



HRFA Annual Fishing Contest Rules

This is a free contest runs from January 1st to December 31st and is open to all paid members and their family.

1. Family members are spouse and all children 17 years old and under living at that members home and grandchildren 12 years old and under. Rules are simple.
2. Catch any fish from the contest list, fill in all information on the entry form and submit it **within 30 days of capture**. The forms can be mailed in to the contest chairman or handed in at the monthly meetings. An on-line entry form is also available. There will be 14 winners, the heaviest in each category.
3. There will also be a division for the three longest in the catch and release Striped Bass division. The winners of this division will be the three longest striped bass caught and then returned to the water ALIVE. A tape measure MUST be used to measure the fish from the tip of the head to the tip of the longest part of the tail. No striper that is kept will qualify for this award.
4. There will be two categories for the Trout division. One for "Local Caught Trout" and one for the "Great Lakes area Trout."
5. All fish must be caught on rod and reel and all state and federal fishing laws must be obeyed. All fish must be weighed with a scale and measured with a tape measurer. **Measure length from tip of head to tip of tail**. Girth measured from the fattest part of the body, around the width of the fish. Either the name of a witness or photo of the fish caught must be provided.
6. Winners will receive the following awards based on weight (or on length) as shown below, a respective gift certificate to a local tackle shop and a framed award certificate.

DESCRIPTION	AWARD
SALTWATER	
Striped Bass from boat Released (by length)	\$75
Striped Bass from shore Released (by length)	\$75
Striped Bass from boat Kept	\$50
Striped Bass from shore Kept	\$50
Fluke	\$25
Black Fish	\$25
Blue Fish	\$25
Scup (Porgy)	\$25
Black Sea Bass	\$25
FRESHWATER	
Carp	\$25
Salmon	\$25
Catfish	\$25
Trout Great Lakes	\$25
Trout Local	\$25
Bass, Largemouth	\$25
Bass, Smallmouth	\$25
Open Saltwater	\$50
Open Freshwater	\$50
Youth Angler Award	\$25
Fisherman of the Year	\$150
Bucket Prize	\$25

7. In the case of a tie, the earliest dated entry wins.

8. Any fish caught on or before December 31st will have until January 31st of the new year to be entered.

9. The decision of the judges is final.

10. You can't change rule number 9

Young Fisherman Award

An award will be given to any HRFA family member 17 years old and younger and any grandchild 12 years old and younger, who enters a good sized fish in ANY of the categories listed. Same rules apply for the youth division. This fish does not have to be the heaviest or the longest, but must be hooked and landed by the youngster. Anyone who enters for this award must put his or her age next to their name on the entry form. Grandchildren should also include their grandparent member's name.

Bait Bucket Prize

A special prize will be given at the annual awards dinner to any one person who submitted a fish on an entry form. All contest entries will be placed in a bait bucket and ONE will be drawn as the winner. Past prizes were either a rod or a rod and a reel combo. Anyone can win this one!

Fisherman of the Year

An award will be given to the person who demonstrates an outstanding ability to catch fish, no matter what the contest species. Winner will be judged by the entries submitted throughout the year. You do not have to catch big fish to qualify. Size weight, species, amount and sportsmanship will all be considered for this award.

All prizes and awards will be presented at our Annual Awards Dinner which is held in the spring of each year. The date of the dinner will be announced to all club members at our monthly meetings and in the monthly newsletter, the *River Views* prior to the dinner. It's a gala event not to be missed.

[On-Line Entry Form](#)

Official entry forms can also be handed in at the meetings to the *contest chairman*.

HRFA Fishing Contest Chairman