



Tappahannock Rotary Andrew Reavis Memorial Big Croaker Tournament



June 11, 2022



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\$4,600 in prizes

Heaviest Croaker – 1st prize \$1,500, 2nd prize \$1,000, 3rd prize \$500

Heaviest Croaker Caught by fisherman registered before May 21, 2022 - \$500

Youth (16 years old and younger) - 1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100

Heaviest Catfish – One prize \$500

Tournament Details:

This year is our 18th Annual Tappahannock Rotary Club Croaker Tournament. Remember, it pays to register early! Those who register before May 21st will save \$40 off the normal entry fee and receive one free t-shirt.

The Tournament will be supported from the Moose Lodge Parking area that is adjacent to the Dock Street ramp. You may launch there or at the June Parker Marina. If you launch at the Dock Street ramp, parking will be there or in the adjacent Moose Parking area. For your convenience, Rotary members will be available to accept fish for weighing from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at June Parker Marina and Garrett's Marina. At 4 p.m. the fish will be transported to the Moose Lodge for weighing. You may have your prize catch tagged and checked in or the Dock Street ramp until 4:30 p.m.

So, mark your calendars for June 11, 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 2022 is \$175 per boat, but it is discounted to \$135 per boat for registrations paid online or postmarked before May 21, 2022. Registrations before May 21 will also include one free T-shirt per entry. Additional T-shirts may 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 will be available for pickup on Friday, June 10 (5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) at

Roma's Restaurant in Tappahannock. Captains' packages and T-shirts not picked up at Roma's on June 10^h 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 June 11th 2022 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. the tournament will be held on the following day, June 12th 2022, during the same hours. If cancelled due to small craft warnings on both days, prizes will be awarded by drawing.

Weigh-in activities will be at the Moose Lodge adjacent to the Dock Street ramp and will include door prize drawings along with complimentary hotdogs. Pass on the word to your friends and have them join in the fun. June is a great 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 21, 2022** 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, June 11, 2022 - 7:00 am to 4:30 pm

Entry Fee: \$135 per Boat before May 21 - \$175 per boat after May 21, 2022 - one form per boat

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Boat Registration Number: _____

Planned launch site: June Parker ___ Dock Street Tappahannock ___ Other _____

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 21, 2022. Additional T-Shirts are \$18 each - enter quantity and size.

Make checks payable to: Tappahannock Rotary Club, P.O. Box 2672, Tappahannock, VA 22560

Big Croaker Tournament Rules

Date is June 11, 2022– If Coast Guard issues small craft warning for June 11th the event will be held June 12th. If both days cancelled, prizes will be awarded by a drawing.

The Big Croaker, an event that produces revenue for a variety of local charities, was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID pandemic. The last tournament in 2019 had 85 entries. The Rotary Club of Tappahannock will track entries and, if by May 21, 2022, we do not have 40 entries, we will cancel the tournament and refund all monies that have been collected.

Hours - 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on June 11 2022.

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 Dock Street Ramp (by 4:30 p.m.) or to Parker's Marina or Garrett's Marina (between the hours of 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.) Fish will be collected at Parker's and Garrett's by a Rotary official and transferred to the Moose Lodge for weigh-in. No fish will be allowed to the weigh-in by any means other than boat by anyone other than Rotary members. To reiterate the deadlines: Boats must be at Dock Street by 4:30 p.m. or at Parker's or Garrett's no later than 4:00 p.m.

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

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

Your contest number must be displayed on your boat at all times during the tournament. Largest croaker will be determined by weight for three adult prizes and three youth prizes. One prize will be awarded for the heaviest catfish. Only one prize will be awarded per boat in the adult division.

Prizes (total \$4,600):

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 heaviest croaker caught by a fisherman registered by May 21st.

Catfish

One Prize \$500.00

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

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!!!