Sebago Lake Fishing Regulations 1984

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Maine Fishing Records

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As you travel through Maine, don't hesitate to seek assistance from members of the Maine Warden Service. For everything from directions to interpretations of the law, the wardens are there to help — and they know their business!

Again, thank you for choosing the Pine Tree State for your fishing trip, and good fishing wherever you go!

Sincerely,

Glenn H. Manuel
Commissioner
Cod are popular targets for party and charter boat anglers. This 20-pounder struck a chrome-plated jig fished near the bottom.

SALT WATER FISHING

by Barry Gibson

Maine’s 2500-or-so miles of coastline offer some of the best salt water fishing in the country. The rocky shoreline, interspersed with rivers and occasional beaches, combines with the rugged sea floor to provide a perfect habitat for dozens of game and food species. The cold, clear water is arguable the cleanest in the U.S., and virtually all fish taken provide excellent table fare.

One of the reasons Maine’s coastal angling is so productive is that fishing pressure is much lighter here than it is in many other states, mainly because you won’t find “glamor” species such as marlin and sailfish. Maine’s best fishing, by and large, is for “meat and potatoes” varieties,” although there are plenty of top-rated gamesters prowling the waters, many of record proportions.

Opportunities for visiting anglers can be broken down into three basic categories: deep-sea fishing on party or charter boat, fishing by private boat, or fishing from shore. No license of any kind is needed to fish salt water.
Modern, well-equipped party and charter boats can be found in almost all the major harbors along the coast. Party boats, or "head boats" as they're sometimes called, range from about 40 to 65 feet and can carry from 20 to 50 or more passengers. These vessels usually sail on a daily schedule (half-day or full-day trips) from June to September, and most run additional weekend trips in spring and fall. In most cases all you need to do is call ahead and make a reservation, although sometimes you can simply show up a half-hour before sailing time and buy a ticket. All Maine skippers, however, suggest advance reservations (even if it's only a day or two ahead) so that you won't be disappointed. Weekend days can be particularly busy.

The main target for party boats is the wide variety of bottom fish that can be found from a mile or two from shore out to 20 miles or so. Cod are the most common catch, and range from a few pounds all the way up to the occasional 70-pounder. Average size in recent years has been 5 to 25 pounds, but there are certainly enough 40-plus pounders brought in over the rails each season to keep things interesting.

Pollock are among the gamest of deep-sea species in Maine, and action can be fast and furious when a school is encountered. These sleek, silver-gray battlers normally run from 15 to 35 pounds when encountered in the open ocean, and are hard fighters all the way to the boat.

The haddock, which generally runs from 2 to 10 pounds, is the perennial party boat prize, primarily for its unsurpassed table qualities. They're easily identified by their single, dark lateral stripe and oversized eye, which the fish needs to find food along the bottom in deep water.

Other species commonly taken include the cusk, a muscular dweller of rocky bottoms weighing 5 to 15 pounds, and which makes an excellent ingredient for a good old-fashioned New England fish chowder. Hake, another tasty species, are occasionally taken in excess of 30 pounds. The wolffish, despite its fierce appearance, is an occasional catch as is the cunner, winter flounder, a variety of sculpins and sea robins, mackerel, and a dozen others. If you're really lucky you'll tie into a halibut, the ultimate deep-sea trophy. These huge members of the

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flounder clan sometimes weigh in excess of 200 pounds and are as valuable commercially as they are delicious when steamed and broiled.

Party boats furnish each customer with a rod and reel, bait or chrome-plated jig — and plenty of good advice. Deckhands will cheerfully instruct you as to the best techniques and how to use the tackle. You don’t need to know how to fish, or to bring any equipment of your own, to enjoy a day of party boat fishing. Prices range from $25 to $35 per person for a full day, $15 to $20 for a half day, aboard most boats.

