



## September 20 & 21 Tournament Information

**1. Welcome dinner & rules meeting:** Each team is required to attend the welcome dinner & rules meeting for the tournament on Friday night September 20 at the Holiday Inn in Solomons, MD (Address: 155 Holiday Dr, Solomons, MD 20688) in the Parkers Creek meeting room (Time TBD) prior to the day of fishing. The purpose of the dinner & meeting is to give everyone the opportunity to get to know each other prior to the start of the tournament and to go over the rules for the tournament. All teams in the tournament are responsible for knowing all tournament rules, including any changes to the rules that may take place at the rules meeting.

### **2. Tournament Boat Captain / Operator Requirements:**

- Boat must be insured and registered in accordance with applicable laws
- Each team competing in the tournament will consist of 1 PHWFF participant angler, 1 PHWFF volunteer guide & 1 boat captain / operator. Boat must be capable of safely having the entire team on board throughout the entire tournament.
- The tournament is fly fishing only. Boat must be capable of letting anglers cast a fly rod. Only two anglers can fish on boat at one time.
- Boat captain/operator will donate their time, services, boat & fuel for tournament
- All vessels and anglers shall comply with USCG, Maryland and federal fisheries laws and regulations regarding fishing licenses, vessel permits, and fishing gear.
- PHWFF will cover the cost of lodging on Friday September 20 and Saturday September 21 if needed at the Holiday Inn in Solomons, MD (Address: 155 Holiday Dr, Solomons, MD 20688)
- PHWFF will provide the following meals:
  - o Friday September 20: Welcome dinner
  - o Saturday: Breakfast (at hotel), lunch (bagged lunches) & dinner (at fundraiser dinner).

3. **Fishing Time:** This is a one day Catch and Release tournament format. Fishing day is Saturday September 21. Fishing time is 8:00am until 3:00pm. No lines are permitted in the water before fishing begins. Each team must turn in scores by 4pm at the Sanders property located at 21801 Whites Neck Rd. Bushwood, MD.

4. **Fishing locations:** Fishing must occur within a 35 mile radius of Bushwood, MD. Reference map on Attachment 1.

5. **Regulations:** All vessels and anglers shall comply with USCG, Maryland and federal fisheries laws and regulations regarding fishing licenses, vessel permits, and fishing gear.

6. **Tournament Rules:**

IGFA Rules apply: <https://igfa.org/international-angling-rules/>.

Reference Attachment 2.

**Tournament Teams**

- There will be 12 teams total
- Each team will consist of 1 PHWFF participant angler, 1 PHWFF volunteer guide & 1 boat captain / operator
- 1 boat per team
- Only 2 anglers can fish at one time

**Fly fishing equipment**

- This is a fly rod & reel, hook and line tournament. No trolling of any kind will be permitted.
- The maximum tippet allowed is 20lbs. Only artificial flies may be used. NO use of frozen, fresh, thawed or dead bait can be used.
- PHWFF volunteers & participants will need to provide their own fly rod / reel and tackle. Recommend 8wt fly rod set up with intermediate sink tip.

**Measuring fish**

- Anglers must pick up token and measuring device at rules meeting on Friday
- All fish must be measured on the measuring device provided at the rules meeting. Only one measuring device will be provided per team.
- When measuring fish, nose will be at zero and tail will be in natural position measured to fork length and rounded up to the next ¼ inch.

### **Scoring fish**

- To score a fish it must be:
  - o Caught with a fly on a fly rod
  - o Measured and photographed with the token in the picture
  - o Released unharmed back into the water
- Fish caught by PHWFF volunteers and boat captains/operators count 1" as 1 point
- Fish caught by the PHWFF participant angler count for 1.5x more points. Example, if their fish measure 15" it receives a score of 22.5 points.

