

Eighth Annual Rappahannock River Rockfish Open

Saturday, November 11, 2017 - 7:00 am to 4:30 pm

ACDS, PO Box 70, Millers Tavern, VA 23115

Prizes: 1st place \$4,000.00 - 2nd place \$750.00 - 3rd place \$250.00.

IMPORTANT:

- Safety for our participants is of utmost importance! Captains accept full responsibility for their boat's safety, their boat's passengers, and their boat's operation. They shall make certain that their boat is equipped with all necessary safety equipment required by law, as members of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries will be on duty.
- **Should a NOAA small craft advisory exist for the Chesapeake Bay from Smith Point to Windmill Point, which in essence includes the tournament area, as of 7:00 am the day of the tournament, the tournament may be canceled.** If a small craft advisory does exist, tournament officials will discuss the weather conditions, reach a consensus, then make the announcement on VHF channel 72 at 7:00am on November 11th. In the event that weather prevents fishing on the day of the tournament, the tournament committee shall hold a drawing to award first through third place prizes. Entrants need not be present to win.

TOURNAMENT RULES

- Tournament will begin at 7:00 AM. *No lines in the water before 7:00am.
- No one will be allowed to enter Tournament after 9:00 AM the day of the Tournament.
- Fishing will be allowed between the bridges at Tappahannock and White Stone.
- Only Rockfish will qualify for prizes.
- Only one prize will be awarded per boat.
- All fish must be caught on hook & line. Fish must be hooked and played by a single angler who does not receive undue assistance from anyone (no assistance reeling in the fish). Hand lining between the terminal end snap/snap swivel and the fish for the purpose of netting is permissible. Gaffing rockfish is illegal in Virginia, and therefore is prohibited. Any fish showing fresh marks other than those made by landing nets or hooks may be disqualified. Failure to maintain a contestant's fish in ice and in good condition may result in disqualification.
- Any boats and participants passing or receiving fish to or from another boat will be disqualified, as this is prohibited by Virginia State law. This includes boats that may become disabled during the tournament. During the Tournament, no anglers, fish, or tackle may be transferred among boats. In case of unusual circumstances, radio Tournament Headquarters or call 804-241-4439.
- It is recommended that all boats be equipped with a functioning VHF radio to reach Tournament Headquarters and to monitor any announcements by tournament staff.
- Tournament officials will be monitoring VHF channel 72 and will be available at 804-241-4439. Tournament Headquarters will periodically provide weights of fish that have been weighed in.
- The Tournament Committee reserves the right to inspect any and all boats entered in the Tournament.
- All entry forms must be signed by the vessel captain, or a designated responsible person, who is at least 18 years of age, and this person must be aboard the vessel on Tournament day. All participants must adhere to these Tournament Rules, as well as those of the Virginia Marine

Resources Commission 2017 Virginia Saltwater Fishing Tournament and Saltwater Fishing Regulations.

- All boats must display number ID card on boat windshield and ribbon on the highest point on boat at all times. (Both are found in Captain's packet). Numbered ID card must be turned in with fish to be weighed.
- **All fish must be transported by boat to Garrett's Marina and available for weighing by 4:30pm the day of the tournament. No exceptions.**
- State certified scales will be supplied by the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Winning fish will be determined first by weight, then by length (nose to tip of tail) and then by weigh-in time, in that order.
- The Weighmaster and/or Tournament Chairman may have a marine biologist on hand for any assistance required. Fish may be scanned with a metal detector. Winners may be required to pass a polygraph (lie detector) examination, which would include the angler and a witness. This test may be done any time after the tournament. Other tests to confirm that fish have been freshly caught may be administered.
- All prizes will be paid to the individual who signed the entry form, regardless of which participant actually caught the fish. To avoid misunderstandings, the Tournament Committee urges all parties to develop their own arrangement for the distribution of prizes among captain and crew. The Tournament Committee is obligated to award prizes to the individual who signed the Tournament entry form. If a polygraph examination is required, prize monies will not be distributed until the exam is completed.
- After submitting and weighing fish in the Tournament, boats cannot go back out and catch additional fish for Tournament consideration.
- Fish brought in for weighing will remain the property of the angler, and may be removed after all prizes have been awarded.
- Aylett Country Day School Board members are ineligible to compete.
- Tournament Rules Committee decisions shall be final.
- Violation of any of the above rules will constitute grounds for disqualification.
- Captain's packets (including required ID number card and ribbon) will NOT be mailed to captains after October 27th, 2017. They may be picked up at Aylett Country Day School until 3:00 pm on November 10th. Otherwise, they must be picked up at Garrett's Marina on November 11th.

**Aylett Country Day School thanks you for your support. Be safe and have fun!
Please contact Sam Sturt at 804-241-4439 with any questions about the Tournament.**

**Check out the Tournament at
www.bigrockfish.com**

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**REGISTRATION FORM
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017**

Name (Angler #1):			
Street address:		Cell phone no.: ()	Home phone no.: ()
P.O. box:	City:	State:	ZIP Code:
Email Address (Required):			
Boat MFGR:		Boat Registration:	
Number of Anglers on the Boat:		A Registration Fee \$220.00	
Name (Angler #2):		Address:	
Name (Angler #3):		Address:	
Name (Angler #4):		Address:	
Name (Angler #5):		Address:	

SHIRT ORDER (OPTIONAL)			
(Enter number of t-shirts by each size including free captain's t-shirt)			
Medium:	Large:	X-Large:	XX-Large:
QUANTITY OF EACH ADDITIONAL X \$20 =		B SHIRT TOTAL = \$ _____	

PLEASE MAIL ME MY CAPTAIN'S PACKAGE (OPTIONAL)	
Captain's packets (including required ID number card and ribbon) will NOT be mailed to captains after October 27, 2017. They may be picked up at Aylett Country Day School until 3:00 pm on November 10. Otherwise, they must be picked up at Garrett's Marina on November 11 between 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.	
VIA UPS OR FEDEX (\$10.00)	C POSTAGE = \$ _____

WEIGH-IN RECEPTION (OPTIONAL)	
Two free passes to the "Weigh-in Reception" are included with paid registration. Additional passes are \$10 each and include food, golden beverages and sodas.	
ADDITIONAL PASS QUANTITY _____ X \$10	D Passes = \$ _____

TOTAL FROM THE ABOVE BOXES	
A + B + C + D = GRAND TOTAL = \$ _____	Please make checks payable to: Aylett Country Day School, PO Box 70, Millers Tavern, VA 23115
Entry fees are a charitable donation and are NON-REFUNDABLE Upon signing this registration form you agree to abide by all the Rules and decisions of the Rules Committee.	Questions: Call Sam Sturt at 804-241-4439
*CAPTAIN'S SIGNATURE: _____	DATE: ____/____/____