Charter boats are also available in most harbors. These vessels are usually 24 to 40 feet in length, and they’ll accommodate up to six people; sometimes more. All are run by fully licensed captains, and in many instances these boats will have an extensive array of electronics and a wide selection of top-quality rods and reels (including light tackle outfits) and accessories. Charter boats, besides going after all the bottom fish, also frequently pursue giant tuna (to 1,000 lbs.), sharks, bluefish and other game species that party boats aren’t equipped to handle. Many times the skipper will “mix up” the day for you, such as a morning of bottom or bluefishing, and an afternoon of tuna or shark fishing, assuring customers of plenty of fillets to take home. Charter boats are perfect for small groups, families, or more serious anglers, simply because there are no crowds — it’s “your” boat for the day. Current rates run to $300 per day, all-inclusive, but when the fee is divided by five or six people it works out to $50 or $60 each, still a bargain for a day of offshore fishing.

INSHORE FISHING

Visiting anglers interested in fishing the near-shore waters for mackerel, flounder, bluefish, striped bass and others can rent a small outboard (in some areas) or else trailer their own boats. Launch ramps are numerous, and local tackle stores and marinas can provide fuel, charts (a must), bait and advice on where to try your luck.

Mackerel are extremely popular among small-boaters, and can be caught from May through September on tiny chrome jigs or by trolling multi-hooked “mackerel trees” available in most hardware, tackle or marine supply stores. These fish average a pound or so in weight,
are scrappy fighters, and are delicious when split and pan-fried.

Bluefish are one of Maine’s true gamesters from late June through September, and they’ll normally run from 8 to 20 pounds. Most anglers troll plugs rigged on short wire leaders for these toothy critters, and when a fish hits he’ll often jump repeatedly before you can work him to boatside.

The striped bass is another fine gamester, most often taken near river mouths or up into the rivers themselves. These fish are wary and can be finicky, but you can do well on trolled spoons, plugs, or live or cut bait. Most fish taken are “schoolies” of 2 to 5 pounds, but 50-pounders are taken each year. Be advised that Maine now has a law against keeping more than four stripers under 24” in length (and they must also be over 18”) per person per day.

FISHING FROM SHORE

Fishing with light spinning tackle from Maine’s rocky shoreline or harbor docks and piers can be a lot of fun, and action can be brisk for a myriad of smaller species that live close to shore. Cunners (often called bergalls) up to a pound or so are commonly taken, and if you want to take the time to clean them and remove all the small bones you’ll find that their flesh is sweet. Harbor pollock (the young of the open-ocean adults) are feisty fighters and easy to catch, but they’re not very good eating so it’s best to release them unharmed. Flounders, sculpins, small “tinker” mackerel and others oblige anglers of all ages. The best rig is a small hook tied 6” above a light sinker and baited with a piece of seaworm or clam, although the meat of a periwinkle or mussel will often do fine.

Surf fishing from the beaches is popular along the southern third of the state’s coastline, and some good catches are made. Striped bass are most sought after, and the majority of the big ones over 20 pounds are taken at night on live eels or chunks of fresh mackerel or pogy (menhaden). Bluefish muscle in on the act, often in daytime, and can be taken on plugs or lures as well as bait. Bring a pair of waders and a rugged surfcasting outfit from 9 to 12 feet loaded with 20- or 30-pound line. Local tackle shops can supply bait, equipment and up-to-the-minute information on current “hot spots.”

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**PARTY AND CHARTER BOATING HINTS**

1) Plan in advance, if possible, and make reservations early. Charter boat skippers often require a small deposit to “hold” the boat. Your money will be refunded if weather causes the trip to be cancelled.

2) Check with the skipper before you board as to whom the day’s catch belongs to. In most cases you can take home whatever you catch, but rules may vary from boat to boat, especially where giant tuna are concerned.

3) Dress appropriately. Wear sneakers or other soft-soled shoes, long pants and a warm shirt. Bring a sweater and windbreaker, regardless of how warm the weatherman says it’ll be that day. You can take shorts and a T-shirt with you and change on board if the weather cooperates. Don’t forget sunscreen, a wide-brimmed hat, and sunglasses.

4) If you’re prone to seasickness, or think you might be, check with a physician before the trip for his recommendations. Seasick pills are useless once you start to feel queasy. Eating a light breakfast the day of the trip can help, too.

5) Bring your lunch, snacks and drinks unless the boat has food available. Be sure to check on this. Most boats allow beer but not hard liquor. You don’t have to bring lunch for the skipper or mate, but few deckhands have been known to turn down a ham sandwich or apple if offered!

