

FISHIN' LINE

2019 Spring Banquet Salute to Weigh Stations

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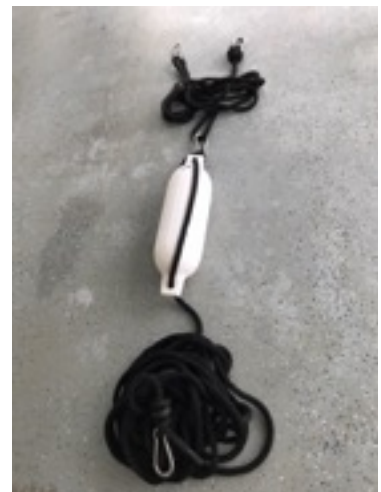
If you have not seen the list of winners of the gun raffle, here it is.

1. Ruger .450 Bushmaster — William Lukaskiewica
2. Ruger 6.5 Creedmoor — Bob Lancaster
3. Henry 22 mag. Golden Boy — Eric Schrouder
4. Savage 17 HMR snow came w/scope — Ed Barlan
5. Remington 870 Express Super Mag 12 Gauge — Thomas Berenstein
6. Barnett Raptor FX Crossbow Package — Kathy Burger
7. Savage Axis XP .270 w/scope — Bob Strohs
8. Savage Axis .243 w/scope — Sue Apple
9. Ruger 10/22 — Al Villadsen

Thanks to all our weigh stations for their ongoing support of the Manistee County Sportfishing Association: Onekama Marine, Insta Launch, Arcadia Marine, Tangled Tackle, Riverside Taxidermy, and Shipwatch Marina.

Tips & Tricks

When giving thought to getting the boat ready for another season on the water, safety should be in the spotlight. Should the unfortunate occasion ever occur that a tow-in after engine problems leave skipper and friends dead in the water, here is a critical part of the solution. Carry a towline. When help arrives in the form of another boater, just hook up and head in. Easily made, you need a strong line (50-75 feet), an inflatable fender (to float the harness away from the prop of the towing vessel), and four large snap hooks. Put the harness together, throw it into a duffle, stow in a compartment in the boat and forget it. If you ever need to use it, it will be like a birthday present. Happy Day!



2019 MCSFA Events

- Salmon & Trout Derby
Saturday, May 25th through Monday, September 8th
- Kids Fish Day
Wednesday, June 19th
- Ladies Classic PRO/AM Tournament
June 21st
- Budweiser PRO/AM Tournament
June 22 & 23

A little more FAB 4

One more reason to fish our MCSFA Budweiser PRO/AM on June 21-23. The all new Fab 4 Manistee by Tournament Trail. The port of Manistee has long been regarded as one of the top fishing ports on Lake Michigan. In fact, no other port on the Trail has more Tournament Trail circuit events. Once again in 2019, Manistee County will host the Budweiser PRO/AM, the Salmon Splash, the Onekama Tournament and the Watson Country Manistee Monster Mania. Brand new this year, every time you fish a 333 event in Manistee County, you'll be automatically eligible to win one of nine \$1,000 cash prizes. The more events you fish, the more chances you have to win! Registration is free and automatic when you sign up for 333 at any of the Manistee County Tournament Trail events in 2019. The best part is you're still eligible to win, even if you don't catch a single fish! All prizes will be awarded at the Monster in September (need not be present to win). We think Big Lake Fishing out of Manistee is the best! Get off the sidelines this year and come fish the Budweiser PRO/AM and the rest of Manistee County's 4 Tournament Trail events! Fish all 4 333 events in Manistee County and receive a total of five entries. Winners will be drawn at random, limit one cash prize per team.

Let's Go Fishing

Whoa.....

Are you really ready to take your boat out fishing? Going out on the water is not to be taken lightly. That is why the United States Coast Guard, Towboat US and similar agencies stay busy. Here is a list of ideas and requirements to keep in mind when thinking of leaving the dock. Some items pertain to a boat moored in the water and some are for trailered boats.

Three categories: The Trailer, The Boat, The Fishing.

