

Manistee County Sport Fishing Association



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2014 Budweiser PRO/AM

The Budweiser PRO/AM will take place at the Manistee Lion's Pavilion at the end of First Street—Newly Renovated!!

Thursday marks the Captain's meeting for the Ladies Classic beginning at 7:00 pm. The Tournament takes place on Friday, June 20st. Your registration form is included.

Friday night will be the Captain's meeting for the Budweiser PRO/AM beginning at 7:00 pm. The Tournament takes place on two days: Saturday, June 21st and Sunday, June 22nd. Your registration form is included.

As always, forms are accessible on our web site at www.mcsfa.org.

2014 MCSFA Events

Salmon & Trout Derby
Saturday, May 24th
through
Monday, September 1st

Kid's Fish Day
Wednesday, June 18

Ladies Classic Pro/Am
Friday, June 20

Budweiser Pro/Am
Saturday, June 21
and
Sunday, June 22

Small Boat Big Fish
Tournament
August 2

Golf Outing
August 16

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2014 Annual Spring Banquet

As another annual banquet has passed, I thought it would be appropriate to thank those that donate to our in house raffle. The last two years have been filled with some great prizes and lots of them for our in house crowd. This year also had the usual great general raffle with our always gracious charter captains donating the 5 charters and the impressive guns, and reels making up the rest.

This banquet marked our third year at the Little River Casino Resort and the food, service, and atmosphere did not disappoint. The complimentary keg of beer also went over marvelously once again with everyone having an opportunity to have a glass and the appetizers & fish sculpture were splendid.

This year's honoree was Larry Scharich of Shipwatch Marina for his long term support of the Budweiser Pro/Am and steadfast support of the MCSFA. He and his staff have always been more than generous in their tournament participation.

Finally, the number one thing that I take away from our spring gathering each and every year is the opportunity to laugh and joke and tell stories with many of the men and women that we don't necessarily get a chance to see outside of the fishing season. This is to me by far the most important thing. Seeing some of the old timers, newcomers and everyone in between is always my highlight.

We look forward to seeing you at our Budweiser PRO/AM Tournament in June!

Sincerely,
Captain Craig Kent

MCSFA Derby 2014

With a long and cold winter finally behind us, it's time to go fishing. The Salmon Derby starts the weekend of Saturday May 24, 2014.

Our derby requires all fish to weigh at least **10 pounds to be eligible**, there are no prizes for fish under 10 pounds. In addition, you must leave from a port in Manistee County and return to a port in Manistee County. We allow members to weigh as many fish as they want to, and will pay out multiple prizes to any one person that makes the top three on the board. There are three months of the derby. The June payout actually begins on the Saturday of Memorial day weekend and the August payout runs through the Monday of Labor Day weekend.

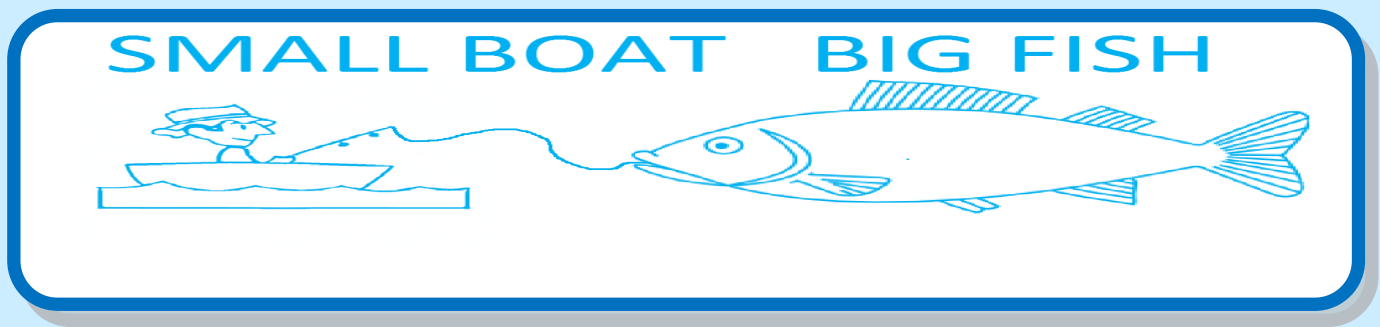
We would like to avoid any issues with fish weighed in for the derby, so I would like to go over the procedure. When you weigh a fish please fill out the weigh slip completely. We have had slips with no species or boat name etc. Also please take the yellow copy of your slip with you this is your record. You must also leave the white (original) copy with the weigh station so it can be collected. In the past we have had people mail in slips they had at home that would have placed in the derby. If we are not in possession of the weigh slip by midnight on Labor Day it will not count. You may not weigh a fish within 24 hours of your membership, so please get your dues in early. In case of a tie the first fish caught will win.

The official weigh stations for the MCSFA Salmon Derby are **Onekama Marine, Arcadia Marine, Insta-launch Campground, Tangled Tackle, Shipwatch Marina, and Riverside Charters**. The boards with the latest results are posted at the above listed businesses. They volunteer their time, and support the MCSFA throughout the year. I know that some of them have gotten out of bed to weigh fish for members, so please try to throw them some support for your boating and fishing needs.

You must be a member of the MCSFA to participate in our tournament. The MCSFA Ladies and Pro/Am are the **only** events where your big fish is **automatically** entered in the monthly derby.