### **Tournament Slam**

- Slam species of fish are Striped Bass (Rockfish), Bluefish & Speckled Trout (Sea Trout).
- A slam is defined as Striped Bass, Bluefish & Speckled Trout caught by a team
- The object of the tournament is to catch a slam. The longest combined total of the three species for the team will be what is scored.
- If no one catches the three species defined as a slam then we go to a wildcard species
- The only way a wildcard species is scored is if no team catches a slam. So if everyone catches two of the three species, then a wildcard species will replace the missing slam species and be totaled in the inches of the slam.
- Wild card species of fish are Blue Catfish, White Perch, Flounder, Spanish Mackerel, Jumbo Spot, Snakehead and Croakers.
- Team awards will be given for the longest total inches scored.
- Individual awards will be given for biggest fish scored and most fish scored.
- In case of a tie, the team with the earlier time to complete the slam will be used to break the tie. If a tie occurs and no slams are caught, then the winner will be determined by the earlier time the team's card is turned in

### **6. Awards:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place team awards
- Biggest fish scored
- Most fish scored

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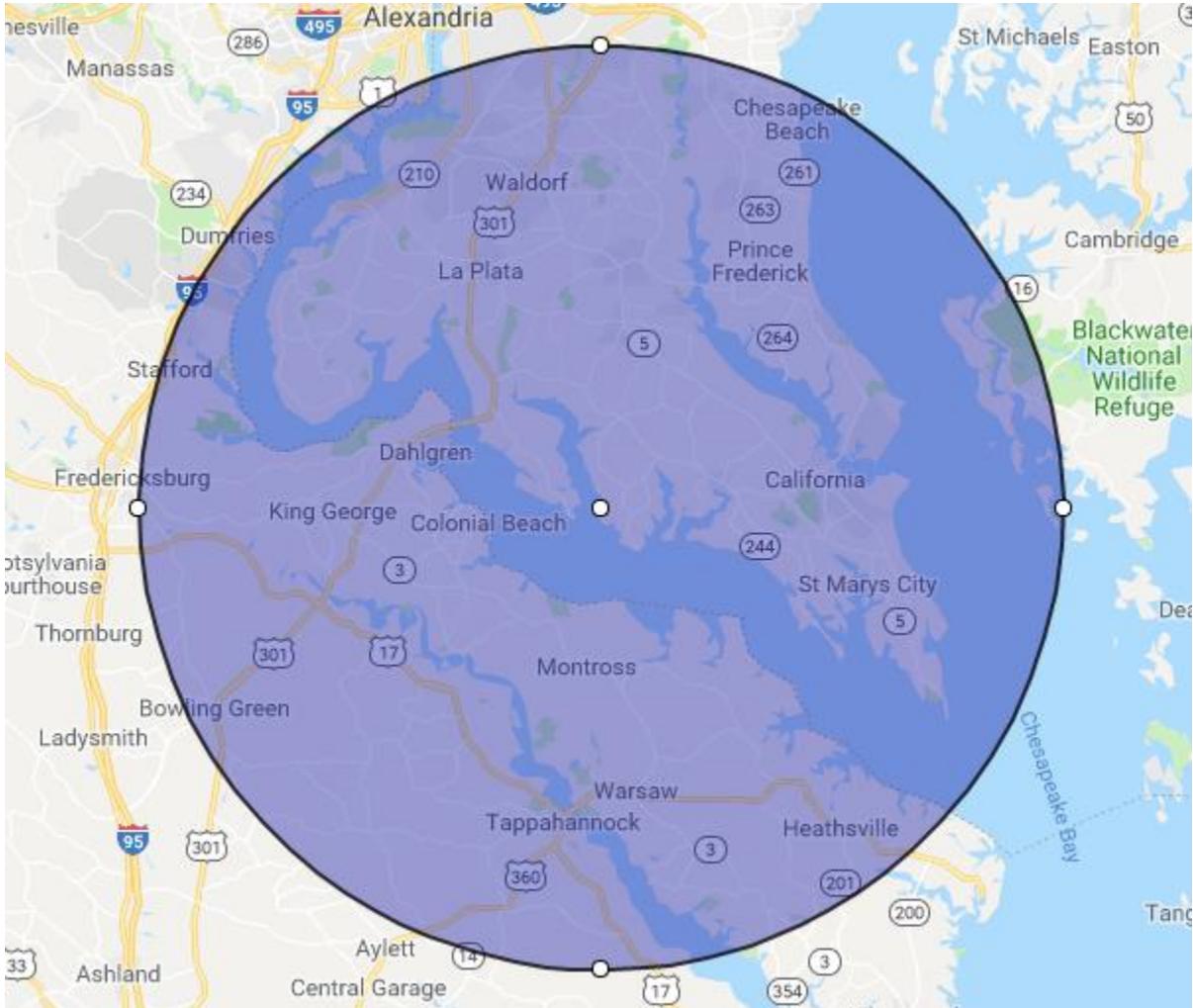
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## 35 Mile Tournament Fishing Radius from Sanders property in Bushwood, MD



