

MASSACHUSETTS SALTWATER FISHING DERBY

Rules

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Marine Fisheries, will acknowledge catches of outstanding saltwater gamefish that meet certain requirements. Eligible species and minimum qualifying weights and lengths are listed below:

| Eligible Species | Minimum WT (lbs.) | Eligible Species | Minimum WT (lbs.) |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Albacore | 30 | Mako Shark | 150 |
| Bigeye Tuna | 100 | Pollock | 12 |
| Bluefish | 12 | Porbeagle Shark | 150 |
| Bluefin Tuna | 500 | Scup | 2 |
| Blue Shark | 300 | Sea Bass | 4 |
| Bonito | 5 | Spanish Mackerel | 4 |
| Cod | 30 | Striped Bass | 35 |
| Cusk | 20 | Swordfish | 150 |
| Dolphin | 15 | Tautog | 8 |
| False Albacore | 10 | Thresher Shark | 200 |
| Fluke | 7 | Wahoo | 30 |
| Haddock | 8 | Weakfish | 8 |
| Halibut | 50 | Winterflounder | 3 |
| King Mackerel | 6 | Wolffish | 20 |
| Mackerel | 2 | Yellowfin Tuna | 50 |

Eligible Catch and Release Species

Bluefish – 35 inches

Cod – 42 inches

False Albacore – 26 inches

Fluke – 24 inches

Striped Bass – 45 inches

Winter Flounder - 19 inches

The derby runs from January 1st through November 30th each year and is open to all age groups. Fish entered must be caught in a fair and sporting manner on hook and line and must be weighed at an official weigh station on a certified scale. Weighmasters can be found at most local marinas and tackle shops. Catch and release anglers should fill out and send in the affidavits themselves.

Please write clearly and provide all information requested. Mail affidavits to: Massachusetts Saltwater Fishing Derby, 1213 Purchase St., New Bedford, MA 02740. Entries must be received within 30 days of catch and be postmarked no later than December 10th.

If your catch exceeds the weight listed on the current list of Massachusetts Saltwater Gamefish Records, you may qualify for a special award. When applying for a new state record your affidavit must be accompanied by a clear photograph of your catch with your name, address and telephone number on the back.

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PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Angler _____
Mailing
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone #(____) _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Species _____ Weight _____ lbs _____ oz
Total Length _____ Weight _____ lbs
() Digital Scale
Girth _____
Date _____ Weigh In Time _____
Location _____ Bait _____
Name of Vessel _____
Captain _____

Catch Witnessed By _____
Address _____
Official Weigh Station _____
Address _____

Weighmaster
Name (Please Print) _____
Signature _____

All Information Must Be Filled In Before Signing

Fish Weighed On Boat Do Not Qualify
Fish Must Be Weighed On Shore

Mail To:

Massachusetts Saltwater Fishing Derby
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New Bedford, Massachusetts 02740

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