

Take Me Saltwater Fishing Program

ADULT TRAINING REGISTRATION FORM



Experiencing the thrill of saltwater fishing is unmatched in its unique blend of outdoor adventure, quality time with friends and family, and the pride of completing a difficult and rewarding task. Take Me Saltwater Fishing programs teaches adult anglers the skills necessary for engaging youth in saltwater fishing.

SPRING 2021 Program Introduction Dates

Tuesday, May 18th - ZOOM
5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Friday, May 21st - ZOOM
1 p.m. - 2 p.m.

Wednesday, May 19th - ZOOM
3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Organization: _____

Program Date (choose one): ☐ May 18th ☐ May 19th ☐ May 21st

Please answer the following questions as they pertain to YOU.

Level of angler experience (check all that apply):

- ☐ New to fishing
- ☐ Some experience fishing, from shore
- ☐ Some experience fishing, from a vessel
- ☐ Experienced angler, from shore
- ☐ Experienced angler, from vessel

Level of gear comfort:

- ☐ No experience setting up fishing gear
- ☐ Some comfort setting up fishing gear
- ☐ Comfortable setting up fishing gear

Experience working with youth:

- ☐ I am new to running youth programming
- ☐ I have some experience working with youth groups
- ☐ I regularly work with youth groups

Topics I'm interested in (check all that apply):

- ☐ Saltwater gear setup and maintenance
- ☐ Shore and pier fishing
- ☐ Vessel fishing
- ☐ Fishing strategy for specific species

Please share a little about the youth groups who will be engaging in saltwater fishing

Age range or grade levels: _____

Estimated number of youth participating in the 2021 season: _____

Program type:

- ☐ After-school
- ☐ Church
- ☐ Camp
- ☐ Physical Education
- ☐ Scout
- ☐ Head boat / captain
- ☐ Community
- ☐ Parent group

☐ Other: _____



Each meeting is limited to 20 people and will fill quickly! Please note if there is anyone else from your organization registering and attending with you: _____

Please **return this form** to Christine Cassidy at christine.cassidy@mass.gov with the subject line "Take Me Saltwater Fishing Training"

Training Information:

- Program participation is **FREE**, and will include continued training and support throughout the fishing season.
- The one hour introduction meeting will cover all program benefits, introduce saltwater fishing activities and clinic planning strategies.
- Identification of additional needs for individuals and institutions will dictate future training schedules and locations.

Training Schedule and Content:

- Welcome and program overview
- Organizing and implementing youth programming
 - Pre, during, and post angler clinic activities
 - Preparing for a clinic - volunteers, safety, and site access / accommodations
- Angler loan program ("Free to Fish")

Participants Receive:

- A Take Me Saltwater Fishing instructor guide, jump drive with printable activities, and youth field guides
- A Take Me Saltwater Fishing "swag bag" for youth
- A membership in our Free to Fish gear loan program, which allows individuals the opportunity to check out quality saltwater rods and tackle for up to 20 people
- Online based DMF education staff support for planning and implementing your own fishing clinics, derbies, and family outings

**PLEASE save your email confirmation of registration.
Email reminders will be sent two days prior to the ZOOM meeting.**

This program is possible through The Marine Recreational Fisheries Development Fund, which finances recreational fishing improvement programs administered by DMF. All fees collected from the sale of recreational saltwater fishing permits are deposited in the Fund. The Commonwealth can also accept gifts or grants and place them into the Fund.

Some of the activities supported by the Fund are:

- Providing anglers with public access to saltwater fishing opportunities
- Monitoring, stocking, and improving the passage of diadromous fish stocks
- Development of our Saltwater Angler Education Program, offering fishing clinics and seminars, and distribution of informational materials
- Recreational catch and effort data collection through the Marine Recreational Information Program
- Planning, siting, and monitoring of artificial reefs