

The N.E.B.C. Fishing Derby starts off on Friday evening 6/20/25 with the Captains' Meeting at 5:00 at which time a review of the derby's rules will be discussed. Prior to and post meeting there will be open registration for the derby on the first floor of the club. When you register you will receive a participant package which will include a tape measure, one token, a copy of the rules and a Tee shirt, Jr. anglers will also receive a shirt. Registration will be open throughout the derby and forms will be available on Saturday and Sunday at the club. There will be no weigh station as we are promoting catch and release. All fish entries must be submitted prior to 12 noon on Sunday 6/22/25 via email to [nebcfishingderby@gmail.com](mailto:nebcfishingderby@gmail.com). Massachusetts salt and freshwater regulations apply. All submittals are reviewed by the board and prizes are awarded at the board's discretion. Below are the categories and prizes. Fishing area to include Inland waters in Essex County MA. and Rockingham County NH. And inside the 3-mile line for the MA and NH saltwater fishery from Rockport MA Northern tip of Cape Ann to Boars Head, Hampton NH. Slot fish measurements will follow Massachusetts regulations.

### **GRAND PRIZE \$500**

The Grand Prize and Founders Trophy will be awarded to an angler who has submitted a N.E.B.C. approved striper entry, one entry per person with a Slot Fish >28" <31" MA legal fish. Each entry will be assigned a number which will be placed with all other entries and a winner will be drawn on Sunday during the post Derby party. There must be a clear discernable start and end, overall measurement must be clear. Each angler is given a token, and this must be visible in the picture with the fish. The winner will receive a custom carving from renowned artist and long-time derby supporter Donnie Grover.

### **Atherton Award.**

Catch and release longest striper \$300 Gift Certificate to Straight Line Bait and Tackle 110 Elm St. Salisbury Ma. and a \$100. NEBC Club Card. All entries must show the token and the fish length must clearly show a discernible start and end overall measurement must be clear, any entries that do not clearly show the fish measurement will be disqualified. The best method would be to have a stop so that you can have both the tape and head butt up to. All entries are subject to the boards review so plan how you are going to illustrate your fish measurements. Email to the [nebcfishingderby@gmail.com](mailto:nebcfishingderby@gmail.com)

### **Participation Prize \$100 NEBC Club Card**

All paying Derby entrants (youths are excluded) will be assigned a number and are eligible to win this prize whether you have fished or not.

### **The Shark 102.1 &105.3 Trophy**

The NEBC Fishing Derby strongly encourages catch and release! Playing off the Jaws movie line "you're gonna need a bigger boat", any angler hooking up with any species of shark caught on rod and reel with token clearly visible in submitted photo will be assigned a number and one lucky angler will win the division. **The Fish should not come out of the water.** The winner receives a Shark 102.1 + 105.3 trophy, along with a \$200 gift card to straight line in Salisbury. For fairness and practicality there will be no constraints on NH or MA fishing grounds.

### **Inland Waters Category.**

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Hey, not everyone has a boat or fishes salt water, so this category opens it up to everyone. Any freshwater fish caught with rod and reel in Essex or Rockingham counties in MA and NH can submit an entry. A picture of the fish with the angler and the token. One per angler. Each submission will be assigned a number and entered into a drawing. The winner will receive a trophy, a \$100 gift card to The Nukes Bait and Tackle in addition to a beautiful rod, reel and generous fishing package all from Nukes Bait and Tackle Route 110 in Merrimack MA.

### **Youth Division**

All species fresh or salt any size no need for a tape just a smiling face of the angler with their catch along with a token. All anglers who fish, regardless of whether they catch anything, will receive a very special prize package at the post derby party. So, for youth division anglers if you fish in the derby, you will get a generous prize package if you do not fish you will not.

### **Post Derby Gala**

Following the end of the derby on Sunday 6/22/25 at 12:30 there will be a gala with food, drink, and fishing stories. Anyone who wishes to bring their favorite dessert or side dish would be most welcome and greatly appreciated. The party is open to the public. During this time raffle tickets and NEBC Derby and club bling will be on sale after which the awards will be given out and the raffles for some truly nice prizes will begin. This year's theme is based on Peter Benchley's book and movie JAWS. So come out and have a great time at a great family event. There are many ways to support the Derby as an angler, sponsor, volunteer, or participating in our many raffles and 50/50. See you at the club. NEBC Fishing Derby Board.