

## 36<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BASS Journament

## CATCH AND RELEASE RULES

To be eligible for any award, a clear photo/video documentation of the measurement with "tape measure flat on deck", "closed mouth" to the "flat, non-pinched tail fork" length, along with a photo of the angler with the fish release must be provided to the scoring committee upon return to the dock.

- Standard Measuring Board/Tape will be provided for each boat. It is required for all boats to use the provided measuring board/Tape for any Stripers to qualify!
- Only release fish will be videotaped and submitted into ReelTimeApp/Tournament Board for review and live scoring.
  - Video documentation includes:
    - Fish with Angler
    - Fish Measured. Clear view of all inches from mouth to longest tail tip (non-pinched).
    - Show the Release!
    - We will post/show a video showing requirements for a Proper Tape and Proper Release of fish. Everything is reviewed live in real time by the tournament board.
  - To be eligible, for Striped Bass, a clear photo/video documentation of the measurement with tape measure flat on deck, from mouth longest tip of tail.
- · No Gaffing of stripers, Net Use and Lip Gripper use Only.
- Use of non-offset circle hooks is required when using live or dead bait
- Anglers can fish from 7am to 1pm. Slot fish must be gutted before they are weighed.
  - 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place longest fish if a tie, 1st fish caught will win. 4th Place heaviest slot fish gutted (no video necessary). Back to the View Restaurant by 1pm.
  - Junior 16 years and younger longest fish or heaviest slot fish gutted.
  - Time 7am to 1pm. Boats must be back to weigh fish by 1pm.
- All Anglers must have a Valid & Current NYS Fishing License
- All Anglers must comply with all Coast Guard laws and rules, local laws and New York State DEC fishing regulations.
- Boundaries Moriches Inlet to Tobay Beach out 3 miles. GPS and time in ReelTimeApp. If you are out of bounds, you will be automatically disqualified.