

17th ANNUAL FLY ROD STRIPED BASS CATCH & RELEASE TOURNAMENT SATURDAY, JUNE 7th, 2008

Fishermen must carry a small notebook for recording their catch, a tape measure and watch. Fishing is from the shore only. There is no fishing from islands cut off at high tide including those in Menemsha Bight. Boats may not be used for fishing access. Fishermen may only fish from beaches that are accessible. The first cast cannot be made until 7 p.m. Tournament fishing must stop at exactly 2 a.m. Should a fisherman hook a fish prior to 2 a.m., he/she may fight, land and count the fish after 2 a.m.

Most Fish: The total number of fish of any size length caught and released among partners. Each fisherman must record the catch of his partner, not his own.

Largest Fish: Your partner must measure the fish. Fish must be measured from the snout to the end of the tail in a straight line and around the girth. All bass should be at least 34 inches in length for consideration. Please provide the length and girth when turning in your results. Any fisherman who catches the fish of their dreams, and decides to keep it, is excluded from this category.

Single Fly: You may only fish with one fly. If you lose it to a bluefish or hard strike you may continue fishing, but may not add any fish caught to your team total. However you may still qualify for the largest fish award.

Pairings: Fishermen not part of a fishing team will be paired at random with other fishermen. Please be certain to indicate on your entry form if you will be fishing as part of a team. If you are matched up at random please do not surprise your partner with other evening plans. Be prepared to fish from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. If a partner must quit early, the team total is the tally up to that point.

Saturday, Noon - 3 p.m. Even if you have registered in advance, please check in by 3 p.m. at the M.V. Regional High School, on the Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, to confirm we have your entry. We will go over the rules at 3 p.m. and make any needed random match-ups. Please do not be late!

Saturday, 7 p.m. - 2 a.m. The Tournament begins at 7 p.m. and runs until 2 a.m.

Sunday, 7 – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast at the M.V. Regional High School. Notebooks must be turned in by 9:00 a.m. Team numbers will be based on the number of fish caught, divided by the number of fishermen in the team. Largest fish caught reports must include a name and length, girth and total inches. Late team reports will not be accepted.

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. Awards ceremony. Fishermen must be present to win prizes.

Roberto Germani Trophy for the most striped bass caught and released by a team. Roberto Germani, an island "character", believed strongly in the philosophy of catches and release. For Roberto, watching fish was often as enjoyable as catching them.

Sonny & Joey Beaulieu Trophy for the largest striped bass caught and released. Sony and Joey Beaulieu, father and son, died in a tragic boating accident along with Fred Loud and his son Adam. Sonny helped first begin this tournament.

Arnold Spofford Trophy for the most fish caught and released by a team using one fly. Arnold Spofford, fly fisherman and gentleman, was a familiar face to many whom fished the beaches of Martha's Vineyard. We feel their spirit where the sea kisses the shore.

**The 17th Annual Martha's Vineyard Rod & Gun Club Striped Bass
Fly Rod Catch & Release Tournament Entry Form
Saturday, June 7th, 2008**

Name: _____
(Please PRINT clearly – my eyes are getting old and weak – don't write, don't scribble!)

Fishing as a Team Member?
_____ Team Name: _____
(Y or N) (If fishing as a Team Member – otherwise you will be matched at random)

One fly category? (Must include all team members.) _
(Y or N)

Names of Team Members: _____

I agree to abide by all rules of the tournament and understand that the tournament committee will decide any questions, disagreements, or interpretations of the rules and I agree to abide their decisions. I understand that the payment of the registration fee entitles me to nothing beyond the opportunity to participate in the tournament and I enter with a full and complete understanding of any risks involved in fly-fishing at night. I also understand and agree that the Martha's Vineyard Rod & Gun Club, the club officers, the tournament committee, and my fishing partners assume no responsibility or liability for my safety and I participate at my own risk. (Participants must be 18 years of age.)

Please Sign: _____

Your Mailing Address: _____

Phone No.: _____ On-Island Phone No.: _____

Please check the following:
Saltwater fly-fishing: Experienced? Inexperienced?

<u>CLUB USE</u> <u>ONLY</u> Date Rec'd _____ Amt Rec'd _____

Islander? Familiar with the Island? Unfamiliar?
Will you attend the breakfast?

The registration fee is \$35. Please mail this form and a check as soon as possible. The club reserves the right to limit the number of fishermen. There are no refunds, however, in the event of a cut-off, your check will be returned. This form may be duplicated. Please mail this form prior to the Saturday before the tournament. **You must still check in between noon and 3 pm the day of the tournament.**

Please make checks payable to: **M.V. Rod & Gun Club**

Mail to: Catch & Release, M.V. Rod & Gun Club, P.O. Box 1799,
Edgartown, MA 02539