

MASSACHUSETTS SALTWATER CATCH AND RELEASE FISHING DERBY

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Marine Fisheries, will acknowledge catches of outstanding saltwater game fish. Eligible species and minimum qualifying weights and lengths below:

Inshore Derby Species	Weigh in (lb.)		Catch and 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 and 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 and 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*

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.

See the official rules on our website for more details: www.mass.gov/saltwater-fishing-derby

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PLEASE COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION

*Angler: _____

*Mailing Address _____

*City _____ *State _____ *Zip _____

*Telephone # (____) _____ *Age _____ *Sex _____

*Species _____

*Total Length _____ in.

*Date _____

*Catch Location _____ *Bait _____

Catch Witness _____

Name of Vessel _____

Captain _____

** Required information*

**Angler Signature:* _____

**attached, side-view photo of measuring device and fish*

All catch and release entries should be measured to the nearest 1/2" and a clear, side-view photo of both the measuring device and the fish must be submitted for verification. 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 to: john.boardman@state.ma.us

OR

Mail completed form to: Massachusetts Saltwater Fishing Derby
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