



# 76<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL HARD CRAB DERBY



Labor Day Weekend, September 1, 2 & 3

## *Crisfield Chamber of Commerce – Boat Docking Rules for 2023*

*August 19, 2022*

1. Open to the first twenty (20) 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, upon Registration.
3. Captains' immediate family only, **spouse and children**, will be provided free entry to the contest. **(Bands for Spouse & Dependents to be given out during registration)**
4. All Boats are to be measured by Boat Docking Crew upon Registration, to verify Proper Length, for Determining Boat Class. Any Boat with Detachable or Removable Equipment, will **NOT** be included in Boat measurement. Any Boat not meeting set Length Qualifications at Registration, on already pre-determined length's 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. Vessels can be registered to (2) different Competitors in one class. **However, the liability for operation and any issues from misuse or dangerous operation and any issue caused by operator error or equipment failure will be the responsibility of the registered owner, no exceptions. Registered owner should be on vessel when operated by another Competitor. Jr Captains's** can run a vessel that is registered to another Captain in this event for the **Jr Captain's Challenge**
8. The Boat Docking competition is comprised of six (6) classes: (1) Small vessels (29' – 34'11"); (2) Medium vessels (35' – 39'11"); (3) Large vessels (over 40'); (4) Open Wooden Vessels; (5) Open Class Team Competition; (6) Gambler's Shootout. (7) Captain's first Lady Run
9. Timing is done Electronically with "Timing Lights" and backed up with a stopwatch.

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 allow Captains to use their own hoops for this event. 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 and four hoops have been dropped below markers on designated poles (**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) onboard during each run. It is the Captains’ 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. Pre-made 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. This Years location of The Annual Boat Docking is the Crisfield City Dock, We The Boat Docking Committee will allow (1) practice run of the course, After Registering. **Practice Run does not allowing for backing into actual Slip, Only 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 and shall waive all rights to any awards or prizes that may apply.
18. The Crisfield Chamber of Commerce, The City of Crisfield, The Captains Galley Condo Association and the event Sponsors shall be held harmless in everyway.
19. Signature of the “**Boat Docking Registration Form**” by the Captain or Owner, shall acknowledge 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 only **(2)** boats in Wooden Class, they may, at their option participate in the corresponding class.
22. **Shootout:** One Category-Gambler's Style with a Dialed in Time for each boat competing. All boats who have made a completed run are eligible for the class.  
**(1)** Run Per Boat in Shoot Out

Determinations of Boat Size (Classifications) to be made upon Registration.