



2019 KAYAK DERBY RULES

MOUTCHA BAY RESORT

Human Powered Watercraft

Participants must fish from kayaks, pontoon boats, float tubes, SUPs, row boats or any other human powered watercraft approved by the Derby Committee. Use of a mechanical motor of any kind without express permission from the Derby Committee will result in immediate disqualification.



Rental Kayak Information

Don't have your own kayak? No problem! Rentals are available through our 2019 Rental Partner:

Comox Valley Kayaks has kindly joined us as our rental sponsor again this year. They will be arriving with your rentals at Moutcha Bay Resort on Friday, August 30th.

Please be sure to book well in advance while kayaks last!

Phone: 1.888.545.5595 Email Kerry@comoxvalleykayak.com

Group Considerations

Only registered contestants can fish, regardless of the total number of people on the boat. The rod must be handled and the fish landed by a derby registrant for the fish to be considered. Fellow anglers can assist you with the netting process for gentler handling for release as well as for safety purposes.

Weigh-In

Observation Boats will be on standby throughout the Derby in order to assist you with your catch and to retrieve your fish for transport to Moutcha Bay docks for weigh in.

Official weigh-ins will take place from 8am to 4pm on both Saturday and Sunday. Fish will be weighed on a single digital scale to the nearest 1/10 of a pound. In the event of a tie, the first fish registered will win. The three heaviest fish will represent 1st, 2nd & 3rd places in the Derby. The largest Coho will represent the Coho Prize.

Rules & Regulations

Any individual may enter the Kayak Derby by purchasing a ticket and agreeing to abide by the rules herein.

1. Nootka Marine Adventures will appoint Derby Officials whose decision in respect to application in any of the NMA Rules & Regulations shall be final and binding on all contestants.
2. All derby anglers ("Contestants") will be issued a bib with their participant number on it. This bib must be affixed to their person or watercraft and must be visible to Derby Officials.
3. By purchasing a Derby Ticket, the contestant agrees that all fish will be caught in compliance with the NMA Rules and Regulations as well as Fisheries and Oceans Canada Regulations.
4. Once paid, tickets are non-refundable.
5. Nothing in the NMA Rules & Regulations shall be interpreted in any way so as to change, vary or modify the Fisheries and Oceans Canada regulations.
6. Contestants are allowed to carry as many rods and reels in their boat as they wish but only 1 rod and entry fee may be used at a time.
7. Boats must always fish at least 15 feet from shore while angling. No boat shall contact any point of land, other boats (with the exception of observation boats or while assisting to net another angler's fish) or



docks, except Moutcha Bay Resort marina docks. Contestants may return to the above docks or explore out of bounds areas and they return to fishing if they wish, but they are required to check in and out with the NMA Derby Committee at either the weigh in station or with one of the Observation Boats.

8. Observation Boats will be identified by the NMA signage on their hulls. They will be patrolling the Derby grounds and will answer calls on VHF Channel 6. Derby announcements will also take place on this channel.
9. Contestants observing any violation of the Rules & Regulations set out herein, or the Fisheries and Oceans Canada Regulations are asked to report the violation immediately to the nearest Observation Boat or Derby Official.
10. Contestants must be in possession of a valid Canadian Pacific Tidal Fishing License and present it prior to their catch being weighed and to be eligible for prizes.
11. All salmon entered for prizes will be inspected, weighted and certified by a Derby Official. Once a legally caught fish is harvested, an Observation Boat will pick up your catch. Your catch will then be tagged with your registration number and documented. The fish will be held on ice until the Observation Boat makes one of its routine stops to deliver fish to weigh-in station. You may also take your catch directly to the weigh-in station yourself.
12. At no time are Derby Participants allowed to enter the river mouth or the shallows of the estuary while participating in the Derby. Derby Boundaries will be clearly marked by stumps and logs with red Scotchmen on them, and a map is included in your welcome package.



WARNING

Please be aware that Sea Lions and Seals are in the area. Some of these animals can become aggressive toward anglers in smaller watercraft. Please try to avoid them whenever possible. In the case where a Sea Lion or Seal takes a fish you may have hooked and may be playing, break it off and let them take it. DO NOT GET INTO A TUG OF WAR with them; you will lose. Please avoid putting yourself and other anglers in danger of being capsized.

Your Catch

Your fish are not to be cleaned before weigh-in. Fish will be disqualified if found to be foul hooked and you will be disqualified if you are deemed to be attempting to “snag” fish. Derby Officials will have the final decision and will be on board the Observation boats at all times during the Derby.

Fish Storage

Once your catch is officially weighed in, participants can then clean and process their fish. Government inspected fish processing as well as freezer storage services are available at Moutcha Bay Resort.



Good luck, tight lines and safe fishing!

