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Kicking off the Season right...

Earlier this month, we hosted our 3rd Annual Small Boat, Big Fish Tournament! This year we saw a record number of boats entered, this along with our second year sponsor Smoker-Craft Boats we were able to payout more cash than in the two years previous! We were hosted once again by Insta-Launch where we held our captain's meeting and had a great turnout for the weigh-in.

2023 SMALL BOAT, BIG FISH TOURNAMENT						
PLACE	PAYOUT	BOAT	Member Name (First)	Member Name (Last)	WEIGHT	SPECIES
1	\$500.00	MILLER	JESSE	MILLER	20.50	SALMON
2	\$400.00	LIP RIPPER	LOGAN	SKIERA	18.30	SALMON
3	\$300.00	LYDIA RENEE	TODD	HUNDLEY	17.40	SALMON
4	\$200.00	Good News	Michael	Linke	17.35	SALMON
5	\$150.00	Stern Look	Brent	Cross	17.25	SALMON
6	\$100.00	No Name	James	Clark	15.30	SALMON
7	\$50.00	MINI WHACKER	NATHAN	COBBITT	15.05	SALMON
8		LURES Troll Me Away	Jeff	Newman	15.00	SALMON
9		LURES BULLHEAD	STACY	PETERSON	15.80	SALMON
10		LURES FISHAWN	JOHN	LUNDQUIST	15.65	SALMON
11		RUTHLESS	MARK	PEFLEY	15.25	SALMON
12		Red Dog	Matthew	Protasiewicz	15.05	SALMON
13		OFFLINE	EIAN	RICHARD	14.60	SALMON
14		DANGEROUS	LOGAN	WESSENDORF	14.35	SALMON
15		REEL MADNESS	JARED	PRATT	10.60	LAKE TROUT
16		SHAMROCK	STEVE	BUZCEK	10.05	LAKE TROUT
17		River Chicken	James	Russell	9.25	SALMON
18		HAMMER TIME	JOHN	BOND	8.70	SALMON
19		Bobs Your Uncle	Richard	Morehouse	6.65	LAKE TROUT
		OFF CALL	PHIL	SEDELMAIER		
		POLISH P	ZACH	PIETRASIK		
		NONE	GEORGE	SCHNEIDER		
		LENTNER RIP	GRANT	LENTNER		
		Wannabe Northerners	Jonathon	Kepich		
		Fish Patrol	Ken	Falk		
		Beloive	Tom	White		
		NONE	RONALD	ZAJAC		
		SLIP KNOT JR	LENNY	VAUGHN		
		SKEET AND EAT	NICK	BIALIK		
		SALMON DESTROYER II	MICHAEL	CARROLL		



2023 MCSFA Events

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

Annual Spring Banquet

We had an evening filled with fun and good fellowship! This was the first time president, Kevin Hughes has missed the Spring Banquet - the board really picked up the ball and pulled off a great event! We were able to raise more dollars off of in house raffles, Ladies table, Inland Lake tables and Gun Raffle then the previous year! Thank you all for your support! A BIG thank you to all that contributed to the raffle prizes!

2023 Gun Raffle Winners:

300 Win Mag Savage 110 Engage Hunter XP w/scope	Matt Zimmer
30-06 Savage 110 Engage Hunter XP w/scope	Fred Chartier
300 Win Mag Mossberg Patriot w/scope	Tom Anderson
7mm-08 Savage Axis II XP w/scope	Dave Baker
25-06 Savage Axis II XP w/scope	Stacy Peterson
6.5 Creedmoor Savage Axis XP w/scope	Mark M.
243 Win Savage Axis w/scope	Lisa Sampson
12 gauge Mossberg Model 500	Keven Berklund
22LR Henry Large Loop	Blaine Vadeboncecur

Guns can be picked up at Jim's Guns & Rifle Range by August 31, 2023
20330 13 Mile Road, Copemish
(231) 633-6699

FunFish Schedule - 2023

June		
7th	Tippy Pond	6-9pm
14th	Bear Lake	6-9pm
21st	Portage Lake	6-9pm
28th	Manistee Lake	6-9pm

July		
5th	Bear Lake	6-9pm
12th	Portage Lake	6-9pm
19th	Manistee Lake	6-9pm
26th	Portage Lake	6-9pm

August		
2nd	Manistee Lake	6-9pm
9th	Portage Lake	6-9pm

Any questions call Phil Sedelmaier @ 231-510-1424

2023 FunFish Rules

No pre-fishing is permitted beginning at Noon on the day of the event.

