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PRESS RELEASE

Chesapeake Bay's Largest Fall Rockfish Tournament

18th Annual Chesapeake Bay Fall Classic set for Nov 20–21, 2010

(ANNAPOLIS, MD) –The Chesapeake Bay's largest fall rockfish tournament is just weeks away. Now in its 18th year, this year's annual tournament will be held Nov. 20–21, 2010. Sponsored by the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishermen's Association (MSSA), the event is open to all professional and recreational anglers.

“Not only is this a great tournament but you will not find a better place to catch rockfish in the fall than right here in our own Chesapeake Bay,” said MSSA Executive Director Dave Smith.

There will be seven convenient weigh stations located from Sandy Point State Park to Point Lookout State Park. In 2009, tournament participation was at an all-time high with 200 boats and \$80,000 in actual prize money with the tournament's top winner taking home \$45,000.

“Even though this is an open tournament, we typically see the recreational or amateur anglers win it all,” Smith said.

Anglers can register for the tournament at any of the four Captain's Meetings hosted by MSSA prior to the tournament. The meetings take place at local tackle shops and restaurants where there are door prizes, beverages and plenty of fish talk. Anglers may also register by phone, online, mail or fax.

For more information or to register, please visit www.mssa.net or call 410–255–5535.

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