If you are a MCSFA member and fish additional tournaments in Manistee, your catch is not automatically entered into the monthly derby. To enter a fish in the derby, you must weigh your fish at one of our weigh stations and submit a weigh slip. If you do not get a weigh slip, your fish will not be allowed.

A complete list of the rules can be found on our web site www.mcsfa.org.



Annual MCSFA Small Boat Big Fish Tournament
August 2, 2014

This is a big fish tournament being held by the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association, for amateurs only. Weigh in your biggest fish only. Limit of 1 prize per boat.

Boats must be less than 25 feet and have an VHF radio. **The entry fee is \$60.00.** At least 1 person on each boat must be an MCSFA member. Anyone joining for this tournament will have their membership validated through December 31, 2015. Registration for the tournament will be between 6 pm and 8 pm on Friday August 1, 2014 at the village park in Onekama. Advance registration by mail or in person must be received by the MCSFA no later than August 1, 2014. Registration forms are available at: MCSFA.org.

All 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".

Fishing starts and ends at the ports of Manistee, Arcadia and Onekama, and is limited to Lake Michigan and Lakes Arcadia, Manistee and Portage.

Weigh-in stations will be located at the Onekama Park Boat Launch and the Arcadia Municipal Marina Boat Launch and Ship Watch Marina in Manistee. A tally board will be located at each site and information will be updated via telephone. Stations will be open for weighing from 11 am to 2 pm. It is the fisherman's responsibility to have their fish at the scales within the allotted times.

This is a one day tournament beginning at 6:00 am and concluding at 2:00 pm. The weather back-up date is Sunday August 3, 2014. In the event both days are canceled, all entry fees will be refunded. In case of bad weather, a tournament committee of MCSFA members will determine a go/no go status at 6:00 am and will make appropriate announcements on VHF channel 68. 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.

Payout will be for the 5 largest fish. 1st place is a guaranteed \$500 prize. Remaining prizes are determined by the number of entries. In the event of a tie, the 1st fish weighed in is the winner. All fish must be weighed by an MCSFA member. All fish weighed will require a signed affidavit that the fish was caught on your boat.

Fish will also be entered into the MCSFA Derby. There will be no award ceremonies. Winners will receive their prize checks in the mail.

Questions should be referred to Ken Franklin, 231-889-4048, Dave VanEerden, 231-645-9056 or Tom McCraner 231-631-4613.

MCSFA LADIES CLASSIC PRO/AM TOURNAMENT

Friday, June 20, 2014

Captain's Meeting Thursday June 19th, 7:00 PM

Manistee Lion's Pavilion – First Street

RULES & REGISTRATION FORM

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 19, 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. Lake Trout must be a minimum of 20 inches.

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, financial performance and community relationships with sponsors, participants and supporting groups.

Application for Entry – LADIES CLASSIC PRO/AM – JUNE 20, 2014 (Please print clearly)

BOAT NAME _____ DOCKED AT _____

CAPTAIN'S NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CAPTAIN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

****Taxes on awards earned are the responsibility of the recipient. As required a 1099 will be issued to anyone who receives over \$600 in award checks in a calendar year.**

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

Please send to: MCSFA
PO Box 98
Manistee MI 49660

OFFICE USE: Date Payment Received _____ Check _____ Cash _____

MCSFA BUDWEISER PRO/AM TOURNAMENT

Saturday & Sunday June 21 & June 22, 2014

Captain's Meeting Friday June 20 - 7:00 PM

Manistee Lion's Pavilion – First Street

RULES & REGISTRATION FORM

- ⇒ 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 20, 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. Lake Trout must be a minimum of 20 inches. 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.

SEE GENERAL RULES PAGE.

Please send to: MCSFA, PO Box 98, Manistee MI 49660 (231) 887-4474

Application for Entry – BUDWEISER PRO/AM - JUNE 21 & June 22, 2014 (Please print clearly)

BOAT NAME _____ DOCKED AT _____

CAPTAIN'S NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CAPTAIN'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

****Taxes on awards earned are the responsibility of the recipient. As required, a 1099 will be issued to anyone who receives over \$600 in award checks.**

_____ \$350.00 PRO DIVISION (MEMBERS)

_____ \$250.00 AM DIVISION (MEMBERS)

OFFICE USE; Date Payment Received _____

Check _____

Cash _____

MCSFA Tournament General Rules

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

See individual tournament page for further rule clarification.

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.

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

- _____ Non-Charter Boat Membership \$50.00
- _____ Charter Boat Membership \$100.00
- _____ Business Membership \$100.00

(Note: All membership levels enter you in the Salmon Derby.)

Membership (as indicated above) \$ _____

Donations (_____) \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: MCSFA and mail to PO BOX 98, Manistee, MI 49660

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

Tournament weekend

- _____ Kid Fish Day
- _____ Ladies Classic Pro/Am
- _____ Budweiser Pro/Am
- _____ Weigh-in
- _____ Clean-up

Spring Banquet

- _____ Sell raffle tickets

Net Pen Project

- _____ General help

_____ **Yes, I would accept a nomination for a board seat.**

Go Green

Please take this opportunity to complete the above membership application and your email address. *Going Green* is easier than you may think and saves money. America is shifting to a *Go Green* attitude and many citizens are embracing this responsibility with open arms. You can do your part by signing up to receive your Newsletters via the internet and/or email. We will continue to do our part to post our Newsletters on our web site. Again, please provide us with your email address and your commitment to *Going Green!*

Office use: Date Pd: _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

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your support. Please
mail in your registration
today.

Your application is
enclosed.
Thank you.