

Grand Marais Trout and Salmon Tournament

Saturday and Sunday, June 25-26, 2022

Rules

FISHING TIMES – Lines in at 7:00AM. All boats must be within the pier heads by 2:00PM.

FISHING AREA- All boats must fish within a 15 mile radius of the west pier head of Grand Marais harbor. No fishing within the pier heads. Any boats caught fishing outside of the restricted area will be disqualified and banned from future Grand Marais fishing tournaments. If a boat is suspect to have been outside of the restricted area, the boat captain will be required to show the tournament officials there GPS unit and the tracks from that day.

FINAL PAYOUTS- All payouts will be posted Saturday morning and are based on registrations in that division. There is a \$2500 Guaranteed 1st Place.

REGISTRATIONS- -\$150

All registrations must be turned in by 8:00pm on Friday, June 24, 2022

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 first day of 2 day tournament by 9am, the tournament will be cancelled for the day. If a tournament is called because of weather after 4 hours of fishing, that will be considered a full day of fishing. If a tournament is called because of weather, you must return to the harbor immediately if you wish to participate in that days weigh in. If both days of the tournament are cancelled, there will be a refund check of 90% of the registration fees mailed to the captains within 14 days of the event

Tournament fishing will only be called if Small Craft Advisory is in effect for our area or there is lightning in the area!

RADIO – Marine radio is not required, however it is highly encouraged. All tournament communications will take place on channel 68.

LIMITS – Trout and salmon qualify only. A 4 man limit max on each boat. If a boat is suspect of being over the 4 man limit, they will be asked for a boat search by tournament officials. If a boat has over the 4 man limit, they will be disqualified from the tournament and will forfeit their registration fees. All Michigan fishing laws and rules must be observed. DNR violations of any kind on tournament days will disqualify the team.

GAFFING – No gaffing is allowed!

WEIGH IN – Three fish per day in each division. Three fish maximum in your weigh in cooler, unless you are fishing both divisions. No loose cube ice. If you are using cube ice, it must be in the bag still. Blocked or bagged only! Drain any excess water from the coolers. If there is loose ice in the cooler, a 5lb deduction will occur for that days total weight. Coolers will be weighed in the order that they are received at the marina. You must offload your cooler at the East end of the marina when coming in and before you pull your boat out of the water. Fish brought from the parking lot will not be weighed. There must be a team member present during weigh in and the captain must sign the weigh in slip. If a captain disputes their

weigh in, they must do so at the time of weigh in and the 3 fish will be weighed again. If you do not wish to participate in the weigh in for that day, you must let a tournament worker know. After the captain signs the weigh in slip, that weight is official weight of the day.

CAPTAIN AND CREW – A captain for each team must be identified on the entry form. There is no minimum or maximum number of fisherman on a boat, however the boat must comply with either the Michigan fishing regulations or a 4 man max of lines in the water. Same fisherman do not have to fish both days. A fisherman from another team is not allowed to fish on another boat during the tournament.

TIE BREAKERS – In the event of a tie, the big fish from each team will determine the winner.

IDENTIFICATION – An identification flag must be visible on your boat at all times during the fishing times. Flags will be provided.

DISABLED BOATS – Boats must return under their own power in order to weigh in. No boat may come in physical contact with another boat for any reason unless authorized by tournament control. Physical contact will result in disqualification for both teams for that day. 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 or (906) 458-3141

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE – A committee will be formed. The committee will take up to 3 captains to help form this. If a captain is interested, please let a tournament official know at the captains meeting. This committee will preside over the tournament and handle judgment on weather conditions, disputes, disagreements or violations of rules. Your participation in this tournament indicates your acceptance of this procedure and your agreement that the decision of the 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 tournament officials and committee.

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

PROTESTS – All protest must be brought forward to the tournament committee within 1 hour after the posted tournament fishing time ends each day.

ADDITIONAL FEES – The launch fee for the tournament participants has been waived by Burt Township. If you dock at the Marina, you must pay the standard daily docking fees. There is no docking in front of the Fuel Station.

QUESTIONS – Any questions, please contact Luke Hubbard @ 906-458-3141 or Aleta Hubbard @ 906-494-2324