

Westport Striped Bass Club

5_23_2026 WSBC Rules and Regulations

Revision note: Striped Bass measurement language has been updated to measure from snout to fork of tail instead of to the end of the tail.

Mission Statement

The Westport Striped Bass Club (WSBC) was established in 1962 by dedicated fishermen for the promotion, protection and conservation of the striped bass and other fish from our Long Island Sound waters. We share a passion and dedication to increase the knowledge related to fishing for our WSBC members, while developing lifelong friendships and camaraderie in our shared love for fishing and striped bass.

Eat Sleep Fish!

Rules and Regulations

Annual Contest: Will run from April through November if fish are in season.

Striped Bass is by measurement only. For a person to win over an earlier entry, the fish must exceed the previous entry by 1/4 inch. Otherwise the submission would be second to the initial entry.

SURF CATEGORY: Striped Bass caught from the Surf will compete equally for largest Striped Bass for the year.

Surf Striped Bass caught will have its own specific category and a special recognition and may also qualify for the largest of the year.

Overall Fisherman of the Year - April through November

The angler with the most points at the end of the year will be the FISHERMAN OF THE YEAR. Points are earned by achieving standings in the Annual Contest and Derbies. The points earned in each category will be added up. Person with most points will be the winner.

General Rules

All fish must be caught in a sporting manner on hook and line. No intentional snagging or gaffing of either live or dead fish not attached to your line.

- 1) Fish must be caught in season in the waters fished. Season is considered regulations established by CT DEP and NY DEP, regardless of where fish is caught.
- 2) You must be a dues-paying member prior to catching an eligible fish for submission.
- 3) You must have attended at least 3 club events to qualify for an annual prize at the end of the year.
- 4) Official weigh-in is as follows:
 - Black Rock Bait and Tackle - Bridgeport
 - Fisherman's World - Norwalk
 - South Norwalk Boat Club - Norwalk
 - Other Boat Clubs WITH CERTIFIED SCALE

It is the responsibility of the person submitting the fish to obtain proof of certification of scale.

5) Measurement for Striped Bass MUST be used in place of weigh-in. Measurement is based on fish length from the closed-mouth snout to the fork of the tail, as follows:

- A tape measure CLEARLY showing inches must be used at time of measurement. Fish line, string, rope, etc. will not qualify.
- Fish must either be placed on top of the tape measure or beside the tape measure. The tape measure may not be placed on top of the fish. This is to reduce the benefit from curvature.
- Photo is required for submission, CLEARLY showing the entire fish and measurement.

6) A hand scale or Boga Grip for species may be used in place of a weigh-in with the exception of Striped Bass, which is strictly based on measurement as indicated.

Rules as follows:

- The scale must be made available if the fish committee chooses to calibrate the weight. The fish committee reserves the right to adjust the weight based on calibration to a second scale.
- All fish weighed in on hand scale or Boga Grip will be subject to:
 - Hand Scales - a -1/2 lb adjustment for fish over 10 lbs and -1/4 lb adjustment for fish under 10 lbs.
 - Boga Grip - a 1 lb adjustment for all weights.

7) All entries must be within 3 days from the catch, except for derbies, which must be entered within 48 hours of the catch.

- A signed affidavit, or slip of paper, by an employee or witness, showing your name, type of fish, weight, date caught and the signed paper of an employee of the tackle dealer. Affidavit can be handed in at meeting to a fish committee member or it can be emailed in.
- A picture of fish on scale with weight showing.
- Submit information including name, date caught, species weight or measurement, general location such as Norwalk, Eaton's Neck, Stamford, Westport, etc. Include your email and phone number.
- Electronic submission through www.westportstripedbassclub.com in the Contact page.

ALL ENTRIES MUST PROVIDE: Name, Date, Fish Length/Weight, Weigh Station, Boat or Surf Caught, General Location of catch.

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TEXT SUBMISSIONS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

8) Boundaries - All fish must be caught within club boundaries. Boundaries for ALL Westport Striped Bass Club contests are as follows:

- Milford Point to Port Jefferson Harbor East Point.
- Byrum River West Bank Greenwich to Matinecock Point.
- Boats must leave from within the CT shore boundary. No fish will be accepted from a NY shoreline departure.
- All CT & NY Waters within these boundaries, including estuaries, harbors, etc. All within demarcation zone for salt water are eligible waters, providing your port is from inbound CT.

- 9) The standing will be posted on the club website and read monthly at each meeting.
- 10) It is the sole responsibility of anyone who enters a fish to make sure it is accounted for properly. If there is a discrepancy it should be emailed to westportstripedbassclub@gmail.com.

Discrepancies that are more than 45 days old will not be re-examined by the fish committee.

- 11) In the event of a tie for standings, the first fish weighed in wins. In the event of a tie for derbies, the tied positions will split the total of the 2 prizes. In the event of a tie for Fisherman of the Year, whoever attended more meetings in that year breaks the tie and wins. If there is a discrepancy, the decision of the fish committee will be final. The committee has the right to make changes, interpretations and exceptions above rules to maintain fair play and sportsmanship.
- 12) Derby standings will be sent out as often as possible and posted on the website during the entire contest to minimize keeping small or non-weighing fish unnecessarily.
- 13) If a category is still open after the contest ends, if feasible, it will be extended for the open position, otherwise the money will be donated back to the club.

**Any submissions of photos to Westport Striped Bass Club may be used for the promotion of the club or club sponsored events.*

Fish Committee

Awards will be subject to the decision of the fish committee.

The Fish Committee is made up of the following members:

Name	Role
Gary Innes	Fish Committee Chairman
Bill Beck	Fish Committee Member
Mark Hiller	Special Events & Fishing Committee
Bill Beke	Special Events & Fishing Committee
Gianfranco Zaffina	Special Events & Fishing Committee

At times the fish committee may challenge a submission based on hearsay or choose to validate a fish by inquiries from other members. All members are subject to challenge regardless of status or tenor with the club. This is only done to maintain the integrity of the contest, so please don't be offended if we ask a question or two. The committee will vote. In the event of a complete tie, the President of the WSBC will break the tie.