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# INTERNATIONAL FLYFISHING RULES

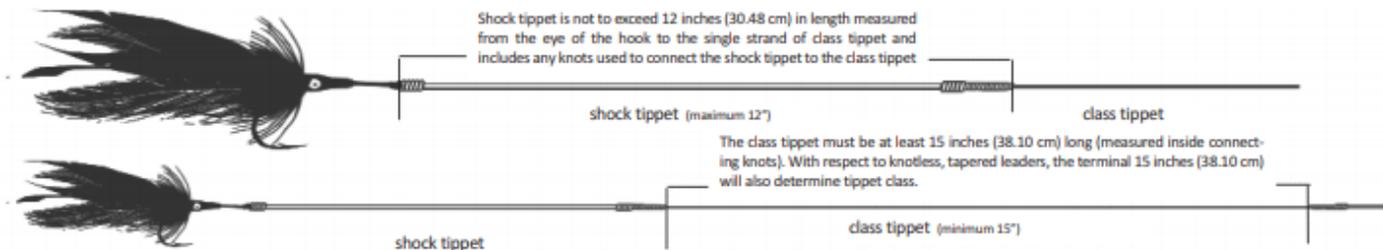
## Equipment Regulations

### A. LINE

Any type of fly line and backing may be used. The breaking strength of the fly line and backing are not restricted.

### B. LEADER

Leaders must conform to generally accepted fly fishing customs. A leader includes a class tippet and, optionally, a shock tippet. A butt or taper section between the fly line and the class tippet shall also be considered part of the leader and there are no limits on its length, material, or strength. A class tippet must be made of nonmetallic material and either attached directly to the fly or to the shock tippet if one is used. The class tippet must be at least 15 inches (38.10 cm) long (measured inside connecting knots). With respect to knotless, tapered leaders, the terminal 15 inches (38.10 cm) will also determine tippet class. There is no maximum length limitation. A shock tippet, not to exceed 12 inches (30.48 cm) in length, may be added to the class tippet and tied to the lure. It can be made of any type of material, and there is no limit on its breaking strength. The shock tippet is measured from the eye of the hook to the single strand of class tippet and includes any knots used to connect the shock tippet to the class tippet. In the case of a tandem hook fly, the shock tippet shall be measured from the eye of the leading hook.



### C. ROD

Regardless of material used or number of sections, rods must conform and cast according to generally accepted fly fishing customs and practices. A rod shall not measure less than 6 feet (1.82 m) in overall length and any rod that gives the angler an unsporting advantage will be disqualified. Overall butt length may not exceed six inches when measured from the center of the reel foot to the end of the butt. Overall butt length for two-handed or spey rods longer than 11 feet may not exceed 10 inches when measured from the center of the reel foot to the end of the butt.

### D. REEL

The reel must be designed expressly for fly fishing. There are no restrictions on gear ratio or type of drag employed except where the angler would gain an unfair advantage. Electric or electronically operated reels are prohibited.

### E. HOOKS

A conventional fly may be dressed on a single or double hook or two single hooks in tandem. The second hook in any tandem fly must not extend beyond the wing material. The eyes of the hooks shall be no farther than 6 inches (15.24 cm) apart. Treble hooks are prohibited.

