



**YARMOUTH SHARK SCRAMBLE – 2020**

**August 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- ***Barrington Catch Data will be on site for weigh-ins***
- ***The ONLY type of Shark that will be allowed to be landed are Blue Sharks minimum of 8ft in length. All Sharks are to be landed round, measurements for the Sharks are from tip of the nose to the tip of the tail.***
- ***Maximum of 4 Fishing Rods can be used per vessel at any one time. Maximum line strength cannot exceed 200-pound test.***
- ***Any Sharks that have been tampered with in anyway will result in disqualification of that vessel and all participants registered with that vessel. As well, all participants will get a one (1) one-year suspension from the YSS tournament.***
- ***If any participants are disqualified from the YSS tournament there will not be any refunds of their entry fees and will not be eligible for any of the tournament prizes.***
- ***We ask that all participants use corrodible hooks, sizes allowed will be 16/0 Circle Hooks or 12/0 J- Hooks.***
- ***There will be NO Darting, Gaffing, Ballooning or Shooting of Fish, No Longline Trawls allowed.***
- ***There will be NO Transferring of Fish between Vessels, if so both vessels will be DISQUALIFIED!***
- ***Only active/paid Participants are allowed aboard the vessels, any vessels found to have any other fisher persons aboard their vessel which has not paid their entry fees and completed a registration form that vessel and all participants aboard that vessel will be disqualified from the YSS Tournament and will NOT be eligible to win any prizes.***

- *If for any reasons prior to the start of the tournament, a participant decides he/she cannot go fishing and take part in the tournament after registering, the YSS Committee will refund the entry fee, and that participant will not be eligible to win any prizes. Only active participants onboard a vessel can win prizes!*
- *There will be NO physical contact between vessels unless it is for Emergencies!*
- *All Transport Canada Safety Rules apply. Life Jackets required for all Participants on the vessel. This is the responsibility of the Captain of the vessel.*
- *All participants are asked to report sightings of North Atlantic Right Whales to DFO Maritimes Region at 1-844-800-8568 or email [XMARWhalesightings@dfo-mpo.gc.ca](mailto:XMARWhalesightings@dfo-mpo.gc.ca)*
- *All Captains are to report any collisions with Whales, Entangled Whales or Dead Whales to the Whale emergency hotline at 1-866-567-6277, VHF Channel 16 or Fundy Traffic VHF Channel 14*
- *All vessels will need to be Checked Out by YSS Committee member prior to departing, if a vessel leaves without being checked out by the YSS Committee, that vessel will be disqualified and will not be eligible for any prizes.*
- *Check Out Time: Will be 12:00pm (Noon) immediately following the Captain's Meeting on Wednesday August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019. All vessels will monitor VHF channel 68 for departure inspections, and while in the harbour.*
- *Check In Time: Cannot be any later than 8:00 am Saturday morning August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and must be Checked In with a YSS Committee member. Please arrange during check in for your unloading number, once unloaded you will be required to move so that all other boats can be unloaded. Any Late Arrivals will be Disqualified!*
- *All vessels will monitor VHF channel 68 for Departure and Arrivals, while anytime in the harbour.*
- *All vessels must be removed from the docking areas by Sunday noon or they may be charged a berthing fee from the Town of Yarmouth.*
- *In a joint effort with DFO Science we have decided that there will be ONLY 3 Sharks allowed to be landed per vessel. Which will cover 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes. All sharks not meeting the specified lengths are to be tagged, recorded and released.*
- *Shark Tagging kits will be provided by DFO Science at the Captain's Meeting, please try your best to tag all released Sharks. If you catch any Sharks that have already been tagged, please record the information and release the shark. If the Tagged Shark is of 8ft or greater it can be used as a Tournament Shark, if the Captain decides!*

- ***There will be NO LEAVING VEHICLES in the following Parking Lots: North of Rudders Restaurant, South of Rudders Restaurant, Killam Brothers Wharf, all vehicles will be towed at the participants expense if left in any of these areas, as this parking will be needed for Patrons of the Restaurant and Spectators for the tournament.***
- ***Please keep all your Sharks Iced in the Fish Hold until Weigh Ins***
- ***During the Tournament please keep all your drinks/beverages in a Glass, please No Garbage overboard.***
- ***In case of a Tie in weight, the overall length will determine the winner.***
- ***Two log sheets per vessel is provided, they are to be completed and given to the Dockside Monitor when your boat Weighs In their sharks. Please also add your tagged sharks to these log sheets, mark in the comment section "TAG and RELEASE".***
- ***HAIL OUT and HAIL IN will be done by Barrington Catch Monitoring.***
- ***All vessels must report back to Rudders Wharf or call at the end of the tournament to advise that they are going to check in, no vessels are permitted to land or dock at any other ports during the tournament or that vessel and all participants will be disqualified.***
- ***Be sure to give your CFV (Commercial Fishing Vessel Number), Vessel Phone Number to the YSS Committee member when checking out.***
- ***There are no Personal Shark Licenses required, the Yarmouth Shark Scramble Committee hold the license for all participants. License #340286 is for this year 2019.***
- ***A copy of the Rules and Regulations, 2 Log Sheets, License and Conditions will be given to all Captains in their Captain Bags.***

**THE YARMOUTH SHARK SCRAMBLE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL IT'S PARTICIPANTS AND SPONSORS FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND HAVE A SAFE AND SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT.**