



The Colonial Croaker Classic **2025 Entry Form**

The County of York and the Historic Triangle Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will host the first Colonial Croaker Classic at the Freight Shed at Riverwalk Landing in Historic Yorktown.

This is an all age's event that that will include a day of fishing on the York River, and any other river in the Chesapeake Bay and the bay to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel followed by a weigh in each day, Sunday awards ceremony, raffles, trophies, and food and drinks. Participants can launch from any desired ramp or fishing from any shore or pier. The eligible fishing area is the whole Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries extending downriver to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge Tunnel. Lines are in the water each day no earlier than 6am and the weigh in at the Freight Shed will be open from 2pm-5:30pm both Saturday and Sunday.

1.General Fishing Team Entry – (4 people) Includes 4 DU memberships for the team and 4 tickets to the Awards reception on Sunday Aug 3, 2025 at the Freight Shed in Historic Yorktown. (The 4 person fishing team can fish from boat, kayak, shore, or pier) \$200

\$500 Purse for the Winning Fishing Team

Tournament winner is Fishing Team with the 3 biggest Croaker (combined weight of all 3 fish)

Captain's

Name:_____ **Boat/TeamName:**_____

Address:_____ **City:**_____

Phone:_____ **State:**_____ **Zipcode:**_____

2nd Anglers Name: _____

3rd Anglers Name:_____

4th Anglers Name:_____

(If fishing from Boat)

Boat Registration numbers:_____

The Colonial Croaker Classic also offers additional Calcuttas to enter at the teams 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 legal Puppy Drum weighed.
- _____ Flounder Calcutta \$100.00/Boat - Pays 50/50 Cash to the boat with the single heaviest legal Flounder weighed.
- _____ Youth Angler Croaker Calcutta \$50.00/Person - Pays 50/50 Cash to the single heaviest Croaker caught by angler under 14 years of age.
- _____ Lady Angler Croaker Calcutta \$50.00/Person - Pays 50/50 Cash to the single heaviest Croaker caught by a Lady Angler. (A Youth Lady Angler could win both the Lady and Youth if entered into both)

Colonial Croaker Classic 2025 Rules and Regulations

1. No participant is to have a baited line in the water before 6:00 A.M. on August 2nd or 3rd, 2025 depending on what day your fishing team registered to fish.
2. Fishing teams can register to fish either Saturday or Sunday. Fishing teams may pay and register to fish both days, but each team is only allowed to have one string of their three biggest croakers on the leaderboard. For example: If a team pays to fish both days and Saturday their three fish weight is 3lb, and Sunday their three fish weight is 3.2lbs. That teams heaviest weight will be put on the leaderboard for the tournament.
3. The down-river tournament boundary will be the CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE TUNNEL. Boats may fish as far upriver and bay as they please.
3. Weigh in opens at 2 p.m. and closes at 5:30 p.m. Any team not in the weigh line by 5:30 p.m. will be disqualified. The weigh in will be at the Freight Shed in Historic Yorktown VA
4. Each team will determine their 3 heaviest croaker fish and submit them to the Weigh Master (Capt. James Scruggs) 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 Freight Shed in Historic Yorktown VA. 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 wetlands 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.

MISSION STATEMENT: Ducks Unlimited Inc. conserves, restores, and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. These habitats also benefit other wildlife and people. Since its founding in 1937, DU has raised nearly \$4 billion, which has contributed to the conservation of more than 13.3 million acres of prime wildlife habitat in all 50 states, each of the Canadian provinces, and in key areas of Mexico. In the United States alone, DU has helped conserve 5 million acres of waterfowl habitat. Some 900 species of wildlife live and flourish on DU projects, including many threatened and endangered species