

First Annual ACDS Rappahannock River Rockfish Open

Saturday, October 23, 2010 - 7:00 am to 4:30 pm

ACDS, P O Box 70, Millers Tavern, VA 23115

Tournament Rules - Rain or Shine

*Fishing will be allowed between the bridges at Tappahannock and White Stone

*All fish must be caught on hook & line

*Your contest number must be displayed on your boat at all times

*Rockfish only will qualify for prizes

*Prizes: 1st place \$3000.00 - 2nd place \$750.00 - 3rd place \$250.00

Check out the tournament at

www.bigrockfish.com

*Only one prize will be awarded per boat

*State certified scales will be supplied by the commonwealth of virginia

*All entry forms must be signed by the vessel captain, or a designated responsible person, who is at least 18 years of age, and this person must be aboard the vessel on Tournament day. All participants must adhere to these Tournament rules and regulations as well as those of the Virginia Salt Water Fishing Tournament and the salt water fishing regulations as determined by the Virginia Marine Resources Commission.

*Aylett Country Day School Board members are not allowed to compete

*Captains choosing the fish accept full responsibility for their boat and crew. Make certain that your boat is equipped with all necessary safety equipment as members of the department of game and inland fisheries will be on duty.

*It is recommended that all boats be equipped with a functioning VHF radio to reach tournament headquarters.

*The Aylett Country Day School Rappahannock River Rockfish Open Tournament will be monitoring VHF channel 72 as well as 804 366 2382 and 804 241 2070

***NO LINES IN THE WATER PRIOR TO 7:00 AM ON THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT.**

* Each boat will be provided with a numbered id card. The card must be displayed during all fishing times. Captains will be required to provide numbered id card with fish to be weighed in.

*All fish must be caught in a sportsmanlike manner on hook and line.

Fish must be hooked and played by a single angler who does not receive undo assistance from anyone (no assistance reeling in the fish). Hand lining between the terminal end snap/snap swivel and the fish for the purpose of netting is permissible. Gaffing rockfish is illegal in Virginia, and therefore is prohibited. Any fish showing fresh marks other than those made by landing nets or hooks may be disqualified. Failure to maintain a contestant's fish in ice and in good condition may result in disqualification.

*The Weighmaster and/or Tournament Chairman may have a marine biologist on hand for any assistance required. Fish may be scanned with a metal detector. Winners may be required to pass a polygraph (lie detector) examination, which would include the angler and a witness. This test can be done any time after the tournament. Other tests to confirm that fish have been freshly caught may be administered.

*Winning fish will be determined first by weight, then by length (nose to tip of tail) and then by weigh-in-time, in that order. All prizes will be paid to the responsible individual who signed the entry form, regardless of which participant actually caught the fish. To avoid misunderstandings, the Tournament Committee urges all parties to develop their own arrangement for the distribution of prizes among captain and crew. The tournament committee is obligated to award prizes to the responsible individual who signed the Tournament entry form. If a polygraph examination is required, prize monies will not be distributed until the exam is successfully completed.

*Any boats and participants passing or receiving fish to or from another boat will be disqualified as this is prohibited by Virginia State law. This includes boats that may become disabled during the tournament.

During the Tournament, anglers, fish and tackle may not transfer boats.

In case of unusual occurrences, radio Tournament headquarters or call 804 366 2382 or 804 241 2070

*Tournament Headquarters will periodically provide weights of fish that have been weighed in.

*After submitting and weighing fish in the tournament, boats cannot go back out and catch additional fish for tournament consideration.

*The Tournament Committee reserves the right to inspect any and all boats entered in the Tournament.

*Violation of any of the above rules will constitute grounds for disqualification. **TOURNAMENT RULES COMMITTEE DECISIONS SHALL BE FINAL.**

*Fish brought in for weighing will remain the property of the angler, and may be removed after all prizes have been awarded.

*To qualify for the \$100,000 bonus prize for a new Virginia state rod and reel record for heaviest fish, the fish must meet all criteria established by the state of Virginia and the rules for this tournament. This includes the requirement that the boat must leave a Virginia port and return to a Virginia port, without stopping and any non-Virginia port. Any new record fish caught will be examined by a qualified biologist and a polygraph test will be administered to the angler catching the fish.

Aylett Country Day School thanks you for your support . Be safe and have fun.
