

FISHIN' LINE

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2017 Spring Banquet Recap

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend this year's spring banquet. We received many compliments again this year on the quality of the food and location. We had many businesses donate prizes for our raffle. And of course, we had happy winners of the gun raffle. If you have not seen the list of winners, here it is:

- 10. 1/2 Day Charter with Captain Schlafley — Tammy Piper
- 9. Twilight Charter with Captain Hughes - David Boertman
- 8. Henry Lever Action - Cynthia Homan
- 7. Chiappa Double Barrel — Keven Berklund
- 6. Savage Axis — Tom Hutchinson
- 5. Barnett Wildcat — Frances Nemecek
- 4. Henry Goldenboy — Mike Paradise
- 3. Remington 870 Express 12 Gauge — Barb Brooks
- 2. Savage Trophy Hunter xp .300 with scope — Jan Burger
- 1. Ruger Hawkeye — Rod Moore

MCSFA Tournament General Rules

MCSFA General Rules apply unless otherwise stated on each specific tournament page.

See individual tournament page for further rule clarification.

NEW RULE: MICHIGAN WATERS ONLY

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decline entry or participating by any person, team or boat, as deemed necessary, to ensure such things as integrity, image, reputation, and financial performance and community relationships with sponsors, participants and supporting groups.

BAD WEATHER – In case of bad weather, 3 hours of fishing constitutes a completed tournament day. If only 3 hours of a 2-day tournament can be fished it will be considered a complete tournament. If we cannot fish the 1st day of a 2-day tournament by 10:00 AM because of weather conditions, the tournament will be cancelled for the day. Fishing will be allowed for tournament boats for the rest of the day. On the 2nd day, we will wait until 10:00 AM to cancel (due to poor weather conditions). Tournament Committee will be the final authority on hours fished and all weather decisions.

TOURNAMENT CANCELLATIONS – If this tournament is not completed in its entirety due to uncontrollable circumstances, a refund check will be mailed to all participants within 14 days. However, a portion of the registration fee may be charged to cover any expenses incurred by the MCSFA.

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2017 MCSFA Events

Salmon & Trout
Derby
Saturday, May 27th
through
Monday,
September 4th

Kids Fish Day
Wednesday,
June 21th

Ladies Classic PRO/
AM Tournament
June 23rd

Budweiser PRO/AM
Tournament
June 24 & 25

Small Boat Big Fish
Tournament
August 5th

NUMBER OF RODS – Maximum number of fishing lines is 9. Fishing means “in the water” 10 or more lines in the water at any one time disqualifies the team. One slider per rod will be allowed, however, sliders may not exceed 72 inches. Maximum 2 baits per rod.

RADIO- All boats must have a marine radio. Monitor Channel 68 for tournament communications. Tournament Control will monitor Channel 68 throughout the day in case of an emergency or situation that requires immediate attention. All tournaments will start and end on specified marine radio channels.

MICHIGAN LAWS – All State of Michigan fishing laws must be observed. **LIMITS** – See specific tournament page for catch limit and for length specifications.

GAFFING FISH – Gaffing fish is not allowed. Foreign substances, including ice packed into the fish’s mouth or body cavities, will disqualify the entire team

TOURNAMENT SCORES – See specific tournament pages for scoring methods.
WEIGH-IN – At least one team member must stay with the cooler at all times until fish are weighed.

ICE – Block or bagged ice only. No loose ice cubes or crushed ice will be allowed.

CREW SIZE – A minimum of 3 legal fishermen is required to comply with maximum 9 lines.

TRI-PORT START- Each boat must declare their home port for this tournament and must start and return to that port for all tournament fishing days.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE – A committee will be selected at each Captain’s meeting from the tournament participants. This committee will preside over the tournament and handle judgment on weather conditions, disputes, disagreements, or violation of rules. Your participation in this tournament indicates your acceptance of this procedure and your agreement that the decisions of the tournament committee will be final. Immediate action for non-compliance of tournament rules will be the jurisdiction of the tournament committee and/or MCSFA board members regarding the event in question. Further disposition will become the responsibility of MCSFA board members. When you elect to fish in MCSFA events you agree, by your signature, to abide by the policies, rules and decisions set forth by the MCSFA board members and rules committee.

IDENTIFICATION – All tournament boats must clearly display the provided identification flag at all times during the tournament.

CAPTAINS’ MEETING – At least one person from each team is required at the Captain’s meetings.

DISABLED BOATS – Boats must return under their own power. We hopefully will have the Coast Guard standing by in the event a tournament boat becomes disabled. No boat may come in direct physical contact with another boat for any reason unless authorized by Tournament control. Physical contact will result in disqualification for both teams. Obviously boats in distress, dangerous or life threatening situations must be dealt with accordingly. Disabled boats that arrive late will not be able to use that day’s catch for the tournament prizes.

POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS –All participants who weigh fish and are eligible for cash and prizes may be required to submit to a polygraph examination. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of any and all cash and prizes.

