



PFC Geoffrey Morris Memorial Fishing Tournament

to the benefit of "THOSE WHOM HAVE BORNE THE BATTLE"



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AMATEUR DIVISION – 2011 –

I. ELIGIBILITY

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- A. OPEN TO ANY BOAT
- B. NO MINIMUM LENGTH
- C. BOAT MUST BE EQUIPPED TO HANDLE LAKE MICHIGAN PER **USCG** REGULATIONS.
- D. NEITHER THE CAPTAIN NOR ANY MEMBER OF CREW WILL CURRENTLY HOLD OR HAVE HELD A CAPTAINS LICENSE WITHIN FIVE (5) YEARS OF THE TOURNAMENT DATE.
- E. IF THE BOAT YOU ARE FISHING ON FINISHES IN ONE OF THE TOP THREE POSITIONS AT THE CONCLUSION OF CURRENT YEAR'S TOURNAMENT. THEN THAT BOAT AND CREW ARE DISQUALIFIED FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE AMATEUR DIVISION THE FOLLOWING YEAR. THAT BOAT IS AUTOMATICALLY QUALIFIED AND REQUIRED TO FISH IN THE PRO DIVISION THE FOLLOWING YEAR.
- F. AN INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE (completed and accepted Registration form)

II. ENTRY FEES

- A. THE ENTRY FEE IS \$ 100.00.
- B. 40% OR \$ 40.00 OF THE ENTRY FEE WILL GO DIRECTLY TO SUPPORT MILITARY FAMILIES FROM THE HEARTLAND.
- C. AFTER 01 June 2011 NO ENTRY FEES WILL BE REFUNDED ALTHOUGH BOAT SUBSTITUTIONS WILL BE ALLOWED UPON FORMAL REQUEST TO THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE
- D. IN CASE OF A LAST MINUTE EMERGENCY THAT PREVENTS AN ENTRANT FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE TOURNAMENT, SAID ENTRANT MAY APPLY TO THE **TC** FOR A REFUND OF HIS OR HER ENTRY FEE. THE DECISION TO REFUND SHALL BE MADE BY THE **TC** AND ITS DECISION SHALL BE FINAL.
- E. IN THE EVENT OF THE CANCELLATION OF THE TOURNAMENT DUE TO WEATHER OR OTHER REASONS BEYOND THE CONTROL OF THE **TC** ENTRY FEES MAYBE RETURNED TO THE ENTRANTS. THE DECISION OF THE **TC** SHALL BE FINAL IN THIS REGARD.

III. ENTRIES

- A. ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO 100 boats AND ARE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS.
- B. ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THE LIMIT OF 100 boats HAS BEEN REACHED WILL BE KEPT ON FILE AND USED TO FILL ANY VACANCIES THAT OCCUR. THE ENTRY FEE SUBMITTED WITH SUCH APPLICATIONS WILL BE REFUNDED IN FULL NO LATER THAN LAST DAY OF TOURNAMENT WEEKEND IF NO OPENINGS DEVELOP.



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IV. PRIZES

- A. CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED PER RULE WILL BE TYPICAL OF THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE (can be changed without notice):

Place Finish	Percent Payout	30 – 39 boats	40-59 Boats	80 OR MORE boats
1st	**Guaranteed Purse	\$1,092*	\$1,250*	\$3,000
2nd	** Guaranteed Purse	\$ 936*	\$ 900*	\$2,000
3rd	** Guaranteed Purse	\$ 624*	\$ 745*	\$1,000
4th	% of purse	\$ 312*	\$ 538*	\$ 750
5th	% of purse	\$ 156*	\$ 500*	\$ 479
6th	% of purse	\$ 0	\$ 393*	\$ 396
7th	% of purse	\$ 0	\$ 393*	\$ 198
8th	% of purse	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 182
9th	% of purse	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 149
10th	% of purse	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 132
11th	% of purse	N/A	N/A	\$ 116
12th	% of purse	N/A	N/A	\$ 100
13th	% of purse	N/A	N/A	\$ 100
14th	% of purse	N/A	N/A	\$ 100
15th	% of purse	N/A	N/A	\$ 100

IN CASE OF A TIE, THE PRIZE MONEY BETWEEN THE TWO OR MORE PLACES THE PARTICIPANTS WOULD HAVE WON WILL BE DIVIDED EQUALLY BETWEEN TIED PARTICIPANTS. (*actual payouts and prizes are based on actual number of Paid boat entries in the Amateur division, Top Prize amounts will be confirmed at Captains Meeting.)

