



Tappahannock Rotary Andrew Reavis Memorial Big Croaker Tournament



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Dear Fisherman,

This year is our 16th Annual Tappahannock Rotary Club Croaker Tournament! We are committed to holding the line on entry fees at the same level as last year. Remember, it pays to register early! Those who register before May 1st will save \$25 off the normal entry fee and receive one free t-shirt.

The Tournament will be supported from our regular locations, the Dock Street ramp in Tappahannock, Garrett's Marina is the Tournament Headquarters. For your convenience, you may have your prize catch tagged and checked in at June Parker Marina or the Dock Street ramp and transferred by Rotary Club contest officials to the final weigh-in at Garrett's Marina.

So, mark your calendars for May 18th, gather your friends, and visit us online at www.bigcroaker.com where you can conveniently register your boat, order your T-shirts, and pay by credit card. If you prefer, you are welcome to fill out the registration entry form below and mail it with your check for your registration fee and extra T-shirts ordered. The registration fee for 2019 remains \$150 per boat, but it is discounted to \$125 per boat for registrations paid online or postmarked before May 1, 2019. Registrations before May 1st will also include one free T-shirt per entry. Additional T-shirts may also be ordered online or by the registration entry form below. Full tournament rules are online at www.bigcroaker.com and on the back of this form.

If you register online, your registration will be confirmed online. All Captain's packages and T-shirts for those registering before May 1 and after May 1 will be available for pickup on Friday, May 17th (5 to 7pm) at Roma's Restaurant in Tappahannock. Captains' packages and T-shirts not picked up at Roma's on May 17th will be available at your launch point. Please mark your planned launch point on the entry form so that we may have your Captain's package and t-shirts waiting for you on the morning of the tournament if not picked up Friday evening. In the event that the U.S. Coast Guard announces a small craft warning for May 18, 2019, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. the tournament will be held on the following day, May 19, 2019, during the same hours. If cancelled due to small craft warnings on both days, prizes will be awarded by drawing.

Weigh-in activities will include door prize drawings along with complimentary hotdogs. Pass on the word to your friends and have them join in the fun. May is the prime month for the "big ones" and with your participation we hope to make this a great tournament that also benefits our community! Be sure to check our website and Facebook page for updates.

Have fun, and good luck fishing!

Register/Pay online at www.bigcroaker.com or mail your completed form to:
Tappahannock Rotary Club, P.O. Box 2672, Tappahannock, VA 22560

Again This Year

Win your entry fee back!

Every boat entered **before May 1st** will have an opportunity to win their entry fee back.
Drawing will be held the day of the tournament during the prize giveaways.

Questions? info@bigcroaker.com

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Saturday, May 18, 2019 - 7:00 am to 4:30 pm

Largest Croaker caught by any fisherman registered by May 1st wins a \$500 cash bonus!

1st Prize: \$1,500 ~ 2nd Prize: \$1,000 ~ 3rd Prize: \$500 ~

Youth Angler 16 years or younger : 1st Prize: \$300 ~ 2nd Prize: \$200 ~ 3rd Prize: \$100

Entry Fee: \$125 per Boat before May 1 - \$150 per boat after May 1 – One form per boat

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Boat Registration Number: _____ Email: _____

Planned launch site (Check one) : June Parker _____ Garretts Marina _____ Dock Street Tappahannock _____

T-Shirt size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____ Total number of shirts ordered: _____

One FREE T-Shirts only if entry is registered by May 1, 2019. Additional T-Shirts are \$15 each - enter quantity and size. Make checks payable to: Tappahannock Rotary Club, P.O. Box 2672, Tappahannock, VA 22560

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Tournament Rules

Date is May 18th, 2019 – If Coast Guard issues small craft warning for May 18, event will be held May 19. If both days cancelled, prizes will be awarded by a drawing.

Hours - 7:00am to 4:30pm. Any fish at weigh-in after 4:30pm will be disqualified

Fishing is only permitted between the bridges at Tappahannock and White Stone

All fish must be caught on hook and line.

You may bring your fish by boat to Garrett's Marina, or turn your fish in to Rotary Tournament officials at either June Parker Marina or the public boat ramp (Moose Lodge) on Hoskins Creek in Tappahannock between the hours of 3pm and 4pm and it will be transferred to Garrett's Marina for weigh-in. No fish will be allowed to the weigh-in by any means other than boat by anyone other than Rotary members. Boats must be in the breakwater by 4:30 PM at Garretts or 4:00 PM at June Parker Marina or Hoskins Creek.

Your contest number must be displayed on your boat at all times during the tournament.

Only Croakers are eligible for prizes.

State certified scales will be supplied by the Commonwealth of VA.

Any deviation from the rules will result in disqualification from the tournament.

Prizes (total \$4,225):

Adult Division

1st Place \$1,500.00* 2nd Place \$1,000.00*
3rd Place \$500.00

**1st & 2nd place winners will be required to complete and sign IRS form W-9, "Request for Taxpayer Identification Number", which requires winners name, address & social security number.*

Youth Division-16 years old and under

1st Place \$300.00 2nd Place \$200.00
3rd Place \$100.00

Additional bonus \$500 for largest fish for a fisherman registered by May 1st

Only one prize will be awarded per boat in the adult division

In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by the earliest date of registration. (Determined by postmark)

Make certain that your boat is equipped with all of the necessary safety equipment as members of the Department of Game & Inland Fisheries will be on duty

The most important thing..... HAVE FUN!!!