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Striped bass tourney runs until May 16

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Upwards of \$5,000 in prize money and fishing equipment will be awarded to winners of the Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament which runs from May 3 to May 16 on the Hudson River. The sponsor of the tournament is the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU), founded by the late Rev. Sun Myung Moon, a fishing enthusiast.

The fishing ground stretches from Half Moon Bay, Croton-on-Hudson, to New York lower bay, including Raritan Bay.

The entry fee is \$40, and charter boats with bait and tackle are available to be booked at the tournament registration site: http://peacekingcup.com. Participants may fish as many days as they like during the 14-day competition either by using the charter boats available through FFWPU or by using the boats operated by the Ocean-Church authorized captains. The daily charter boat fee is \$80.

Boats will depart the Elco Boat Basin at 50 Marina Dr, Bayonne, at 7:30 a.m. from May 3 and most will return to the dock around 4 p.m. daily, according to tournament organizer Kensaku Takahashi, a boat operator.

"The 2014 Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament is one of the myriad ocean-based programs that Father Moon initiated to give people the opportunity to interact with the marine environment," said Clint Woods, a minister with the FFWPU. "In so doing, they experience the wonder, power, and harmony of the ocean. Through the Peace King Cup, the very youngest to the very oldest can bond and share in fishing, fun, and fellowship."