- B. ALL PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED WITHIN 15 BUSINESS DAYS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE TOURNAMENT. THE TOURNAMENT JUDGES RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ADMINISTER A POLYGRAPH TEST TO ANY PARTICIPANT. THE POLYGRAPH TEST IS TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN TWO (2) BUSINESS DAYS OF THE END OF THE TOURNAMENT.
- C. IF 100 (one hundred) OR MORE BOATS ARE REGISTERED, PAID AND PARTICIPATE PRIZE PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE OUT TO 15 PLACES.
- D. REMINDER: 25% OF PRIZES IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 MUST BE WITHHELD BY THE FOUNDATION FOR IRS TAX PURPOSES PRIOR TO RELEASE OF THE PRIZE MONEY.
- E. 1099's WILL BE ISSUED FOR PRIZE WINNINGS PAID TO ANY ONE PRIZE WINNER THAT MEETS OR EXCEEDS IRS STATUTES FOR SUCH REPORTING. AS OF 2008 THAT AMOUNT IS \$ 600.00
- F. CASH PRIZES MAY BE CHANGED BY TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WITHOUT NOTICE.



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V. SCORING

- A. ALL WINNERS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE **TC** AND THEIR DECISION WILL BE FINAL.
- B. WINNERS WILL BE DETERMINED ON THE TOTAL ACCUMULATION OF POINTS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:
 - a. TEN (10) POINTS PER LEGAL FISH BOATED
 - b. ONE (1) POINT PER POUND FIGURED TO THE NEAREST ONE-QUARTER (1/4) POUND OF TOTAL
 - c. WEIGH IN LARGEST OF 10 LEGAL FISH.
 - d. 15 FISH MAXIMUM PER BOAT (THREE MAN LIMIT).
- C. THE CONTESTANT ACCUMULATING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF POINTS OVER ALL HOURS OF THE TOURNAMENT SHALL BE THE WINNER, THE CONTESTANT WITH THE SECOND HIGHEST ACCUMULATION SHALL BE THE SECOND, AND SO ON.
 - a. THE FOLLOWING SPECIES SHALL BE ELIGIBLE:
 - 1. COHO SALMON
 - 2. CHINOOK SALMON
 - 3. LAKE TROUT
 - 4. BROWN TROUT
 - 5. ATLANTIC SALMON
 - 6. STEELHEAD OR RAINBOW TROUT

VI. FISHERMAN / TEAM

- A. EACH TEAM SHALL CONSIST OF AT LEAST TWO FISHERMAN. EACH FISHERMAN IS RESPONSIBLE TO FOLLOW ALL LAWS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR FISHING ON LAKE MICHIGAN AS STIPULATED BY ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ANY OTHER AGENCY WITH PROPER JURISDICTION
- B. THE CAPTAIN IS RESPONSIBLE FOR CREW MEMBERS HOLDING VALID ILLINOIS FISHING LICENSE AND BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY THE DIFFERENT SPECIES OF FISH. AND THAT ALL RULES OF THE TOURNAMENT ARE FOLLOWED.
- C. AN OFFICIAL, "TOURNAMENT FISHERMAN'S LOG SHEET" WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH FISHING PERIOD. THE CAPTAIN SHALL SELECT A RESPONSIBLE PERSON FROM THE CREW THAT MUST RECORD EACH FISH AS SOON AS IT IS BOATED. THE TOURNAMENT FISHERMAN'S LOG SHEET WILL BE SIGNED BY THE RESPONSIBLE PERSON AND THE BOAT CAPTAIN. THE CAPTAIN OR RESPONSIBLE PERSON MUST SUBMIT THIS SHEET TO THE **TC** AT THE WEIGH STATION.
- D. THE RESPONSIBLE PERSON OR CAPTAIN AND A CREW MEMBER MUST STAY WITH THE CATCH FROM HIS ASSIGNED BOAT UNTIL IT HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY SCORED.