### F. FLIES

The fly must be a recognized type of artificial fly, which includes streamer, bucktail, tube fly, wet fly, dry fly, nymph, popper and bug. The use of any other type of lure or natural or preserved bait, either singularly or attached to the fly, is expressly prohibited. Only a single fly is allowed. Dropper flies are prohibited. The fact that a lure can be cast with a fly rod is not evidence in itself that it fits the definition of a fly. The use of any lure designed to entangle or foul hook a fish is prohibited. No scent, either natural or artificial is allowed on flies. The use of scented material in a fly is prohibited.

### G. GAFFS & NETS

Gaffs and nets used to boat or land a fish must not exceed 8 feet (2.44 meters) in overall length. (When fishing from a bridge, pier or other high stationary structure, this length limitation does not apply.) The use of a flying gaff is not permitted.

Only a single hook is permitted on any gaff. Harpoon or lance attachments are prohibited. A rope or any extension cannot be attached to the gaff.

## Angling Regulations

1. The angler must cast, hook, fight, and bring the fish to gaff or net unaided by any other person. No other person may touch any part of the tackle during the playing of the fish or give aid other than taking the leader for gaffing or netting purposes. Anyone assisting a shore-bound or wading angler must be within a rods length of the angler before touching the leader or netting or gaffing the fish.
2. Casting and retrieving must be carried out in accordance with normal customs and generally accepted practices. The major criterion in casting is that the weight of the line must carry the fly rather than the weight of the fly carrying the line. Trolling a fly behind a moving water craft is not permitted. The craft must be completely out of gear both at the time the fly is presented to the fish and during the retrieve. The maximum amount of line that can be stripped off the reel is 120 feet (36.57 meters) from the fly.
3. Once a fish is hooked, the tackle may not be altered in any way, with the exception of adding an extension butt. A harness cannot be attached to the fly rod.
4. Fish must be hooked on the fly in use. If a small fish takes the fly and a larger fish swallows the smaller fish, the catch will be disallowed.
5. One or more people may assist in gaffing or netting the fish.
6. The angling and equipment regulations shall apply until the fish is weighed.

## The following acts will disqualify a catch:

1. Failure to comply with equipment or angling regulations.
2. The act of persons other than the angler in touching any part of the rod, reel, or line either bodily or with any device during the playing of the fish, or in giving any aid other than that allowed in the rules and regulations. If an obstacle to the passage of the line through the rod guides has to be removed from the line, then the obstacle shall be held and cut free. Under no circumstances should the line be held or touched by anyone other than the angler during this process.
3. Resting the rod on any part of the boat, or on any other object while playing the fish.
4. Handling or using a handline or rope attached in any manner to the angler's line or leader for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
5. Intentionally foul hooking or snagging a fish.
6. Shooting, harpooning, or lancing any fish (including sharks and halibut) at any stage of the catch.
7. Chumming with the flesh, blood, skin, or any part of mammals.
8. Using a boat or device to beach or drive a fish into shallow water in order to deprive the fish of its normal ability to swim.
9. Attaching the angler's line or leader to part of a boat or other object for the purpose of holding or lifting the fish.
10. If a fish escapes before gaffing or netting and is recaptured by any method other than as outlined in the angling rules.
11. When a rod breaks (while the fish is being played) in a manner that reduces its length below minimum dimensions or severely impairs its angling characteristics.
12. When a fish is hooked or entangled on more than one line.
13. Mutilation to the fish, prior to landing or boating the catch, caused by sharks, other fish, mammals, or propellers that remove or penetrate the flesh. (Injuries caused by leader or line, scratches, old healed scars or regeneration deformities are not considered to be disqualifying injuries.) Any mutilation on the fish must be shown in a photograph and fully explained in a separate report accompanying the record application.
14. Holding or touching an angler in a manner that assists them in fighting the fish or takes pressure off of the angler. Touching or briefly holding the angler to prevent them from falling does not constitute a disqualification.