Enjoy the Excitement and Tradition of the

77th MARTHA’S VINEYARD STRIPED BASS & BLUEFISH DERBY®

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Bluefish Bonito False Albacore Boat Shore
Fly Rod All Tackle Mini-Juniors Juniors Seniors Teams

Sunday, September 11 through Saturday, October 15, 2022

2022 SUPER SATURDAY EVENTS

On Saturday 9/24, the first, second, and third overall shore
and boat bluefish will win $500, $300, and $200 respectively, for a total
of six awards. On Saturday 10/1 it’s false albacore,
and Saturday 10/8 bonito.

Please remember to comply with Massachusetts Recreational
Saltwater Fishing License regulations.
See https://www.mass.gov/recreational-saltwater-fishing for more information.

Grand Prize Sponsor

22' SISU HARDTOP
with Outboard, Trailer, and Options. Compliments of Eastern Boats

For more information contact
Martha’s Vineyard Striped Bass & Bluefish Derby • Weigh Station Edgartown Jr. Yacht Club

Please Note New Evening Weigh-In Times: 7PM - 9PM
DERBY RULES

I. DERBY DATES AND TIMES:
The 2022 Derby will commence on Saturday, September 11, 2022 and end at 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 15, 2022.

II. ELIGIBLE FISH:
Eligible fish are Bluefish, False Albacore, and Little Tunny (Little Bluefish). Hereafter, fish shall be referred to as “boat” or “shore” fish, as the case may be.

III. DIVISIONS AND ENTRY FEES:
An individual may register one time in each division for which he/she is eligible.

   A. ALL TACKLE DIVISION: $70.00 (Seniors), $65.00 (Juniors)

   B. FLY ROD DIVISION: $70.00 Adults, $65.00 Seniors

   C. MINI-JUNIOR ALL TACKLE DIVISION: $25.00

   D. FLIGHT TUNNY: $50.00

The online pre-registration process is for payment only. The Derby registration process is not complete until an angler picks up their rules brochure and button at a registration point.

IV. PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES:
Entry fees may be paid by cash, personal check, or money order. No cash will be accepted in the Derby Headquarters. The use of drones for the purposes of locating or catching fish will be allowed.

V. PAYMENT IN ARREARS OF FISH:
An entry fee may be paid if a fish is caught after the entry fee has been paid. The payment must be received by the Derby headquarters before the end of the Derby.

VI. RELINQUISHED FISH:
Any fish relinquished (e.g., returned to the water) shall be considered as adults.

VII. RULES COMMITTEE:
The Committee may disqualify an entry for any reason at its sole discretion. The Committee reserves the right to require Derby participants to take a photograph of any entry, and to present all parties involved to a police station to be questioned.

VIII. PROPERTY RIGHTS:
The Committee will investigate all grievances and reserves the right to call witnesses, to question them and all parties involved, and to consider necessary, to have any or all involved parties submit to a polygraph examination. The Committee shall determine if the Derby (or any portion thereof) and/or any of all or any future Derbies, any person or persons who falsely believe, relate the Derby rules, act in an unpatriotic manner, or falsely testify for or against any person.

IX. PLEIN AIR:
No fish shall be kept in the pleasure of owning property owners. It is expected that Derby participants will leave all beach and bed in the same condition in which they found.

X. NO GAG STORIES:
No gag stories shall be allowed in or out of the Derby.

XI. NO DRAGGING:
No dogging is allowed in or out of the Derby.

XII. NO DECOROSITY:
No decorations shall be allowed in or out of the Derby.

XIII. USE OF LAND:
No land or water shall be used in any way.

XIV. CAR: DRIVING:
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BOAT BOUNDARIES:
The waters in and around Martha’s Vineyard Island including Vineyard and Nantucket Sounds as follows:

Vineyard Sound from Nobska Point NW to the S tip of Juniper Point;
Along the perimeter of Woods Hole’s Great Harbor from Juniper Point to the S tip of Penzance Point;
NW to G “13”  WNW to R “8”  W to R “6” GONG  W to R “4”  
RB “VS” at the Entrance to Vineyard Sound
SE to the southern tip of Southwest Shoal (60’ contour);  E to a point 1 nm due south of buoy RW “MC” (the “Hooter”);
SE to the Southern tip of Old Man Shoal (30’ contour);  NE of Great Point;
NE and N following the SE and E portion of the Nantucket “Territorial Sea” demarcation line N to buoy G “13,”
NW to Point Gammon (East end of Hyannis Harbor) following shoreline of Cape to Nobska Point.

Chart References: Martha’s Vineyard to Block Island
An eligible fish must not be transported outside of Derby boundaries.
No fish caught from a boat may touch any land except for Martha’s Vineyard.

All are invited to attend the DERBY AWARDS CEREMONY – Sunday, October 16, 2022, at Farm Neck Golf Club, Oak Bluffs
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**Massachusetts Regulation:**
- Bag limit of 3 fish per day, per angler.

**Derby Limit:**
- 3 per Badge*

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* The Derby limit of 3 fish per badge is the maximum number of false albacore that you can bring to the weight station during the entire Derby. It includes all false albacore brought to the weight station, whether or not they meet the 25 inch minimum size. Therefore, when you bring a false albacore to the weight station, it will count toward your individual limit regardless of its size. Once you have reached your Derby limit of 3 false albacore per badge, you are no longer permitted to bring a false albacore to the weight station.

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*The Striped Bass (Morone saxatilis) is a member of the temperate bass family native to North America but widely introduced elsewhere. Among the other names used for this species are striper, striped sea-bass, rock, and rockfish. The Striped Bass is the state fish of Maryland and the state freshwater fish of New York.*

*The Bluefish (Pomatomus saltatrix), called “tailor” in Australia, is a species of popular marine game fish found in all climates. It is the sole species of the Pomatomidae family.*

*The Atlantic Bonito, (Sarda sarda) is a large mackerel-like fish of the family Scombridae. It is common in shallow waters of the Atlantic Ocean where it is an important commercial and game fish.*

*The False Albacore, (Euthynnus alletteratus), is the most common tuna in the Atlantic. Occurring in large schools and commonly called “little tunny” or “albie”, it resembles the Atlantic bonito, skipjack tuna and species of mackerel and is best identified by the dark spots appearing between its pectoral and ventral fins and the green “worm-like” markings on its back.*