

44th ANNUAL
MARINA DEL REY HALIBUT DERBY
2019 INFORMATION AND RULES

Tournament Rules and Regulations

1. **General Information:** The 2019 MDR Halibut Derby (Tournament) is a two-day fishing tournament. Marina Del Rey Anglers, Inc. (Club) hosts the Tournament; being a conservation minded organization, the Club encourages catch and release to the maximum extent possible. This is an event designed to support Charitable and Conservation works. We hope that everyone has a good time fishing in the event. Coming together to share in each other's good luck and with camaraderie for all.
2. **Dates, Times and Weigh-in:** The dates are **Saturday, June 1st and Sunday June 2nd 2019**. Fishing time starts at 5:00AM Saturday and ends at 3:00 PM on Sunday.
 - a. Weigh-ins are:
 - i. **Saturday 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.** at Burton Chase Park docks,
 - ii. and **Sunday from 12:00 PM to 3:30 PM** at Burton Chase Park docks.
 - iii. Failure to be at the dock and checked in by the above closing times, will disqualify your fish. It is the anglers' responsibility to return to the weigh-in and be at the check in table in time. Budget enough time to travel and tie up/park as needed.
 - b. On Saturday boat teams must weigh-in by 3:00PM to get team points for day one.
 - c. To insure live releases, anglers may weigh fish in at our docks any time during the stated weigh-in periods and then go back out fishing.
 - d. The awards party & raffle follows the Sunday weigh-in as soon as practical.
3. **Tournament Sections:** There are two sections of this Tournament. One is for individual winner recognition and the other for the team competition. All anglers compete for the winner recognition. Competing for the cash team jackpot is optional.
4. **Divisions:** There are no divisions between types of anglers. All anglers, regardless of age or sex, compete equally with each other under these rules for prizes, trophies, and the cash jackpots. There may be recognition of the top lady angler, top youth, or top kayak angler but all participants are in the same derby for the same prizes.
5. **Species & Prize Eligibility:** The only species eligible for grand prizes and the cash jackpot are: [California halibut](#), [white seabass](#), [lingcod](#), [yellowtail](#) and a collection (AKA "bag") of up to 5 [calico bass](#). Halibut released alive after being weighed-in receive a 25% weight bonus added to the actual weight of the fish. All calico bass ([kelp bass - *Paralabrax clathratus*](#)) eligible for collective (bag) weight must be released alive and be able to swim away after being weighed-in. The heaviest eligible fish (adjusted for weight bonus if applicable), or a collection (bag) of calico bass released alive after weigh-in, would be eligible for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place grand prizes. In the team competition the first day results for each angler on a team will be added in to the 2nd day results for total team points.

6. **Daily Catch & Limits:** Each angler may weigh-in only one of the following per day: halibut, white sea bass, ling cod, yellowtail or a “bag” of calico bass (Bag = up to 5 live bass). Live release is mandatory for a calico bass submission. All anglers must abide by all California Dept. of Wildlife rules and have a current fishing license as required by state law.
7. **Cash Jackpot Team Competition:** A separate and optional boat team competition, open to those Anglers fishing on private boats only, will be available for entry into the cash jackpot competition. To enter, each boat's team must submit a registration form that identifies the boat's name and the name of each person on the boat along with a fee of \$25 per person (\$50 minimum per boat team). Teams shall consist of all persons on the same boat. Cash prizes will be awarded based on the total number of pounds weighed-in per team over the two day period. To maintain fairness between large and small teams, only the heaviest two eligible fish per day per team (adjusted for live release weight bonus if applicable) will be used to determine the total weight. A collection (bag) of those calico bass released alive may be counted as one fish each day. The cash jackpot will be distributed as follows: 25% of the total available jackpot amount will be retained by the Club, a 501c3 Charity. The remaining 75% of the total available amount will be distributed 40% to the 1st place winning team; 25% to the 2nd place winning team; and 10% to the third place winning team.
8. **Perpetual Trophies:** The Club has several perpetual trophies that are the property of the club. They are retained by the club and the winner will have their name engraved on it for perpetuity.
 - a. First Place in the MDR Halibut Derby: For the winner of the derby.
 - b. The Bent Halibut: For the largest halibut caught by a member of MDRA in the halibut derby for that year.
 - c. The Rowan Henry Memorial: For the fishing club or yacht club with the best showing in the halibut derby for that year.
9. **Fishing platform:** Private Boats, Shore Anglers, Kayakers and Party Boats, etc. are all allowed. Anglers fishing from shore, on kayaks, and party boats compete equally and under the same rules as those fishing on private boats. However only anglers fishing on private boats may enter in the cash jackpot team competition. The team shall be all the people on that boat. Those anglers in the team/boat each needs to pay the team entry fee. All persons regardless of the form of fishing or age compete equally in the tournament must enter as anglers and pay the same entry fee.
10. **Pay in Advance of Fishing:** All entrants must pay for their entry in advance of the Halibut Derby. Either via the Online web site of www.HalibutDerby.com or at the in person sign ups at Burton Chase Park. May 30th when we hold the fishing seminar or the last minute sign ups of May 30th & May 31st. All anglers in the team/boat each need to pay the \$25 team entry fee. All entrants regardless of the type of fishing or age, compete equally in the tournament and must pay the basic \$85 entry fee. The online sign up will be stopped on May 31st.
11. **California Dept. of Fish and Game Rules:** All Anglers must possess a valid saltwater fishing license w/ ocean enhancement stamp and comply with all DFG rules and regulations at all times during the Tournament. Unless exempted by state rules. The club will not be checking

