

46th ANNUAL MARINA DEL REY HALIBUT DERBY
Saturday July 17th and Sunday July 18th
2021 INFORMATION AND RULES

Tournament Rules and Regulations

1. General Information:

The 2021 MDR Halibut Derby (Tournament) is a two-day fishing tournament. Marina Del Rey Anglers, Inc. (MDRA or 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 the Charitable and Conservation work of MDRA. We hope that everyone has a good time fishing in the event.

2. Dates, Times and Weigh-in:

Fishing time starts at **Sunrise Saturday July 17th** and ends at **3:00 PM on Sunday July 18th**.

Weigh-ins are at Burton Chase Park docks:

- Saturday 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

and

- Sunday from 12:00 PM to 3:30 PM.

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 to tie-up & dock as needed.

3. 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

4. Species & Prize Eligibility:

Halibut White Seabass Lingcod Yellowtail Bag of Calicos

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.

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. Prizes and Jackpot shares:

The 2020 MDR Halibut Derby is a Jackpot event and All donations are appreciated. The prize amount is dependent on the number of Anglers registered before the event.

First Place prize is a ride on the Tomahawk for a 2 & 1/5 day Tuna Trip*

Each Angler pays \$50. Half goes to the charity. The other half goes to the top anglers.

First Place 30% & Trip* - 2nd Place 20% - 3rd Place 15% - 4th 10% - 5th 5%

MDRA is a 501c3 Charity. * a % is going to purchase the trip.

8. Perpetual Trophies:

The Club has several perpetual trophies that are the property of the club. They are retained by the club and the winners name is 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 MDRA member in the halibut derby.

c. The Rowan Henry Memorial: For the fishing club or Yacht Club in the halibut derby.

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.

10. Pay in Advance of Fishing:

All entrants must pay for their entry in advance of the Halibut Derby via the Online web site of www.HalibutDerby.com or at the in person to the Halibut derby chairperson. All entrants regardless of the type of fishing or age, compete equally in the tournament and pay the same entry fee.

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: (See Map at end)

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. 1

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.

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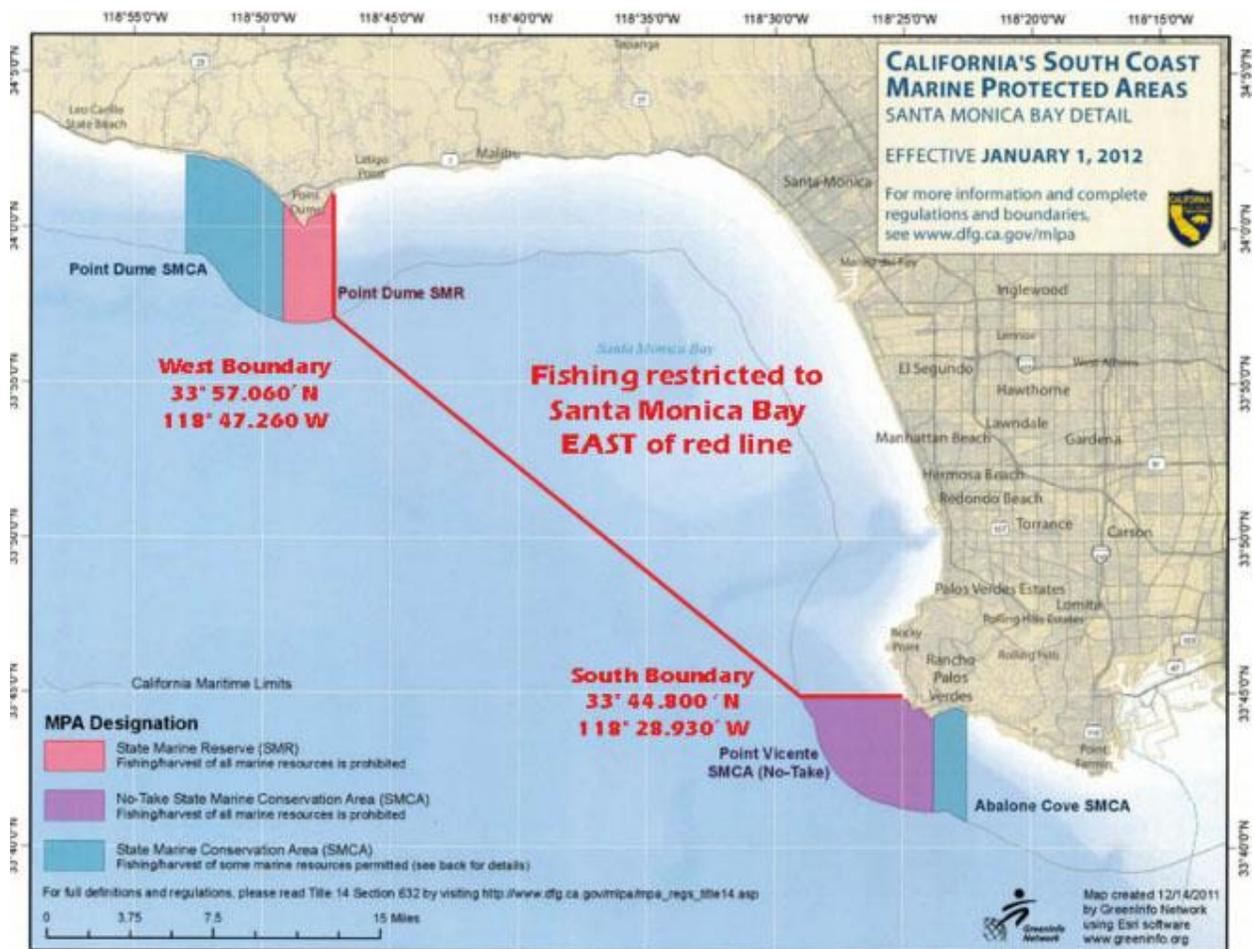
The MDRA fishing club welcomes you to the Derby and thanks you for your support. Club info is on www.MDRAnglers.com Please consider joining if not already a member.

* The First place trip prize is a single place on MDRA Annual Tuna Charter out of San Diego, set for October 2021 & a share of the cash prize. A 20% share of the proceeds for the winner's half is going to pay for part of this charter ticket. DEPARTURE DATE: Friday evening October 15, return Monday morning October 18, 2021. No rain checks allowed. MDRA's annual Tuna Charter is able to be found on our web site if you want to fish with us.

All fish must be caught using CA DFW legal fishing rules and IGFA approved sport fishing gear with the one exception of the use of a trap hook on the live bait, provided that the "trap" trebled hook is implanted into the bait before you cast or deploy the bait.

Have your Fishing license with you. DFW has made inspections in the Derby in the past.

Fishing Zone is inside Santa Monica Bay between the northern and southern MLPA zones.



You can go back out and fish overnight after the Saturday weigh in. The 2019 MDR Halibut Derby was won by a White Seabass that was miraculously caught in the daytime just minutes before the close of the Sunday weigh in. They risked an expensive boater speeding ticket to get the fish to the weigh in in time. So, plan ahead and pay attention to the weather too.

Special shout out to **Finneas Day** who won the **2020 MDR Halibut Derby** with a big 20.7 lb. halibut released alive for extra points!



Good Luck to everyone in the MDR Halibut Derby. We hope you have a fun weekend fishing with us.

Best wishes for "Tight Lines and Big Fish."