



## **Tunny Tournament 2024**

**September 21, 2023**

### **1. REGISTRATION**

- a.** All teams must be registered by 11:59 pm EST on the 13th of September, 2024. A registration is defined as a team entry (shore or boat) purchased through the ASGA website with all angler information provided. Registration can be found at <https://www.saltwaterguidesassociation.org>.
- b.** The fee for a shore team registration is \$200 for a team of two (2) anglers. The fee for a boat team registration is \$600 for a team of two to four (2-4) anglers.

### **2. WAIVERS & PARTICIPATION**

- a.** All anglers must complete waivers to participate. Failure to do so by 11:59 pm EST on Sept 18th, 2024 date can result in disqualification. Online waiver portal will be emailed to all registered participants no later than September 15, 2024.

### **3. RULES**

- a.** Any questions or concerns regarding the rules as transcribed herein need to be submitted or addressed before September 15, 2024.
- b.** All participating anglers may ask questions regarding clarification of the rules to tournament personnel prior to the event at the captains bag pickup or via the email address listed on the event website. All participants in the tournament are responsible for knowing and abiding by all tournament rules.
- c.** Each angler must have a valid Massachusetts state fishing license. This responsibility falls solely on each participating angler.
- d.** All vessels must meet state & federal requirements for registration, safety gear, etc. Please refer to the USCG requirements.
- e.** This is a Catch and Release tournament. All fish recorded for the tournament must be released using best practices.

#### 4. CAPTAINS MEETING

- a. Captain's bag pickup will take place between 6-8 pm on Sept 20, 2024 in the Conference Center parking lot across the street from the West End in Hyannis, MA. Attendance by at least one representative of each team is required to receive the captain's bag and team token. If travel constraints limit your ability to attend the captains meeting, please contact tournament representatives at earliest possibility.
- b. Awards Ceremony will take place at 5:30 pm on Sept 21st, 2024 at the West End in Hyannis, Cape Cod. All anglers must be present to win. Any issues regarding vessels, vehicles or travel that could inhibit a qualifying team's ability to get to the Awards ceremony **MUST** be communicated to event staff ASAP.

#### 5. FISHING TIME

- a. This tournament is designed as a "remote launch". Anglers may travel by land or vessel to their starting spots on their own schedule. The tournament will officially start with lines in at 6:00 am EST on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Participating anglers are not to cast before 6:00am EST. Tournament fishing hours will end with lines out at 3:00 pm EST on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. A fish must be LANDED and PHOTOGRAPHED by the 3:00pm EST deadline. The GotOne App will utilize cellular device clock to upload the photo taken with the timestamp from the photo metadata.

#### 6. GEAR REQUIREMENTS

- a. Artificial lures and flies only. No bait or chumming permitted.
- b. This is a non-trolling, hook-and-line tournament. Standard spin tackle, conventional tackle and fly fishing setups only.
- c. Maximum leader class for both fly and spin divisions is 30lb breaking strength.

#### 7. BOUNDARIES



- a. For all boat teams, the tournament boundaries for the event are as listed on the official boundaries map. All vessels may launch at the location of their choice within tournament boundaries. List of relevant coordinates will be relayed to all registered teams.
- b. For all shore based teams, there is to be **NO USE** of boats, paddles, flippers, ladders or kayaks of any kind. Two feet must remain on ground and no swimming to a spot. If you can't get there by wading it's out of bounds. The western boundary line is the Massachusetts state line. Shore based anglers may every inch of shoreline within tournament boundaries extending west to the state boundary.

## 8. RECORDING/REPORTING CATCHES

- a. All catches will be submitted on The GotOne app. More information can be found at in captains bag materials and at the captains meeting regarding the app. All fish must be recorded in GotOne to be accepted for a tournament scorecard.
- b. Don't double count fish! The GotOne app has artificial intelligence technology that can recognize individual fish. Counting the same fish for multiple entries will result in disqualification.

## 9. POINTS & SCORING

- a. **Scoring for all entered fish will be as follows:**
  1. Spin Caught Boat – 50 points
  2. Fly Caught from Boat – 150 points
  3. Spin Caught From Shore – 100 points
  4. Fly Caught from Shore - 200 points

## 10. TOURNAMENT CATEGORIES

- a. There will be four categories awarded upon the completion of the tournament. All categories receive product bundles from event sponsors.
- b. No cash prizes will be awarded.
- c. Tournament Categories are as follows:
  1. **Shore Champion** – Most points recorded by a team from shore. **This is a team award.**
  2. **Boat Champion** – Most points recorded by a team from a boat. **This is a team award.**
  3. **Blitz Champion** - Most albies recorded by a team in either division. **This is a team award.**

4. **Albie Cup** - All anglers who record an albie in either division will be entered into a sweepstakes drawing. **This is an individual angler award.**

- d. Additional prizes may be announced leading up to or the conclusion of the tournament at discretion of tournament staff.

## 11. TIE BREAKERS

a. In the event of a tie by scoring in any category, the first tie-breaker will be the earliest timestamp of the first albie caught and released. In the event of a secondary tie-breaker being needed, the most false albacore landed will decide the winner. In the event of a third tie breaker being needed, the earliest time of registration will determine the winner.

## 12. FISH HANDLING

a. All anglers should prioritize fish vitality when handling qualifying fish. When recording your catch, limit the fish's time out of water to the best of your ability. Prepare your landing process beforehand. Have your phone ready to measure and record your catch. After confirming proper documentation, promptly return the fish to the water before completing any additional entry information.

- b. All fish must be recorded in the GotOne app. This app is free and available on all app stores - Apple iOS and Google Play.
- c. All false albacore are to be measured using fork length (as depicted on card in captain's bag and explained at captain's meeting). Please measure length with your best abilities while recognizing that length does not impact final scoring.
- d. All false albacore entered **MUST** be released in order to count for the tournament.

## 13. WEATHER

a. Please be cautious of weather forecasts and maritime warnings when planning your tournament day. Any gale warning greater than 40+ mph could result in suspension of either or both competition categories due to concerns for anglers safety. All weather decisions are at the discretion of tournament staff and will be communicated at first availability to registered participants.

## 14. FUNDRAISING

a. All proceeds raised from tournament entries, sponsorships and associated sweepstakes will go directly to The Albie Project, a multi-year research program run by the American Saltwater Guides Association.

## 15. REFUNDS

a. As the goal of this tournament is to fundraise for a coastwide, multi-year research project, no refunds will be given for tournament entries after September 10th, 2024.

b. In the event of extreme weather, tournament officials will communicate with all registered teams regarding the best possibility for successful tournament operation and best experience for all participants.

## **16. VIOLATION OF RULES**

a. All rules are enforced at the full discretion of tournament officials. All tournament officials have full and complete authority over the qualification of teams, their entries and final scoring. No exceptions and all decisions are final. Any breach of the rules may be investigated and may be pursued to the fullest extent under applicable law.