Sheepshead Tournament Rules

1. All participants must be covered by a valid VA Saltwater sport fishing license and must obey all VA Saltwater Fishing Regulations. Failure to do so would mean disqualification.

2. All fish must be caught in Virginia waters or Federal waters.

3. Entry fee is $250 for the captain and 3 anglers. Early entry fee up to June 30th 2026 will be $200. Kayaks are considered a boat.

4. Additional anglers can be added at a rate of $50.00 each. (2 max)

5. The captains meeting will be held at Wallace's Bait & Tackle on July 17th 2026 at 7pm.

6. All entries must be registered by 8 PM, Friday July 17th 2026.

7. Each boat may weigh One (1) fish. The winner will be determined by the weight of the boat's heaviest fish. In the case of a tie, the earliest time of weigh-in will determine the winner.

8. An optional Big Fish Calcutta will be available with an entry fee of $100.00 with a 90% pay-out for the single heaviest fish.

9. Toad Fish Prize: A $100.00 prize will be awarded to the team that weighs the largest Oyster Toad.

10. Official tournament start time is 6:30AM (lines in the water) on Saturday July 18th 2026.

11. Official Weigh-in station is Wallace's Bait & Tackle. Alternate weigh-in stations are G-Town Bait & Tackle in Gloucester along with Long Bay Point Bait & Tackle in Va. Beach. Weigh-ins must be in line to have fish weighed no later than 4pm.

12. All fish are subject to a thorough examination both external and internal. There should be no puncture wounds, or anything abnormal about the fish.

13. Any contestant found guilty of cheating, attempting to cheat, or otherwise deviating from the regulations of this tournament, shall be disqualified and considered ineligible for future participation.

14. In the event of bad weather the tournament will be held on Sunday July 19th 2026. In the event neither day is fishable a drawing will be held on Sunday July 19th at 1:00 PM to determine the winners.

15. Waiver Disclaimer: it is understood that participants in this tournament enter at their own risk and that the Peninsula Salt Water Sport Fisherman's Association, Tournament, Sponsors, Committees and all persons connected to this Tournament shall be exempt from any liability whatsoever. It is also understood that all photographs, videos and any other form of media associated with the tournament shall become the property of the tournament.