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VII. BOAT IDENTIFICATION

- A. THE TOURNAMENT WILL FURNISH EACH BOAT WITH AN IDENTIFICATION FLAG AND BOAT IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS.
- B. THE BOAT IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS MUST BE DISPLAYED IN PLAIN VIEW PORT AND STARBOARD, EITHER POSTED ON WINDOWS, SUPERSTRUCTURE BY IN ALL CASES ABOVE THE GUNWALE.
- C. THE IDENTIFICATION FLAG MUST BE FLOWN ON THE BOAT'S RADIO ANTENNA IN FULL VIEW FROM ALL DIRECTIONS AT ALL TIMES DURING THE CONTEST.

VIII. DATES AND HOURS

- A. THE TOURNAMENT WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 25 June 2011
- B. THE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS (ALL TIMES ARE LOCAL TIME): SATURDAY, 25 June, 2011, FISHING PERIOD -0530 (5:30 am) TO 13:00 (1 p.m.)
- C. THE CONTEST WILL BE CONSIDERED OFFICIAL IF A TOTAL OF (3) THREE HOURS ARE FISHED SATURDAY. PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED BASED ON THE POINT ACCUMULATION DURING THE FISHING TIME THAT WAS AVAILABLE.
- D. THERE SHALL BE NO FISHING ON ANY DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT BY ANY BOAT OR ANY PARTICIPANT IN THE TOURNAMENT EXCEPT DURING TOURNAMENT HOURS.

IX. START AND FINISH

- A. ALL BOATS MUST BE IN WATER AND REMAIN WITHIN ONE THOUSAND (1,000) YARDS OF THE BREAKWATER PRIOR TO THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT. BOATS MAY PROCEED TO STAGING AREA AFTER CHECK-IN AT 4:30 A.M. EACH DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT.
- B. ALL BOATS WILL BE ALLOWED ONE-HALF (1/2) HOUR RUN TIME PRIOR TO THE START OF EACH FISHING PERIOD.
- C. THE OFFICIAL SIGNAL WILL BE GIVEN ON VHF MARINE RADIO CHANNEL # 72.
- D. THE COMMITTEE WILL KEEP THE OFFICIAL CLOCK FOR THE CONTEST.
- E. THE COMMITTEE SHALL ISSUE A CALL TEN (10) MINUTES PRIOR TO THE END OF A FISHING PERIOD AND AGAIN AT THE END OF THE FISHING PERIOD. ONLY FISH ABOARD THE BOAT AT THE END OF THE FISHING PERIOD MAYBE ENTERED.
- F. EACH BOAT MUST BE INSIDE THE NORTH POINT, IL TURNING BASIN WITHIN THIRTY (30) MINUTES AFTER THE END OF THE FISHING PERIOD. EACH BOAT MUST PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THE WEIGH-IN STATION OR AS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE.



