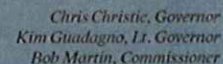


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"If the bluefish bonanza we have seen recently continues this weekend, we're going to have an extraordinary tournament," said Tim Burden, president of the New Jersey Beach Buggy Association, one of the event's key sponsors and supporters. "We have seen a few monster sized blues that are bigger than last year's winning fish, which means we could have a new Governor's Cup Tournament bluefish being recorded."

The registration fee on the day of the tournament is \$20 for ages 18 and older and \$5 for ages 13-17. There is no fee for children 12 and under.

All funds raised by the tournament go toward a variety of good causes, including the recent purchase of 15 brand new specialized wheelchairs that provide the disabled and elderly beach access, construction of access ramps for disabled saltwater anglers, surf fishing instruction programs and equipment, and marine education and restoration projects.

The Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament is sponsored by the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife and Division of Parks and Forestry, the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Jersey Coast Anglers Association, and the New Jersey Beach Buggy Association.

For more information about the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament visit <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/gsoft.htm>.

Tournament anglers may be asked to verify their compliance with the NJ Saltwater Recreational Registry Program. If not already registered for 2015, please do so before hitting the beach the day of the tournament. Registration is quick, easy and free. Anglers simply need to log on to <http://www.nj.gov/dep/saltwaterregistry> and follow the instructions on the page.

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