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Kicking off the Season right...

In May, we hosted our 5th Annual Small Boat, Big Fish Tournament and what a turn out! We registered 46 boats this year and everyone had a great time. Thanks to our partner Smoker Craft Boats and new sponsors Linke's Body Shop and Onekama Marine, we were able to not only pay out the \$1,000 1st place, but also added a \$250 prize to the top weight in all 4 species! We were fortunate enough to be hosted by Manistee River RV Resort & Marina where we held our captain's meeting and had a great turnout for the weigh-in. See who won below:

SBBF 2025 Results

Boat Name	Member Name	Member Name (BIG FISH	SIDE BET	STEELHEAD	BROWN	SALMON	LAKE TROUT	PAYOUT
Sea Monkey	James	Decker	19.15	34.3	4.3		19.15		\$ 1,000.00
The Big Chance	Logan	Skiera	16					16	\$ 600.00
Indian Giver	Paul	Protasiewicz	15.2				15.2		\$ 500.00
Just-E-Nuff	Will	Volesky	14.5				14.5		\$ 400.00
Dangerous	Logan	Wessendorf	13.7	25.6		6.1		13.7	\$ 350.00
Bullhead	Stacy	Peterson	13.45	37.75				13.45	\$ 300.00
Blue Phool	Randy	Kruger	12.8				12.8		\$ 250.00
My Mistress II	Ryan	McAllister	12.55	21.65				12.55	\$ 200.00
No Name	Ron	Zajac	12.2		2.95			12.2	\$ 150.00
No Name	Joshua	Jacobs	12.1				12.1		\$ 100.00
Good News Too	Michael	Linke	12.1	34				12.1	\$ 50.00
No Name	James	Clark	11.7				11.7		
Floating Circus	Mitch	Lige	11.45					11.45	
Scotty Doesn't Know	Alex	Bialik	11.45	29.3			11.45		
Nova	David	Novelli	11.25	26.5				11.25	
LJ Jackpot	Todd	Reed	10.55	27.95	6.65			10.55	
Angling Edge	Andrew	Tighe	10.45	25.1				10.45	
Lake Buzzard 6	Fred	Chartier	10.2	24.15				10.2	
Predator	David	Yeager	10.15	28.15		4.2		10.15	
Bending Tips	Jeff	Campbell	10.15	28.3				10.15	
Old Guys Rule	Jeff	Livingston	10.1					10.1	
Fishin Finn-atics	Mike	Jablonski	10.05	29.1	6.9		10.05		
Polish Prince	Matt	Zawacki	9.85	22.85				9.85	
God's Country	Steven	Buczek	9.75					9.75	
Blind Osprey	Tim	Parker	9.7		4.8			9.7	
Stumpy Jr	Micah	Hutchinson	9.65					9.65	
Sleet N Eat	Mike	Larson	9.15					9.15	
Lucke Pene	Jim	Kuhr	8.9	22.45				8.9	
Polish P	Zach	Pietrasik	8.45			3.1	8.45		
Chrome Clowns	John	Littlefield	7.7			5.55		7.7	
No Name	Brad	Kamalowski	7.4			4.1	7.4		
Grand Slam	John	Burtch	7.4					7.4	
Fred's Dream II	Tyler	Reed	4.9	13		4.75		4.9	
Sandpebbles	Kevin	Hughes	3.75			3.75			
Angler Management	Ron	Maloney	2.75					2.75	Rods
No Name	Jonathon	Kepich							
Deep Addiction	Brian	Lytle							
Flatbottom	Tim	Shoup							
Holding Our Own	Alex	Block							
Happy Wander	George	Schneider							
Say Uncle	Steven	Block							
Skeeter	George	Al-Husari							
Bird Dog	Matt	Protasiewicz							
Major Disappointmen	Brent	Major							
Voo Doo	Nathan	Cosbitt							
Wicked Addiction	Kevin	Cosbitt							

