



47th ANNUAL FREEPORT HUDSON ANGLERS, INC. SHARK TOURNAMENT June 15, 2019 **TOURNAMENT RULES**

A) Purpose:

The Freeport Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament is a sporting event designed to encourage and promote rod and reel angling, good sportsmanship and fair competition.
To promote the conservation of immature sharks by tag and release.

B) Eligibility:

Open to all clubs and individuals. The Freeport Hudson Anglers reserve the right to refuse any entry.

C) Entry:

- 1) Entry fee of \$300.00 if registered by June 1. If registered after June 1, entry fee is \$350.00 payable cash only.**
- 2) The Captain or at least 1 crewmember must attend a Captains meeting on Friday, June 14, 2019, 7:00 p.m. at Town of Hempstead Marina, Freeport, NY (Guy Lombardo Marina).
- 3) Liability waiver must be signed by Captain and Crew.
- 4) The Captain may elect not to sign a liability waiver but must, in that event, pay as an entry fee the sum of \$25,000 or the cost to the Club of the added insurance liability premiums, whichever is greater. Here, no refunds for withdrawal can be allowed.

D) Withdrawal:

You, as Captain, are entitled after the Captain's meeting and until 6 a.m. the morning of the Tournament to withdraw your boat and crew from the Tournament and receive a partial refund of \$170.00 in the event that, in your judgment as Captain and / or crew, weather conditions, notwithstanding the Tournament proceeding, are otherwise than safely fishable. The Club's electing to proceed with the Tournament shall in no way be deemed to warrant to you or to other Tournament contestants the seaworthiness of your boat or your expertise in handling the prevailing sea conditions. You are the ultimate and sole authority on whether to proceed to fish. Any and all withdrawals after the Captain's Meeting and prior to 6 a.m. are entitled to a full refund of the prize money (\$170.00).

E) Refund:

If the contest is called off for any reason by the Tournament Committee on both days, the prize money (\$170.00) will be refunded to Captains. If no eligible fish is caught the PRIZE MONEY (\$150.00) will be refunded to Captain's, and balance of (\$20.00) will be applied to the Tag Tournament.

F) Subject to National Marine Fisheries Regulations:

- 1) Contest is limited to the following species of shark: Blue, Tiger, Mako & Thresher.
No other fish will be considered. As of this printing subject to change.

G) Fishing Rules:

New Rule

- 1) All sharks must be caught on rod and reel from the boat entered in the contest.
- 2) Mako sharks must measure 83" or more in fork length as per this printing subject to change.**
- 3) Thresher sharks must weigh 150 lbs. or more, and Blue sharks must weigh 200 lbs. or more.
- 4) One shark per boat will be eligible for prizes. Contestants take full responsibility for size and weight of ineligible fish.
- 5) No harpoon equipment of any description may be used.
- 6) Any shark shot or unduly mutilated in any way will be disqualified.
- 7) International Game Fishing Association Format shall apply, all sharks will be inspected for fair play, and the **DECISION OF THE FREEPORT HUDSON ANGLERS JUDGES WILL BE FINAL.**

Winners are subject to polygraph test at the discretion of the judges.

- 8) Use of bang stick or CO2 stun gun is illegal.
- 9) Any weight alteration will disqualify the fish.
- 10) All entered fish become the property of the Freeport Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament.
- 11) It is the responsibility of the captain and crew to obtain any required fishing licenses.

