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**2004 MASSACHUSETTS SALTWATER FISHING DERBY
SETS TWO NEW STATE RECORDS –
2005 DERBY STARTS ON MARCH 1**

The Division of Marine Fisheries held its annual Massachusetts Saltwater Fishing Derby awards ceremony on February 13th at the Eastern Fishing and Outdoor Exposition for the 2004 winners. There were 42 winners from a total of 242 derby entrants. Two new state records were set: Porbeagle Shark and Thresher Shark.

The 2005 Massachusetts Saltwater Fishing Derby commences March 1st and ends November 30th. It is open to all age groups and there is no entry fee. Fish entered must be caught in a fair and sporting manner on a hook and line and must be measured and weighed at an official weigh station on a certified scale. Weigh masters can be found at most local marinas and tackle shops. We would also like to remind participants that any entry must be caught in state waters and/or first landed in a Massachusetts port. In addition, a “Skillful Skipper” award is presented to the captain who has three derby winning fish caught on their boat per year.

To enter, fill out an official affidavit and have it certified at a weigh-station. Affidavits must be received within 30 days of catch and be postmarked no later than December 10th. Check *Marine Fisheries*’ web site for current information at: <http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries>.

<u>Species</u>	<u>Minimum Entry Weight</u>	<u>State Record</u>	<u>Division</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Winning Weight</u>
Albacore	30 lbs	65 lbs	Men	Gene Sartini	54 lbs 8 oz
Black Sea Bass	4 lbs	8 lbs	Junior	Moira Gannon	5 lbs 2 oz
			Men	Jeff Capute	5 lbs 10 oz
			Women	Patricia Wasierski	5 lbs 10 oz
Blue Shark	250 lbs	454 lbs	Women	Marcia Kane	410 lbs 6 oz
Bluefish	12 lbs	27 lbs 4 oz	Junior	Damien Dmitruk	20 lbs 1 oz
			Men	Tom Clancy	16 lbs 2 oz
Bonito	5	13 lbs 8 oz	Junior	Zachary Margulies	7 lbs 11 oz
			Men	Patrick Jenkinson	9 lbs 2 oz
			Women	Bonnie Brooks	7 lbs 8 oz
Cod	30	92 lbs	Junior	Brooke Miles	35 lbs 6 oz
			Men	Charles Ferguson	67 lbs 2 oz

			Women	Diana Allamby	51 lbs 4 oz
Dolphin	30	38 lbs 8 oz	Junior	Cooper Taymore	19 lbs 5 oz
False Albacore	10 lbs	19 lbs 5 oz	Men Women	Joseph Correia Kitty Kania	12 lbs 10 lbs 14 oz
Fluke	7	21 lb 8 oz	Junior Men Women	Douglas Frazer Gary Ritz Heather Chicoine	12 lbs 13 oz 14 lbs 7 lbs 12 oz
Haddock	8	20 lbs	Junior Men	Matthieu Aubuchon Anthony Fugate	8 lbs 1 oz 13 lbs 12 oz
Halibut	50 lbs	321 lbs	Men	Ben Dixon	209 lbs
Mackerel	2 lbs	3 lbs 8 oz	Men	Brett Bongazone	2 lbs
Mako			Men Women	Tommy Acciavatti Kitty Kania	340 lbs 303 lbs 5 oz
Pollock	20	48 lbs 2 oz	Junior	Steven Sochocki	36 lbs 8 oz
Porbeagle Shark		414 lbs New Record	Men	Clifford Halik	414 lbs
Scup	2	5 lbs 14 oz	Junior Men Women	Kevin Kassane Jeff Capute Cludia Pina	2 lbs 14 oz 4 lbs 2 oz 2 lbs 4 oz
Spanish Mackerel	5	6 lbs 12 oz	Junior	Jordan Terry Angelos	5 lbs 8 oz
Striped Bass	35	73 lbs	Junior Men Women	Thomas Hulley Jack Browne Marriane Laforest	40 lbs 61 lbs 49 lbs 5 oz
Swordfish	150 lbs	646 lbs	Men	Steven Buckley	502 lbs
Tautog	8	22 lbs 9 oz	Junior Men	Wade Henderson Tom Armstrong	10 lbs 10 oz 11 lbs 10 oz
Thresher Shark	200	548 lbs New Record	men	R. Keith Allison	548 lbs
Wahoo	30	92 lbs	men	Dennis McGillicuddy	89 lbs 5 oz
Weakfish	8	18 lbs 12 oz	Men	William Simpson	9 lbs 5 oz
Winter Flounder	3	8 lbs 2 oz	Men	Brian McCusker	4 lbs 7 oz
Wolffish	20	55 lbs 8 oz	Men	Daniel Rochford	25 lbs 3 oz

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