

FISHIN' LINE

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From the Helm

We met in January and seated the newly elected board and elected officers for the 2023 year. We thank previous board members Bruce Buchanan and Cheyanne Bartynski for their service and welcome new members Matt Protasiewicz and Zach Pietrasik. As a board, we are busy lining up sponsors, revising rules, obtaining permits and refining procedures for the Tri-Port Tournament week in June. Other events such as the banquet, small boat tournament, the derby, Kids and fun fish are all activities that need behind the scenes planning months before the events takes place. Please note the specific dates in the newsletter to get these activities on your 2023 calendars.

Next, we have also been spending a lot of time working with The Coalition To Protect Michigan Resources. We are a Member organization and have been giving financial support for legal fees to help the sport fisherman to be represented in the negotiations in the Consent Decree with the tribes. To date, the proposed decree that was publicly released in December of 2022 is very concerning and the CPMR group has filed comments to the judge regarding specific concerns. Also, we are part of the legal action to get our concerns and past experiences with tribal netting in negotiations heard as the Michigan DNR and legal representatives who are supposed to negotiate for the citizen fishermen have not been engaging groups like ours in these "hush' hush" secret negotiations.

Finally, we are moving forward to having a great season for 2023. Last October, just before we put the boats to bed the salmon and steelhead fishing was excellent and we caught many fish and from different year classes. How can you help the association? By renewing your membership, buying additional gun raffle tickets, making donations, and giving your time to assist. The MCSFA will continue to promote and protect the fishery that is so important to our all our membership.

Captain Kevin Hughes, President

2023 MCSFA Events

Small Boat, Big Fish
Tournament
May 6th

Annual Spring Banquet
May 6th

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

Fun Fish
Wednesdays beginning
June 7th thru August
9th

Kids Fish Day
Wednesday, June 21st

Captain Fred's Ladies
Classic PRO/AM
Tournament
June 23rd

Manistee Tri-Port
Challenge
PRO/AM Tournament
June 24th & 25th

Fun Fish

The 2023 Fun Fish season will see a slight change in number of events this year, we will be reducing the number of events down to 10. We have noticed over the last few years that once the kids start the fall sports seasons and preparation to go back to school our participation drops considerably.

This year we will again fish every Wednesday starting June 7th and conclude on August 9th. The schedule and locations are being finalized now, once set this information will be posted on our website as well as on Facebook.

We are looking forward to getting the season started especially after this short ice fishing season.

Don't forget, payouts for 2022 Fun Fish BIG FISH will be cash payouts at the Spring Banquet on May 6th.

Any questions call Phil Sedelmaier @ 231-510-1424.

Small Boat Big Fish Tournament

Manistee County Sport Fishing Association
Tentative Scheduled Saturday, May 6, 2023

Back-up date: May 7, 2023 (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 from 14 to 23 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 any big lake membership).

Registration for the tournament can be completed from 6-6:45PM on Friday at the Insta-Launch Campground and Marina, OR Registration by mail or in person, must be received by MCSFA no later than Wednesday, May 3rd, 2023. Registration forms are available @ www.MCSFA.org.

There will be a Captains meeting following the final registration period at 6:00pm on Friday.



This is a one-day tournament beginning at 6:30 AM and concluding at 12 PM. The weather back-up date is Sunday, May 7, 2023. In the event both days are cancelled, all entry fees will be refunded. In case of bad weather, a tournament committee of MCSFA officials will determine a GO/NO GO status at 6:30 AM or sooner and will make appropriate announcements on VHF channel 68 and by the MCSFA Facebook page. After that time, each captain for his or her boat and crew will assume responsibility. 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 9 rods in the water at one time. Sliders may be used; however, you are limited to 1 per rod. The maximum slider length is 72 inches.

Fishing may occur in the waters off Lake Michigan from the West end of the stub pier of Manistee out into Lake Michigan (Michigan waters only). Tournament boats will stage near our just outside of the pier heads in Lake Michigan until the 6:45AM 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 12:30 PM until 1:30 PM. 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 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 Committee Chair Michael Linke (231-233-8191) or Committee Co-chairs Phil Sedelmaier (231-510-1424) or Logan Skiera (231-233-3236)

Manistee County Sport Fishing Association

Presents the:

Small Boat Big Fish Tournament

May 6, 2023

*** 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 Wednesday May 3, 2023 by mailing to MCSFA, PO Box 98, Manistee, MI 49660 or register from 6 – 6:45PM at Insta-Launch Campground & Marina on Friday, May 5, 2023.

Annual Membership Meeting and Spring Banquet

Manistee VFW Post - 28th Street - Manistee, Michigan
Saturday, May 6, 2023
Doors open at 5:00 pm
Cash Bar at 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Agenda

Payout for Salmon Derby - New this year - Paid in CASH
Payout for FUN FISH - New this year - Paid in CASH
Drawings
In-house raffle, door prizes, and more.
Make your reservation today!

RAFFLE Prize List

300 Win Mag Savage 110 Engage Hunter XP w/scope
30-06 Savage 110 Engage Hunter XP w/scope
300 Win Mag Mossberg Patriot w/scope
7mm-08 Savage Axis II XP w/scope
25-06 Savage Axis II XP w/scope
6.5 Creedmoor Savage Axis XP w/scope
243 Win Savage Axis w/scope
12ga Mossberg Model 500
22LR Henry Large Loop

Dinner tickets — \$40 each-PAY ON LINE - Go to our website: www.mcsfa.org
OR — To reserve your dinner tickets, please mail your check to the
Manistee County Sport Fishing Association
PO Box 98
Manistee, MI 49660
Questions: 231-887-4474
Email: mcsfa98@gmail.com
www.mcsfa.org

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) \$ _____

Spring Banquet Tickets (\$40.00 ea.) \$ _____

NOTE: RSVP is required.

Raffle Ticket (\$5.00 ea.) QTY _____ \$ _____

Stubs Are Mailed Separately

Donation \$ _____

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 _____ Manistee Tri-Port Pro/Am _____ Spring Banquet

_____ 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.

MCSFA
PO Box 98
Manistee, MI 49660

TO: