



## Forked River Tuna Club 33rd Annual Ladies' Catch of the Day Tournament Rules and Regulations

Anglers 16 years or older must register with  
New Jersey Saltwater Recreational  
Registry Program  
<http://www.nj.gov/dep/saltwaterregistry>

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1. Fishing day will be **Saturday, July 11, 2026**. Bad Weather Day – Sunday July 12, 2026.  
Awards picnic (rain or shine) will be immediately following the fishing day at 4:00 P.M.
2. Fishing hours: Lines in the water at 7:00 AM. Weigh-in time will close at 4:00 PM. Start and finish times will be by official clock only. Weigh-in station:  
**Forked River Tuna Club  
18 Bay Avenue  
Forked River, NJ 08731**
3. All anglers **MUST** attend Angler's Meeting on Friday, July 10, 2026 from 6:00-8:00PM. at the Forked River Tuna Club. Angler tournament packages will be distributed at this time. All rules and regulations will be reviewed. Doors and kitchen will open at 6:00 PM. Meeting begins at 7:00 PM, registration will close at 8:00 PM.
4. Entrants in the Mermaid Division must be **12 years of age or under** and must be accompanied by an adult (male or female). Adult accompanying mermaid must be a registered tournament angler or a paying male parent/guardian. All fishing and/or crabbing must be done by the registered mermaid. All tournament rules apply to Mermaid Division.
5. If the angler, for whatever reason, decides not to fish or crab, there is no refund of registration fee. All participants will fish or crab at their own risk. A male may operate boat, but the registered female angler or mermaid must do all the fishing and/or crabbing.
6. Only **Adults** are eligible for "Early Entry" drawing. (postmarked by June 26th) Drawing will be Friday, July 10, 2026 at the Angler's Meeting.
7. In the Women's Division, there will be prizes for the fluke and sea bass categories. In the Mermaid Division, prizes will be awarded for fluke and crab categories. Crabs must be a minimum of 4-1/2" point to point. An eligible fluke must be a minimum of 18" in length. There is a 3 fish limit per person at 18" or greater. Sea Bass have a minimum size limit of 12 1/2" and there is a 1 fish limit per person.
8. Prizes will be awarded by weight only. All fish and crabs must be weighed in at the Forked River Tuna Club no later than 4:00 PM. on Saturday, July 11, 2026 and must be weighed in by a weigh-in station official. Adult Anglers are limited to one fluke and/or one sea bass per angler. Mermaid Anglers are limited to a one fluke and/or a total weight of five (5) preselected crabs, caught by drop line or individual crab trap per angler. If a crab trap is used the dimensions must not be greater than 12-1/2 inches by 12-1/2 inches by 12-1/2 inches.
9. In case of fish of equal weight, first fish weighed in holds the position.
10. A weigh-in station official will inspect all fish and crabs considered for place in tournament. Their decision concerning eligibility is to be final.
11. Prizes will only be awarded to anglers registered in the tournament. Each angler is limited to one prize per category. If no fluke or sea bass are weighed in, there will be a drawing for the first prize only for all adult registered anglers. Unawarded prize money will be donated to the Forked River Tuna Club Scholarship Fund.
12. Results will be posted at the Forked River Tuna Club prior to awards ceremony for review. All protests must be made **IN WRITING-IN PERSON by 4:00 PM. on the fishing day** at the Forked River Tuna Club. Any discrepancies should be reported to the Tournament Chairperson. All entrants agree that the decision of the Tournament Chairperson(s) shall be final.
13. When drawing Door Prizes, if a basket contains alcohol and a minor's number is called, she will receive the next basket that does not contain alcohol.