



You are confirmed for the 2009 FCA Manhattan Cup!

The Live Release Division weigh-in will be carried live over the Internet by [www.ESPN.com](http://www.ESPN.com)

Everyone's cooperation at the Live Release weigh-in will ensure a smooth broadcast. No fish will be weighed before 4:00PM. Please review the Live Release instructions carefully. We want to take the fish from your boat, weigh it, and immediately release it.

Please plan to arrive at Chelsea Pier by 7:00AM. All bait, equipment, and ice for soft drinks should be on your boat before your arrival. Please keep your radio on CH68 so that Tournament Officials and Surfside 3 Marina Staff can communicate with you as you prepare to dock.

Captains Meeting will take place at 8:30 – we need your full cooperation and attention to get through the Meeting and start the Tournament on time – THANK YOU!

Thank you in advance for your participation – without you there would be no Tournament.

Please be aware that we are 100 percent booked for the Tournament – if you don't show up, the team assigned to your boat *does not get to fish!!* We want to avoid that at all costs.

Included in this email you will find all Tournament Rules, along with a separate set of rules and instructions for the Live Release Division. If you need a Striper Tube, information for getting one is included with the Live Release Instructions.

If you have *any* issues on the day of the Tournament, please call one of the following individuals immediately:

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## Tournament Rules

1. All participants must comply with all Coast Guard laws and rules, local law enforcement laws as well as New York State DEC and New Jersey DEP laws.
2. IGFA rules apply in this tournament unless otherwise stated. It is the responsibility of each team and crew member to know, understand and abide by the IGFA and Manhattan Cup Tournament rules during this competition. For a complete list of the IGFA rules, go to [www.igfa.org](http://www.igfa.org)
3. No treble hooks may be used while live bait fishing.
4. Trolling is prohibited.
5. A Captains Meeting will be held at Chelsea Pier Brewery on Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM
6. Fishing shall begin Friday May 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM
7. Weigh-in times will be NO LATER than 4:00PM at the Chelsea Pier Brewery. Scoring Tally Sheets are due to the respective Weigh Masters.
8. The Official Weigh-in Stations are located at the Chelsea Pier Brewery.
9. Captains are RESPONSIBLE for presenting the Official Scorer / Weigh Master with the completed Scoring Tally Sheets for each boat. The Official Scorer / Weigh Master will ONLY ACCEPT official Scoring Tally Sheets for consideration. NO TALLY SHEET, NO ENTRY, NO EXCEPTIONS!
10. The largest fish in each category will be determined by the following formula: length X girth squared / 800. Length should be determined using the official tape measure provided measuring over the fish (a curved measurement) from the lower lip to the fork in the tail.
11. The largest overall fish will be the Tournament winner. An Angler can only win the Tournament or division with a single fish.
12. Trophies will be awarded to the Captain and Participant in each of the following categories:
  - Largest Striped Bass (Artificial, Bait, Fly)
  - Largest Bluefish (Artificial, Bait, Fly)
  - Largest Weakfish (Artificial, Bait, Fly)
  - High Hook for Captain and Angler – Most Striped Bass caught and released. Winning Captain is determined by dividing the number of total Striped Bass released by the number of anglers on the boat.

Trophies will be awarded to the Angler in the Private Boat Division for:

- Largest Striped Bass
- Largest Bluefish
- Largest Weakfish

Smallest Striped Bass Award – Angler who releases the smallest Striped Bass.

13. All prizes shall be awarded starting at 6:00PM at the Chelsea Pier Brewery.
14. Ch.68 will be used of official Tournament Communication.
15. The Official Time will be USGPS time.
16. THE DECISIONS OF THE SCORING COMMITTEE ARE FINAL.