



# 3rd Annual NNK Saltwater Shootout Tournament

JUNE 28TH, 2025

## NNK SALTWATER SHOOTOUT TOURNAMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. The deadline for entry fees shall be **June 27th at 7:00 PM**.
2. Anglers must abide by all state and federal laws.
3. Weather considerations will be the Captain's choice. Fishermen will fish at their own discretion and accept full responsibility for their vessel and crew. For the purpose of safety, all boats must adhere to all U.S. Coast Guard regulations for their size vessel. *If the Tournament Committee determines that the weather is too bad to safely conduct the tournament on Saturday then an announcement will be made and the tournament will be moved back one day to Sunday. If the Tournament Committee determines that the weather is still too bad on Sunday, then an announcement will be made and the Tournament Committee will hold a drawing to determine distribution of prizes.*
4. Registration – applications will be available in Jett's Hardware, Butler's Bait & Tackle and online at [www.fishnnkss.com](http://www.fishnnkss.com) until June 27th, 2025. All boats must be registered with the Tournament Committee and all entries paid to qualify for prizes and trophies. Any substitute boat must be registered with the Tournament Director prior to fishing and will be permissible only if the original boat becomes disabled. Registration will close at 7:00 PM on June 27th, 2025. For any questions during or after the Captain's meeting please call or text the Tournament Director at (804) 761-4426.
5. Official fishing time will begin at 6:30 AM (**no lines in the water until 6:30 AM**). Boats may leave earlier and from any port but may not fish until 6:30 AM. Lines out of the water no later than 3:00 PM. Any fish hooked just before 3:00 or right at 3:00 can be played as long as reported to the Tournament Director (by the phone numbers listed above or the committee boats on VHF 71).
6. Boundaries for this tournament are Buoy 72 (north) and Wolf Trap Lighthouse (south).
7. Official end time for fishing is 3:00 PM. However all fish must be delivered to the official Weigh Master or his representatives at Buzzard's Point Marina (or be in line of the official weigh station) by 4:00 PM.
8. There are two tags in your bag for combined weight and each tag has your entry number on it. In the event a Youth or Lady will be fishing on your vessel, it will be the Captain's responsibility to obtain a Youth ("Y") and/or Lady ("L") tag during the Captain's Meeting. The Captain is also responsible for placing a tag on each cobia to be weighed prior to reaching the dock. Any fish that is designated as Youth ("Y") or Lady Angler ("L") will **not** be eligible for the Calcutta.
9. The tournament winner is determined by the **HEAVIEST OVERALL WEIGHT**. This can result from a single cobia or the combined weight of (2) cobia. In the event of identical combined weights, the boat with the earliest weigh-in time will determine the winner. Teams may weigh no more than (2) fish. Any fish that is weighed should be completed by the Weighmaster and recorded on the scorecard and the official spreadsheet. The decision of the Weighmaster will be final. Weigh stations will close at 4:00 PM on the day of the tournament and the awards ceremony will follow at 6 PM sharp.

For more information, please use one of the following:

**Phone:** 804.453.5325 | **Email:** [info@nnksaltwatershootout.com](mailto:info@nnksaltwatershootout.com) | **Web:** [www.fishnnkss.com](http://www.fishnnkss.com)

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10. The youth division includes all persons age 16 and under. The “Y” tag is for youth entries only. Only one cobia is required for a youth entry; the heaviest cobia determines the winner of the youth division. The Lady Angler division will be for all female anglers and will have a “L” tag for Lady Angler entries only. Only one cobia is required for a Lady Angler entry; the heaviest cobia determines the winner of the Lady Angler division.
11. Prize money – checks will be made payable to the applicant or authorized agent of the winning boat as designated on the official entry form. Checks will be awarded the day of the tournament.
12. There is no limit on the number of eligible anglers per boat.
13. Only Cobia may be entered into the official tournament.
14. All fish must be caught on hook and line.
15. Lady Angler and Youth fish are **not** eligible for the Calcutta.
16. Two or more boats congregating close enough to pass fish may be disqualified from the tournament.
17. The Tournament Committee will monitor VHF radio continuously starting at 1:00 PM on VHF channel 71.
18. The official Weighmaster will be located at Buzzard’s Point Marina. He/She will only accept fish for the weigh-in which have been presented to his representatives by eligible boats at a dock, or are accompanied by one of his representatives when brought by land to Buzzard’s Point Marina. Do not leave your boat and bring fish to the weigh stations yourself, they will not be accepted.
19. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any boat, team or person.
20. At no time is any tournament boat permitted to touch land prior to weighing fish. In the case of an emergency please notify the tournament director and a decision will be made.

**BY SIGNING THE ENTRY FORM AND PAYING THE ENTRY FEE, MY TEAM AND I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE HAVE READ THE RULES AND REGULATIONS FORUM SELECTION/INDEMNIFICATION AND ARE BOUND BY THE SAME.**

Forum Selection/Indemnification – All participants, owners of vessels, and owner(s) pro hac vice, consent and agree that the sole and exclusive venue for any lawsuit for property damage, personal injury, wrongful death, or contract disputes arising out of or relating to this agreement and/or a vessel's participation in the 2024 NNK Saltwater Shootout Tournament, shall be the Northumberland Circuit Court in Northumberland County, Virginia. Any participant whose action causes Buzzard’s Point Marina, NNK Saltwater Shootout Tournament, and/or Butlers Bait & Tackle, its officers, directors, sponsors, owners and employees to incur legal expenses, shall indemnify, hold harmless and reimburse said persons or entities from such costs. The rules and regulations shall also be binding on my heirs, executors, administrator, or assignees.

*“We thank you and look forward to good fishing, great weather, and lasting memories...”*

The NNK Saltwater Shootout Tournament Committee

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