



Tappahannock Rotary Andrew Reavis Memorial Big Croaker Tournament



June 24, 2023



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\$4,600 in prizes

Biggest Croaker – 1st prize \$1,500, 2nd prize \$500

Biggest Spot – 1st prize \$1,000, 2nd prize \$500

Biggest Catfish – One prize \$500

Biggest Croaker Caught by fisherman registered by June 8, 2023 - \$500

Biggest Croaker Youth (16 years old and younger) - 1st prize \$100

Tournament Details:

This year is our 19th Annual Tappahannock Rotary Club Croaker Tournament. Remember, it pays to register early! Those who register before June 8th will save \$25 off the normal entry fee and receive one free t-shirt.

The Tournament will be supported from the Moose Lodge Parking area that is adjacent to the Dock Street ramp. You may launch there or at the June Parker Marina. If you launch at the Dock Street ramp, parking will be there or in the adjacent Moose Parking area. For your convenience, Rotary members will be available to accept fish for weighing from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. at June Parker Marina and Garrett's Marina. At 4 p.m. the fish will be transported to the Moose Lodge for weighing. You may have your prize catch tagged and checked in at the Dock Street ramp until 4:30 p.m.

So, mark your calendars for June 24, gather your friends, and visit us online at www.bigcroaker.com where you can conveniently register your boat, order your T-shirts, and pay by credit card. If you prefer, you are welcome to fill out the registration entry form below and mail it with your check for your registration fee and extra T-shirts ordered. The registration fee for 2023 is \$175 per boat, but it is discounted to \$150 per boat for registrations paid online or postmarked before June 8, 2023. Registrations by June 8 will also include one free T-shirt per entry. Additional T-shirts may be ordered online or by the registration entry form below. Full tournament rules are online at www.bigcroaker.com and on the back of this form.

If you register online, your registration will be confirmed online. All Captain's packages and T-shirts for those registering will be available for pickup on Friday, June 23 (4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) at Roma's Restaurant in Tappahannock. Captains' packages and T-shirts not picked up at Roma's on June 23rd will be available at your launch point. Please mark your planned launch point on the entry form so that we may have your Captain's package and t-shirts waiting for you on the morning of the tournament (7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.) if not picked up Friday evening. In the event that the U.S. Coast Guard announces a small craft warning for June 24th 2023 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. the tournament will be held on the following day, June 25th 2023, during the same hours. If cancelled due to small craft warnings on both days, prizes will be awarded by drawing.

Weigh-in activities will be at the Moose Lodge adjacent to the Dock Street ramp and will include complimentary hotdogs. Pass on the word to your friends and have them join in the fun. June is a great month for the "big ones" and with your participation we hope to make this a great tournament that also benefits our community! Be sure to check our website and Facebook page for updates.

Have fun, and good luck fishing!

Register/Pay online at www.bigcroaker.com or print and complete the form below and mail with your check payable to:

Tappahannock Rotary Club, PO Box 2672, Tappahannock, VA 22560-2672

Questions? info@bigcroaker.com

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Saturday, June 24, 2023 - 7:00 am to 4:30 pm

Entry Fee: \$150 per Boat by June 8 - \$175 per boat after June 8, 2023 - one form per boat

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Boat Registration Number: _____

Planned launch at: June Parker ___ Dock Street ___ Garretts Marina ___ Other ___

T-Shirt size: S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ XXL ___ XXXL ___ Total number of shirts ordered: _____

One FREE T-Shirts only if entry is registered by June 8, 2023. Additional T-Shirts are \$20 each - enter quantity and size.

Make checks payable to: Tappahannock Rotary Club, P.O. Box 2672, Tappahannock, VA 22560

Big Croaker Tournament Rules

Tournament date is June 24, 2023 – If Coast Guard issues small craft warning for June 24th the event will be held June 25th. If both days cancelled, all prizes will be awarded by a drawing.

The Big Croaker, an event that produces revenue for a variety of local charities, was cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID pandemic. The last tournament in 2019 had 85 entries. The Rotary Club of Tappahannock will track entries and, if by June 8, 2023, we do not have 40 entries, we will cancel the tournament and refund all monies that have been collected.

Hours - 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on June 24 2023.

Fishing is only permitted between the bridges at Tappahannock and White Stone.

All fish must be caught on hook and line.

You may bring your fish by boat to Dock Street Ramp (by 4:30 p.m.) or to Parker's Marina or Garrett's Marina (between the hours of 3 p.m. and 4 p.m.) Fish will be collected at Parker's and Garrett's by a Rotary official and transferred to the Moose Lodge for weigh-in. No fish will be allowed to the weigh-in by any means other than boat by anyone other than Rotary members. To reiterate the deadlines: Boats must be at Dock Street by 4:30 p.m. or at Parker's or Garrett's no later than 4:00 p.m.

Your contest number must be displayed on your boat at all times during the tournament and presented at weigh-in or fish drop-off. Largest fish will be determined by weight. Only one prize will be awarded per boat.

State certified scales will be supplied by the Commonwealth of VA.

Prizes (total \$4,600):

Croaker Adult Division

1st Place \$1,500.00*

2nd Place \$500.00

Spot Division

1st Place \$1,000.00*

2nd Place \$500.00

Catfish Division

One Prize \$500.00

Croaker Youth Division

16 years old and under

One prize \$100.00

Additional bonus \$500 for heaviest croaker caught by a fisherman registered by June 8st.

**1st place winners will be required to complete and sign IRS form W-9, "Request for Taxpayer Identification Number", which requires winners name, address & social security number.*

In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided by the earliest date of registration. (Determined by postmark or internet registration).

Make certain that your boat is equipped with all of the necessary safety equipment as members of the Department of Game & Inland Fisheries will be on duty.

Any deviation from the rules will result in disqualification from the tournament. All decisions by the tournament chairmen (or any of them) are final.

The most important thing..... HAVE FUN!!!