

Striped Bass Prizes

SEGMENT PRIZES

Three \$500 Cash Awards
(One for Each Three-Week Segment)

DAILY PRIZES

65 Daily First Prizes (\$100 Cash)

JUNIOR PRIZES

Weekly \$100 Cash Awards - Largest Striped Bass

LADIES PRIZE

\$150 Cash Award - Largest Striped Bass Overall (Women)

SENIOR CITIZENS PRIZE

\$150 Cash Award - Largest Striped Bass Overall (Senior)

NEW SURF MASTER AWARD

Plaque of Honor to Largest "Catch & Release" Striped Bass
(see Rule #14 For Details)

Kingfish Prizes

GRAND PRIZE

\$300 Cash Award for the Largest Kingfish

SEGMENT PRIZES

Three \$150 Cash Awards
(One for Each Three-Week Segment)

WEEKLY PRIZES

Nine \$50 Cash Awards

DAILY PRIZES

65 Daily First Prizes (\$25 Cash)

JUNIOR PRIZES

Weekly \$100 Cash Award - Largest Kingfish

LADIES PRIZE

\$150 Cash Award - Largest Kingfish Overall (Women)

SENIOR CITIZENS PRIZE

\$150 Cash Award - Largest Kingfish Overall (Senior)



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Bluefish Prizes

GRAND PRIZE

\$500 Cash Award for the Largest Bluefish

SEGMENT PRIZES

Three \$250 Cash Awards
(One for Each Three-Week Segment)

WEEKLY PRIZES

Nine \$100 Cash Awards

DAILY PRIZES

65 Daily First Prizes (\$50 Cash)

JUNIOR PRIZES

Weekly \$100 Cash Awards - Largest Bluefish

\$100 Fisherman's Headquarters Gift Certificate—Largest Overall

LADIES PRIZE

\$150 Cash Award - Largest Bluefish Overall (Women)

SENIOR CITIZENS PRIZE

\$150 Cash Award - Largest Bluefish Overall (Senior)

PLAQUE TO THE ANGLER ENTERING THE LARGEST BLUEFISH IN THE TOURNAMENT

Bonus Prizes

LARGEST TAUTOG EACH SEGMENT

One \$200 Cash Award (15" minimum size)

LARGEST RED DRUM EACH SEGMENT

One \$200 Cash Award (18" - 27" legal size)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY STRIPERS

\$100 Gift Certificate for Heaviest Bass Every
Saturday (Fisherman's Headquarters) and Sunday (Jingles)

\$500 GRAND SLAM

Awarded to the Angler weighing in a Tournament "Grand Slam" (one each of at least four of five eligible tournament species - redfish, bluefish, kingfish, striped bass and blackfish)
Most individual species wins; tie broken by total weight.

SPECIAL DAILY AWARDS*

**Oct. 12 - \$250 Cash Award For Largest Striped Bass
(In Honor of Robert "Jingles" O'Brien from the Palmer Family)

Oct. 31 - \$250 Cash Award for Largest Striped Bass
(Courtesy of Surf City Bait & Tackle)

Nov. 11 - \$250 Cash Award for Largest Striped Bass
(Honoring our Veterans)

Nov. 16 - \$250 Cash Award for Largest Striped Bass
(In Honor of Frank Panzone)

Nov. 25 - \$250 Cash Award for Largest Striped Bass
(In Honor of Bruce Hoagland)

Dec. 2 - \$250 Cash Award for Largest Striped Bass
(Courtesy of Surf City Bait & Tackle)

* Fish eligible for Special Daily Awards fall under "tournament day" definition under "Weighing" Rules Section 9. Fish eligible for Bonus Prizes must be caught after 6 p.m. at conclusion of previous tournament day and weighed prior to 6 p.m. on bonus prize day date. In the event no fish are scored Special Daily Awards will roll over into the following day(s) until awarded, except where noted ** on Oct. 12.

69th Long Beach Island



Over \$25K in Prizes

New '23 Surf Master Prize

October 7 - December 10, 2023

* Register early to receive:

A 2023 LBI Surf Fishing Classic Hat & Decal.

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RULES: 2023 LBI SURF FISHING CLASSIC

1. **BOUNDARIES:** Fish must be caught from the shores of Long Beach Island only: ocean, inlet, bay, and jetties. Boat fishing is not permitted.
2. **WITNESSES:** If you catch a fish that may be a grand prize contender, the tournament committee urges you to secure a witness (or witnesses) while the fish is alive, or as soon as possible after the catch. The name and contact info of the witness(es) should be given to the weighmaster at the time of weigh-in.
3. **REGISTRATION:** Contestants must register with the tournament before fishing and weighing in fish. Registrations are sold at the weigh-in stations (See item 9. WEIGHING). Entry fee is \$30 for adults; 17 and younger \$15.
4. Contestants may not use more than two bait rods at any time. One additional plugging rod is allowed. No assisted delivery systems (kites, drones, kayaks, paddleboards, cannons) permitted.
5. From the time that a fish strikes or takes a bait or lure, only the angler may handle the rod, reel and/or line.
6. Minimum length for bluefish is 16 inches. Each angler may enter one bluefish each tournament day.
7. Striped bass legal length is between minimum 28 inches and maximum 31 inches (slot).
- 8A. Red drum legal length is between minimum 18 inches and maximum 27 inches (slot).
- 8B. Minimum length for kingfish is 12 inches, one entry per angler per tournament day.

