

## 1. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE & RULES:

- The Nantucket Inshore Classic (NIC) is an *individual angler tournament*.
- **ELIGIBLE SPECIES:** Striped Bass, Bluefish, Bonito, and False Albacore. A species identification chart is available separately.
- **DIVISIONS & CATEGORIES:** All Tackle, Fly, and Junior Divisions. Each Division has a Boat and Beach Category.
  - An Adult may sign up and pay for one or both of the All Tackle and Fly Divisions; fish caught on fly by an Adult entered in both Divisions are eligible for either the All Tackle or Fly Division (see rule in Weighing of Fish).
  - Juniors may enter the Junior Division only and can use any tackle allowed by the rules; a Junior is any angler whose birth date is after September 14, 1991.
  - *The use of any watercraft (boat, canoe, kayak, etc.) to access any beach shall constitute a boat fish. Beach fish are those caught from only Nantucket Island beaches that have been accessed by only foot and/or motor vehicle.*
- **BOUNDARIES** (map available separately): The waters in and around Nantucket Island as described: G"6" buoy west to N"4" buoy; south to RW "MC" (Hooter); southeast southern tip of Old Man Shoal (30' contour line), northeast and east following the southeast and east portion of the Nantucket "Territorial Sea" (3 mile limit) demarcation line north to G"13" buoy; west to G"6" buoy.
- **METHODS OF FISHING: All Federal, State, & IGFA Rules & Regulations governing the catch of eligible species will apply.**
  - An angler must register in the NIC *before* commencing to fish.
  - Anglers may fish from private boats, as clients on charter boats, or with guides.
  - Captains, Guides & Mates can enter the tournament, but fish caught while working are not eligible.
  - Overall IGFA rules: From the time that a fish strikes or takes bait or lure, the angler shall hook, fight, and land or boat the fish without aid of any other person. However, once the leader is brought within grasp of the mate, or the end of the leader is wound to the rod tip, more than one person is permitted to hold the leader and to help land or boat the fish.
  - IGFA Fly rules: Leaders of any length are permitted. The leader shall include a tippet section not less than 15 inches and no more than 20 lbs test. If a shock tippet is used, it may be of any strength and material but may not exceed 12 inches in length from the eye of the hook to the single strand of class tippet, including any knots.
  - No Wire Line or Chumming. Live Bait is permitted.
  - **PROHIBITED:** Umbrella, Spreader, Christmas Tree, Hooked Teaser, Niner Rigs, & Yo-Yoing.
- **WEIGHING OF FISH:** Standings will be determined by weight of the fish using the scales at the Nantucket Angler's Club (NAC). All fish will be weighed-in at the NAC the day caught or the next day if the NAC is closed. Club hours are 9am to 9pm. Telephone: 508-228-2299.
  - *An angler can weigh-in only 1 fish of each species per calendar day for each Division (All Tackle, &/or Fly, and Junior) entered.*
  - *Once an angler has weighed-in a fish for a particular Category (Boat or Beach), he/she can only weigh-in another fish of that species within that Category if it is heavier than his/her previous fish.*
  - Anglers entered in both the All-Tackle and Fly Divisions presenting a fish caught on a fly shall declare the Division prior to weighing the fish.
  - The angler who catches the fish must be present at weigh in, have their NIC badge, and sign the weigh-in form.
  - Fish weighed-in by NAC members are eligible for ongoing NAC tournaments. The angler is responsible for ensuring completion of the regular form.
  - All Anglers are responsible for disposal of their fish.

## 2. AWARDS & PRIZES (detailed breakdown available separately):

- **Adult Division Awards (4 awards):** Winners determined by the combined weight of the heaviest fish of each of the 4 species. Given to: All Tackle – Boat Category, All Tackle – Beach Category, Fly – Boat Category, and Fly – Beach Category.
  - **Adult Category Awards (16 awards):** Given to anglers with the heaviest fish of each species in each of the four categories.
  - **Adult Weekly Prizes (up to 16 per week):** Given to anglers with the heaviest weighed-in fish of each species in each of the four categories.
  - **Junior Category Awards (8 awards):** Given to juniors with the heaviest fish of each species in both Boat and Beach Categories.
3. **ANGLERS not NAC MEMBERS:** Non-members will have full NAC privileges during the tournament. Non-members must sign in at the bar, use the tournament as their sponsor, and wear their NIC badge while present in the NAC. Non-members will be subject to House and guest rules and can be required to leave if these rules are not followed. Anyone asked to leave the club premises, for just cause, will be subject to removal from the NIC as determined by the Tournament Committee.
  4. **PROTEST PROCEDURE:** If an angler has observed a perceived infraction or has a dispute, they may file a typed, signed protest to the Tournament Committee within 24 hours of the said event. The angler submitting the protest must describe the name(s) of the angler(s) committing the infraction, circumstances, date, time, location of the infraction and witnesses; he/she must provide a telephone number for themselves and witnesses. The Tournament Committee will reach a decision within 24 hours of receipt of the protest. The submitting angler will be notified of the decision by telephone. The Committee may disqualify from the NIC (or any portion thereof) and/or from any and all future Classics, any person who violates Classic rules, falsifies information, acts in an unsportsman-like manner, or falsely testifies for or against any person. The Committee's decision is final.
  5. **CONTACTS:** For questions about these rules, please contact one of the following committee members: Jeffrey Heyer (Rules Chair): 508-221-1358 or Scott White (Tournament Chairman): 508-228-8448.