

Berkeley Striper Club
Annual Awards
2004

Trophy Category

Eddie Blase Award for Largest Striped Bass - Trophy plus \$100. Cash
Largest Bluefish - Trophy or \$40. Gift certificate
Largest Weakfish - Trophy or \$40. Gift certificate
Largest Fluke - Trophy or \$40. Gift certificate

Plaque Category

Striped Bass Division

Shore Caught

1st place - plaque or \$40. Gift certificate
2nd place - plaque or \$35. Gift certificate
3rd place - plaque or \$25. Gift certificate
4th place - plaque or \$20. Gift certificate

Boat Caught

1st place - plaque or \$35. Gift certificate
2nd place - plaque or \$25. Gift certificate

Largest striper tagged and released – small plaque
Most stripers tagged and released - small plaque
Largest striper caught on an artificial - plaque or \$20. Gift certificate
Largest striper caught out of state - plaque or \$20. Gift certificate
Good catch recognition for stripers 30 lbs or over. – Certificate for framing
Largest striper caught fly-fishing – small plaque
Largest Striper caught by a woman from shore - plaque or \$20. Gift certificate
Largest Striper caught by a woman from a boat - plaque or \$20. Gift certificate
Largest Striper caught by a youth from shore - plaque or \$20. Gift certificate
Largest Striper caught by a youth from a boat - plaque or \$20. Gift certificate

Bluefish Division

Shore Caught

1st place - plaque or \$30. Gift certificate
2nd place - plaque or \$20. Gift certificate

Boat Caught

1st place - plaque or \$20. Gift certificate

Largest Bluefish caught fly-fishing – small plaque
Largest Bluefish caught by a woman - plaque or \$20. Gift certificate
Largest Bluefish caught by a youth - plaque or \$20. Gift certificate

Weakfish Division

Shore Caught

- 1st place - plaque or \$30. Gift certificate
- 2nd place - plaque or \$20. Gift certificate

Boat Caught

- 1st place - plaque or \$20. Gift certificate

Largest Weakfish caught fly-fishing – small plaque

Largest Weakfish caught by a woman - plaque or \$20. Gift certificate

Largest Weakfish caught by a youth - plaque or \$20. Gift certificate

Fluke Division

Shore Caught

- 1st place - plaque or \$20. Gift certificate

Boat Caught

- 1st place - plaque or \$20. Gift certificate

Largest Fluke caught by a woman - plaque or \$20. Gift certificate

Largest Fluke caught by a youth - plaque or \$20. Gift certificate

Tuna Division

Largest Little Tunny or other tuna caught fly-fishing – small plaque

Special Awards Division

Bill Sculerati All Around Sportsman Award - To be presented to a member of the club who has shown outstanding qualities of an all around fisherman and sportsman. This award shall be inscribed as follows: “The Bill Sculerati All Around Sportsman Award - Presented to ----- in memory of Bill Sculerati, a great sportsman and avid fisherman. This award is given to a member who exemplifies Bill’s high standards and dedication to the club.” An individual can only win this award once every five years.

President’s Plaque - Given to the President of our club each year. If he serves as President for more than one year he can receive a new plaque or turn in the old one for additional engraving.

General Rules

1. For the trophy category, fish may be caught from the shore or a boat.
2. Each fish can only win one award. Additionally, plaques will be awarded provided that a fish that has won a higher award would not have won a lesser award. For example, if the largest striped bass was caught from the shore, it would win a trophy and there would be no first place plaque for shore caught striped bass.
3. Each member can only win one award for each sub-division. For example a member cannot win two prizes for shore caught stripers but he could win one prize for a shore caught striper and another for a boat caught striper. Exception: A member may win additional good catch certificates for framing even if they are for stripers caught in the same sub-division.
4. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN ANY OF THE AWARDS, MEMBERS MUST ATTEND AT LEAST FOUR MEETINGS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR EXCEPT THIS SHALL NOT APPLY TO YOUTH MEMBERS. It is the responsibility of the member to sign the attendance sheet at the meetings.

Credit for meeting attendance will be given to any member who attends the annual awards banquet, picnic, or other functions as determined by the club.

5. An affidavit must be filled out and submitted by the member within one month of catching the fish. The affidavit may be placed in our club box at Betty & Nick's, given to tournament chairman Paul Haertel, or mailed to the club at Post Office Box 9, Seaside Park, NJ 08752. Blank affidavits are available at Betty & Nick's for fish weighed in there.
6. The tag and release and fly-fishing awards are determined by length as the fish may be released. The fish are to be measured from the mouth to the tip of the tail. All other fish must be weighed on a certified scale at an official weigh-in station. The affidavit must be signed by the weigh master. Only plaques will be given for release awards, no gift certificates.
7. Members must have paid their dues before a fish is caught in order for it to be eligible.
8. Fish must be caught on a rod and reel in a sporting manner and within compliance of the law. The only help anyone can have in catching a fish is to have someone net or gaff it for him.
9. A member caught cheating in any fishing tournament or for any club award shall be ineligible to win any award from the Berkeley Striper Club.
10. Except for the one out of state award, all fish must be caught in New Jersey waters, except that a boat may fish anywhere provided that it sails from and returns to a New Jersey port within a 24-hour period.
11. An artificial shall be defined as a lure having absolutely no natural bait, live or dead, attached to it. Fish caught trolling are not eligible for the award for the largest striped bass caught on an artificial.
12. To be eligible for a fly-fishing award, the fish must be caught on an artificial fly while employing conventional fly-fishing methods.
13. In the event of a tie, the first fish caught shall receive the higher award.
14. The contest runs from January 1st through December 31st. It shall be the members' responsibility to see that the final standings are correct by checking them at the January or February meeting or by contacting the tournament chairmen. Any appeals must be made by the February meeting.
15. It shall be the responsibility of the individual prizewinners to notify the tournament chairman as to whether a gift certificate, plaque, or trophy is preferred. All gift certificates are ordered from Betty & Nick's. Failure to notify the tournament chairman by the February meeting will result in trophies and plaques being ordered.
16. Any questions or information on current standings may be obtained by contacting the tournament chairman, Paul Haertel at (973) 472-5630 or (609) 698-2637.