

2025 Tri-State Canyon Shootout Optional Bluefin Tournament

Rules and Regulations

Lay Day departure and return times are on the honor system and this is a gentlemen's tournament, protests will not be accepted on the Optional Bluefin Tournament issues.

The four day format for 2025 will allow for the option to fish for Bluefin on both of the designated lay days and the offshore days of the tournament.

The start time of the Optional Bluefin tournament is 6 AM. You may **not leave New Harbor Block Island breakwater prior to 6 AM** on your designated Lay Day.

The end time of the Optional Bluefin tournament is 4 PM. The boat must be **inside the New Harbor Block Island breakwater by 4 PM** on your designated Lay Day to weigh an eligible Bluefin.

If weighing a Bluefin caught during the team's designated offshore fishing days, offshore hours apply. 5AM on Day 1 to 4PM on Day 2. Hours are taken from the New Harbor breakwater.

The winning fish are by weight, and standard angling rules apply

Please refer to the National Marine Fisheries website news page for updated recreational retention limits of Bluefin tuna. (hmspermits.noaa.gov/news)

Recreational fishing for Giant Bluefin (over 73 inches) has been closed. As a result of this, the weigh master will only weigh fish under the 73 inch mark

Registered boats and crews that have multiple boats can not fish two boats on the same day for the same or multiple categories or sub tournaments.

If you have a general tuna category permit or HMS Charter/Headboat permit you will be fishing as a recreational boat for the duration of the HMS registered Tri-State Canyon Shootout.

This is a Gentleman's Tournament. Please adhere to Tri-State Canyon Shootout general tournament rules.