



Angler Registration Form

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street Address _____ PO Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

E-Mail _____

Division:

Adult ____ (\$50) Junior ____ (\$20) (16 or younger) Parent / *Junior ____ (\$50)

*Junior Name _____

Entrants must declare in advance the Style and Method by which they will fish. (Select one each)

Style:

Bait ____ Artificial Lures (Spin) ____ Flies ____

Method:

Boat ____ Shore ____

By signing this entry form, the registrant recognizes the inherent risks associated with water sports, agrees to abide by the tournament rules and acknowledges the 17 Rivers Striper Tournament, the organizers, sponsors, donors and all other persons associated with the event, shall be exempt from liability.

(Signed) _____ Date _____

Please make checks payable to: Maine Striper September LLC

Entry forms and checks can be submitted at sanctioned registration sites or mailed to:

Maine Striper September LLC
21 Abenaki Rd.
Phippsburg, ME 04562

For a list of sanctioned registration sites visit www.mainestriperseptember.com

Questions: Call Robert Fernald – Event Organizer (207) 389-1722 or E-Mail: rfernald@suscom-maine.net

Tournament Rules

The 17 Rivers Striper Tournament will run the entire month of September. **Start Date: Saturday, September 1st, 2007 – 12:01 AM through Sunday, September 30th, 2007 – 4:00 PM.**

Tournament fishing is permitted in the coastal waters of the mid-coast region of Maine from **Eagle Island (Harpwell) to Metinic Island (Owls Head)**. This coastal zone includes the tidal estuaries of the 17 Rivers (Androscoggin, Muddy, Cathance, Abagadasset, Kennebec, Eastern, Sasanoa, Back, Sheepscot, Cross, Marsh, Damariscotta, Johns, Pemaquid, Meduncook, St. George and Keskeag Rivers).

The 17 Rivers Striper Tournament is a **CATCH & RELEASE** Tournament. Anglers are encouraged to release all fish, but not prohibited from taking legal fish for personal consumption. Anglers may fish with bait, artificial lures and flies. We encourage the use of single hooks on all lures. CIRCLE HOOKS are recommended for bait fishermen, to minimize injury to fish.

Tournament registrants are permitted to utilize the services of a professional guide. Guides offer complete fishing packages and a wealth of expertise that can make your fishing experience a success. Visit the tournament web site for a list of "official tournament guides" at www.mainestriperseptember.com.

ANGLER REGISTRATION

Anglers registering for the tournament must designate a division they will participate in.

- The **Adult Division** is open to all persons over 16 years of age.
- The **Junior Division** is open to anglers 16 years of age or younger.
- The **Parent/Junior Division** is an entry fee discount, to encourage parents and children (16 or under) to fish together. An adult "sponsor" may enter in place of a parent using this category. *Take a kid fishing and open the door to a world of fun!*

**Those entering in the Parent/Junior Division shall register fish in the appropriate age category.*

All anglers must be registered 1 DAY BEFORE commencing to fish.

All tournament registrants will be issued an official **tournament registration card**.

FISH REGISTRATION

Stripers can be registered at Sanctioned Registration Sites (See Posters) or submitted by e-mail to the tournament organizer. Additional information will be posted at the official tournament website www.mainestriperseptember.com.

Photographs will be used to judge entries. Anglers are required to provide their own cameras and a tape measure. Two pictures of each striper must be submitted along with a signed Fish Registration Form (digital photos are preferred, but not required).

- **Picture one** must show the fisherman proudly displaying the catch. *Smile!*
- **Picture two** must clearly show the profile of the fish laid out on a flat surface. In the picture, the official **tournament registration card** and **tape measure** must be clearly visible along with the **fish**.

Tournament registrants may submit any pictures of their catches, but only fish exceeding 30" will qualify for prizes. Those pictures of fish

qualifying for prizes will be evaluated by trained professionals for image manipulation. Tournament organizers and sponsors reserve the right to use a contestants image for promotional purposes.

When registering a striper, anglers shall complete the Fish Registration Form providing full and certified information pertinent to the catch. By signing the Fish Registration Form, the angler attests to the accuracy of all information given.

Tournament organizers may disqualify from the tournament and future tournaments, any individual who falsifies information, violates the tournament rules, acts in a unsportsmanlike-like fashion or falsely testifies for or against another angler.

SCORING

To level the playing field for all participants and too encourage the use of artificial lures and flies, a scoring system will be used to place registered fish.

OFFICIAL SCORE = ((Fish Length) X Style) X Method

Length will be measured from the tip of the lower lip to the inner V of the tail.

Style reflects how the fish was caught... bait, artificial lure or flies. A weighting factor will be applied to favor the use of artificial lures and flies.

- Weighting Factor Bait = .75
- Weighting Factor Artificial Lures = .90
- Weighting Factor Flies = 1.0

Method reflects whether the fish was caught from shore or boat. Since boat fishermen have greater access and significantly greater mobility, the weighting factor will favor the shore fishermen.

- Weighting Factor Boat = .85
- Weighting Factor Shore = 1.0

Example: Length = 43.25" Style = Bait Method = Boat

OFFICIAL SCORE = ((43.25) X .75) X .85 = 27.57

PRIZES

Adult Division:	1st Place	\$2,500.00
	2nd Place	\$500.00
Junior Division:	1st Place	Tackle (\$150.00 Retail Value)
	2nd Place	Tackle (\$100.00 Retail Value)
	3rd Place	Tackle (\$50.00 Retail Value)
	4th Place	Tackle (\$25.00 Retail Value)

*Additional tackle and gift certificates will be awarded. These prizes represent tackle generously donated by sponsors. It is our intent to liberally distribute prizes in the Junior Division to encourage youth participation in outdoor activities and fishing.

Contestants are responsible for payment of taxes on all prizes awarded.

Tournament organizers retain sole discretion in determining the winners, awarding prizes and in the resolution of disputes among tournament participants.