

STRIPED BASS PRIZES

- \$500 Cash Award - Grand Prize Largest Striped Bass
- \$150 Cash Award - Largest Striped Bass by Women
- \$150 Cash Award - Largest Striped Bass by Senior
- \$100 Cash Awards - 13 Weekly Prizes
- \$50 Cash Awards - 93 Daily First Prizes
- \$50 Cash Awards - 13 Weekly Largest Striped Bass by Junior

SURF MASTER AWARD - Plaque & Mount for Largest "Catch & Release" Striped Bass (see Rule #14 For Details)

BLUEFISH PRIZES

- \$500 Cash Award & Plaque - Grand Prize Largest Bluefish
- \$150 Cash Award - Largest Bluefish by Women
- \$150 Cash Award - Largest Bluefish by Senior
- \$100 Cash Awards - 13 Weekly Prizes
- \$25 Cash Awards - 93 Daily First Prizes
- \$50 Cash Awards - 13 Weekly Largest Bluefish by Junior
- \$100 Fisherman's Headquarters Gift Card - Largest Bluefish by Junior

KINGFISH PRIZES

- \$300 Cash Award - Grand Prize Largest Kingfish
- \$150 Cash Award - Largest Kingfish by Women
- \$150 Cash Award - Largest Kingfish by Senior
- \$100 Cash Awards - 13 Weekly Prizes
- \$50 Cash Awards - 13 Weekly Largest Kingfish by Junior

TAUTOG PRIZES

- \$300 Cash Award - Grand Prize Largest Tautog
- \$150 Cash Award - Largest Tautog by Women
- \$150 Cash Award - Largest Tautog by Senior
- \$50 Cash Awards - 13 Weekly Prizes
- \$50 Cash Awards - 13 Weekly Largest Tautog by Junior

FLUKE PRIZES

- \$300 Cash Award - Grand Prize Largest Fluke
- \$150 Cash Award - Largest Fluke by Women
- \$150 Cash Award - Largest Fluke by Senior
- \$100 Cash Awards - 4 Weekly Prizes
- \$50 Cash Awards - 4 Weekly Largest Fluke by Junior

BONUS PRIZES

- \$150 Cash Award - Largest Red Drum
- \$150 Cash Award - Largest Weakfish
- \$100 Gift Card - Heaviest Bass Every Saturday by Fisherman's Headquarters
- \$100 Gift Card - Heaviest Bass Every Sunday by Jingles
- Custom Rod by John Parzaych - One rod to the angler who catch the largest fish (Striped Bass or Bluefish) on a lure. Prior winners are ineligible.
- Facebook Photo Contest by Tsunami Fishing Tackle is open to all registered participants. For more info and to participate go to facebook.com/LBISurfFishingClassic



\$500 GRAND SLAM

Awarded to the Angler weighing in a Tournament "Grand Slam" consisting of at least four (4) of seven (7) eligible tournament species; Striped Bass, Bluefish, Kingfish, Tautog, Fluke, Red Drum and Weakfish. Most individual species wins; tie will be broken by total weight.

SPECIAL DAILY AWARDS*

Sept. 1 - \$100 Cash Award for **Largest FLUKE**
(Courtesy of Fisherman's Headquarters)

Oct. 12 - \$100 Cash Award for **Largest BLUEFISH
(Courtesy of Jingles Bait & Tackle)

Oct. 31 - \$100 Cash Award for **Largest TAUTOG**
(Courtesy of Surf City Bait & Tackle)

Nov. 11 - \$100 Cash Award for **Largest STRIPED BASS**
(Honoring our Veterans)

Nov. 16 - \$100 Cash Award for **Largest STRIPED BASS**
(In Honor of Frank Panzone)

Nov. 27 - \$100 Cash Award for **Largest STRIPED BASS**
(In Honor of Bruce Hoagland)

*Fish eligible for Special Daily Awards fall under "tournament day" definition under "Weighing" Rules Section 9. Fish eligible for Bonus Prizes must be caught after 6 p.m. at conclusion of previous tournament day and weighed prior to 6 p.m. on bonus prize day date. In the event no fish are scored, Special Daily Awards will roll over into the following day(s) until awarded, except where noted ** on Oct. 12. Bonus prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the tournament.

