

### Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association

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(ANNAPOLIS, MD) – The 21<sup>st</sup> annual Chesapeake Bay Fall Classic striped bass tournament concluded this past weekend with 160 boats and an estimated 600 anglers competing for their share of \$60,000.

Historically, The Fall Classic has awarded over \$80,000 in cash and prizes. However this year's cold front kept some of our "regulars" on land. Captains and anglers saw winds range from 15 knots to gusts up to 50 knots. Temperatures barley reached 40 degrees on Saturday and in the mid-twenties on Sunday.

"I am truly amazed at the determination and skill level we saw from our Captains and anglers this year. There is no doubt in my mind that Maryland has some of the best anglers in the country after what we saw this weekend," said Dave Smith Executive Director of the Maryland Saltwater Sportfishing Association (MSSA).

MSSA hosts this tournament and others throughout the year, both on the Chesapeake Bay and Atlantic Ocean. MSSA is the largest Sportfishing organization in the region with 14 chapters and nearly 7,000 members, focusing on youth involvement and protecting the rights of recreational anglers.



#### **Tournament Results**

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Robert Harris from Prince Frederick

Weight: 47.15 pound striped bass Weigh Station: Calvert Marina

Payout: \$29,275





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2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Phil King from North Beach

Weight: 39 pound striped bass Weigh Station: Chesapeake Beach

Payout: \$14,245



3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Jason Rizzo from Queen Anne Weight: 37.45 pound striped bass Weigh Station: Sandy Point State Park

Payout: \$9,330





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### **Youth Division**

Like almost everything MSSA does there was a Youth component. This year we had a few youth anglers brave the cold weather and get out on the water. We commend them and their parents for getting up and going fishing.

First Place – Jimmy Tippett – 33.4 pounds



Second Place – Robert Harris III – 10.05 pounds NO pic

Third Place – Darin Zagalsky – 9.95 pounds



For more information on the tournament and complete standings please visit <a href="www.mssa.net">www.mssa.net</a> or call the main MSSA office at 410-255-5535