

Kensaku Takahashi Announces Peace King Fishing Tournament 2013

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The annual Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament held on the Hudson River to commemorate the Holy Wedding Anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon will kick off on Friday May 3, 2013 and will continue for 21 days until May 23rd. The tournament was established in April 2000 on the Hudson River and in August of 2000 in Kodiak, Alaska by Rev. and Mrs. Moon as international tournaments to be held each year during the spring striped bass season in America.

According to this year's announcement, "We are happy to announce the registration and schedule for the Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament! The tournament will be held for 21 days on the Hudson River and adjacent bays in the New York and New Jersey area. We welcome individuals and groups from churches, families, and friends. Join us to test your skills (or luck!) in taking home the grand prize!"

Registration is now available online at the Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament's new website: peacekingcup.com.



Captains Kensaku Takahashi and Mitsuru Nakatsuji out on the Hudson River in 2012

Since 2012, the fishing area was expanded from Half Moon Bay on the Hudson River to a wider New York/New Jersey area extending from Half Moon Bay to Raritan Bay, New Jersey, according to the new Peace King Tournament website, peacekingcup.com. There is a one-time entry fee of \$40 per participant, including children, where they can fish as often as they want during the period.

Mr. Kensaku Takahashi, the top manager of the tournament says he hopes to catch more striped bass and more young anglers this year. "This year our goal is to catch more fish and also that a new generation can inherit True Father's spirit," he tells Unificationnews.com. "We hope the youth can understand Father's vision for the ocean, which is the best training ground for learning mind-body unity and for understanding the environment," he adds.

If participants wish to go fishing on an Ocean Church boats, payments for reservations should be made on the Registration page. The boating fee for adults is \$80 per person for one-day fishing (six hours) and includes the bait, rod and tackle rental, so the combined fee, including the registration will be \$120. The

boating fee for children (12 and under) is \$60 per person for one day fishing (six hours). The minimum number of people on the boat is five people and the maximum number of people is 6 people.



(Left to right): Members of Generation Peace Academy and Leadership Initiative Samuel Ferrete, Elijah Whitmore, Aika Davis, Klein Gauthier, Marcus Hill, and Kazuhiro Omori pose with Captain Mitsuru Nakatsuji and their catches after a day of fishing during the 2012 Peace King Cup Fishing Tournament

Last year, the competition had total of 110 participants, 70 of whom were under 21 years of age and three of whom were winners.

Rev. Ki Yeal Lee, president of Korean Evangelical Association (KEA), took home the first prize and trophy with his striped bass 44” in length. In second, third and fourth places were second-generation Unificationists Matthew McMahon from New Jersey, Young Jin Jeon, a member of KEA from New York, and Justine Spicciani, a GPA participant from Alabama, respectively.



Winners and coordinators of the 2012 fishing tournament receive their trophies at the awards ceremony in the Manhattan Center. The trophy-winners are (left to right): second-generation Unificationists Justine Spicciani, Young Jin Jeon and Matthew McMahon and Evangelical Association (KEA) leader, Rev. Ki Leal Lee

Fish caught aboard an Ocean Church boat will be measured by a captain. Fish caught on other boats must be measured at the True World Tackle in Bayonne, New Jersey. The winning fish is the largest one by length, and a cash prize is awarded only to fish, 38” or longer. The first prize winner will receive a new fishing rod, originally created for the founder of the Peace King Cup, Rev. Moon, as well as a \$500 prize and trophy. Second- and third-prize winners will receive \$300 and \$200, respectively, plus trophies.

Inquiries about the Peace King Cup Tournament should be made to Captain Kensaku Takahashi, Dr. Keisuke Noda and Captain Susan Bouachri.