TRAILER

- License
- Lights Working
- Wheel Bearings Greased
- Tires Good
- Springs Good
- Brakes Checked
- Winch Good
- Hitch Ball Correct Size
- Hitch Lock
- Power Winch Connect
- Power Winch Control

BOAT

- Current Registration
- Batteries Charged
- Bilge Pump Works
- Lower Unit - No Water
- Drain Plug In
- Windshield Wiper Works
- Anchor & Line Good
- Boat Keys
- Fuel Filter Changed
- Water Separator Changed

FISHING

- Weather Forecast
- Fishing License
- Non-Slip Shoes
- Sunglasses
- Sun Screen & Lip Balm
- Rods & Reels
- Tackle Boxes
- Bait
- Net
- Cooler & Ice

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BOAT, continued

- New Spark Plugs
- Tow Vehicle Hitch Secure
- Hold Down Straps On/Off
- Navigation Lights Work
- Fuel Tanks Full
- Oil Levels Checked
- Tool Kit - Rags
- Personal Locator Beacon
- Outboard Engine Raised
- Dock Lines Ready
- Towline on Board
- Pail/TP
- Compass
- Fire Extinguisher
- Personal Floatation Devise

BOAT, continued

- Throwable Items
- Flares
- Horn
- Cell Phone
- USCG Phone Number
- Knife
- Electronics Working
- Antenna Secure

FISHING, continued

- Gloves
- Hat
- Nausea Meds
- Bug Repellant
- Drinks & Food

FISHING, continued

- Head Lamp
- Wet Ones
- Fish Scale

Hope you
 found this
 information
 helpful .

Fun Fish

Hello everyone,

It's starting to look like spring may finally be here!! We have some exciting news about this year's Fun Fish events. We will be fishing 13 events this year, beginning the first Wednesday in June and continuing every Wednesday through August.

New things this year: kids 16 years old and younger will not have to purchase a membership to fish the events. Others can purchase a season long Fun Fish membership this year for \$30, that's a \$35 savings over the season. Here's the kicker, we also have 5 sponsors this year that have each put up \$100 for the biggest pike, walleye, bass, bluegill/sunfish and perch caught for the season at one of our fun fish events. You must be an annual member to be eligible. Lets recap, you can save money and be eligible to win big, why wouldn't you!!!!

Big Fish Sponsors

- Tangled Tackle Shirley's Bar Papa J's Ice Cream
 Lakeside Treats & Bait Portage Lake Association

Follow us on Facebook or if you have any questions
 call Phil Sedelmaier 231-510-1424.

MCSFA LADIES CLASSIC PRO/AM TOURNAMENT
Friday, June 21, 2019
Captain’s Meeting Thursday JUNE 20, 2019, 7:00 PM
 Manistee Lion’s Pavilion – First Street
RULES & REGISTRATION FORM
REMINDER RULE – MI WATERS ONLY

- **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.**
- 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 20, 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.
- 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, and financial performance and community relationships with sponsors, participants and supporting groups.**

Application for Entry – LADIES CLASSIC PRO/AM – June 21, 2019 (Please print clearly)

BOAT NAME _____ **DOCKED AT** _____

CAPTAIN’S NAME _____ **PHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

CAPTAIN’S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER _____

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

Credit Card Information OR PAY ON LINE

Circle card type: VISA Master Card Discover American Express

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ **3 Digit Security Code** _____

Signature _____

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

MCSFA BUDWEISER PRO/AM TOURNAMENT

Saturday & Sunday June 22 & June 23, 2019 Captain’s Meeting Friday June 21, 2019 - 7:00 PM
Manistee Lion’s Pavilion – First Street

RULES & REGISTRATION FORM

REMINDER RULE – MI WATERS ONLY

- ★ **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 21, 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. 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.**

BOAT NAME _____ DOCKED AT _____
 CAPTAIN’S NAME _____ PHONE _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 _____ \$350.00 PRO DIVISION (MEMBERS) _____ \$250.00 AM DIVISION (MEMBERS)

Credit Card Information OR PAY ON LINE

Circle card type: VISA MasterCard Discover American Express

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ 3 Digit Security Code _____

Signature _____

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

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 We now can take credit cards! Complete the information below.

- _____ **Non-Charter Boat Membership \$50.00**
 - _____ **Charter Boat Membership \$100.00**
 - _____ **Business Membership \$100.00 - web site address** _____
- (Note: All membership levels enter you in the Salmon Derby.)*

Membership (as indicated above) \$ _____

Donations (_____) \$ _____

Total Enclosed or credit card \$ _____

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

Credit Card Information OR PAY ON LINE

Circle card type: VISA Master Card Discover American Express

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____ 3 Digit Security Code _____

Signature _____

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

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

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| <u>Tournament weekend</u> | <u>Spring Banquet</u> | <u>Net Pen Project</u> |
| _____ Kid Fish Day | _____ Sell raffle tickets | _____ General help |
| _____ Ladies Classic Pro/Am | | |
| _____ Budweiser Pro/Am | | |
| _____ 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