licenses. However you can expect DFG to be on hand and ask all who come to the docks with fish to prove up that they have complied.

12. **Sport fishing / Hooks:** We encourage use of IGFA recognized & approved fishing techniques with one exception, we allow the use of a trap hook on the halibut rig. The trap hook must be embedded into the tail of the bait. To insure the maximum number of live releases, we highly encourage the use of circle hooks.
13. **Fishing Zone:** Fishing is limited to Santa Monica Bay and a portion of the Palos Verdes Peninsula with the exception of MLPA areas closed to fishing. The northern boundary for this Tournament is the most easterly point of the Point Dume SMR, Lat: 33 Deg. 57.060 Min, Long: 118 Deg. 47.26 Min. (Commonly called the Point Dume north end of the Santa Monica Bay fishing closure). The southern boundary is the most easterly point of the Point Vicente SMCA No Take Zone, Lat: 33 Deg. 44.80 Min., Long: 118 Deg. 28.930 Min. (Commonly called the Palos Verdes MLPA south end of the Santa Monica Bay fishing closure).
14. **Ties:** If there is a tie based on these rules, the two individuals who tie for any place will be asked to flip a coin, or use any other tie breaking method to which they both agree to determine the winner. In case of a tie for the jackpot, the parties may elect to share in the winnings.
15. **Scale:** All fish weighed-in must be weighed on the official Halibut Derby weigh station scale.
16. **Postponement:** The Tournament will run at the dates specified regardless of weather or sea conditions. However, in the event the National Weather Service issues a small craft advisory or a gale or storm warning for Santa Monica Bay and for both days, the tournament may be cancelled or rescheduled. If cancelled altogether, a drawing will be held to determine grand prizes and the cash jackpot. No entry fees will be refunded for any reason, including weather.
17. **Inspection:** Any fish weighed-in shall be subject to identification, markings and any other inspections the judges & scientists deem appropriate including organ removal.
18. **Disqualifications:** The judges may disqualify any angler or fish for violation of the Tournament Rules and Regulations including but not limited to un-sportsman like actions of the Angler. The decision of the judges shall be final. Our 2019 Judges will be Keith Lambert, Ramon Cendejas, and Keith Moret, or another club director as appointed by the Halibut Derby Chairman.
19. **Winnings:** It's the responsibility of the winners to claim and use their awards in a timely manner. The Club will not be responsible for the availability, delivery or utilization of prizes once they have been awarded. Any unclaimed prizes not picked up within three months following the Tournament dates shall become the property of the Club. Winners may have to pay for transportation to use a prize. Winners have to cover any taxes that may apply.
20. **Photos & Release of Liability:** All entrants grant the Club the right to use their likeness and photos for its publicity purposes. All Boat Owners and other entrants, by entering this Tournament, agree to hold the Club, its officers, directors and members free and clear of all liability and damages to persons and property in connection with all activities in connection thereto. Boat Owners, by entering this Tournament, agree to assume all liability and damages related to those persons on their boat.