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X. FISHING RULES

- A. THERE ARE NO DISTANCE LIMITS SET ON WHERE A TOURNAMENT BOAT MAY FISH (SUBJECT TO IX AND XII-B).
- B. TOURNAMENT BOATS MAY NOT BE TRANSPORTED BY TRAILER ONCE THE FISHING TOURNAMENT HAS BEGUN.
- C. EACH TEAM MEMBER MUST POSSESS AN ILLINOIS FISHING LICENSE AND TROUT STAMP AS REQUIRED BY LAW. (WHEN FISHING IN WATERS OFF NORTH POINT, IL, THE REGULATIONS AND CREEL LIMITS OF THE IL DNR APPLY.)
- D. ALL FISH ENTERED MUST BE FAIRLY CAUGHT ON HOOK AND LINE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSERVATION LAWS. NO MEAT LINES, ATTRACTORS, OR OTHER SIMILAR DEVICES MAY BE ATTACHED TO ANY PART OF A BOAT OR DOWNRIGGER.
- E. THERE WILL BE A MAXIMUM OF NINE (9) BAITS IN THE WATER AT ANYONE TIME. DODGERS, ATTRACTORS AND OTHER HOOKLESS DEVICES DO NOT COUNT AS LURES.
- F. THERE WILL BE A LIMIT OF FIFTEEN (15) FISH PER BOAT EACH OFFICIAL DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT. NO MORE THAN FOUR (4) OF THESE FIFTEEN (15) FISH MAY BE LAKE TROUT. THE FIRST FIFTEEN (15) FISH, THAT MEET OR EXCEED IL DNR REGULATIONS MUST BE COUNTED AS DESCRIBED BELOW.
- G. EACH BOAT THAT REACHES THE LIMIT OF FIFTEEN (15) FISH WILL IMMEDIATELY STOP FISHING; BRING ALL RODS IN. NOTIFY THE TOURNAMENT BOAT AND RETURN FOR CHECK-IN. AFTER CHECK-IN. NO FURTHER FISHING SHALL BE ALLOWED.
- H. AT THE CLOSE OF EACH FISHING PERIOD ALL FISH MUST BE PLACED IN YOUR COOLER AND THE COOLER SEALED WITH TAPE.
- I. IF YOU INTEND ON DONATING YOUR FISH TO THE **TC**. CAPTAINS ARE REQUIRED TO USE AMPLE AMOUNTS OF ICE SO AS TO KEEP FISH IN COOLER CHILLED TO 40 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.
- J. BOATS MAY NOT RUN GUNWALE TO GUNWALE WITH ANY OTHER BOAT NOR MAY OBJECTS BE PASSED BETWEEN ANY PARTICIPATING BOATS OR ANY OTHER BOAT OR PERSON ON THE LAKE. **VIOLATION OF THIS RULE IS AUTOMATIC AND IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.**

XI. WEIGH IN

- A. AT THE CLOSE OF EACH CONTEST PERIOD THE CAPTAIN IS TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO THE WEIGH-IN STATION. THERE, HE WILL DROP ONE CREW MEMBER AND THE RESPONSIBLE PERSON WITH COMPLETED AND SIGNED TOURNAMENT FISHERMAN'S LOG AND THE SEALED COOLER OF FISH.
- B. THE RESPONSIBLE PERSON AND CREW MEMBER MUST REMAIN WITH THE CATCH UNTIL IT HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY SCORED.
- C. AFTER MAKING THE DROP-OFF AT THE WEIGH-IN STATION THE BOAT MUST RETURN TO ITS SLIP.
- D. FAILURE OF A BOAT CREW MEMBER AND THE RESPONSIBLE PERSON TO REPORT TO THE WEIGH-IN STATION. WHETHER OR NOT ANY FISH HAVE BEEN CAUGHT WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.



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- E. THE COOLER OF FISH MUST REMAIN SEALED UNTIL OPENED BY AN OFFICIAL AT THE WEIGH-IN-STATION. BOATS WITH A COOLER THAT IS IMPROPERLY SEALED WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
- F. ALL FISH CAUGHT BECOME PROPERTY OF THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE WHO MAY, AT THEIR DISCRETION. RETURN THE FISH TO THE ENTRANTS.
- G. ICE OR FOREIGN OBJECTS FOUND LODGED IN THE FISH WILL CAUSE IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION.

XII. RADIO and COMMUNICATIONS PROCEDURE

- A. EVERY BOAT MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH AN OPERATING VHF MARINE RADIO. THIS RADIO MUST INCLUDE CHANNEL # 72
- B. THE USE OF CELL PHONES, WALKIE TALKIES, PAGERS AND/OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF COMMUNICATION DEVICE IS PROHIBITED. DISQUALIFICATION WILL OCCUR. CELL PHONES MAY NOT BE USED FROM 4A.M. UNTIL AFTER THE BOAT IS CHECKED INTO THE HARBOR FOLLOWING THE FISHING PERIOD. Unless mechanical or physical emergency develops requiring contact with USCG or emergency service personnel.
- C. COMMUNICATIONS USING ANY TYPE OF DEVICE OR SIGNALS WITH ANY OTHER BOAT OR PERSONS OTHER THAN WITH TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS IS PROHIBITED.