All fish entered must comply with NJ and Federal regulations

9. WEIGHING

A. Fish must be weighed at an official weigh-in station: Surf City Bait & Tackle, 317 Long Beach Blvd., Surf City, 494-2333; Fisherman's Headquarters, 280 W. 9th St., Ship Bottom, 494-5739; Jingles Bait & Tackle, 1214 Long Beach Blvd., Beach Haven, 492-2795.

Check with the weigh-in stations for open hours.

ANGLER MUST PRESENT OFFICIAL LBI CLASSIC REGISTRATION WHEN WEIGHING IN A FISH

B. Fish must be weighed within 24 hours of being caught. Each tournament day ends at 6 p.m. Weigh-in data counts for the day of weigh-in, which may not always be the day of catch. Once the tournament starts, weigh-ins are recorded as received at the weigh-in stations based on a period beginning at 6:00:01 p.m. and then 24 hours later ending at 6:00:00 p.m. However, fish may only be weighed during the posted hours of each weigh-in station. **NOTE:** On the last day of the tournament, Dec. 11 the weigh-in ends at 6 p.m. Anglers must leave the surf in time to weigh their entries before 6 p.m. deadline.

C. Anglers are responsible for weighing in their own fish.

D. At the weigh-in station, contestants must certify the time and town of their catch. Vague references like (but not limited to) North End, South End, etc. are not accepted.

Incomplete or incorrect information on weigh slip may result in disqualification of the fish listed on slip. Be sure all the information is complete and correct before signing.

E. The official weigher certifies the species, weight, length and girth of each fish entered and clips the fish's tail after it has been weighed on committee approved scale.

F. The official weigher gives the contestant a duplicate copy of the weigh-in slip and a souvenir button.

G. Buttons are awarded for released striped bass if the fish is of tournament size.

10. **SEGMENTS** The nine-week tournament begins at 5 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7 and ends Sunday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m.

A. The tournament is divided into weeks and three-week segments.

B. The first week of the tournament ends at 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 15. Each of the subsequent weeks of the competition ends at 6 p.m. on Sunday.

C. The three three-week segments also end on Sunday evenings.

The 1ST SEGMENT begins on Saturday, Oct. 7, at 5 a.m. and ends Sunday, Oct. 29, at 6 p.m.

The 2ND SEGMENT begins Sunday evening, Oct. 29, immediately after the close of the 1st segment. It ends on Sunday, Nov. 19, at 6 p.m.

The 3RD SEGMENT begins Sunday evening, Nov. 19, immediately after the close of the 2nd segment. It ends Sunday, Dec. 10 at 6 p.m.

11. **PRIZE DISTRIBUTION:** In case of tied weights, winner determined by (a) length, then (b) girth, and then (c) time of weigh-in.

A. A contestant is only eligible for One First Daily Prize per species, per week.

B. A contestant is eligible for one Weekly or one Segment prize per species; species Grand Prize winners are not eligible to win segment nor weekly prizes for that same species.

C. Daily Prizes will be awarded within 15 working days; to be picked up at Surf City Bait & Tackle. Weekly, Segment, Grand and Special Prizes are awarded at close of the tournament **and will be mailed.**

D. Contestants age 17 and younger at registration are eligible for Junior Prizes. Proof of age may be required. Juniors may win only one \$100 Junior Prize for bass, and one \$100 Junior Prize for bluefish. Weekly, Segment, or Grand prize winning fish entered by a junior angler are not eligible for the Junior Weekly Prize.

E. Contestants age 62 and older at registration are eligible for Senior Citizens' Prizes.

F. Ladies age 18 and older at registration are eligible for Ladies' Prizes.

G. Prizes presented by businesses, fishing clubs, and tournament participants and supporters are not guaranteed by the Long Beach Island Surf Fishing Tournament. Check tournament Facebook page ([LBISurfFishingClassic](https://www.facebook.com/LBISurfFishingClassic)) or at www.lbisfc.com during the tournament for updated listings of special prizes.

H. Any winner of \$600 or more total for tournament will be issued a 1099 and must sign & return W-9 form to LBISFC upon receipt in order to receive prize (as per IRS requirements).

12. BY REGISTERING IN THE LBI SURF FISHING CLASSIC YOU AGREE

A. Tournament officials have the right to:

Cut open or mark any fish after it has been weighed.

Hold a fish for inspection by an acknowledged expert and/or committee review. (Entries deemed not compliant with tournament regulations will be disqualified.)

Disqualify any contestant found violating these rules.

Photograph entries and use the photographs for publicity.

B. To submit to a polygraph examination if requested to do so by the LBI Surf Fishing Classic Committee. Failure to submit to a polygraph test within 15 days will result in disqualification of the angler, all the angler's catches, and the withholding of all prizes.

C. All decisions of tournament officials are final.

D. The LBI Surf Fishing Classic Committee shall be the sole interpreter of these rules.

E. Failure to abide by any/all rules as determined by the LBI Surf Fishing Classic Committee may result in angler ineligibility to participate in present and/or future tournaments.

13. **PROTESTS:** The LBI Surf Fishing Classic Committee will review all signed protests. Anonymous protests will not be considered; name and contact info must be provided along with all signed protests and delivered to participating tournament weigh station (see Section 9 Weighing.)

Neither beach conditions nor beach access is guaranteed by LBI Surf Fishing Classic. Please observe local ordinances. Tournament entry fee is nonrefundable.

14. SURF MASTER "CATCH & RELEASE" AWARD:

Awarded to largest overall (length) striped bass. Angler must show registration badge on the fish in crisp, clear, high resolution image with tape measure next to the striper to definitively show measurement. Email surfmaster@lbisfc.com

Point your smartphone camera at the QR Code to the right and click on yellow the pop-up link for complete rules on Surf Master submissions and additional info on proper measuring and handling of fish.



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