PROFIT – All profit (if any) from the results of any MCSFA sponsored tournament, Derby, or event will be used exclusively on the development of improvements in our fishery.

PROTEST – Any protests must be submitted within 1 hour after posted tournament time each day. MCSFA is affiliated with LMTA (Lake Michigan Tournament Alliance.)

PRO TEAMS DEFINED – Pro Teams are required to fish the Pro Division. Teams who represent a major fishing related product or who are sponsored or who promote a major fishing related product where sales may be increased by the result of tournament participation must fish in the Pro Division. Field testers are not considered Pro teams.

All licensed charter boats, or charter captains who worked as captain on the Great Lakes during the previous two years must fish the Pro Division.

Failure to disclose all pertinent information could result in disqualification.

CHEATING – Cheating will not be tolerated. In addition to our posted \$500.00 reward, anyone caught cheating will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law, banned for life from all the MCSFA events and have their names sent to all the Great Lakes Tournament Committees.

VENDORS- All business conducted at the MSCFA tournament event must be done by approved vendors.

MCSFA Membership Application

Member Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Boat Name: _____

Docked At: _____

Member Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS We now can take credit cards! Complete the information below.

- _____ Non-Charter Boat Membership \$50.00
 - _____ Charter Boat Membership \$100.00
 - _____ Business Membership \$100.00 - web site address _____
- (Note: All membership levels enter you in the Salmon Derby.)

Membership (as indicated above) \$ _____

Donations (_____) \$ _____

Total Enclosed or credit card \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: MCSFA and mail to PO BOX 98, Manistee, MI 49660 or complete the credit card information below.

Credit Card Information

Circle card type: VISA Master Card Discover American Express

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ 3 Digit Security Code _____

Signature _____

Total amount to be billed to your credit card \$ _____

NOTE: Your credit card information will be destroyed following this transaction.

Volunteers Needed!! Please indicate the events at which you could be helpful.

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| <u>Tournament weekend</u> | <u>Spring Banquet</u> | <u>Net Pen Project</u> |
| _____ Kid Fish Day | _____ Sell raffle tickets | _____ General help |
| _____ Ladies Classic Pro/Am | | |
| _____ Budweiser Pro/Am | | |
| _____ Weigh-in | | |
| _____ Clean-up | | |
| _____ Yes, I would accept a nomination for a board seat. | | |

MCSFA LADIES CLASSIC PRO/AM TOURNAMENT
Friday, June 23, 2017
Captain’s Meeting Thursday JUNE 22, 2017, 7:00 PM
 Manistee Lion’s Pavilion – First Street
RULES & REGISTRATION FORM
NEW RULE — MI WATERS ONLY

- **MCSFA membership is required to fish this tournament.** Designated Captain must be a member.
- **Tournament Time – 6 AM – 1 PM, Must be back inside the pier heads by 1 PM.**
- Tri-port start from Manistee, Onekama, and Arcadia. Must leave from and return to your designated port or the team will be disqualified!!
- Captain’s Meeting – Thursday, June 22, 7:00 PM at Manistee Lion’s Pavilion – First Street. One member of the team must attend.
- Location-All events for the Ladies Classic Pro/Am will be held at Manistee Lion’s Pavilion – First Street.
- Any number of crew members can be on a team. A maximum of 9 rods can be used if you have at least 3 crew members and at least 2 crew members must be ladies. Observers are not required.
- When the fish bites the ladies must remove the rods from the holder, set the hooks and net the fish. The guys can help set lines and drive. Guys can help remove planer boards from the line and may help get a diver rod out of the rod holder.
- All boats must have a marine radio and be at least 16’ long.
- Weigh your best 5 fish (Salmon, Lake Trout, Steelhead, Brown Trout). All DNR rules apply.
- Tournament cooler with no more than 5 fish must be at Manistee Lion’s Pavilion – First Street by 2:15 PM. Transportation of coolers will be the responsibility of the team.
- Team number tags must be attached to your cooler prior to weigh-in. When you sign up for this tournament, you agree to this procedure and all rules pertaining to this tournament.
- **Total weight plus 10 points per fish will determine the winner.** Prizes listed are based on a minimum of 20 registered Pro team boats and a minimum of 30 registered Amateur boats. The number of entries will determine the final prizes. In the event of a tie, the team with the largest fish will determine the winner. If still tied, the prize will be split.
- A cash prize will be awarded for each of the largest Salmon, Lake Trout, Steelhead and will be a combination of both pro and am teams overall.
- A trophy will be awarded to the first place team in each division.
- If the tournament cannot begin by 10:00 AM, it will be canceled. A 3-hour minimum Fishing Time is required to complete this tournament. If this tournament cannot be completed due to uncontrollable circumstances, a refund check will be mailed to all participants within 14 days. However, a portion of the registration fee may be charged to cover any expenses incurred by the MCSFA.
- Please review the general rules page. !! Rules will be discussed and finalized at the Captain’s Meeting and any questions will be answered at that time.
- **The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decline entry or participating by any person, team or boat, as deemed necessary, to ensure such things as integrity, image, reputation, and financial performance and community relationships with sponsors, participants and supporting groups.**

Application for Entry – LADIES CLASSIC PRO/AM – June 23, 2017 (Please print clearly)

BOAT NAME _____ **DOCKED AT** _____

CAPTAIN’S NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

CAPTAIN’S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

ENTRY FEE: _____ **\$150.00 Pro Division (members)**
 _____ **\$100.00 Am Division (members)**

Credit Card Information

Circle card type: VISA Master Card Discover American Express

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ 3 Digit Security Code _____

Signature _____

Total amount to be billed to your credit card \$ _____

NOTE: Your credit card information will be destroyed following this transaction.

