**SSYC 2018 FISHING TOURNAMENT**

**Saturday September 8th – Sunday September 9th. (Captains Meeting Friday 9/7)**

**BASS & BLUES 2018 RULES – Boat Teams**

**PRIZES**

BASS CLASS

* Adult (Age 16+)
	+ 1st Place Boat: \*$250
	+ 2nd Place Boat: \*$125
* Youth (Age 5-15)
	+ 1st Place: Trophy (Youth fish does not count towards boat/team fish).

BLUES CLASS

* Adult (Age 16+)
	+ 1st Place Boat: \*$250
	+ 2nd Place Boat: \*$125
* Youth (Age 5-15)
	+ 1st Place: Trophy (Youth fish does not count towards boat/team fish).

***\*Cash Prizes dependent on participation and subject to change. This is a Non-Profit Event with all profits going to expenses and prize money.***

**REGISTRATION**

Pre-Registration and payment closes on **8/30/18**. New Registration’s will be accepted 9/7 based on availability.

* $100 per Boat/Team up to 3 Anglers
	+ $50 for each additional Angler.
	+ Max Anglers per Boat/Team = 5 (excluding youth)
* $25 – Youth Participant

Checks to be made PAYABLE to Mike Romans and mailed to: 122 Merryknoll Rd. Weymouth, MA 02191

-No Refunds-

Captains are responsible for registering all anglers providing name and shirt size. To receive a shirt at the Captains Meeting you must be registered before 9/1. Shirts may not be available after 8/30 registration.

This tournament is to be capped at 25 Boat’s (teams). After 8/30 any applicants will be considered based on availability. All participants must be paid & registered by 8pm, Friday September 7th.

**TOURNAMENT RULES**

The SSYC Bass & Blue Team Fishing Tournament is a recreational tournament and abides by Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Rules which require a saltwater license for age 16 and over. This license can be obtained at: [www.mass.gov/dfwele/licensing](http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/licensing). All participants (not just the captain) must be licensed and registered prior to the tournament.

* This is a “Team” (Boat) Tournament
* All boats/participants must be registered with SSYC prior to the tournament.
	+ Team participants registered by August 30th will receive a Tournament T-Shirt
* Teams are only eligible to win cash prizes in one class.
* Only Best Fish per BOAT is eligible to compete for prize status per class.
	+ Each Boat/Team can weigh in (1) Bass & (1) Blue.
* Fishing waters include all Massachusetts waters.
* Fishing Hours begin 6AM on Saturday Sept. 8. Check in with SSYC on VHF 71 (text optional: 339-206-9058). Closing; all participants are required to check in at SSYC Weigh Station Sept. 9th by 12:30 pm. If you are not checked in – your fish will not be accepted for weighing. Weigh in will close promptly at 1:30.
* You may catch live bait prior to the Tournament start time.
* All fish must be caught with hand held Rods & Reels.
* All fish to be weighed at the SSYC Weigh Station (docks).
	+ Saturday: 4-5 PM
	+ Sunday: 12:30-1:30 PM

(You can weigh a single fish on both days however only the best fish will be considered.)

* Fish to be weighed in may be brought to SSYC by car. For Fish taken to SSYC by boat dockage will be provided on a first come, first served basis. Once dockage space is exhausted boats will be directed to a mooring. If you are not a member and intend to come in by boat, please check in with Fleet Captain Jim Emmet in advance of the tournament. 781-820-8148. James.Emmett@grarate.com
* All fish weighed & measured will be subject to freshness test. No rotten or mutilated fish will be weighed in.
* Any attempt to increase the weight of fish will result in immediate disqualification.
* The Honor System applies throughout the entire tournament.
* For conservation purposes, minimum Bass Length is 30”.
* In case of a tie in weight;
	+ 1st Tie Breaker: Length
	+ 2nd Tie Breaker: Girth
* Protests may be filed, in writing, no later than 3:00 PM on Sept. 3rd. Judges Decision will be final.
* All fish are the responsibility of the Angler. No fish are to be left with SSYC. Please note; the discharge of fish remains are prohibited in Weymouth Waters.
* Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Rules include; “The practice of high-grading, whereby legal sized striped bass are released in favor of larger fish caught subsequently is unlawful. Accordingly, it is also unlawful to keep a striped bass alive in water by attaching a line or chain to the fish (stringer) or placing it in a live well or holding car.” Please review all rules at https://www.mass.gov/service-details/recreational-saltwater-fishing-regulations
* Tournament announcements to be posted at weigh station and announced on VHF Channel 71.
* Unlimited Tackle/Bait
* Participants have to be present to receive awards or prizes. If you are not present you forfeit your winnings.
* Awards will begin at approximately 2:30 PM Sunday September 9.
* If no fished are weighed for any particular class or there is only one fished weighed in a class, the prize money will be evenly distributed across the remaining prize money.

**SCHEDULE**

Friday – September 7

* 7PM Captains Meeting – Cash Bar – SSYC Clubhouse
	+ Review of the Rules – Raffle Tickets – 50/50
* 8PM Late Registration Concludes (if any availability)

Saturday – September 8

* 6AM – Lines Wet
* Saturday Weigh in at SSYC Tiki Hut: 4-5 PM (you have to be in line before 5 PM)
	+ BYOB Tiki Hut: 4-? PM

Sunday – September 9

* 12 PM – Fishing Closes – All Captains must check in at SSYC Tiki Hut – Weigh Station **no later than 12:30 PM**.
* 12:30 – 1:30 PM: Final Weigh in at SSYC Tiki Hut.
* 12:30 – 2:30 PM: Tiki Hut – Entertainment – Burgers & Dogs – Beer
* 2:30 PM: Between 2 & 2:30 – Winners will be announced, and raffle drawing will take place.