



Suffolk Ducks Unlimited 2023 Croaker Classic & Crab Feast Entry Form

Suffolk Ducks Unlimited will host its **7th Annual Croaker Classic & Crab Feast** at the Nansemond River Duck Club on **August 19, 2023**. This is an all age's, family event that that will include a day of fishing on the Nansemond River followed by a weigh in, raffles, awards, and steamed blue crabs and low country boil. Participants can launch from any desired ramp or dock; however, tournament registration includes 1 launch from Butler's Ramp in Suffolk.

General Boat Entry (4 People) includes 1 DU Bronze Sponsorship for the Captain, 3 DU memberships for the team.

Corporate Boat Entry includes the same as the General Boat Entry PLUS an Event Banner.

General Boat & Party Entry \$400.00

Corporate Boat & Party Entry \$650.00 (Includes Event Banner)

Tournament Winner is the boat with the 3 Largest Combined Croaker.

\$500 PURSE FOR THE WINNING BOAT!!!!

Captain's Name: _____ **Boat/Team Name:** _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Phone:** _____

State: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Boat Registration numbers:** _____

Additional Bronze Sponsor Upgrades: _____ (1-3) @ \$250.00 each. **Name(s):** _____

The Croaker Classic also offers additional Calcuttas to enter at the boats option as follows:

Calcutta Entry - Check all that apply

- _____ **Largest Croaker Calcutta \$100.00/Boat** - Pays 50/50 Cash to the boat with the single heaviest Croaker weighed.
- _____ **Puppy Drum Calcutta \$100.00/Boat** - Pays 50/50 Cash to the boat with the single heaviest Puppy Drum weighed.
- _____ **Catfish Calcutta \$100.00/Boat** - Pays 50/50 Cash to the boat with the single heaviest Catfish weighed.
- _____ **Youth Croaker Calcutta \$50.00/Person** - Pays 50/50 Cash to the single heaviest Croaker caught by angler under 14 years of age.

Purchase your Tickets Online at:

<http://www.ducks.org/virginia/events>

OR

[**FACEBOOK @ Suffolk Ducks Unlimited**](#)



Suffolk Ducks Unlimited 2023 Croaker Classic Sponsorship Options

Not able to fish, but still want to be part of the action! Please consider supporting the Suffolk Ducks Unlimited Croaker Classic with the sponsorship options below.

- _____ **\$100 Single DU Membership** - This enables 1 person entry to the event, but not the fishing tournament. The participant also receives a DU Membership.
- _____ **\$300 Corporate Event Sponsor - Includes only Event Banner** – If you cannot attend but would like your corporate banner hung at the event.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Event Schedule:

- 12:01 A.M. Fishing can commence; 1:30 P.M. Lines out of the Water.
- 1:30 - 2:30 Weigh-In at the Nansemond River Duck Club
- 1:30 - 4:00 Crabs, Low Country Boil, Beer, and Raffles at the NRDC
- 3:00 Awards Ceremony
- 6:00 Final Boat Shuttle Departs NRDC to Butler's Ramp,

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Event Entry, Inquiries, or Questions?

Contact: Ross Greene, Area Chairman - rgreene@pendercoward.com or (757) 705-2407

Contact: Kevin Neal, Weigh Master - (757) 647-6130



Suffolk Ducks Unlimited Croaker Classic & Crab Feast 2023 Rules and Regulations

1. No participant is to have a baited line in the water before 12:01 A.M. or after 1:30 P.M. on August 19, 2023; THIS MEANS YOU CAN START FISHING JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT IF YOU WANT TO, BUT YOU DO NOT HAVE TO START AT THAT TIME.
2. The down-river tournament boundary will be the CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE TUNNEL. Boats may fish as far upriver as they please.
3. Weigh in opens at 1:30 p.m. and closes at 2:30 p.m. Any team not in the weigh line by 2:30 p.m. will be disqualified.
4. Each team will determine their 3 heaviest croaker fish and submit them to the Weigh Master (KEVIN NEAL) for final weight. Teams may only weigh once, and the Weigh Master's records are final.
5. The Weigh Master will be located at the Nansemond River Duck Club. Fish will be inspected at weigh in and shall be kept in good, fresh, and edible condition by the participants. Any fish that appears to be mutilated or decayed will be disqualified.
6. Fish are to be taken by hook and line only.
7. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to refuse entry to any person.
8. This is a Rain or Shine event that will raise money for wetland conservation.
9. Fisherman will fish at their own discretion and accept full responsibility for their vessel and crew, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations regarding fishing licenses, vessel permits, fishing gear, season size limits, and bag limits. For purpose of safety, all boats must adhere to all US Coast Guard and VMRC regulations. Participants shall also adhere to all Tournament rules as contained herein.
10. The Tournament Committee will hear any protests in private. Decisions of the Tournament Committee will be made by the Tournament Committee in their sole and absolute discretion. All decisions by the Tournament Committee are final and are not subject to further challenge by participants in any way.
11. Sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation are expected from every fisherman.

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