



Forked River Tuna Club

Sea Bass Tournament Rules

September 23 - 27, 2026

(Signups - September 18 & 22)

1. Boat Tournament: Maximum 6 people per boat at \$125 per for one day or \$200 for two days. Fishing must occur on the same boat if you decide to fish two days. However, you do not have to have the same people onboard each day. It will be up to the Captain/Registrant to determine how any winnings are dispersed.
2. The tournament will begin on Wednesday, September 23rd and end on Sunday, September 27th. Each entrant may fish one or two days of their choice. Each entrant must text Paul at 973-943-8201 by 9 PM the night before the day or days they intend to fish. **NOTE: FLUKE MAY ONLY BE WEIGHED IN ON 9/23, 9/24 AND 9/25.** (Fluke season ends on 9/25) Sea bass may be weighed in on any day during the tournament.
3. Entrants signups are Friday, September 18th and Tuesday, September 22nd at the Forked River Tuna Club. Doors open at 7 PM. For those who cannot make the meeting, contact Paul at 973-943-8201. All entrants must be signed up prior to the start of the tournament.
4. There are no boundaries, but each entrant must sail from and return to Manasquan, Barnegat, or Beach Haven Inlets on their designated fishing day(s).
5. The heaviest single sea bass wins. In the event of a tie, the entrant who weighs in first will be the winner.
6. The tournament begins at 5 AM each day. Weigh-ins end at 7 PM sharp. Be sure to confirm the store of your choice will be open as some may close early on Sundays or for other reasons. Weigh-ins must be made at Creekside Outfitters or Fisherman's Headquarters and must be weighed in on the day they are caught.
7. The awards presentation will be on Tuesday, September 29th at the FRTC located at 18 Bay Avenue, Forked River, N.J. Doors open at 7 PM.
8. Prize Format: FRTC will pay out 50% of the money taken in for entrance fees. If there are less than 10 boats, there will only be a first-place prize which will be 100% of the money paid out, 10-19 boats there will be a first and second place prize with a 60/40 split, 20 boats or more there will be first, second and third place prizes with a 50/30/20 split. All Calcutta's are a 100 % payout of the money taken in. See further details below.
9. All decisions by the FRTC Tournament Committee are final.

Optional Calcutta's per boat – 100% payout!

- \$50 - Single Heaviest Sea Bass
- \$100 - Single Heaviest Sea Bass
- \$50 - 5 Sea Bass Stringer
- \$100 - 5 Sea Bass Stringer
- \$50 – Single Heaviest Fluke
- \$100 – Single Heaviest Fluke

Important – 5 sea bass stringers must be caught in one day. Those who elect to fish two days may not combine their fish. Only their largest stringer caught on one day will count.