



Massachusetts Saltwater Catch & Release Fishing Derby

Please complete all information.

Angler: _____

Email: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

Telephone #: (____) _____ Age: _____ Division: Adult Junior

Species: _____ Length (inches): _____ Bait: _____

Catch location: _____ Date: _____

Catch witness: _____

Name of vessel: _____

Captain: _____

Angler signature: _____

I'm submitting a clear, side-view photo of both the measuring device and the fish for verification.

We'd love to see your catch and trip photos if you'd like to share them. Please check this box to give DMF permission to post your photos on their website and social media.

All catch and release entries should be measured to the nearest 1/2 inch. Fish **MUST BE RELEASED ALIVE** - the use of a gaff or harpoon is prohibited.

If printing, please write clearly (no cursive please). Entries must be received within 30 days of catch and be postmarked no later than December 10th.

Email completed form and photos to:
saltwater.derby@mass.gov

- OR -

Mail completed form to:
Massachusetts Saltwater Fishing Derby
836 S. Rodney French Blvd
New Bedford, MA 02744



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The Derby runs from January 1 through November 30 each year and is open to all ages. All anglers 16 and older must possess a Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit. Junior categories in the Derby are for age 15 and under. Fish entered must be caught in a fair and sporting manner, on hook and line. The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries will acknowledge catches of outstanding saltwater game fish. See the official rules on our website for more details: mass.gov/saltwater-fishing-derby.

Eligible species and minimum qualifying weights and lengths below:

Inshore Derby Species	Weigh In (lb.)		Catch & Release (in.)	
	Adult	Junior	Adult	Junior
Atlantic Bonito	5	4	24	22
Atlantic Mackerel	2	1	16	15
Black Sea Bass	4	2	20	15
Bluefish	12	6	32	26
Dolphinfish	15	5	30	24
False Albacore	10	7	25	23
Fluke	7	3	22	18
King Mackerel	6	4	30	28
Scup	2	1	15	12
Spanish Mackerel	4	3	24	22
Striped Bass	35	15	40	32
Tautog	8	4	20	18
Weakfish	8	4	22	18
Winter Flounder	3	2	17	14

Groundfish Derby Species*	Weigh In (lb.)	Catch & Release (in.)
Atlantic Cod	30	30
Atlantic Halibut	50	50
Cusk	20	25
Haddock	8	20
Pollock	12	30

Large Pelagic Derby Species*	Weigh In (lb.)	Catch & Release (in.)
Albacore	30	30
Atlantic Sailfish	40	63
Bigeye Tuna	100	30
Blue Marlin	350	99
Blue Shark	300	60
Bluefin Tuna	500	30
Porbeagle Shark	150	60
Shortfin Mako	150	60
Swordfish	150	55
Thresher Shark	200	65
Wahoo	30	40
White Marlin	60	66
Yellowfin Tuna	50	30

* Junior entries in this category must meet the listed criteria