

HVERSTRAW BAY CLASSIC AT CORTLANDT YACHT CLUB May 3•4•5, 2019 \$10,000 in PRIZES!

entries will also return scored specific to class. This will apply to all classes, the main contest, youth, children and seniors.

We listen to our fishermenTeam competition will headline the new "Added Entry Levels"!!!! Following the format of other very successful events, this years haverstraw bay classic will carry 5 additional added entry levels for additional fees. These class prizes are scored separately from the main contest, they are winner takes all!!!! Different from the main contest rule of single prize eligibility, this class is "open scoring" meaning all people entered are eligible for any prize they win, plus the main contest. Team 2 to 5 anglers, "sbbs" small boat big striper (under 20'), total weight slot fish and cat fish, plus a daily double of cat fish & qualifying striper, will be this years added entry levels!!! Its very possible a team winning the championship may win between \$3000 to as much as \$5000 In prizes!!!! All this is done to keep every fish competitive, and to give every Fisherman young and old, boat or land, as equal a chance as possible without catching that striper of a lifetime.

Spring 2018 proved very, very difficult for many following 3 massive nor'easters in the month of march. Many visitors

to Haverstraw Bay had problems with services onwater as businesses recovered from storm damage in late april. The officers and members of cortlandt yacht club have gone way above and beyond with their generosity and welcomes the tournament com m ittee use of the beautiful clubhouse for the 4 consecutive days of the event. This will allow the volunteers to provide a basic "Meal Plan" on site Friday and Saturday. All support for the competitors will center around the hours of the weight station, providing food and bait to further convenience our fisherman. The safe haven of the Cortlandt Yacht Club docks will again be available on a reservation basis, we also hope to have bathroom and shower facilities open all 3 days: honestly, we don't know where to start to thank CYC...Without them, you wouldn't be reading this article.

LETS PARTY!!!!!!!!!!!! Thursday 6pm will kick off this years blowout so when you see "Crazy Eddie" tearing north on Haverstraw Bay that night you will know its game on!!

Winning outboard donated by Westerly Marine



Each year the tournament committee reviews the results of all past events always looking for the best ways to keep the competition equal and distribute the prize package fairly for all competitors. A sharp eye on the entry form will catch changes each year, this also holds true as to the prize announcement at the tournament party. The justification is to level the playing field so everyone has a fair chance, period. Also the prizes and their values are adjusted year to year, again for fairness and equality. Many of the top main contest prizes only differ by a matter of one to two hundred dollars.

The youth and childrens class prizes gain the support of the generosity of the sponsors and also the benefit raffle. Every year many of the tournament volunteers spend 2 to 3 months soliciting donations to support the event. For the past 2 consecutive years the haverstraw bay classic has surpassed the \$10,000 mark in prizes, half of that to the youth & childrens classes. This is all due to the sponsors, volunteers, and the competitors.

Malcolm mistake, every fish counts this year!!!! For the 2019 event major changes will heighten the competition dramatically. The top five prizes will have near equal value, many of the second and third position prizes will carry much greater value. Don't think if you don't land a 40lb fish your out of the chase. In the top 5 overall prizes, slot fish 18" to 28" will now be scored competitively, as well as catfish and combined entries. Total weight classes specific to 2 & 3 days will return in place of "any combo", land