6) Your mate, or deckhand(s), should be tipped at the end of the day — but only if you feel he deserves it. This is standard on all Maine party and charter boats. A cheerful, helpful mate should be rewarded for his efforts, regardless of the day’s catch, which he can’t control. It’s customary to tip a party boat mate a few dollars, maybe $5 if he’s fillet and packaged a lot of fish for you. Charter boat mates often receive $20 or more (total) for the day. Let your conscience — and his performance — be your guide. A tip for the captain is strictly optional.

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When you come to fish the wild waters of Maine, bring every bit of equipment you own. Maine has the widest variety of game fishing opportunities in the Northeast. No state surpasses the splendor of Maine’s beautiful mountain streams, huge cold water lakes, or its numerous pristine beaver ponds. And, almost all of Maine’s waters are teeming with game fish.

Most sportsmen know that the rare beauty of any region can’t be experienced through a car window on some highway. Remote, true wilderness fishing areas are becoming rare in some states, but Maine still can afford fishermen the sporting opportunities most of us only read about.

When I first started fishing in Maine I was only a young boy. Each spring my dad and I would travel to northern Maine to a wilderness fishing camp that could only be reached by four-wheel-drive vehicles or floatplane. Anticipation and excitement always made the trip north seem quite long but once I found myself seated in a boat filled with Brooktrout, Salmon or Lake Trout I knew the long trip was well worth it.

The old-timer who owned the camp always had breakfast sizzling on the woodstove by the
time I was up and about. Usually I’d spend the night before listening to fishing stories. You know, “the one that got away” originals. On other evenings, after an entire day on the water, sometimes rather chilly days, I barely made it through supper before falling asleep dreaming of more big fish tomorrow. Some of my fondest fishing memories have occurred in Maine.

The old-timer at the camp used to tell me that there were more huge fish in that particular lake than in any other. Well, that may be. I’ve taken salmon over eight pounds, brooktrout over five and several lakers weighing ten pounds or more. I do know there were more bugs per square inch than any other region I’ve fished. Bring your fly dope!

Of course, everyone who fishes Maine might not be interested in trolling streamer flies near the surface or gearing-up with lead line and a Davis spinner. Much of the waters are reserved for fly fishing only. And very often it’s difficult to determine whether or not you are in a fly fishing only area. So, if you’re in doubt, ask a warden! The flies are quite stiff so be sure.

One of my favorite spots is a little mountain pond in western Maine that I manage to fish every year. It has some of the best brooktrout fishing I’ve ever experienced. But this is no “beside the road” situation. Although you can drive to within three miles of this hideaway, a canoe is required equipment and it means carrying straight up the side of a mountain. My fishing partner and I take the canoe in once a year and then carry it out at the end of the season. This is not a heavily fished pond, so leaving the canoe hidden in the brush is no problem.

When the conditions are right in late spring, the brooktrout double-over my seven-foot graphite on almost every cast. This is about a twenty-acre pond seemingly full of ten- to fifteen-inch brookies. I’ve never fished it without the company of a moose or two. And a pair of eagles are always overhead. This is truly God’s country. And he protects it with bugs! Bring your fly dope here, too.

In summer you may find me fishing the Belgrade Lakes for bass. Both largemouth and smallmouth bass provide terrific fishing. I like to pop a jitter-bug across the shore line and watch the legal fishing areas! I’ve taken some enormous rainbows on worms. Keep in mind that in the heavy current of the Kennebec on ultra-light equipment, a big rainbow is like a Saint Bernard on a
piece of thread. But just a little tenderness and some luck will help you land one. Again, there are plenty of fish here — Small Salmon, Brookies, Browns, and even Smallmouths — so make sure you keep your line in the water.

The Pine Tree State is truly a fantastic all-season fishing paradise. Many of the open-water fishermen come back in the winter to ice-fish. The fish are still here along with the fun.

When you come to Maine to fish this year be sure to respect the fishing laws as well as the land and waterways. The laws are designed to ensure a future of great fishing in the state of Maine. I hope you create some memories of your own.

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