Once registered you may launch your boat and exit the dock area, absolutely no fishing until start time. Time will be based on cell phone time.

Start time (lines in the water) is 6:00pm.

End time (lines out of the water) is 9:00pm. You must be in line to weigh fish within a half hour of end time. (waiting at the launch to get your boat out is considered in line)

If we start an event and are cancelled due to weather the event will be final, fish will count for both event and season long big fish.

In the event Wednesday is cancelled due to weather, we will use Thursday for the backup date. If we cannot go either night event for that week will be cancelled.

All adults participating in fishing during this event from the same boat as a participant must be entered in the event.

16 years old and younger will not be charged the \$5 non-member fee but must pay the \$5 entry fee to be eligible to win the daily event. Kids must buy a membership to be eligible for the Big Fish prize money.

FunFish Boundaries:

Portage Lake - Inside the imaginary shoreline of Lake Michigan.

Manistee Lake - north to M55 Bridge on the Big River, west to imaginary line from east end of stub pier to Coast Guard Station in the channel, south to tubes on the Little River.

Tippy Pond-Must stay remain downstream of Red Bridge.

Tournament Week - June 22 - 25, 2023

We will start the week off with the annual Kid’s Fish Day - this is our way to give back to our community by fostering and sharing our love of fishing with school age kids across Manistee County.

Thank you to the Sunset Shoreline Strutters and Martin Marietta who donate to this event.

June 23, 2023
Captain Fred’s Ladies Classic sponsored by Insta-Launch

June 24-25, 2023
Manistee Try - Port Challenge Pro/AM presented by 910 Media Group

1st Place Pay-outs:
\$10,000 for PRO*; \$5,000 for AM*
*Based on based on minimum 25 entries for PRO and 30 entries for AM

Thank you to all our generous sponsors for making these events happen!



Manistee County Sport Fishing Association

2023 KIDS FISH DAY

Wednesday, June 21st – 9:00 am to 10:30 am
Manistee’s Man Made Lake (N. of Harbor Village)



Tournament Rules:

- No entry fee or forms needed.
- Open to all kids 12 years of age and younger.
- A responsible adult must accompany all kids.
- Kids are encouraged to use life preservers.
- Sponsors accept no responsibility for any incident related to the Kids Fish Day event.
- Participation in the event implies agreement with the above rules.

Available at the tournament:

- Free worms and a limited amount of fishing rods for loan.
- A free tournament T-shirt for all kids who participate.



Gold Sponsors



Silver Sponsors



Bronze Sponsors



MCSFA CAPTAIN FRED'S LADIES CLASSIC TOURNAMENT
Friday, June 23, 2023
Captain's Meeting Thursday, JUNE 22, 2023 - 7:00 PM
MANISTEE LION'S PAVILION - FIRST STREET
RULES & REGISTRATION FORM

REMINDER RULE — MI WATERS ONLY, Ludington - Frankfort
LUDINGTON (N43.57.164) - FRANKFORT (N44.37.801)

MCSFA membership is required to fish in this tournament. Designated Captain must be a member. Tournament Time – 6 AM – 1 PM, Must be back inside the pier heads by 1 PM - 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 Manistee Lion's Pavilion - First Street - Manistee. One member of the team must attend. Location-All events for the Captain Fred's Ladies Classic will be held at Manistee Lion's Pavilion - First Street - Manistee.

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 coolers with no more than 5 fish must be at Manistee Lion's Pavilion - First Street - Manistee by 2:30 PM. Transportation of coolers will be the responsibility of the team.

