



**4<sup>th</sup> annual Black Drum World Championship  
Fishing Tournament  
Registration Form**

**May 14-15, 2010 (fishing Friday and Saturday)  
Bay Creek Marina located on Kings Creek, Cape Charles, VA**

(Please print legibly)

Team name: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat registration number: \_\_\_\_\_ Boat length: \_\_\_\_\_

Team/boat captain: \_\_\_\_\_ # of anglers: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Entry fee includes Saturday banquet for registered anglers\***

**\_\_ Number of banquet guests on Saturday night at an additional \$15 each**

***Prizes are \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 unless fewer than 40 boats enter; in that event, prizes will be based on the percentage of entries relative to 40 boats.***

**Registration closes at 5 p.m. May 14, 2010 \*NO EXCEPTIONS\***

**NO INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED**

Registration: By April 30, 2010 - \$200 per boat (as many as 6 anglers)  
May 1, 2010 and after - \$250 per boat (as many as 6 anglers)  
(\$50 per angler beyond 6 to as many as 8 anglers per vessel regardless of date)

Make check payable to: Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
P.O. Box 460  
Melfa, VA 23410

If you wish to pay by credit card, please fill in the following information:  
credit card number \_\_\_\_\_ exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and understand the rules and regulations on the back page of this document and agree to the set conditions.

Team captain's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Official 2010 Black Drum World Championship Rules and Regulations

**PORT ASSIGNMENT:** Registered anglers may depart from any Virginia port and must fish within the Chesapeake Bay and/or any of its tributaries within the boundaries of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and or the Virginia coastal waters of the Atlantic Ocean north to the VA/MD state line and south to the VA/NC state line. Anglers must present/register their catch in person with a tournament official at the Bay Creek Marina within the designated weigh-in times to be eligible for prizes.

**BOAT ANGLERS:** All anglers aboard a vessel registered in the tournament must be paid/registered tournament participants.

**INSPECTION OF BOATS:** The Tournament Committee reserves the right to inspect any and/or all boats entered in the tournament.

**LIABILITY:** All boats shall adhere to all U.S Coast Guard, Virginia Marine Resources Commission, and Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries requirements and regulations. Neither the Eastern Shore of Virginia Chamber of Commerce, Bay Creek Marina, the Town of Cape Charles nor any volunteer workers will be responsible for any vessel owner/captain or participating angler failing to comply with tournament rules or for accident, injury, or damage that may occur during the tournament. All entrants will participate in the tournament and its related activities at their own risk and will accept full responsibility for their boats, crew, and gear.

**JUDGING TIES:** If, after the final weigh-in, a tie exists, the earliest fish registered shall be declared the winner.

**CONSERVATION:** Boats are limited to registering no more than one fish per weigh-in per vessel; the heavier fish from the weigh-ins shall be considered the entry in all cases and all tournament contestants are encouraged to release any fish that they do not intend to eat or enter in the tournament. It shall be at the discretion of the team/boat captain to determine which fish shall be entered in the tournament at each weigh-in. Anglers are encouraged to land fish using a large dip net in lieu of a gaff to ensure successful releases. The Foodbank on the Eastern Shore has agreed to take possession and distribute any unwanted fish to Eastern Shore residents in need. Any fish may be thoroughly inspected, both internally and externally, at the discretion of the weigh master, tournament officials, and/or a marine biologist.

**METHOD OF CATCH:** All fish must be caught in a sporting manner, by rod and reel during the course of the tournament and must not be cut, speared, shot, or otherwise mutilated in any way except by hook or gaff marks. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to determine whether a fish warrants classification as being mutilated.

**FISHING HOURS/WEIGH-IN:** Fishing begins at 8 p.m. Friday. All boats wishing to weigh fish must be in line by midnight Friday, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, no exceptions. In line is defined as inside Bay Creek Marina's buoy 14. Weigh-in windows are 11 p.m. to midnight Friday; 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday and 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday. Official "tournament time" will be Verizon cell phone time, and tournament anglers are responsible for synchronizing their time with official tournament time. No boat shall be awarded more than one prize in the weight category.

**WEATHER CONDITIONS:** The safety of the anglers is the sole responsibility of the captain. Decisions based on weather conditions shall be made by the captain. One boat participating constitutes the tournament as held. In the event of a natural disaster, a raffle will be held to award prize money for three places.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** The Tournament Committee/Headquarters will monitor VHF channel 88. Periodic tournament updates will be broadcast from this channel to help ensure that noncontending catches are not unnecessarily killed for the sake of tournament participation.

**RULE VIOLATIONS:** Any and all protests must be filed before the tournament's final awards presentation and be personally delivered by hand by the person making the protest to a tournament official. Protest fee \$50. The Tournament Committee will review any and all protests in a fair and equitable manner, and their decision will be final. The Tournament Committee also reserves the right to investigate any questionable practices or activities involving the tournament without an official protest being filed and may request an affidavit at any time for any reason. Any contestant found guilty of cheating, attempting to cheat, or otherwise deviating from the rules and regulations of this tournament shall be disqualified and considered ineligible for future tournament participation. Questions not covered by these rules will be answered after being reviewed by the Tournament Committee.