anyone who identifies themselves as female. For largest fish for each species selected. One fee per boat regardless of number of woman on-board.
 - ii. Kids – For young adults 15 and under. For largest fish for each species selected. One fee per boat regardless of number of kids on-board
 - iii. Seniors – For anglers 55 and older. For largest fish for each species selected. One fee per boat regardless of the number of seniors on-board.
 - iv. Each species will have three independent calcuttas that include the top 4, 3 and 2 fish's combined weight and length (tbd)
- b. Calcuttas are a per boat fee regardless of the number of persons onboard
- c. Each Calcutta fee is \$25
- d. Fish entered in the tournament will automatically be included into any calcuttas that boat has entered and which is allowed by tournament rules. This includes the multi-fish calcuttas and the Woman's, Kids, and Senior's Calcutta subject to the limitations below.
- e. Any fish entered into the tournament may also be designated as that boat's entry for the Woman's, Kids, and Seniors Calcutta. However, the boat Captain must designate a specific and different fish for each of the Woman's, Kids and Seniors Calcutta. For example, the boat's largest fish will be an entry in the overall tournament and will also be an entry in any of the 2, 3 & 4 fish Calcutta's that boat has entered. The boats Captain may also designated that specific fish to be his entry into the Woman's or Kids, or Seniors Calcutta (but not all three). If the boat entered more than one of these Calcuttas then the Captain must designated a different fish for each. Once the designation has been made and the Captain has left the scales the designation becomes final and cannot be changed. The only exception will be children 10 and under who have not registered as a regular tournament angler and are only entered in the Kids Calcutta. In that even that child's fish entered into the Kid's calcutta will only be used for the Kid's Calcutta and will not be an entry for the overall tournament and multi-fish calcuttas.

6. Tournament rules and Regulations

- a. All anglers must possess a valid Maryland fishing license or fish on a boat which has a boat fishing license.

- b. All fish must be caught on hook and line
 - c. All other applicable State Fishing regulations must be adhered to.
 - d. There are no restrictions on the use of planer boards or the number of rods fished.
 - e. All fishermen must have weighed in or be in line to weigh in by 2pm.
 - f. If there is a tie for any top fish the first fish to the scales shall be deemed the winner. If for some reason that can not be determined the determination will be made by a coin toss.
 - g. There shall be no "culling" of striped bass, even in a live well. Legal fish caught must be boated.
 - h. Additional species and calcuttas can not be entered or changed on the day of the tournament.
 - i. For the Woman's, children's and Seniors Calcutta's – it does not matter which person on the boat actually fought or landed the fish, only that there is a woman, child under 15 or a senior on the boat and that particular calcutta was entered.
7. Weigh In - The weigh in will be at Doc's Sunset Grille, Pier Street Marina, Oxford Maryland
 - a. A maximum of 4 fish for each species can be brought to the scales.
 - b. All fish brought to the scales will be marked by the judges.
 - c. In determining length the V tail shall be squeezed slightly to obtain the fish's maximum length.
 8. Tournament participants accept the risks and dangers involved in such activity. They acknowledge that unanticipated and/or unexpected dangers may occur. Participants agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Rock the Choptank Fishing Tournament, it's officers, sponsors, volunteers and employees from any and all liability for any: claim, loss, injury, damage, demands, actions, choices in action, costs, accidents, libel, slander, negligence and/or death suffered by any member, family, crew, boat and/or other persons which may occur during their participation in the Tournament and/or Rock the Choptank sponsored activity.
 9. Captains, crews, and all Anglers enter and participate in this tournament at their own risk. Captains and crews must make their own judgement whether to fish under the prevailing weather conditions based on the size and seaworthiness of their boat, their seamanship skills and other factors. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to reschedule the tournament in the event of bad weather.