

FISHIN' LINE

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Welcome to 2021! I want to personally thank each and every one of you for your continued support of the MCSFA. Without your support, we definitely could not have made it through like we did. In the middle of January, we held our first board meeting for the year which is considered to be the reorganizational meeting electing new board members. The board members were elected and the 2021 officers are as follows: Kevin Hughes, President; Bruce Buchanan, Vice President; and Michael Linke, Secretary /Treasurer.

As you may know Mary Bergren, the Administrative Assistant has retired after 11 years of loyal service to the Association. We welcomed our new Administrative Assistant, Lisa Froning in early 2020 and have been assisting her over the past several months with Marys' help to aid in a smooth transition. Lisa's knowledge of marketing, social media and selling of sponsorships made her a good selection to fill Mary's place. Lisa works full time as the national sales manager for a local northern Michigan television station. She is an avid outdoorswoman and has participated in the Association and events for numerous years.

We can all agree that 2020 presented itself as a challenge. Covid-19 did not make life easy for any of us and certainly for those who sought to hold events that required large gatherings. Despite these challenges, we were very fortunate to see a 25% increase in membership from 2019 and an overall 58.3% increase in the fishing tournaments. Financially, we made some cuts and had to cancel some events, but ended the year positive on our annual balance sheet.

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2021 MCSFA Events

Ice Fun Fish
February 27th

Small Boat Tournament
May 1st

Salmon Derby
Saturday, May 22nd
through
Monday,
September 6th

Kids Fish Day
Wednesday,
June 23rd

Ladies Classic PRO/AM
Tournament
June 25th

Budweiser PRO/AM
Tournament
June 26th & 27th

Our focus now is planning for 2021 and the upcoming events. That said, we have come to the very difficult decision to once again postpone the Spring Banquet that was slated for May 1st. The decision was made as it is not known what limitations on gatherings that may still be in place due to Covid-19. Thus the VFW cannot guarantee the availability of their hall and current government guidelines do not allow for such an event. The gun raffle is one of our best and biggest fundraisers for the year. We are working towards continuing with the gun raffle. The Board voted that instead of May 1st for the drawing that the gun raffle will be held in June to allow us for more planning time and to piggy back this along with the Tournament weekend. More details will follow.

The 2021 tournaments, Derby and Fun Fish events are still slated to happen and we will be following whatever protocols are needed. The dates are as follows:

Small Boat, Big Fish: May 1st
Salmon Derby: May 29th - September 6th
Fun Fish: TBA
NWTF/MCSFA Kids Fish: June 23rd
Ladies Classic: June 25th
Pro/Am- June 26th & 27th

We are currently working with sponsors for the upcoming season. The NWTF (National Wild Turkey Federation) has once again stepped up to sponsor the Kid Fish day. Several new and old sponsors are assisting in enhancing our events. To date, we have secured Ludington Beverage, Meijer, Tangled Tackle, Linke's Body Shop, Oak Grove, Port City Brew, Dr Shrink, Haglund Floor Covering, Insta-Launch, Chopo's Northside Bar, Smoker Craft, Parkdale Auto, Papa J's, and the Marsh Family Foundation. If you, your business, or someone you know would like to become a business member, underwrite or enhance one of our events, please let us know let us know.

Looking forward to 2021,
Captain Kevin Hughes
President, MCSFA

3rd Annual Portage Lake Ice Fun Fish hosted by the MCSFA February 27th

Entry fee is \$10, this is an individual event not team event.

New this year with the increased entry we will pay 1st and 2nd place for each category with a 70/30 split.

100% of entry money will be paid out for the two biggest fish determined by weight in each of the 4 categories. If we don't have a fish entered in a category the money will be split equally among the categories that have entries. If we don't have a 2nd place fish entered, all prize money will go to 1st for that category.

The selected categories are: Northern Pike
Pan Fish (Perch, Bluegill, Crappie)
Walleye
Whitefish/Cisco

You may pre-register at Lakeside Treats and Bait in town across from the park starting February 19th. You may also register the day of the 27th at the boat launch in town from 7-8am. **If you pre-register you must check in at registration the morning of between 7-8am if not your fish won't be allowed.** This is to assure everyone is fishing Portage Lake.