2025 MCSFA Events

Salmon Derby
Saturday, May 23rd
through
Monday,
September 1st

Fun Fish
Wednesdays beginning
May 28 thru July 30

Kids Fish Day
Wednesday, June 18

Captain Fred's Ladies
Classic PRO/AM
Tournament
June 20th

Manistee Tri-Port
Challenge
PRO/AM Tournament
June 21st & 22nd

Annual Spring Banquet

This year we sold 133 dinner tickets and filled the room with members ready to start off our 2025 fishing season. The Board members really stepped it up again this year by soliciting more in house raffle items and really got behind selling tickets and running prizes! A big thank you to all our sponsors & members that donated items and Dave & Chris Keene for knocking it out of the park on the Ladies & Small Boat tables! This night is our biggest fundraiser and allows for day to day operations of the Association. We were able to raise more dollars off of in house raffles, Ladies table, and Inland Lake tables than the previous year, thank you for your continued support!

2025 MCSFA Gun List

Browning Xbolt2 Hunter Maple AA DX NS 300win 26"	Jim's Guns
Browning Xbolt Speed OVIX MB 7mmRem 26" 3rd	Eric Andersen
Weatherby Vanguard Outfitter 308Win 24" TB	Fred Chartier
Weatherby Vanguard Outfitter 6.5Creed 24" TB	Megan Cooper
Weatherby Vanguard 2 270Win 24" TB Sporter	Joel Cemarrs
Winchester Arms XPR 270Wsm Combo 24" 3-9X40 Vortex	Scott MacNeill
Weatherby Vanguard Obsidian 350Legend 20"	Megan Cooper
Single Gun Raffle - Savage Credmoor	Scott Campbell
Cooler Surprise - Mossburg 12 gauge	Roger Young

Guns can be picked up at Jim's Guns & Rifle Range by August 31, 2025
20330 13 Mile Road, Copemish
(231) 633-6699

FunFish Schedule - 2025

May 28th	Bear Lake	6-9pm
June 4th	Portage Lake	6-9pm
June 11th	Manistee Lake	6-9pm
June 18th	Portage Lake	6-9pm
June 25th	Bear Lake	6-9pm
	*One Bait Wednesday	
July 2nd	Manistee Lake	6-9pm
July 9th	Portage Lake	6-9pm
July 16th	Bear Lake	6-9pm
July 23rd	Portage Lake	6-9pm
	*Predator Pray Wednesday	
July 30th	Manistee Lake	6-9pm
TBD	End of Year Classic	TBD

2025 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.

*Watch our Facebook page for updates, pictures and more information!

Questions and or comments, please reach out to Logan Skiera 231-233-3236

Tournament Week 2025

June 18, 2025

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.

June 20, 2025

Captain Fred's Ladies Classic

June 21-22, 2025

Manistee Try - Port Challenge Pro/AM

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

2025 KIDS FISH DAY

Wednesday, June 18th – 9:00 am to 10:30 am
Manistee's Man Made Lake (N. of Harbor Village)

Proudly sponsored by:



MANISTEE AREA LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Sunset Shoreline Strutters



Filer Mill Community Club * Rory Russell, LLC. * Teachout Industrial Contracting Inc * In Memory of Roger Kaminski Sr



Platinum Sponsors



Gold Sponsors



Silver Sponsors



MCSFA CAPTAIN FRED'S LADIES CLASSIC TOURNAMENT
Friday, June 20, 2025
Captain's Meeting Thursday, JUNE 19, 2025 - 6:30 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, Onkama, and Arcadia. Must leave from and return to your designated port or the team will be disqualified!

Captain's Meeting – Thursday, June 19, 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 20, 2025 (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 _____

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

2024 MCSFA MANISTEE TRI-PORT CHALLENGE PRO/AM TOURNAMENT**Saturday & Sunday, June 12-22, 2025****Captain's Meeting Friday, June 20, 2025 - 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, Onkama, and Arcadia. Must leave from and return to your designated port or the team will be disqualified. Captain's Meeting – Friday, June 20, 2025, 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 21-22, 2025 (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
PO Box 98
Manistee, MI 49660

TO: