

Grand Marais Offshore Challenge
Saturday and Sunday, July 11 and 12, 2009
Open to All
30 Boat Limit on a First Come Basis

RULES

TOURNAMENT TIME - 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. Sunday. No Fishing after 4 p.m. on Saturday July 11 or after 2 p.m. on Sunday July 12. Boats will leave from Grand Marais Boat Launch Area at 7 a.m. and coolers must be presented for weigh-in by 4 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday. Coolers presented after 4 p.m. on Saturday and after 2 p.m. on Sunday will not be weighed. Absolutely no fishing prior to 7 a.m.

FISHING AREA - No fishing inside a line between pier heads. The ten (10) mile radius restriction may be initiated by the Tournament Committee if weather conditions deem it necessary.

CAPTAINS MEETING - Approx. 7:30 p.m. on Friday, July 10, open to all, at Grand Marais Community Center. Final registration begins at 6:30 p.m. Rule amendments or changes may be done at the Captains Meeting prior to the tournament. We would suggest entire team attend. One person from each team is required to attend. Captains Meeting is held to ensure all participants are clear on the rules and their interpretation.

FINAL PAYOUTS -Posted Saturday morning and are based on registration and will supersede ALL previously posted possible payouts. Once final payouts are posted, there can be no refund of registration fees.

AWARDS- Awards Ceremony will be held at Grand Marais Launch Area on Sunday, July 12 at approx. 3:30 p.m.

BAD WEATHER - 4 hours of fishing is a completed day. If only 4 hours of a 2-day tournament can be fished it will be considered complete. If we cannot fish the 1st day of a 2-day tournament by 11 a.m. because of weather, tournament will be canceled for the day. After fishing minimum of 4 hours the 1st day of any 2-day event, no fishing will be allowed for the remainder of that day. Committee is the final authority on weather decisions. If Tournament is called because of bad weather, you will have 1 hour to return to the Harbor. Boats who return more than 1 hour after tournament has been called off will not be allowed to weigh for that day. Monitor channel 9 for safety and emergency information. If tournament is called before a minimum of 4 hours is fished, the whole day will be canceled. Minimum of 4 hours fishing required for weigh-in. If due to unforeseen circumstance, this event is cancelled in its entirety, a refund check for 90% of the tournament entry fee will be mailed within 14 days. 10% of the entry fee will be retained to cover tournament expenses.

RADIO – Marine radio required. Monitor Channel 9 for communications. Tournament Control will monitor Channel 9 throughout the day in case of an emergency or situation that requires immediate attention. All tournaments will start and end on Channel 68.

LIMITS - Trout and Salmon only qualify for this tournament. Four (4) limits of fish maximum per boat.

MICHIGAN DNR LAWS - All Michigan fishing laws and rules must be observed. DNR violations on tournament days will disqualify the team with no refund.

GAFFING - NO! Substances, including ice packed into fish's mouth or body cavities is cheating and will disqualify the entire team.

WEIGH-IN - Maximum heaviest five fish per day. 5 fish maximum in cooler at weigh-in. Total weight will determine winner. Final weigh-in procedures will be decided at the Captains Meeting. Block or bagged only. No loose cubes or crushed ice and drain water from coolers before weigh-in. There is a 5 lb. deduction for loose ice or excess water. Extra fish or fish under legal size limit will be disallowed plus 1 fish will be deducted for each extra or undersized fish you have. Weigh-in slips must be signed before leaving the scales. Check your weigh slip before you sign. After signature re-weighing is not allowed and no changes can be made. Fish must be unloaded on the dock. If fish are brought from the parking lot, that team will be disqualified for that day.

CAPTAIN & CREW - A Captain for each team must be designated and identified on the entry form. Short-handed crews are allowed, however, sufficient legal fishermen are required to comply with maximum lines. Same fishermen do not have to fish both days.

TIE BREAKERS - Big fish will be used if that weight is available for all boats involved. If not, prize will be split. **BIG FISH ONLY PRIZES WILL BE SPLIT.** Place prizes will be added together (i.e. 2nd & 3rd) and then split.

IDENTIFICATION - Failure to display the identification flag (if provided) at all times during the tournament can result in disqualification.

DISABLED BOATS - Boats must return under their own power. 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 weigh in. Once tournament begins you cannot change boats for any reason.

Boating Emergency Contact Number is 906-494-2581 (Bayshore Market)

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE - A committee will be selected at each Captains Meeting from 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 decision of the tournament committee will be final. Immediate action for non-compliance of tournament rules will be the jurisdiction of the tournament committee regarding the event in question. **When you elect to fish in this event you agree by your signature to abide by the policies, rules and decisions set forth by the Grand Marais Offshore Challenge Tournament Coordinator(s) and selected tournament committee.**

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.

CHEATING - Cheating will not be tolerated. Anyone caught cheating will be banned for life from all future Grand Marais tournament events and their names sent to all Great Lakes Tournament Officials. A reward of up to \$100 is offered for information that results in any team being disqualified for obvious cheating.

PROTESTS - All protests must be submitted within 1 hour after posted tournament fishing time ends each day.

QUESTIONS -Contact Aleta Hubbard @ 906-494-2324 or Logger Hubbard @ 906-494-2797.