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RULES: 2025 LBI SURF FISHING CLASSIC

- 1. BOUNDARIES:** Fish must be caught from the shores of Long Beach Island only; ocean inlet, bay and jetties. Boat fishing is not permitted
- 2. WITNESS:** If you catch a fish that may be a grand prize contender, the tournament committee urges you to secure a witness (or witnesses) while the fish is alive, or as soon as possible after the catch. The name and contact, info of the witness(es) should be given to the weighmaster at the time of weigh-in.
- 3. REGISTRATION:** Contestants must register with the tournament before fishing and weighing in fish. Registrations are sold at the weigh-in stations (See item 9 WEIGHING). Entry fee is \$40 for Adults; 17 and younger \$20. Tournament entry fee is non-refundable.
- 4.** Contestants may not use more than two bait rods at any time. One additional plugging rod is allowed. No assisted delivery systems (kites, drones, kayaks, paddleboards, cannons) permitted.
- 5.** From the time that a fish strikes or takes a bait or lure, only the angler may handle to rod, reel and/or line.
- 6.** Minimum length for bluefish is 16 inches. Each angler may enter one each tournament day (OETD).
- 7.** Striped bass legal length is between minimum 28 inches and maximum 31 inches slot, OETD.
- 8A.** Red drum legal length is between minimum 18 inches and maximum 27 inches slot, OETD.
- 8B.** Minimum length for kingfish (northern kingfish) is 12 inches, OETD.
- 8C.** Minimum length for fluke (summer flounder) is 18 inches, OETD.
- 8D.** Minimum length for weakfish is 13 inches, OETD.
- 8E.** Minimum length for tautog is 15 inches, OETD.

All catches/fish entered must comply with NJ & Federal Regulations

9. WEIGHING

- A.** Fish must be weighted at an official weigh-in station. Check with weigh-in stations for open hours.
- Surf City Bait & Tackle: 317 Long Beach Blvd., Surf City, 609-494-2333
 - Fisherman's Headquarters: 280W 9th. St., Ship Bottom, 609-494-5739
 - Jingles Bait & Tackle: 1214 Long Beach Blvd., Beach Haven, 609-492-2795

Angler Must Present Official Registration Form At Weigh-In

- B.** The 13 week Long Beach Island Surf Fishing Classic (LBISFC) tournament starts on August 30th. Fish must be weighed within 24 hours of being caught. Each tournament day ends at 6 PM. Weigh-in data counts for the day of weigh-in, which may not always be the day of catch. Once tournament starts, weigh-ins are recorded as received at the weigh-in stations based on a period beginning at 6:00:01 PM and then 24 hours later ending at 6:00:00 PM. However, fish may only be weighed during the posted hours of each weigh-in station. **NOTE:** On the last day of the tournament, Nov. 30th the weigh-in ends at 6 PM. Anglers must leave the surf in time to weigh their entries before 6 PM deadline.
- C.** Anglers are responsible for weighing in their own fish.
- D.** At the weigh-in station, contestants must certify the time and town of their catch. Vague references like (but not limited to) North End, South End, etc. are not accepted.

**Be sure all the information is complete and correct before signing.
Incomplete or incorrect information on weigh slip may result in disqualification.**

- E.** The Official weigher certifies the species, weight, length and girth of each fish entered and clips the fish's tail after it has been weighed on committee approved scale.
- F.** The official weigher gives the contestant a duplicate copy of the weigh-in slip and a souvenir button.
- G.** Buttons are awarded for released striped bass if the fish is of tournament size.

