



Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association

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The world's largest striped bass tournament, the 3th annual Championship on the Chesapeake, concluded May 5th with 470 boats and nearly 3,500 anglers. The Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association's (MSSA) annual event lures in anglers from all over the Mid Atlantic to compete for their share of the nearly \$200,000 in cash and prizes.

This year's Champion is Chris Long (pictured right) from Avenue, Maryland. Long checked in a magnificent striped bass on the first day of the tournament measuring 50" and weighing 51.1 pounds. Long and his crew took first place in the main tournament and placed in several additional skill levels bringing his total winnings to \$23,337.

Second place went to Troy Cook of Severn, Maryland with his 43.4 pound striped bass. Cook and his crew also placed in several skill levels bringing his total winnings to \$14,583.

Third place went to Fred Lynch of Prince Frederick, Maryland. Due to varying entries the money was spread out through multiple winners this year, Lynch and his crew were the big money winners as they took home \$28,531 for their 42.9 pound fish.



"This year we saw multiple anglers win substantial amounts of money, as compared to last year when Glenn Orr took \$70,000. Either way we look forward to awarding prize money to our anglers", said Vince Ringgold the President of the MSSA.

The Championship is considered to be the "people's" tournament as it is designed to be convenient and enjoyable for recreational anglers. The MSSA and its volunteers man 11 weigh stations throughout the bay, both Eastern and Western shores; from Sandy Point State Park to Point Lookout State Park, and everywhere in between. Many of the boats fish south where Solomons Island and the surrounding area is consumed by Sportfishing enthusiasts looking to catch a Trophy striped bass and some cash.

"Not only does this tournament provide our anglers with a chance at some great prizes, it gives an economic boom to many of the local bay communities. So it's a win win for everyone", said Dave Smith the MSSA Executive Director.

The MSSA used the tournament as means to continue to recruit new demographics to the recreational fishing. This year's tournament again reserved prizes for Youth and Lady Anglers. The Youth Division hosted kids under 16 and a Ladies Division awarded prizes to the winning catches for any female over 16. Both divisions have become very popular in the tournament over the past two years.



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The Youth Division was won by Dylan Hobbs of California, Maryland. Dylan weighed in a 33.25 pound striped bass and took home a \$100 gift certificate from Alltackle.com and some merchandise donated by Alltackle.com. The Youth Division had 10 places with all of the youth anglers receiving gift certificates and merchandise from Alltackle.com.

The Ladies Division had more than 40 female anglers compete. This year's winner was Lindsay Swain as she weighed in a 36.4 pound striped bass, taking home \$500 cash. The Ladies Division also awarded 10 places.

Also included in The Championship are the professionals. The Pro Division consists of Maryland's Charter Boat Captains and is as competitive as any tournament on the Bay. This year's 1st place prize went to Captain Brian Mayer of Marauder charter fishing. Brian and his crew checked in a huge 47.3 pound striped bass on the second day of the tournament securing first place and \$3,800.

For a complete listing of winners and their prizes you can visit www.mssa.net/standings-results