



Interclub Bluefish Tournament, Inc. Safety Plan

The Interclub bluefish Tournament, Inc. (Interclub) is a limited liability corporation formed for the purpose of conducting an annual bluefish tournament on Long Island Sound and for conducting various other activities as shall be deemed appropriate in support of that purpose.

Interclub Management:

The Interclub is an entity comprised of various Sportsmen's clubs in southwestern Connecticut. It is managed by a board of Directors comprised of two representatives chosen by each of the respective Sportsmen's clubs.

Tournament location/geography:

The Interclub tournament is an eight-hour event (held from 5:00 AM to 1:00 PM) annually on Long Island Sound – the home waters of the member Sportsmen's clubs. (Boundaries: East: Faulkner's Island Light (41° 12.732' N, 072° 39.169' W) to Roanoke Point Shoal G-C"5" (41° 00.209' N, 072° 42.255' W). West: Greenwich Point N"34" (40° 59.913' N, 073° 33.883' W) (Stamford Harbor) to Rocky Point G"17" (40° 56.313' N, 073° 31.958' W) Centre Island, L.I., N.Y. Boundaries are also clarified to extend North (upstream) in the Housatonic River and upstream for all other rivers, streams and tributaries within our boundaries.) Accordingly, all participants enter the tournament by boat from their home marinas and/or yacht clubs where they normally moor their boats. At the completion of the eight-hour tournament the top three fish for each boat are presented for weigh-in at Captain's Cove Seaport in Black Rock Harbor, Bridgeport Connecticut. Fish to be weighted in can be transported to the weigh-in location either by boat or, after the boats return to their respective home moorings, by land vehicle. If transported by boat, following weigh-in the boats are returned to their respective home moorings.

Participant Documentation:

Prior to the tournament, each respective Sportsmen's club documents all participating vessels and fishermen. This document includes (but may not be limited to):

1. Vessel Name
2. Vessel documentation number
3. Vessel Captain's name

4. Names of each crew member

This documentation of participants is submitted to the Interclub board of Directors.

Interclub Safety Plan:

A. Weather Conditions:

The Interclub Board of Direct appoints a Weather Cancellation Committee consisting of the two representatives from three of the member Sportsmen's clubs. In the event of forecast inclement weather that would present a hazard to participating boats, the committee can cancel the tournament. A decision to cancel is communicated through repeated broadcasts between the hours of 4:30 AM and 5:00 AM via VHF channel 68. At the discretion of the Interclub Board of Directors, the tournament may be rescheduled for a later date.

B. Boater Safety:

All participating boat captains are required to fully comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulation. All boats are to be equipped with mandated safety equipment and gear. (Connecticut Boater's Guide http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2686&q=322292&deepNav_GID=1620)

C. Sportsmen's Club Safety

On-water safety is the responsibility of the respective Sportsmen's Clubs. Each club has established practices of safety and on-water communication in accordance with their local practices and as applicable to their respective local regattas, tournaments and similar events. The communications to the participating boats takes place at the Committee Meeting of the two Club Representatives, 7:00pm, August 9, 2017 at Miamogue Yacht Club, Bridgeport And then the Club Representatives meet with their respective Club's participants, August 10 or 11. Such practices may include, but are not limited to:

1. VHS communications
2. Telephone or cell phone "chains" of periodic communication or "roll call."
3. On-water line of sight practices.

D. United States Coast Guard notification the day of the tournament

It is the responsibility of the Interclub Bluefish Tournament to contact the United States Coast Guard, Waterways Management, Sector Long Island, New Haven if there are any changes to the tournament, including the number of participants and/or expected spectators, location, or any other significant changes that may necessitate reconsideration as to of this activity. Before the tournament begins (5:00 AM) and after it ends (1:00 PM) an Officer of the Interclub Bluefish Tournament must notify the United States Coast Guard with the number of boats participating in the Tournament at the two locations below;

1. USCG STA Eatons Neck at (631)261-6959 and
2. USCG STA New Haven at (203)468-4497