



2026 Shore Volunteer Safety Meeting

C.A.S.T.'s Big 3

- 1. Children must wear a properly fitted, U.S. Coast Guard approved life jacket at all times when on a dock or boat. No exceptions.**
- 2. Each child must be accompanied by a parent/guardian at all times. No exceptions. The parent/guardian is responsible for the child during the entire event. Separation for any length of time will not be permitted, including bathroom breaks. Volunteers should never be alone with a child during the event.**
- 3. Everyone must check-in at the registration area. All child participants and volunteers must register either online or on paper. All family members/guests of fishing participants must be listed on event registration forms.**

Important Reminders For The Day

- Event perimeter is the area to stay within today.
 - Defined perimeter for fishing is _____.
 - Defined land area perimeter for shore activities is _____.
- Restrooms are located _____. First Aid Kit is located _____.
- Volunteers must stay aware of surroundings to reduce risks to children. Immediately report hazards or dangers concerning the safety of the children with special needs to the event coordinator.
- No swimming should take place during the event.
- Fishing volunteers should know the basics of the push button rod/reel combos, tying knots, safely handling hooks and fish, etc. Let us know now if you need an overview of the equipment in use today.
 - We want you to fish as well as the child, hand-offs are great.
 - Monitor your groups reactions and comfort levels. Keep it inspirational.
- Shore volunteers, we have lots going on behind the scenes while children are fishing. If you need a task, just ask. From greeting to cheering and everything in between theres something for everyone. With all hands on deck we have a few hours to really show these children how great their community is.
- Special needs vary widely. Some are visible. Some are invisible. Remember that some children will be more interested in fishing than others, some will want to learn basic techniques, some will just want to be present, some will have to overcome factors just to be able to arrive at the event.
 - Celebrate them all equally.
 - Keep it simple. This is not a tournament. There is no competition. Remember when you were young, and fishing was just - fun. Some children will catch, touch and/or see their first fish today.
- Lunch will be at _____. Please return from the water on time. The latest you should be back is _____.
 - Plan to stay for lunch and the awards celebration. Your participation is needed to celebrate and honor each child as they receive their award plaque.
- Here is the coordinator's phone number _____. Call if you have any issues while with your fishing buddy.
- **In case of a medical emergency, call 911.**
- Share horizontal photos and videos of the children with their day's catches with the Event Coordinator via text, email or social media using #castforkids.
- Thank you for your time, participation and commitment to safety. Lets go make some memories.