

Small Boat Big Fish Tournament

Manistee County Sport Fishing Association

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Saturday, August 1, 2015

6:00 am to 1:00 pm



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This is a Big Fish Tournament being held by the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association (MCSFA) for amateur fishermen and women only.

Boats must be less than 25 feet in length and must be equipped with a VHF radio, monitor channel 68. The entry fee is **\$60.00**. At least one person on each boat must be a member of MCSFA.

Registration for the tournament can be completed between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM on Friday, July 31, 2015 at the Village Park in Onkama. All registrations, by mail or in person, must be received by MCSFA no later than July 31, 2015. Registration forms are available at www.MCSFA.org.

This is a one-day tournament beginning at 6:00 AM and concluding at 1:00 PM. The weather back-up date is Sunday, August 2, 2015. 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 6:00 AM or sooner 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.

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 starts in the waters of Manistee Lake, including the Manistee River from the railroad bridge downstream to the Harbor of Manistee, and/or Portage Lake and the connecting channel, and/or Arcadia Lake and the connecting channel. No tournament boat is to be in Lake Michigan until the 6:00 AM command to begin fishing. Fishing may occur in any of the above named waters plus Lake Michigan.

Fishing ends at 1:00 PM when all lines must be out of the water. In the case of inclement weather or other unforeseen factors or conditions, three (3) hours of fishing will constitute a tournament.

Weigh-in stations will be located at the Onkama Park Boat Launch and the Arcadia Municipal Marina Boat Launch and Shipwatch Marina in Manistee. An official tally board will be maintained at the Onkama Park Boat Launch Site and be updated by telephone from Arcadia and Manistee. Stations will be open for weighing in from 1:30 PM until 3:00 PM. It is the fishermen's responsibility to have their fish at the scales within the allotted time.

Payouts will be for the 5 largest fish. 1st place is a guaranteed \$500.00 prize. The number of entries to the tournament will determine the remaining prizes. In the event of a tie, the prize money for that place will be split and every place thereafter adjusted appropriately. An 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.

Any qualifying fish will also be entered in to the MCSFA derby. There will be no award ceremonies, winners will be notified and receive their prizes in the mail. All questions of concern or possible violations will be reviewed by MCSFA officials and their decisions will be final. Questions should be referred to Ken Franklin 231-889-4048, Dave Van Eerden 231-645-9056 or Tom McCraner 231-631-4613.

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Register Today!

Boat Name _____ Cell phone on boat _____

Member's Name _____

Address _____

Member's email address _____

Return this form with payment by Friday, July 31, 2015 by mailing to MCSFA, PO Box 98, Manistee, MI 49660 or register between 6pm and 8pm at the Onekama Village Park on Friday, July 31, 2015.