1. NANTUCKET INSHORE CLASSIC TOURNAMENT RULES
2. DATES & TIMES:
* FISHING STARTS: Sunday. September 6 @ 12:01 a.m.
* FISHING Submissions END: Saturday, October 10 @ Noon

2. TOURNAMENT STRUCTURE & RULES:

The Nantucket Inshore Classic (NIC) is an I*ndividual Angler Tournament* for Striped Bass, Bluefish, Bonito, and False Albacore with All Tackle, Fly, and Junior Divisions and Categories.

Each Division will have a Boat and a Beach Category.

* Adults may enter one or a combination of the All Tackle and Fly Divisions
* Juniors (birth date after **9-6-2004** may only enter the Junior Division and can use any tackle allowed by the rules.

BOUNDARIES (map available separately):

* **Southern Boundary** - 3 Mile Limit Line (shown on map).
* **Western Boundary** - Muskeget Channel Buoy “Hooter” to Yellow Flashing Light (South side Marthas Vineyard) North to Nobska Light House.
* **Northern Boundary** - Shoreline of Cape Cod and Monomoy Islands to Buoy “C” (East of Chatham)
* **Eastern Boundary** - Buoy “C” to Pollock Rip Channel Buoy “4” to Great Pt. Green Buoy “1” then 3 Mile Limit Line to south
* *Beach fish are specifically those caught from a Nantucket Island beach that has been accessed by foot and/or motor vehicle.*
* *Fish caught on a beach not on Nantucket Island or by using watercraft (boat, canoe, kayak, etc.) to access any beach on Nantucket Island are considered Boat fish.*

FISHING METHODS: Federal, State, & IGFA Rules & Regulations apply unless stated otherwise.

* An entrant must register in the NIC *before* commencing to fish.
* Entrants may fish from private boats, as clients on charter boats, or with guides.
* Captains, Guides *&* Mates can enter the NIC, but fish caught while working are not eligible.
* Live Bait is permitted.
* Prohibited: Wire Line, Umbrellas, Spreaders, Christmas Trees, Niner Rigs, Yo-Yoing. & Chumming.
* Single hooked Teaser ahead of the main lure will be allowed

**MEASURING LIMITS**: These limits are to help conserve and protect the future of our fishery.

* NO Fish need to be weighed, Fish will be recorded by **LENGTH ONLY** for all divisions.
* Fish may be retained or released. For released fish every effort should be made to minimize handling and get the fish returned to the water as quickly as possible.
* An entrant can measure and record only 1 fish of each species per calendar day per division/category.
* For each Category (Boat or Beach) entrants can only submit another fish of the same species if it is longer than his/her previous fish within that Category.
* Standings will be determined by length using an approved measuring device with a picture.
* Approved measuring devices will include the NIC tape measure or other commercially available tape measures so long as the length can be clearly determined by the tournament record keeper or committee.
* Length will be measured from the TIP of SNOUT to the TIP of the TAIL and will be measured by quarter-inch (1/4”) increments.
* Pictures will be clear and include the entire fish on a flat surface with the measuring device clearly visible showing the length in relation to the fish.
* Fish may be retained and weighed-in by NAC members for ongoing NAC tournaments. The entrant is responsible for ensuring completion of the regular NAC form.
* An email will be sent to nantucketinshoreclassic@gmail.com that will include Name, Badge Number, Date, Time of Catch, Length, and a Picture. **Texts will not be accepted, please email only**.
* FISH SUBMISSIONS MUST BE EMAILED WITHIN 12 HOURS OF CATCH, SUBMISSTIONS AFTER THIS TIME WILL BE DISQUALIFIES WITHOUT EXCEPTION
* ***\*\*\* The entrant is responsible for ensuring information is correct and pictures are visible. Improperly completed or unclear information/pictures WILL BE disqualified from NIC standings without exception. \*\*\****
* Ties for all divisions will be determined by the date and time of the fish caught as noted on email entry.

3. AWARDS & PRIZES:

* **Division Champions**:
* All Tackle Division (2 awards): Winners determined by the combined length of the longest fish of each of the *4* species and will be given to: All Tackle --Boat Category, All Tackle - Beach Category
* Fly Division (2 awards): Winners determined by the combined length of the longest fish of each of the *4* species and will be given to: Fly --Boat Category and Fly - Beach Category.
* Junior Division (2 awards): Winner determined by the combined length of the longest fish of each of the *4* species and will be given to: Junior Boat Category and Junior Beach Category
* **Category Awards**:
* All Tackle Division (8 awards): Given to entrants with the longest fish of each species in each of the two categories: *All Tackle Boat* and *All Tackle Beach for* Striped Bass, Bluefish, Bonito, and False Albacore.
* Fly Division (8 awards): Given to entrants with the longest fish of each species in each of the two categories: *Fly Boat* and *Fly Beach* for Striped Bass, Bluefish, Bonito, and False Albacore.
* Junior Division (8 awards): Given to entrants with the longest fish of each species in each of the two categories: *Junior Boat* and *Junior Beach for* Striped Bass, Bluefish, Bonito, and False Albacore.
* **Weekly Awards:**
* All Tackle Division (up to 8 per week/40 total): Given to entrants with the longest fish of each species in each of the four categories: *All Tackle Boat and* *All Tackle Beach* for Striped Bass, Bluefish, Bonito, False Albacore
* Fly Division (up to 8 per week/40 total): Given to entrants with the longest fish of each species in each of the four categories. *Fly Boat* and *Fly Beach* for Striped Bass, Bluefish, Bonito, False Albacore
* Junior Division (up to 8 per week/40total): Given to entrants with the longest fish of each species in each of the four categories. *Junior Boat* and *Junior Beach* for Striped Bass, Bluefish, Bonito, False Albacore
1. ENTRANTS not Nantucket Anglers Club (NAC) MEMBERS: Non-members have full NAC privileges during the tournament. Non-members must sign in at the bar, use the NIC as their sponsor, wear their NIC badge while present, and be subject to NAC house rules. If these rules are not followed, the entrant will be required to leave the club premises and may be subject to removal from the NIC as determined by the Tournament Committee.
2. PROTEST PROCEDURE: If an entrant has observed a perceived infraction or has a dispute, they may file a written and signed protest to the Tournament Committee within 24 hours of the said event. The entrant must describe the name(s) of the anglers committing the infraction; circumstances, date, time, location of the infraction and witnesses. He/she must provide a telephone number for themselves and witnesses. The Tournament Committee will meet as quickly as practical to review the protest after its official filing. The submitting entrant will be notified of the decision by telephone or email. The Committee may disqualify any entrant who violates NIC rules, falsifies information, or acts in an unsportsmanlike manner. The Committee's decision shall be final.
3. CONTACTS: For questions contact any NIC Committee Member or Jeffrey Heyer by phone 508-221-1358 or email nantuketinshoreclassic@gmail.com.