



Last year's Star Island tournament was a blue shark

Credits: Star Island Yacht Club

Fight a shark for Father's Day

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Those looking for some excitement this Father's Day weekend are invited to take part in the annual shark fishing tournaments in Freeport and Montauk on Long Island.

While the prize money (ranging anywhere from \$500-\$25,000) is more than attractive, most anglers are in it for the thrill.

"Some of the sharks fight pretty hard, especially the makos," commented Carl Darenberg, owner of the Montauk Marine Basin (which will hold its own tournament June 24-25).

"It's just a very action packed type of fishery," added Rich Janis, who oversees the tournament at the Star Island Yacht Club & Marina on Friday and Saturday (June 17-18). "When you're shark fishing, you're drifting out and you have your bait out and then this fish comes up and then, just POW!"

To compete, anglers must obtain a Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Angling permit. Guns, harpoons and similar weapons are forbidden. In addition, only one fish is permitted per boat per day of the contest, with the minimum weight allowed for makos is 100lbs, 250lbs for blue sharks, and 150lbs for all other species. Those that do not meet these amounts must be thrown back. Competing is not cheap, however. For instance the entry fee at the Montauk Marine Basin will cost you \$950.

To learn more contact the Star Island Yacht Club & Marina, Star Island Rd., Montauk, NY at 631 668-5052; Freeport Hudson Anglers, Guy Lombardo Marina, Guy Lombardo Ave., Freeport 516 378-5181; or the Montauk Marine Basin, 426 W.Lake Dr., Montauk at 631-668-5900.

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