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August 22-24, 2008 - Salem, MA

Please join us for the fourth annual Mass Bay Striper Shootout organized by New England Kayak Fishing. The event will be centered on Winter Island in Salem, Massachusetts on August 22nd through the 24th and is catch, photo, and release tournament. Details and rules are subject to change. Please check the NEKF site (www.newenglandkayakfishing.com) prior to the tournament for any changes or additions.

Proceeds from the Tournament will go to support the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Salem and the Cycle for Life/Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center.

Event Information

- **Eligibility:** The 2008 Mass Bay Striper Shootout is open to kayak anglers age 18 and over.
- **Registration:** The registration fee of \$50.00 is due on or before July 22nd. Any entry received after July 22 will be \$60. All entries must be received before August 22. Entry forms can be printed out online at www.newenglandkayakfishing.com and paid through PayPal, or contact NEKF to make arrangements. Liability waivers must be signed & turned in to a tournament official prior to launching either by mail, scanned and emailed,

or in person at one of the captain's meetings held on Winter Island. **Registration fee includes a BBQ and entry into a prize raffle held following the tournament.**

- **Safety:** All registered anglers are required to wear a PFD and observe Massachusetts Boating laws.
- **Mandatory Captain's Meeting:** Captains' meetings will be held Friday August 22nd from 5pm -8pm on Winter Island. A second meeting will be held on Saturday August 23rd from 6am - 9am on Winter Island for those who cannot make the meeting Friday night. Anglers must attend either meeting prior to launching for the tournament. Angler should file a float plan that includes emergency contact information. Tournament staff will initiate a missing person report, if an angler does not check in by 1pm on Sunday.
- **Tournament Start and End Time:** The tournament start time is August 22nd at 7pm. Picture submission will be at 12pm sharp August 24th. No submissions will be accepted after 12pm August 24th 2008. The picture submission will be followed by a bbq and trophy ceremonies.
- **Radios and Cell Phones:** Are allowed

Fishing Information

- There will be two divisions for entry in the tournament, open class and fly fishing only.
- **Open class:** The use of artificial, live bait or dead bait, and chumming is allowed.
- **Fly Fishing class:** Fly division is for fly fishing only, no bait, spinning, conventional or non fly fishing rods & reels are allowed on or in your kayak.
- **Prohibited:** The use of an explosive device to stun or kill fish is not allowed.
- **Fishing Locations:** The fishing locations for this tournament will be in the waters of Massachusetts Bay within a 30 mile radius centering at Winter Island in Salem, Massachusetts.

Scoring and Additional Rules

- **Scoring:** Longest fish wins. In the event of a tie, the second largest fish of the participants that are tied for longest fish will determine the winner. A tie beyond that will go to third largest fish and so on. Because of this, it is very important to document every fish you wish to submit for judging.
- This is a catch, photo, & release event. Cameras can be digital, disposable or other. It is up to the angler to have pictures to view by the weigh in. Please bring USB port cables for digital cams. Also, if your camera requires special software to access the images, it will be necessary to bring that software. For non digital cameras or any other style camera, anglers must have the film developed and brought back in time for check-in.
- Judging will be done from all submitted photos. Your kayak must be (at least partly) visible in the photo, along with the supplied identifier. NEKF will hand out an identifier at the captains' meeting. Anglers should write down the length of each fish caught to the nearest 1/4". Length is from the lips to the tip of the unpinched tail. Photos should show the fish with the supplied identifier. Anglers should make their best effort to show the fish in its entirety.

Prizes:

Trophies will be awarded for the top 3 places in each category.

There will also be a giant raffle held after the trophy ceremony that includes over \$10,000 in donated items by our very generous sponsors. The entire prize list to be posted online in June. Each tournament participant will receive one raffle ticket good for the raffle. Additional tickets will NOT be sold for this giveaway. Must be checked in by 12pm & present to be eligible.