XII. DISQUALIFICATIONS

- A. ANY PARTICIPANT WHO VIOLATES ANY OF THE RULES OF THE CONTEST OR ACTS IN AN UNCOOPERATIVE OR DISORDERLY MANNER SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED OR PENALIZED. THE JUDGES MAY, AT THEIR DISCRETION, DEDUCT ANY NUMBER OF EARNED POINTS FROM A CONTESTANT FOR VIOLATION OF THE TOURNAMENT RULES OR IMPROPER OR UNSPORTSMANLIKE CONDUCT.
- B. AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION SHALL RESULT FROM THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:
 - a. RUNNING GUNWALE TO GUNWALE WITH ANY OTHER BOAT OR PASSING OBJECTS OF ANY KIND BETWEEN BOATS.
 - b. FAILURE TO REPORT DIRECTLY TO THE WEIGH STATION AT THE CLOSE OF EACH FISHING PERIOD.
 - c. POSSESSION OF FISH DURING TOURNAMENT HOURS OTHER THAN FISH FAIRLY CAUGHT WHILE PARTICIPATING IN THE TOURNAMENT.
 - d. USE OF ANY COMMUNICATION DEVICE OTHER THAN MARINE RADIO.
- C. ALL TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS SHALL BE DUTY BOUND TO REPORT ANY AND ALL VIOLATIONS OF THE RULES THEY OBSERVE ON BOAT.
- D. ANY PARTICIPANT WHO ABUSES EITHER PHYSICALLY OR VERBALLY ANY TOURNAMENT OFFICIAL SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED OR PENALIZED AT THE DISCRETION OF THE JUDGES.



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XIV. CANCELLATIONS

- A. THE TOURNAMENT JUDGES MAY CANCEL THE TOURNAMENT AT ANY TIME WHEN, IN THEIR OPINION, THEY FEEL FISHING CONDITIONS ARE DANGEROUS TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY. THE COMMITTEE WILL ANNOUNCE BY RADIO ONE HALF (1/2) HOUR BEFORE EACH TOURNAMENT PERIOD THEIR DECISION AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE CONTEST SHALL BE RUN. ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CANCELLATIONS WILL ALSO BE MADE ON VHF MARINE RADIO VIA CHANNEL # 72.
- B. THE TOURNAMENT JUDGES MAY DECIDE TO DELAY THE START OF ANY FISHING PERIOD OR TO SHORTEN ANY FISHING PERIOD DUE TO DETERIORATING WEATHER CONDITIONS. A DELAY IN THE STARTING TIME WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON VHF MARINE RADIO CHANNEL # 72. THE SHORTENING OF A FISHING PERIOD WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY RADIO AND THERE WILL BE AT LEAST A FIFTEEN (15) MINUTE WARNING BY THE COMMITTEE BEFORE THE SHORTENED FISHING PERIOD IS ENDED.
- C. IF A FISHING PERIOD IS SHORTENED ALL BOATS MUST PROCEED TO THE WEIGH-IN-STATION.
- D. A DECISION BY THE TOURNAMENT JUDGES TO CANCEL, DELAY OR SHORTEN THE CONTEST WILL BE FINAL.

XVI. RULE CHANGES

- A. THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MAY CHANGE OR MODIFY ANY OF THESE RULES. THESE CHANGES WILL BE BROADCAST ON THE TOURNAMENT WORKING CHANNEL #72 PRIOR TO THE START OF THE TOURNAMENT.
- B. BE AWARE OF THE LATEST RULE(S) REVISION DATE.

XVII. LIABILITY

- A. EVERY REASONABLE PRECAUTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE TO PROTECT PERSONS AND PROPERTY DURING THE CONTEST; HOWEVER, NEITHER THE PFC GEOFFREY MORRIS ORGANIZATION, NOR THEIR TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE, NOR JUDGES, NOR ANY OFFICERS, DIRECTORS OR EMPLOYEES OF THE SAME ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF PERSONS OR PROPERTY OF PARTICIPANTS AS REGARDS TO ACCIDENT, THEFT, DAMAGE BY FIRE, VANDALISM OR ANY OTHER CAUSE.
- B. ALL PARTICIPANTS FURTHER UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE AFOREMENTIONED GROUPS AND INDIVIDUALS FROM DAMAGES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF PARTICIPATION IN THE TOURNAMENT IN WHATEVER FORM OR MANNER SAID LIABILITIES OR DAMAGES MIGHT BE INCURRED.

GOOD LUCK!!!!!!