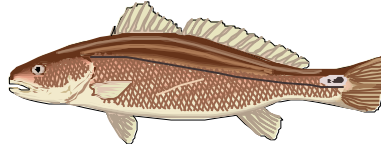


Tidewater Angler's Club



OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK MONTHLY AWARDS

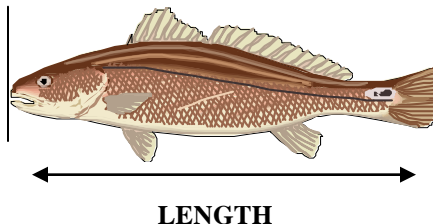
Items considered will be size of fish and tackle employed. Entries must be made on the Prize Fish Form and may be accompanied by your story of what you consider an outstanding experience. Any species of finfish will be eligible.

****Decisions of the Prize Fish Committee will be final****

THE ANNUAL PRIZE-FISHING CONTEST - RULES and CONDITIONS - AS REVISED IN January 2011

1. All blanks, except girth, on entry forms must be completely filled in to be considered for an award.
2. **This contest will run from January 1 through December 31.** Entry forms must be in the hands of the Prize Fish Committee by the second (2) meeting following the date of capture. Exception: Entry forms for fish captured in December must be in the hands of the committee by the next general club meeting in January. Any entry forms not received within this period will not be accepted.
3. The territorial limits for this contest shall be the entire states of Virginia, North Carolina, and Maryland.
4. Only fish taken on hook and line during the open season and from waters open to the public for fishing are acceptable as entries. No assistance at the rod or line shall be permitted, except holding the leader while the fish is being gaffed or boated. There are no restrictions on tackle specifications.
5. This contest is open only to members of the T.A.C. **whose dues have been paid before the date of capture.**
6. Fish must be weighed on tested public scales in the presence of one signing witness. Fish will be judged to the nearest ounce.
7. No member shall receive more than one award for the same species of fish in the annual contest.
8. Entries in the monthly contest will be considered in the annual contest for size and weight only if they are among the established annual classes and meet the rules on this page.
9. Acceptability of fish entered will be entirely within the discretion of the Prize Fish Committee, whose decision will be final.
10. In case of a tie, length, then date of capture, then first fish submitted will be used to determine the winner.
11. Regular Awards based on **weight**: eligible fish must be at least **50%** of the minimum **weight** required for a Virginia Citation.
12. Release Awards based on **length**: eligible fish must be at least 75% of the minimum length required for a Virginia Citation rounded up to the next inch.
13. Junior Awards: there is no minimum length or weight requirement, all fish are eligible. (Juniors—members age 15 and under).

HOW TO MEASURE



A first and second place award will be offered in each class and will be presented at the annual banquet.

There will be monthly awards for outstanding catches in fresh and salt water.

All species are eligible for the Fish of The Year Trophy.

Junior Angler Certificate Rules

TAC has reinstated a Junior Angler recognition award as of the April board meeting: The Prize Fish Committee will be presenting Certificates for fish submitted by Junior Anglers with the completed TAC Prize Fish Award form that meet or exceed 25% of the weight to earn a Virginia Citation. Those Certificates will be presented at the General Membership meeting following the board meeting. Junior Anglers' Prize Fish submissions will also be considered for the club's regular prize fish awards if they meet or exceed 50% of the Virginia Citation requirements for the species submitted

Requirements

1. Junior Anglers will still be eligible for Junior Angler trophies at the end of the year. However, to qualify for a 1st or 2nd place competition trophy Junior Anglers will still need to meet the 50% state citation requirement.
2. All entries must meet the Virginia's Recreational Fishing Regulations.
<https://webapps.mrc.virginia.gov/public/reports/swrecfishingrules.php>
3. To be eligible for a certificate **only**, a junior angler must meet 25% of the state citation requirement.
4. A prize fish form must be submitted to be eligible. Fish must be weighed on certified scale.
5. The certificate will be issued at the meeting following the receipt of the prize fish award.