

TRAVERSE CITY AREA 2017 BOAT TOURNAMENT AND BOAT OUTING RULES

1. General:

- A) Boat/team must have a TCAS/MWS member aboard and no paid charters.
- B) D.N.R. fishing rules apply with a maximum of nine (9) rods per boat.
- C) Eligible species are Atlantic, Chinook, Coho, Pink Salmon, Brown or Lake Trout, Steelhead, Cisco, Walleye or Skamania. Eligible species for ice fishing tournaments will be at the discretion of the Port Captain. All species must be of legal length to be weighed.
- D) Boats will have at least two (2) adults aboard during tournaments. (Minor age twelve years old (12) and a boater's safety certificate counts as an adult). A working compass and all standard Coast Guard equipment required.
- E) For Ice Fishing or Shore Fishing tournaments a team will be at least two people, and no more than 5. A cell phone must be available.
- F) All participants must sign a release of liability agreement before the tournament starts; forms must be on shore and proof of release given to the Port Captain before weigh-in is official or the boat/team is disqualified from event.
- G) A minimum of three (3) boats or teams constitute a tournament.

2. Time:

- A) Starting time will be set at the discretion of the Port Captain. Lines shall not be set prior to the designated starting time. All boats will leave from launch sites as designated by Port Captain. Only exception: Inland Lakes - boats may launch at any launch site on the tournament lake.
- B) Tournament ending time is at the discretion of the Port Captain in advance.
- C) A three (3) hour minimum time is required to constitute an official tournament.
- D) Tournament participants must be in line for weigh in one (1) hour after tournament end time with fish and one crew person, initial and write in time on weight in sheet, unless approval for tardiness is given by the Port Captain, or his designee (boat problems etc.). There will be five (5) points deducted from total score when late and every fifteen (15) minutes after that, up to forty-five (45) minutes. After forty-five (45) minutes you will be disqualified.

3. Postponements and cancellations:

- A) All decisions regarding postponement or cancellations of a tournament will be made by the Port Captain and/or the tournament chairman, with consideration to small craft advisories in the area
- B) Postponements will be made by start time with automatic review as needed by Port Captain. If a tournament is canceled, the tournament will be held the following day, unless otherwise notified.

4. Communication:

- A) All tournament boats/teams must have a working radio (channel 72 is the official channel) or a cell phone.
- B) Port Captain has the option to ask boat captains to radio in fish catch details as fish are caught.
- C) Call all boats at 9:00 a.m. for check in unless otherwise stated in tournament notice. Boat/Team captains must respond within 30 minutes. Failure to do this is a fifteen (15) point deduction from total score.
- D) The Port Captain shall designate another captain to call the tournament when leaving the lake to prepare for the weigh in.
- E) All captains must call the Port Captain or his designee after pulling lines and when they are in the harbor, or indicate they will be staying out, so that all boats are accounted for.

5. Entries:

- A) Entry fee is \$10.00 per person except for persons of the age sixteen (16) or under. Meals will be \$7.00 for non-fishing and non-tournament attendees.
- B) All entry fees will include a \$10.00 big fish fee per boat/team. 75% to biggest and 25% to second biggest fish. BF and 2nd BF awards will be made to different boats/teams unless only one boat/team weighs-in qualifying fish, in which case all BF prize money will be awarded to the boat/team catching it.
- C) Any money remaining after the tournament has concluded, will be put into the club general fund.
- D) If tournament expenses exceed the amount collected, the Port Captain will be reimbursed from the general fund if funds are available (try to stay in budget).
- E) Registration should be made no later than three (3) days prior to the tournament. Late entries or cancellations can be made prior to the starting time of the tournament by contacting the Port Captain, or other designated persons.
- F) No-shows and cancellations made less than three days prior to tournament still owe a fee of \$7.00 per person for meal money. Members in arrears will not be allowed to participate in any event.
- G) Tournament and big fish winners will be paid in cash at the next TCAS meeting.

6. Scoring and prizes:

- A) Weigh in is limited to five (5) fish per boat/team.
- B) The boat captain is to sign the weigh-in sheet.
- C) One (1) point per pound and five (5) points per fish will be used when tabulating each boat's/team's score.
- D) For outings, the port captain's rules apply.
- E) Prizes will be awarded as follows:

# Boats	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
6 boats or less	50%	30%	20%		
7 to 12 boats	40%	30%	20%	10%	
13 or more	30%	25%	20%	15%	10%