RULES:

You must be registered by 8am on February 27th.
All DNR rules apply.
You must only fish Portage Lake.

Once registered you may head out, drill holes, setup shanties, etc. **You may not begin fishing until 7:30am** and must have **all lines out by 2pm**. The weigh in to take place at the Papa J's in town beginning at 1:30pm, **fish must be weighed by 2:30pm** or they will not be allowed. Please **do not** bring all your fish to be measured just your biggest of each category. Payout will follow immediately after with the intention of being done shortly after 3pm. Papa J's will be open as a warming shelter/bathroom plus provide hotdogs, hot chocolate and coffee for all participants. They will also have a fire burning in the portable fire pit for warming. Feel free to hang around and socialize afterwards.

Bring the kids, we will be hosting a FREE kids fishing event from 11am-noon for those 12 years of age and younger. We will have a participant sign in sheet, **please be at the park by 10:30am so we can get everyone on the lake and ready to fish by 11am.** We will provide transportation to the fishing area as well as equipment for those that need it. *(Continued on page 4)*

Bait will be provided by Lakeside Treats and Bait. Dress warm this will be an outdoor event with no shelters. We will have a portable self-contained fire pit going to warm those that are cold. The kid's event is limited to fish poles only, no tip-ups. We will have MCSFA members available to help bait hooks and remove fish. **Spectators are welcome, come check it out it's going to be a lot of fun!!!**

Follow MCSFA on Facebook, all correspondence for this and all Fun Fish events will be posted there. Please spread the word, open for all to fish. Any questions call Phil Sedelmaier @ 231-510-1424.

Small Boat Big Fish Tournament



The poster features a central photograph of two people fishing from a boat on a lake. Below the photo, the text reads 'SMOKER CRAFT' in large, bold letters. To the left of the photo is a circular logo for 'Duff's NORTHSIDE BAR'. Below the photo, the date 'May 1st, 2021' is displayed with a star symbol. To the right of the date is a logo for 'Parkdale Auto Sales & Service Manistee, MI'. The main title 'SMALL BOAT BIG FISH TOURNAMENT' is prominently displayed in the center. Below the title, it says 'Contact MCSFA @ 231-877-4474 for questions' and '\$500 1st place prize sponsored by Smoker Craft!'. At the bottom, there is a small text block providing details about the tournament location, entry fee, and registration information.

Manistee County Sport Fishing Association

Tentative Scheduled Saturday, May 1st, 2021

Back-up date: May 2nd 2021 (due to possible inclement weather on Saturday)

This is a Big Fish Tournament being held by the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association for ALL fishermen & women.

Boats must be at least 14 feet in length but less than 22 feet in length. The entry is **\$50.00** per boat. At least one person on each boat must be a member of the MCSFA (Fun fish membership or Big Lake membership).

Registration for the tournament can be completed between 6-7:30PM on Friday at the Insta-Launch Campground and Marina, OR Registration by mail or in person, must be received by MCSFA no later than Friday, May 1st, 2021.

Registration forms are available @ www.MCSFA.org.

There will be a Captains meeting following the final registration period at 7:30pm on Friday.

This is a one-day tournament beginning at 7AM and concluding at 12PM. The weather back-up date is Sunday, May 2nd. In the event both days are cancelled, all entry fees will be refunded.

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In case of bad weather, a tournament committee of MCSFA officials will determine a GO/NO GO status at 7AM or sooner and will make appropriate announcements on VHF channel 68 and by the MCSFA Facebook page. After that time, responsibility will be assumed by each captain for their boat and crew. In case of early termination, all fishing is to cease and all boats must return.

Fishing ends at 12 PM when all lines must be out of the water. It is a gentleman's agreement for each boat to have lines in by 12 PM. In the case of inclement weather or other unforeseen factors or conditions, three (3) hours of fishing will constitute a tournament.