Team number tags must be attached to your cooler prior to weigh-in. Coolers must be drained prior to weighing in. Blocked or bagged ice only, no loose ice or foreign substances. Foreign substances are defined but not limited to knives, hooks and/or implements that a member of the Tournament Committee deems as hazardous. Penalties apply: 5 point penalty at the discretion of a MCSFA Board Member. 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 participation 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 – CAPT FRED’S LADIES CLASSIC – June 23, 2023 (Please print clearly)

BOAT NAME _____ DOCKED AT _____

CAPTAIN’S NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CAPTAIN’S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

ENTRY FEE: _____ \$150.00*

*There is no longer a Pro and AM division for this tournament

Credit Card Information

Circle card type: VISA Master Card Discover American Express

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ 3 Digit Security Code _____ Billing Zip Code _____

Signature _____

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

2023 MCSFA MANISTEE TRI-PORT CHALLENGE PRO/AM TOURNAMENT

Saturday & Sunday, June 24 - 25, 2023

Captain's Meeting Friday, June 23, 2023 - 6:30 PM

MANISTEE LION'S PAVILION - First Street - Manistee

RULES & REGISTRATION FORM

REMINDER RULE — MI WATERS ONLY, Ludington - Frankfort

LUDINGTON (N43.57.164) - FRANKFORT (N44.37.801)

MCSFA membership is required to fish in 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 starts 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, 2023, 6:30 PM at Manistee Lion's Pavilion - First Street - Manistee. 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 the General Rules page.

Observers are not required, however, they may be provided by the 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. Water boundaries are in place, allowing participants to fish only Michigan waters as far south as the Ludington pier heads (N43.57.164) and as far north as the Frankfort pier heads (N44.37.801). Location-All events for the Manistee Tri-Port Challenge Pro/AM will be at Manistee Lion's Pavilion - First Street - Manistee

All boats must be at least 16 feet long. The number of fishermen on a team may vary, however a maximum of two (2) legal limits of 10 fish per day will be weighed for the PRO division and a maximum of one (1) legal limit of five (5) 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). 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 - Manistee by 2:30 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 must be drained prior to weighing in. Blocked or bagged ice only, no loose ice or foreign substances. Foreign substances are defined but not limited to knives, hooks and/or implements that a member of the Tournament Committee deems as hazardous. Penalties apply: 5 point penalty at the discretion of a MCSFA Board Member. 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 than split. If last place ties for big fish the overall score will be a tiebreaker. If still tied, split.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decline entry or participation 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 – MANISTEE TRI-PORT CHALLENGE PRO/AM
June 24-25, 2023 (Please print clearly)

BOAT NAME _____ DOCKED AT _____

CAPTAIN’S NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

_____ \$500.00 PRO DIVISION (MEMBERS) _____ \$300.00 AM DIVISION (MEMBERS)

Credit Card Information

Circle card type: VISA Master Card Discover American Express

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ 3 Digit Security Code _____ Billing Zip Code _____

Signature _____

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

MCSFA Tournament General Rules
MCSFA General Rules apply unless otherwise stated
On each specific tournament page.
See individual tournament page for further rule clarification.

REMINDER RULE: MICHIGAN WATERS ONLY, LUDINGTON TO FRANKFORT
LUDINGTON (N43.57.164) - FRANKFORT (N44.37.801)

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to decline entry or participation 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 canceled 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). The 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.

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.

WATER BOUNDARIES - Water boundaries are in place, allowing participants to fish only Michigan waters as far south as the Ludington pier heads (N43.57.164) and as far north as the Frankfort pier heads (N44.37.801).

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.

COOLERS – Coolers must be drained prior to weighing in. Blocked or bagged ice only, no loose ice or foreign substances. Foreign substances are defined but not limited to knives, hooks and/or implements that a member of the Tournament Committee deems as hazardous. Penalties apply: 5 point penalty at the discretion of a MCSFA Board Member.

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.

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 captains 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.

OBSERVER PLACEMENTS - The Board and or Tournament Committee will reserve the right to place an observer of their choosing on any registered team at any time. Failure to accept observer placement may result in disqualification and/or banishment from future MCSFA events.

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.

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

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) \$ _____

Donation \$ _____

Captain Fred's Ladies Classic \$ _____

PRO/AM Registration \$ _____

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
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Manistee, MI 49660

TO: