

TOURNAMENT

The Governor's Annual Surf Fishing Tournament is a great opportunity for families and friends to get outdoors and enjoy the sport of surf fishing! Appreciation of our marine resources through surf fishing will hopefully build a strong advocacy for marine resource conservation.

Entry to the park is free to individuals who register for the surf fishing tournament.

NOTE: The purchase of a Mobile Sportfishing Vehicle Permit (MSVP) is required to drive on the beach. **If the vehicle you will be driving on the beach is not registered in your name make sure to contact the park office for compliance information.** Permit applications will be available at the park entrance. For information and fees call 732-793-0506 or visit:

www.state.nj.us/parksandforests/parks/island.html

**Breakfast, lunch and beverages
will be available for sale from
C.T.'s BAR-B-Q**

PRIZES

The Governor has been invited to present the prizes during a special awards ceremony at Pavilion #1 beginning at 2:00 p.m. The individual catching the largest fish will receive the "Governor's Trophy" and have their name engraved on the Governor's Cup, which is permanently displayed at Island Beach State Park.

RULES

1. Only the following fish exceeding the minimum length listed below are eligible for entry:

Black drum—16 in.	Red drum—18-27 in.
Bluefish—14 in.	Striped bass—TBD
Kingfish—10 in.	Weakfish—13 in.

*** *Summer flounder will be an eligible species if in season according to Fish and Wildlife regulations.*

*** *Striped Bass minimum length will be determined by Fish and Wildlife regulations.*

NOTE: Minimum length for the tournament may differ from NJ saltwater regulations.
2. All fish are measured. Length determines winner, not weight. No fish can be iced prior to measuring. In the event of a tie, the first fish entered and measured is the winner.
3. Participants are only eligible to win one category.
4. Participants must be present to claim any prizes during this event.
5. All anglers must sign an affidavit attesting to the authenticity and method of catch prior to entering their catch. A witness is required if the fish is to be measured and released.
6. All participants should register their first fish even if it is known that a larger fish has already been caught.
7. Fish caught from any boat, surfboard or other floating device will not be eligible.
8. Fish may be caught from any OCEANSIDE part of the park from the park entrance to the North Jetty, and the inlet to the dune line. No bayside fishing of any kind will be allowed.
9. Terminal tackle will be limited to 2 hooks. A plug counts as 1 hook. Individuals are limited to 2 rods while fishing.
10. Only one fish per person per species will be eligible for prizes. Anglers may enter fish of more than one species.
11. Judges will make a vertical cut in the tail to show the fish has been measured, unless it is immediately released alive.
12. All established park regulations apply.
13. Please bring sufficient bait.
14. All fish **MUST** be measured where caught.
15. Refer to the current *Marine DIGEST* for saltwater fishing regulations.

TIME AND PLACE

The tournament will be held Sunday, May 17, 2015 at Island Beach State Park in Ocean County.

Schedule

6:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Fishing
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Raffle Drawing
2:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony

Mail in Registration Fee

Ages 18 and older: **\$15**

Ages 13-17: **\$5**

Ages 12 and under: **FREE**

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult, and are still required to register.

PLEASE NOTE: For those who mail in their registrations you will receive a registration packet 1-2 weeks prior to the tournament.

Day of Tournament Registration Fee

Registration opens 5:00 a.m. Sunday at Pavilion #1

Ages 18 and older: **\$20**

Ages 13-17: **\$5**

Ages 12 and under: **FREE**

EARLY ENTRY INCENTIVE

If postmarked by April 24, 2015 you will:

- Save on adult registration fee!
- Be eligible for special prizes offered to pre-registrants on the day of the tournament.
- Avoid delays! Pre-registration allows you to go directly to the beach.

**For more information visit www.njfishandwildlife.com
or call (609) 748-4347**

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GOVERNOR'S SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Age: _____ Phone: _____

The 24th Annual Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament, its sponsors and any persons connected with it shall be exempt from any liability whatsoever. It is expressly understood that all participants in this event enter at their own risk and assume responsibility for decisions regarding sea conditions and their own safety.

Participants must be present to win!!!

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Enclose check or money order made payable to **G.F.T.** for the total amount:

Ages 18 and older: \$15

Ages 13-17: \$5

Ages 12 and under: FREE

Registration fees are non-refundable.

Return Application to:

Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament

NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife

PO Box 418

Port Republic, NJ 08241

NOTE: If application is not postmarked by April 24, you will be required to register in person at the tournament.

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FUNDS

The funds raised by the tournament go toward:

- ♦ Marine education
- ♦ Marine restoration efforts
- ♦ Surf fishing access
- ♦ Construction of access ramps for disabled saltwater anglers
- ♦ Surf fishing instruction programs and equipment
- ♦ Purchase of specialized wheelchairs that provided the disabled and elderly beach access

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STATE PARK

SEASIDE PARK, NJ

MAY 17, 2015