



1. Dates for "The 1st Annual NorthEast Kayak Fishing Rodeo" hosted by King Cove are June 26 and 27, 2004.

Send pre registration in the mail and postmarked on or before June 15 to:

King Cove Kayak Center
c/o Kayak fishing tournament
926 Stonington Rd
(US Route 1)
Stonington, CT 06378

Info regarding "The 1st Annual NorthEast Kayak Fishing Rodeo"

1. **Cost to enter will cover:** Camera's, food Sunday and leftover money donated to 2 different charities.
 - 1.1. **Pre-registration:** cost \$15.00 and receive 10 tickets for pre-registration
 - 1.2. **Register on the day of the competition:** cost \$15.00 and 5 tickets, 10 tickets for kids
2. **Sign up:** You can sign up as a team or alone, everyone have to fish with someone (we can team you up or you can team up yourself). This is for safety and to have a witness when you catch a fish.
3. **Start Time:** 6:00 AM Saturday (Pre registered anglers can pickup the Angler welcome package anytime after 6:00 AM. To register at the day of the competition you have to wait for all pre registered anglers to be processed then we will sign you in and give you the welcome package. All anglers can start fishing after we have seen and approved the safety gear.) You can sign up and start fishing anytime Saturday (After official starting time) or Sunday, this is to give people who can only show for only one day or part of a day the opportunity to fish. Measurement slips can be turned in at anytime before 1PM on Sunday, if you can only fish Saturday or Sunday morning or can not stay for the prize drawing.
4. **End of Competition:** will be Sunday 12:00 noon with 1hr grace period to return slips (Any slips returned after 1PM on Sunday will be disqualified).
5. **After the competition:** we meet at the Marina for a cookout and prizes. Competition is over at noon; everyone will have one hour to get to the Marina by car or kayak. At 1pm lunch is served and the slips will be tallied and after lunch we have the drawing. You don't have to be present for the drawing.
6. **Rules / Format:**
 - 6.1. **Catch and release:** (Angler can keep legal size fish up to the limit of that species), measure the fish and fill out a form that a fellow fisher sign off on. (Measure while on the water, if there is protest claiming a larger fish there will

be no fish re-measured when back to shore. It would be unfair to a person that do catch and release if we let you measure again when back to shore because they have no way of contesting.)

- 6.2. **Take a picture:** (we supply the camera and keep any pictures taken with that camera) of the fish next to the tape measure (picture to be used to determine a tie if anyone contests). We encourage catch and release but the disqualification clause is removed
- 6.3. **Format:** Only one rod can be fished at any given time, no trolling with 2 or more rods in the water.
- 6.4. **Allowed are:** VHF radio, GPS, Fish finders
- 6.5. **Not allowed are:** Trolling motor, mother-ship, pooling the catch to create a grand slam
- 6.6. **All anglers are to wear:** Coast guard approved PFD, Whistle, Mirror or other signaling device, Towrope.
7. **(Fishing Area)**
 - 7.1. **Area to fish in:** East coast of United States, Marine Districts (Participant are responsible for knowing the demarcation between inland and marine districts if you are unsure ask one of the event organizers). You have to watch your own time to be back at the Marina before 1PM on Sunday (This will give people the opportunity to fish in an area that they know)
8. **(Classes)**
 - 8.1. Open Division – all sports fishing methods allowed
 - 8.2. Artificial bait / lure only
 - 8.3. Fly Division
 - 8.4. Women Division
 - 8.5. Kids Division (16 and under)
9. **(Awarding of tickets)** To make it equal for everyone, the prizes will be distributed by drawing. That way everyone have an opportunity to go home with a prize. 1 fish per species per angler to be submitted for top 5 of each species - Striped Bass, Bluefish, and Fluke
 - 9.1. Biggest Fish “Any division” (Overall largest fish each species)
 - 9.2. Biggest fish “Open Division”
 - 9.3. Biggest fish “Fly Division”
 - 9.4. Biggest fish “Artificial bait / lure only Division”
 - 9.5. Biggest fish “Women Division”
 - 9.5.1. Each Division will be awarded 5 tickets for largest fish then 4, 3, 2, and 1 ticket(s) for the next sizes down
 - 9.6. Biggest fish “Kids Division” any species any method of fishing.
 - 9.6.1. Kids division will be awarded 5 tickets for largest fish then 4, 3, 2, and 1 ticket(s) for the next sizes down (no limitation on species – must be legal size)
 - 9.7. Slam 5 bonus Tickets One each of the 3 species any method (only one slam per angler)
10. **Other:** If you sign up tandem kayak tickets will be awarded to the kayak team determined by Division they sign up for. Both people have to sign up for a Division each (they still have to fish with another angler in a separate kayak)