



Crisfield Chamber of Commerce – Boat Docking Rules 2014

August 31, 2014

1. Competition is open to the first twenty-five (25) boats with registration fully completed and received by the chamber's Boat Docking Committee and judges.
2. All competing captains shall receive and wear the chamber's official boat docking t-shirt.
3. Captain's immediate family only, spouse and children, will be provided free entry to the contest.
4. All boats are to be measured by Boat Docking Crew upon registration to verify proper length and to determine boat class. A boat's detachable or removable equipment will NOT be included in the boat measurement. A boat not meeting set length qualifications at registration will be disqualified from competition.
5. Competing vessels shall not contain or carry any additional weight or water.
6. All competing vessels and equipment shall be subject to inspection and approval by the committee and judges.
7. Each boat may be registered to only one captain.
8. The Boat Docking Competition is comprised of six (6) classes: (1) Small Vessels (30' – 34'11"); (2) Medium Vessels (35' – 39'11"); (3) Large Vessels (over 40'); (4) Open Wooden Vessels; (5) Open Class Team Competition; (6) Open Class Shootout. Determinations of boat size (classifications) to be made upon registration. Note: A three-boat minimum per event is required. If the minimum is not met, only first place will be paid out at \$1,500.
9. Three stopwatches shall be used in timing each event run, and the average of the three times will be used to determine the official run time.
10. All vessels shall have two (2) runs per event, and the best time of the two runs will be used as the official event time. The committee will provide each captain with four rope loops to be affixed to their vessel's lines. These loops are the only ones allowed in the contest. If a vessel is not in position for an event run, that run will be scratched for the vessel.

11. Final timing of each run will be determined only when the vessel has come to a complete rest at the dock, all four lines are properly tied and the captain is standing with both feet on the dock (except for the Team Competition as noted below).
12. For safety reasons, in addition to the vessel's captain, there will be one additional person (safety observer) aboard during each run. It is the captain's responsibility to insure that the safety observer is qualified to operate the vessel should the need arise. The consumption of alcohol by the captain and/or mates is strictly prohibited. Any captain or mate under the influence of alcohol will be disqualified.
13. All captains must demonstrate the emergency shut-off of their engine upon registration.
14. In Team Competition, all listed rules shall apply. Mates shall be seated securely behind the cabin during the run. Additionally, BOTH mates shall be on the dock before the timing is stopped. Captains may not assist the mates in any way, as his/her duty shall be solely for the proper operation of the vessel. Line loops shall NOT be allowed in the Team Competition, and mates must secure the vessel with all four lines secured by a half hitch.
15. All captains will use the utmost caution in all vessel maneuvers as they apply to the safety of themselves, their mates and others as well as for the protection of all properties. A penalty of event disqualification may be assessed for vessels damaging pilings, docks or other structures. Any vessel breaking a pole will be disqualified.
16. The location of the annual boat docking for 2014 is the Somers Cove Marina. The Boat Docking Committee will allow (1) practice run of the course, after registering. Practice run does not allow for backing into the actual slip, only for getting familiar with the course.
17. Any and all complaints and/or disputes concerning the actions or decisions of the committee or judges shall cause immediate disqualification of the vessel and its captain who will forfeit all rights to any awards or prizes that may apply.
18. The Crisfield Chamber of Commerce, the City of Crisfield, Somers Cove Marina and the event sponsors shall be held harmless in every way.
19. Signature of the boat docking registration form by the captain or owner indicates receipt and acceptance of these rules and regulations.
20. In all matters concerning the Boat Docking Competition, the decision of the Boat Docking Directors shall be considered final.
21. If there are only (2) vessels in a class, they will be assigned to the class BELOW their normal class. The Small Boat category will move to Medium.

22. If there are only (2) boats in wooden class, they may, at their option participate in the corresponding class.

23. Shootout has two categories:

Fastest 5 Boats Under 40', fiberglass and wood

Fastest 5 Boats Over 40'

(1) run per boat in Shoot Out