- 10. PRIZE DISTRIBUTION:** In case of tied weights, winner determined by length, then girth, and then time of weigh-in.
- A.** A contestant is only eligible for one Daily Prize per species, per tournament week.
- B.** A contestant is eligible for one Weekly Prize per species. Grand Prize winners are not eligible to win weekly prize for that same species.
- C.** Daily Prizes will be awarded within 15 working days. To be picked up at Surf City Bait & Tackle. Weekly, Grand and Special Prizes are awarded at the close of the Tournament and will be mailed.
- D.** Contestants age 17 and younger at registration are eligible for Junior Prizes. Proof of age may be required. Juniors may win only one \$100.00 Jr. Prize for Bass, one \$100.00 Jr. Prize for Bluefish, one \$100.00 Jr. Prize for Kingfish, one \$100.00 Jr. Prize for Tautog and one \$100.00 Jr. Prize for Fluke. Grand Prize winning fish entered by a junior angler is not eligible for the Junior Weekly Prize.
- E.** Contestants age 62 and older at registration time are eligible for Senior Citizens' Prizes.
- F.** Ladies age 18 and older at registration are eligible for Ladies' Prizes.
- G.** Special Prizes presented by businesses, fishing clubs, and tournament participants or supporters are not guaranteed by the LBISFC. Check www.lbisfc.com or tournament Facebook and Instagram pages (@LBISurfFishing-Classic) during the tournament for listings/updates.
- H.** Any winner of \$600 or more total for tournament will be issued a 1099 and must sign & return a W-9 form to LBISFC upon receipt in order to receive prize (as per IRS requirements).

11. BY REGISTERING IN THE LBI SURF FISHING CLASSIC YOU AGREE

- A.** Tournament officials have the right to:
- Cut open or mark any fish after it has been weighed.
 - Hold a fish for inspection by an acknowledged expert and/or committee review. (Entries deemed not compliant with tournament regulations will be disqualified.)
 - Disqualify any contestant found violating these rules.
 - Photograph entries and use the photographs for publicity.
- B.** To submit to a polygraph examination if requested to do so by the LBISFC. Failure to submit to a polygraph test within 15 days will result in disqualification of the angler, all the angler's catches, and the withholding of all prizes.
- C.** All decisions of LBISFC officials are final.
- D.** The LBISFC shall be the sole interpreter of these rules.
- E.** Failure to abide by any/all rules as determined by the LBISFC may result in angler ineligibility to participate in present and/or future tournaments.

- 12. PROTESTS:** The LBISFC will review all signed protests. Anonymous protests will not be considered. Name and contact information must be provided along with all signed protests and delivered to participating tournament weigh stations. (see Section 9 Weighing)

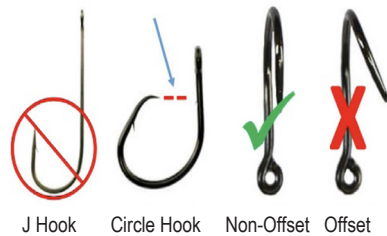
- 13. ACCESS:** Neither beach conditions nor beach access is guaranteed by the LBISFC. Observe local ordinances.



- 14. SURF MASTER "CATCH & RELEASE" AWARD:** One winner with largest overall (length) striped bass will receive a full-sized replica mount of winning striped bass by Rinehart Taxidermy valued at over \$700.00 (does not include shipping, winner will be notified when available for pickup at Surf City Bait & Tackle) & one custom rod by John Parzaych. But with John's rod prize, prior winners are ineligible. Angler must show registration badge on the fish in crisp, clear, high resolution image with tape measure next to the striper to definitively show measurement. Email submissions to surfmaster@lbisfc.com



Follow Scan/Link above for complete details on the LBISFC Surf Master rules and submission guidelines.



By law, when targeting striped bass with natural bait (bunker, clams, worms, etc.) non-offset hooks are required. No J Hooks with bait!

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