

## SPONSORS



## TOURNAMENT HISTORY

The first tournament was held in 1991. Its purpose is to bring awareness of the importance of saltwater recreational fishing and marine resources in New Jersey to the Governor and State Legislators.

## PRIZES

The Governor has been invited to present the prizes during the awards ceremony. The individual catching the largest fish will receive the "Governor's Trophy," a high end rod and reel combo, and have their name engraved on the Governor's Cup, which is permanently displayed at Island Beach State Park.

## ONLINE REGISTRATION

Save a stamp and register online! Scan the QR Code below. **Please note additional processing fees apply with online registration.**



Downs Ford is a supporter of the Tournament, and will provide transportation for disabled anglers to get on the beach.

For more information about the Tournament visit [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com) or call (609) 748-4347.

Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament  
New Jersey Fish & Wildlife  
P.O. Box 418  
Port Republic, NJ 08241



THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
TOURNAMENT

ISLAND BEACH

STATE PARK

SEASIDE PARK, NJ

MAY 21, 2023



## TIME AND PLACE

**Sunday, May 21, 2023**

**Island Beach State Park, Seaside Park**

### 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

*Tournament will follow current  
New Jersey COVID-19 safety protocols.*

### COST

#### **Early Registration (mail-in or online\*\*)**

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.*

**\*\* Note: Online registration will have additional  
processing fees.**

#### **Same Day Registration**

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

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

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

Ages 12 and under: **FREE**

**Food and beverages will be available for purchase.**

## EARLY ENTRY INCENTIVE

If registered by April 22, 2023 you will:

- Save on adult registration fee.
- Be eligible for additional raffle prizes donated from local bait and tackle shops.
- Avoid delays! Pre-registration allows you to go directly to the beach.

**PLEASE NOTE: Registration packets will be  
mailed out AFTER May 1.**

## RULES

1. Only the following fish exceeding the minimum length listed below are eligible for entry:  
Black drum – 16in. Red drum – 18-27 in.  
Bluefish – 14 in. Striped bass – 28 to <38 in.  
Kingfish – 10 in. Weakfish – 13 in.

**NOTE: Minimum length for the tournament may differ from NJ saltwater regulations. If regulations to size limit change, minimum size limit will reflect current regulations at the time of the Tournament.**

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. **Abide by current circle hook regulations.**
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.
16. All participants 16 years and older must be registered with the Saltwater Registry.

## THIRTY SECOND ANNUAL STATE OF NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR'S SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Saltwater Registry# \_\_\_\_\_

*The 32nd 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!!!**

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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

Adult day of Tournament: \$20

**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 22, you will be required to register in person at the tournament.**

**Multiple registration forms can be mailed in one envelope and paid for with one check.**