

Rockfish season opens on the Chesapeake Bay April 20

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Chesapeake Beach, MD - The state's spring rockfish season begins Saturday, April 20, and anglers of all experience levels are invited to set out for the Chesapeake Bay from the shores of Calvert County. Calvert County hosts the Chesapeake Bay's largest charter boat fleet and experienced boat captains are standing by to help fishing enthusiasts reel in "the big one."

Also known as rock, striped bass and stripers, the rockfish is Maryland's official state fish and is widely known for its size and fighting ability. The rockfish can grow as long as 6 feet and weigh as much as 125 pounds. The Maryland record for a striped bass stands at 67 pounds, 8 ounces for a fish caught off Bloody Point in 1995.

The 2019 season runs through May 15. Anglers may catch one rockfish per day measuring 35 inches or larger. Learn more about Calvert County's charter boat opportunities, or where to launch your own boat, by visiting www.choosecalvert.com/water.

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