

CHAC Invitational Tournament

Guinness World Book Record for the **LARGEST SURFFISHING TOURNAMENT IN THE WORLD!** The Cape Hatteras Anglers Club Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament has been held every November since 1958. 120 Teams of six members each are invited to participate in the Tournament, and they fish in zones in a morning session and an afternoon session on both Thursday and Friday. Saturday feature the Bob Bernard Open Individual Tournament and, as the title suggests, is open to any persons who wishes to fish, not necessarily those from the Invitational Tournament. [Click here](#) for detailed information pertaining to the Bob Bernard Individual Tournament. The tournament is truly an island-wide event with the majority of businesses advertising in our souvenir book and receiving copies of the book for use in their businesses. Many families visit the Island along with the anglers and judges to participate in the various other activities. Representatives from many equipment companies display their goods at our Sponsors' Tackle Show at the club, which draws in just participants and many of the locals to see what's new and to enjoy our complimentary refreshments. The final event is the banquet held on Saturday evening at the clubhouse. [Click here](#) for a detailed schedule of events. Awards for both the Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament and the Bob Bernard Open Individual Tournament are presented at the banquet. [Click here](#) for a detailed listing of award categories and prizes planned for this year. Additionally, award winners are published in the following year's souvenir book and on this web site. [Click here](#) to see the winners from the last year's Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament. You may also view prior year's award winners and candid photographs by viewing our photo gallery.

How to Secure an Invitation The Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament is a team event. A fishing team shall consist of not more than 6 persons with one member appointed to serve as team captain. [Click here](#) for the complete set of rules for the Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament. Invitations are sent to the 120 teams who fished the year before. If there are any open slots remaining teams that have submitted a request to be added to the tournament waiting list are invited next. The invitations awarded based upon the receipt date of the request to be added to the tournament waiting list. [Click here](#) for a waiting list request form. Teams invited to fish the tournament must return their application form along with their entry fee (at present the entry fee is \$330 per team). At present there are over 70 teams on the waiting list, so chances are that it will be several years before an invitation will be offered.

Call for Judges Can't fish but still want to participate? No problem. The Invitational Surf Fishing Tournament is a catch and release tournament. To allow for the safe release of fish not intended for the table there is always the need for judges. In past years, approximately 75 people from on and off Island have participated by judging. Many of the people serving as judges are NOT club members but simply want to be involved. Serving as a judge can be quite a bit of fun. In fact, some people prefer to the role of judge to that of angler. Interested? [Click here](#) for a judge's application.

Final Notes The prizes and awards for this tournament are made possible by the generosity of our sponsors and local businesses that advertise in the Tournament program book. Please patronize and/or thank these establishments. In addition to financial support, a tournament of this magnitude would not be possible without manpower. The Cape Hatteras Anglers' Club has been fortunate, with respect to the number of people (members and non-members alike) who have given their time to help make our tournaments enjoyable for all and we would like to extend special thanks to all who have given so generously of their time.