All Michigan DNR rules and regulations apply to this tournament and there is a limit of nine (9) rods in the water at one time. Sliders may be used; however, you are limited to one (1) per rod. The maximum slider length is 72 inches.

Fishing may occur in the waters of Lake Michigan from the stub pier of Manistee out into Lake Michigan (Michigan waters only). No tournament boat is to be in Lake Michigan until the 7AM command to begin fishing. All boats fishing must return to the same launch they departed from.

The weigh-in station will be located at Insta-Launch Campground & Marina. Each boat may enter one fish only. Scales will be open for weighing in from 12:30PM until 1:30PM. It is the fishermen's responsibility to have their fish at the scales within the allotted time. Prizes and payouts to follow shortly after all fish have been weighed.

Payouts will be for the three (3) largest fish. 1st place is a guaranteed \$500.00 prize. The number of entries to the tournament will determine any remaining prizes. In the event of a tie, the prize money for that place will be split and every place thereafter adjusted appropriately. A MCSFA member must weigh all fish. All fish weighed will require a signed affidavit that the fish was caught on your boat in accordance with the rules.

MCSFA officials will review all questions of concern or possible violations and their decisions will be final. Questions should be referred to Michael Linke (231-233-8191), Phil Sedelmaier (231-510-1424), or Cheyanne Bartynski (231-510-0790).



The NWTF have been strong supporters of the MCSFA. Due to Covid-19, they have postponed their 2021 banquet.

Membership is \$35 for the year and includes the NWTF Magazine.

For more information, contact Glen Haglund, 231-633-7876 or Mike Wood, 231-250-1594

Manistee County Sport Fishing Association

Presents the:

Small Boat Big Fish Tournament

May 1, 2021

*** Manistee ***

Register Today!

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: By signing this document, the person whose signature appears below acts as a representative of the team and agrees to the following:

1. I hereby release, discharge and waive all claims of any type against the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association, its officers, successors, assigns, employees, participating group and persons officially connected with this event from ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY INJURY, LOSS, CLAIM OR DAMAGE OF ANY TYPE ARISING OUT OF RELATED TO OR CAUSED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS OR ANY EVENT, ACTIVITY, OR ACTION OCCURRING AT/OR DURING THIS OR ANY COMPETITION sanctioned by the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association.
2. I agree that I will abide by all tournament rules and will accept the decision of the tournament rules committee and agree that the decision of the tournament rules committee will be final and I will PURSUE NO ACTION contesting any decision of the rules committee.
3. I am fully qualified and have experience in events such as this.
4. I am of legal age and capacity (participants under the age of 18 must also have the signature of a parent or legal guardian).

I state that I have read this document in full and understand that I am giving up all rights to damages from injuries to me personally and/or my property, as well as giving up all rights to seek damages as a result of the tournament rules committee decision.

My signature appears voluntarily with full knowledge of the rights that I have under law. I fully understand and agree to the terms and conditions as set forth herein. I am under no disability legal, physical or mental, which impairs my ability to sign.

Boat Name _____ Cell # on boat _____

Member's Name: _____

Address _____

Member's email address _____

Member Signature

Return this form with payment by Friday, April 30th by mailing to MCSFA, PO Box 98, Manistee, MI 49660 or register between 6 – 7:30PM at Insta-Launch Campground & Marina on Friday, April 30, 2021.

MCSFA Membership Application

Please make checks payable to: MCSFA and mail to PO BOX 98, Manistee, MI 49660
To Complete Membership Application online visit www.mcsfa.org.

Member Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Boat Name: _____

Docked At: _____

Member Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- _____ Non-Charter Boat Membership \$50.00
- _____ Fun Fish Membership \$30.00
- _____ Charter Boat Membership \$100.00
- _____ Website address: _____ Facebook: _____
- _____ Business Membership \$100.00
- _____ Website address: _____ Facebook: _____

(Note: Fun Fish Members are not eligible for the Salmon Derby.)

Membership (as indicated above) \$ _____

Donations (_____) \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

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

- _____ 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.

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

THANK YOU.

MCSEFA
PO Box 98
Manistee, MI 49660

TO: