

Inaugural Colonial Cobia Classic - August 5-6, 2023

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT RULES

COBIA PRIZES (BY WEIGHT)		
GRAND PRIZE \$5000		
2 ND Place \$3,000 3 RD Place \$1,500		
Daily Big Fish \$500	Lady Angler Big Fish \$500 (Combined Days)	Youth "Rubber Ducky" Big Fish \$500 (Combined Days)
*BASED OFF A 20 BOAT ENTRY, PRIZE MONEY WILL GO UP IF MORE BOATS REGISTER *		

1. Entrants must register by 12:00 noon August 4, 2023. Last minute entries will be accepted at the discretion of the HTDU Committee.
2. Entry fees will be: \$800.00 for two days or \$500 for a single day.
3. The **MANDATORY** Captain's meeting will be held on Friday, August 4, 2023 at the Yorktown Freight Shed from 6:30-8:30 PM. If the Captain is unable to attend, he or she may send a crew member in his/her place.
4. All participants must comply with all current Federal and Virginia Saltwater Fishing Regulations. Failure to do so will result in immediate disqualification.
5. Each boat must prominently display a placard (issued by the HTDU Committee at the Captain's meeting). This placard **must** be displayed at all times during the tournament.
6. The tournament will be two days: Saturday August 5 & Sunday August 6th. The tournament will be held, regardless of weather. Fishing is at your own risk.
7. Any boat may be boarded by tournament representatives for a thorough inspection of fish boxes, bilges, containers, and compartments at any time.
8. **WEIGH STATION:** The Tournament weigh station is located at the Riverwalk Piers in Yorktown, Virginia. Recorded weights at the time of measurement are final. Fish must be weighed in by **5:00 PM SHARP** each day! If you are standing in line at 5:00 PM, your fish will be weighed. If you are approaching the weigh station and not in line, your fish will not be weighed. You are allowed to check two (2) cobia per boat, per day. Cobia **MUST** be a minimum of 40" to be eligible for weigh-in.
9. No lines in the water before 6:00 AM each day. No bait fishing or chumming prior to 6:00 AM.
10. **Boundaries:** Virginia and Federal waters of the Chesapeake Bay (no tributaries). Boundaries are subject to enforcement by committee boats, and fellow participants. Out of bounds will result in disqualification without refund.
11. All fish entered in this tournament must be caught by hook and line. All fish entered will be subject to examination, externally and internally, as the judges deem necessary. Any fish found to have its weight manipulated shall be disqualified. Judges reserve the right to delay any award should the fish need additional testing to determine the legality of the fish. In case of fraud, the entrant will forfeit all prizes and may be subject to prosecution. All protests shall be made in writing to the judge no later than one hour after the last fish has been weighed. Challenges shall

not be considered without a proper protest filed- All decisions by the judges are final. In case of a tie, the earliest time of weigh-in will determine the winner.

12. Any individual fish may only win one (1) prize.
13. All communications between judges and fisherman will be monitored on and VHF Channel # 72. There will be a fish report on these channels on the hour, every hour. Please be courteous at these times so everyone may hear reports.
14. Entry fee must accompany application. Payment required online upon completion of the application. Register/pay online : <https://ducksunlimited.myeventscenter.com/event/Ducks-Unlimited-Inaugural-Colonial-Cobia-Classic-78429>
15. As participants in this year's Inaugural Colonial Cobia Classic to be held at Riverwalk Piers in Yorktown, Virginia, knowing the risks and dangers involved in such activities and any unanticipated dangers that may develop, you agree to hold harmless and discharge the sponsor, namely York County, The Freight Shed, Historic Triangle DU, Ducks Unlimited and all event sponsors, their assigns, lessees, agents, employees and directors, from any and all damages, demands, actions, cost and/or expenses by or on behalf arising out of personal injury, property damage and or accidents incurred by participants engaged in the Inaugural Colonial Cobia Classic.
16. Entrants are strongly encouraged to release all fish not eligible for the tournament or which they do not want for personal consumption. Please help preserve our precious resources. All fish must be 40" to be eligible for weigh-in.
17. By registering to participate in this tournament, all participants consent to the use without payment or restrictions, of any photographs and his or her name in which the captain, crew and/or boat appear for any purposes whatsoever.
18. Lucky Duck Tournament: Prize money increases and decreases proportionately to the number of boats entered. To be eligible, boats must be entered into the Main Tournament and abide by all Tournament Rules. Winners are determined by the heaviest cobia (by weight), during the Main Tournament by those entering the Lucky Duck Tournament. Ten percent (10%) of the proceeds will go towards the Historic Triangle Ducks Unlimited. Participation in the Lucky Duck Tournament is optional. Entrants in the Lucky Duck Tournament may participate in any one or multiple levels: \$500, \$250, (1st – 50%, 2nd = 25%, 3rd = 15%) and Winner Take All \$250 (90%).
19. Lady Angler – the largest fish wins \$500. In case of a tie, the first fish brought in will win. Fish may also be entered in the main event.
20. Rubber Ducky – Children 17 years old and under may participate. The largest fish wins \$500. In case of a tie, the first fish brought in will win. Fish may also be entered in the main event.
21. Anglers are responsible for all applicable taxes on prizes received.
22. Awards reception will being at 7:00pm at The Yorktown Freight Shed in Yorktown, Virginia.

Boat Name: _____

Captain: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____