



2007 FCA BLUEFISH BONANZA October 5th-6th

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. All IGFA rules for fishing and tackle will apply in addition to FCA rules. 130lb maximum tackle.
2. Registration is by angler, not by boat.
3. Each entry will qualify the angler to be eligible to win the Triton boat. Participants need not fish to be eligible to win the boat.
4. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED:** Contestants must be registered in order to be eligible to win any prizes, and a \$100 entry fee must be paid by each contestant in order to register. Registration must take place prior to the beginning of the tournament.
5. Registration will be either online, by mail, or in person.
6. Registration must be completed by **4PM October 5th**. Any entries received after this time will be returned to the angler and considered invalid. This includes entries received by mail. **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4PM OCTOBER 5th. NO EXCEPTIONS.** The FCA encourages all participants to enter via the Internet.
7. Registration will be limited to 500 entries.
8. Only Bluefish (*Pomatomus Saltatrix*) will be an eligible species.
9. The minimum size will be 24 inches curved fork length. No fish will be weighed unless they meet the minimum size. Fish not meeting the 24 inch curved fork measurement will not be eligible for any prize.
10. Only one fish per angler will be allowed. The FCA encourages the release of all other fish except for the fish the angler wishes to weigh in.
11. Anglers may enter only one (1) category. They may enter either Surf category or the Boat category. Only fish caught from the angler's designated category will be eligible for any prize. Should an angler catch a fish using a different method than their official entry form, that fish will be ineligible for any prize.
12. The Categories are defined as such:
 - 12a. Surf** – An angler entering in the surf category will be restricted to shore bound fishing. This will include but is not limited to fishing from the beach, a jetty, bridge span, a fixed or floating dock, wading. An angler participating in the Surf category may not fish from any vessel powered or un-powered. Additionally an angler competing in the surf category may only enter a fish caught in a legally accessible area. Security zones, restricted areas and other inaccessible or prohibited areas will not qualify.
 - 12b. Boat** - An angler entering the Boat category will be restricted to fishing from a vessel. The vessel may be powered or unpowered. Kayak's, and float tubes for the purposes of this tournament will be considered boats.
13. All fish that want to be considered for prizes must be weighed in at an official FCA weigh station.
14. Please refer to www.joinFCA.com to find a list of official Tournament Weigh Stations.
15. Should any participant land the heaviest Bluefish over 20 pounds, that angler will qualify for the \$50,000 grand prize. If an angler weighs in a fish over 20 pounds, the weigh station must retain that fish until an official FCA representative can make a visual inspection of the fish. Subsequently that fish may still be subjected to further examination at the sole discretion of the FCA.
Fishing hours will be from **4PM on October 5th 2007 to 4 PM on October 6th 2007**. All fish must be weighed in at an official FCA weigh station on October 6th between 4PM and 6PM. No fish will be weighed after 6PM. It is the angler's responsibility to ensure that the angler and his/her fish are at a designated FCA Bluefish Bonanza weigh station prior to 6:00 PM.
16. **NO FISH WILL BE WEIGHED AFTER 6:00 PM ON OCTOBER 6TH 2007.**
17. In the event of a tie, the fish that was weighed in earliest will be deemed the winner.
18. Prizes will be as follows:

Boat Category:	Surf Category:
1 st Place \$3500.00	1 st Place \$3500.00
2 nd Place \$1000.00	2 nd Place \$1000.00
3 rd Place \$500.00	3 rd Place \$500.00
19. All fish eligible for cash prizes may be subject to examination by tournament judges and or a consulting biologist should there be any question as to the freshness or legitimacy of the catch. It is the responsibility of the participant to keep all catches in suitable condition until the weigh in.
20. In the event of any disputes arising from such examination, the decision of the tournament judges shall be final.
21. Polygraph testing will be required for anyone winning any award.
22. By entering this tournament, the angler holds harmless the Fishermen's Conservation association, its members, volunteers, and affiliates from any harm and all liability.
23. The FCA reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to disqualify any catch should it be determined by the tournament committee that the angler fished in a category other than what the angler entered into.
24. The FCA reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to disqualify any individual if it finds, in its sole discretion, to be in violation of these rules, and such contestants will forfeit his or her registration fee and/or prize.
25. The FCA reserves the right to cancel or modify the tournament at any time for any reason.
26. Any participant receiving a cash prize will be required to provide their social security number prior to receiving the award. No prizes will be distributed unless the winner provides the above information to the Fishermen's Conservation Association.
27. Eligible Tournament waters: Waters of New York Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean extending to Montauk, New York on the eastern parameter and Cape May New Jersey on the southern parameter with no vessel to exceed a distance of 20 miles from landfall.