MCSFA BUDWEISER PRO/AM TOURNAMENT

Saturday & Sunday June 24 & June 25, 2017 Captain’s Meeting Friday June 23, 2017 - 7:00 PM
Manistee Lion’s Pavilion – First Street

RULES & REGISTRATION FORM
NEW RULE – MI WATERS ONLY

- ★ **MCSFA membership is required to fish this tournament.** Designated Captain must be a member.
- ★ You are permitted to fish only the 333 portion of the tournament if you choose.
- ★ Tri-port start from Manistee, Onekama, and Arcadia. Must leave from and return to your designated port or the team will be disqualified.
- ★ Captain’s Meeting – Friday, June 23, 7:00 PM Manistee Lion’s Pavilion – First Street. One member of the team must attend.
- ★ Licensed Charter boats must fish in the Pro Division, however all non-charter boats are welcome and encouraged to fish in the Pro Division. Why not test your skill in the pro division (there are not nearly as many teams to beat). You do have to abide by the Pro Division rules...larger entry fee, etc. **IMPORTANT** See “Pro Teams defined” on General Rules page.
- ★ Observers are not required, however, they may be provided by tournament committee. Captains will enforce all rules. Am Division boats must designate a captain. If observers are provided boats will be selected at random or by the first day standings by the tournament committee. Failure to allow the observer on your boat will result in disqualification and forfeiture of the registration fee.
- ★ Tournament time is **6 AM-1 PM** each day. Boats will leave from just outside pier heads at 6 AM and must be inside pier heads **by 1 PM**. Failure to be inside pier heads **by 1 PM** disqualifies the team for the day. Spotters will be in place at pier heads. Fog or wind may delay tournament start times. Tournament will start and end by marine radio communication.
- ★ Location-All events for the Budweiser Pro Am will be held Manistee Lion’s Pavilion – First Street.
- ★ All boats must be at least 16 feet long.
- ★ **The number of fishermen on a team may vary, however a maximum of 2 legal limits of 10 fish per day will be weighed for the pro division and a maximum of 1 legal limit of five fish per day for the am division. The same fishermen do not have to fish both days.**
- ★ No more than **your tournament limit** will be allowed in the tournament cooler at weigh-in (bring an extra cooler). Block ice or bagged ice only.... **NO LOOSE ICE!!**
- ★ Size Limit – You may sort fish for this tournament; short fish or extra fish will be removed plus 1 extra fish for each fish disallowed, starting with the smallest fish, etc. All DNR rules also apply.
- ★ Weigh-in – All coolers should be at Manistee Lion’s Pavilion – First Street by 2:15 PM to be weighed. Transportation of coolers will be the responsibility of the team. A team member must stay with the cooler until weigh-in. Team number tags must be attached to your cooler prior to weigh-in. Coolers brought to the weigh-in station with excess water will result in **deduction of 10 pounds** from total weight. When you sign up for this tournament, you agree to this procedure and all rules pertaining to this tournament.
- ★ **SCORING: Total weight plus 10 points per fish will determine the winner. If teams are tied, the tie will be broken by the highest day two total. If the tournament is shortened to one day and teams are tied, the prize money will be combined and split equally.**
- ★ Prizes will be finalized at the Captain’s Meeting.
- ★ Saturday & Sunday – 5:15 AM – Captains must be on board by 5:15 AM daily. Boats may be inspected prior to leaving the dock between 5:15 & 5:30 AM.
- ★ **TIES FOR BIG FISH** – Place prizes will be added then split. If last place ties for big fish overall score will be tiebreaker. If still tied, split.
- ★ **The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decline entry or participating by any person, team or boat, as deemed necessary, to ensure such things as integrity, image, reputation, and financial performance and community relationships with sponsors, participants and supporting groups.**

BOAT NAME _____ **DOCKED AT** _____
CAPTAIN’S NAME _____ **PHONE** _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____
_____ **\$350.00 PRO DIVISION (MEMBERS)** _____ **\$250.00 AM DIVISION (MEMBERS)**

Credit Card Information

Circle card type: VISA Master Card Discover American Express

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ 3 Digit Security Code _____

Signature _____

Total amount to be billed to your credit card \$ _____

NOTE: Your credit card information will be destroyed following this transaction.

The Manistee County Sport Fishing Association depends on your support. Please mail in your registration today. Your application is enclosed.

THANK YOU.

MCSFA

PO BOX 98

Manistee, MI 49660