

2012 SOUTHERN NEW YORK FISHING DERBY RULES & REGULATIONS

Each Derby Participant:

1. Must register for the derby (\$10.00 fee) by mail or at one of the official weigh stations, cosponsor locations, fishing/boating shows, or fishing seminar locations.
2. Children ages 4 –15 entered in the derby (\$10 fee) are also eligible for monthly and yearly prizes in the Youth Fishing Contest. (See #18)
3. Must be officially registered at least one day prior to entering any fish and in possession of his/her I.D. Registration Card at the time of weigh-in.
4. Fish must be caught in legal open season only and between January 1st and November 30, 2012.
5. May only enter fish caught in Bronx, Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Rockland, Orange, Sullivan and Ulster County's public fishing waters or Hudson River between George Washington Bridge, in the south and the Dutchess - Columbia County line, Ulster - Greene County line in the north, Long Island Sound south of Connecticut State line and Northeast of East River by tip-up, rod, reel, hook, and line in a legal manner in accordance with N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation Regulations.
6. May receive no more than one monthly and one yearly prize award in any one fish classification. A previous monthly winner however, can enter larger fish, which would be ineligible for another monthly prize, but would improve his/her chances for a yearly prize. An exception to this is the winter Jan-March period where a winner in this period can also win a monthly prize in the April - November period in the same fish classification.
7. To Register a fish you must completely fill out and sign an entry form at an official weigh station. Weigh station owners or employee must verify I.D. Registration Card and witness weigh in. Fish must be weighed on a government-inspected scale. A photo will be taken showing the derby contestant holding his fish.
8. Agrees to abide to the derby rules and regulations and agrees that failure to comply with any of the rules will result in automatic disqualification and the forfeiture of all prizes and recognition as a prizewinner and the right to enter any future derby.
9. Must enter the fish whole, not gutted or snagged and winners will be determined by weight of the fish only. Any fish containing any foreign matter (including but not limiting water, ice, weights, etc.) will disqualify that fish from consideration for any prize. No frozen fish will be allowed.
10. Agrees that during the 1/1 - 3/31 winter period, fish can be caught ice fishing or from shore or boat where permitted.
11. Agrees to hold the derby officials, sponsors, weigh stations, their agents, and employees harmless from any liability of any nature and kind for injuries and/or damages suffered by the entrant during the period that the derby is held.
12. Any dispute that cannot be settled at weigh station will be settled by derby administrator whose decision is final.
13. In the event of a tie the person who entered the derby first according to date and time recorded on the fish entry form will be the winner. The second and/or subsequent fish entered will assume the next lower division position.
14. Weigh Station owners or their employees can enter and compete in the derby but cannot weigh in their own caught fish. All fish entered must be brought to and weighed in at any other weigh station.
15. Monthly winners will receive by mail within 15 days their winners hat and award check.
16. Yearly winners will be notified about December 31st with award check and certificate mailed.
17. Winners of raffle prizes will be drawn by 12/15/12. Winners will be notified by mail. Winners list will be available at participating stores, and posted on www.StewartMarine.com.
18. **YOUTH FISHING CONTEST:** Youths ages 4-15 yrs can enter the Fishing Derby (No pre-registration or \$10 Entry Fee required) Special \$40 Rod, Reel, Line Combo and Fishing Hat prizes will be awarded monthly to youth winners. The same Derby Rules and Regulations apply for youths that apply to Adults. (Except for minimum size requirement.) We recommend that you take your kids or grandchildren fishing and any legal size fish can be entered.
19. By the 15th of each month Derby Winners Lists will be posted on www.StewartMarine.com and in participating weigh stations.

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Special Two-Day Trout & Bass Contest: Two Fishing Contests will be held. **1. Opening of Trout Season –Sunday April 1st and Monday, April 2nd** **2. Opening of Bass Season – Saturday, June 16th and Sunday, June 17th.** The Regular Derby Minimum Size Trout and Bass Requirement will be waived during this two-day period only and regular N.Y.S. legal size fish requirements will apply. The three heaviest Trout (any species) and the three heaviest Bass weighed in by a Derby Participant at a participating weigh station will receive: 1st Prize \$75.00, 2nd prize \$50.00 and 3rd prize \$25.00. Prizes will be mailed to winners in 10 days and results will be posted at participating stores and on www.StewartMarine.com. All other Derby Rules and Regulations will still be in effect and all fish entries are also eligible for regular monthly and annual awards.