

2020 Grand Traverse Salmon Classic Ladies Classic

OFFICIAL RULES

Please note: Regarding COVID 19 procedures: We will follow the Governor's Executive order at the time of the tournament as far as social distancing and face covering requirements.

- ☐ Registration will take place 6pm – 7pm on Thursday September 3rd at Mt Holiday, 3100 Holiday Rd in Traverse City
- ☐ Captain's meeting will start promptly at 7pm. Each team is required to have one team member (preferably the captain) attend or view online.
- ☐ Cost to register is \$130 per team including the captain and all crew. All online and credit card entries will be subject to a 4% processing fee. Checks should be made out to Fish-TC, LLC
- ☐ Fishing will take place from 6am til 1:00pm on Friday September 4th 2020.
- ☐ All boats are required to have a working marine radio on board at all times.
- ☐ Official lines in will be called on the tournament marine radio **channel 10**. This is official tournament time.
- ☐ Boats must disclose which bay they will be fishing and port they are leaving from prior to 7pm Thursday Night.
- ☐ All Boats/coolers MAY be checked prior to 5:30am on fishing days! If your boat has not been checked at 5:30am you are free to leave port.
- ☐ Boats may leave from any port on East or West Grand Traverse Bay south of the 45th parallel latitude.
- ☑ All fishing must take place in the waters of East & West Grand Traverse Bays south of the 45th parallel latitude.
- ☐ All fishing must end at 1:00:00pm SHARP. All coolers must be in line to be weighed at Mt Holiday before 2:30:00pm SHARP. Late = Disqualified
- ☐ Coolers are to be free of loose ice and excess water when presented for the weigh-in. Coolers are to contain the teams catch ONLY, No extra fish. Coolers with loose ice or excess water will be penalized with the loss of their smallest fish. Coolers with extra or illegal fish will be penalized with the loss of that fish and one more fish. Foreign substances including ice packed into the mouth or body cavity disqualifies the team.
- ☐ Weighing of fish will begin at approx 2:00 pm with awards to follow.
- ☑ Official scoring for the aggregate tournament will be 1 point per pound and 10 points per fish.
- ☐ Boats are permitted a maximum of 9 Lines in the water at all times, maximum 2 baits per rod, sliders may be no longer than 72" A fish on the line equals a line in the water.
- ☐ This is a ladies tournament; boats are required to have a minimum of 2 ladies on board. Ladies must remove the rod from the rod holder, set the hook, fight fish to the boat and net the fish. Men may NOT have any contact with the rod or reel while the fish is in the water. Men may NOT adjust drag. Men may set lines and drive the boat.
- ☐ **THIS IS A FIVE FISH TOURNAMENT.** A box may consist of any combination of 5; Salmon, Steelhead, Brown Trout or Lake Trout. Boats must have 3 licensed lady anglers in order to weigh 5 lake trout. Fish for a big fish prize must be part of your 5 fish limit. All fish may be measured.
- ☐ All state and federal fishing laws as designated by the MI D.N.R. are to be followed. All fishing must take place from a moving boat. No shore fishing. Gaffing of fish is not permitted. Boats must be a minimum of 14 feet in length.
- ☐ All anglers must have a current Michigan fishing license and may be asked to show their license at any time by any tournament official.
- ☐ Anglers are responsible for their own fish after weigh-in, a local organization may be on hand to take donated fish. Absolutely no cleaning of fish on Mt Holiday property!!!

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- ❑ Absolutely no contact with other boats or shore is permitted unless approved by the tournament director. Disabled boats must return to port under their own power.
- ❑ Ties in total weight will be broken by heaviest fish, if still tied, prizes will be split. Heaviest fish category ties will be broken by length, if still tied, prize will be split.
- ❑ To constitute a full and completed tournament, THREE (3) hours of fishing must occur between 6am and 1:00pm. If weather forces stoppage of the tournament an announcement will be made on the radio, fishing must stop immediately, boats must return to port and coolers must be in line for weigh in at Mt Holiday within 1 hour 30 minutes
- ❑ If weather is deemed unfishable and the tournament is canceled, a refund will be issued less a percentage to cover unrecoverable tournament expenses. Refund checks will be mailed out no later than Thursday September 10th, 2020
- ❑ A weather committee will be appointed at the captain's meeting.
- ❑ Observers are not required for this event but may be placed on any boat at the discussion of the tournament director
- ❑ Protests are to be submitted to the tournament director with a \$50 deposit within 5 minutes after the last fish leaves the scale. All decisions of the Tournament Director are FINAL!!
- ❑ Absolutely no outside alcohol is permitted on Mt Holiday property at any time during this event. Failure to follow this STATE LAW will lead to disqualification of the entire team and 2 year ban from ALL Fish-TC, LLC events as well as removal from Mt Holiday property!!

COVID-19 Safety & Social Distancing Procedures:

This Safety and Mitigation Plan (the "Plan") is adopted to address protocols and procedures to be followed by participants in the Grand Traverse Salmon Classic Fishing Tournament to avoid any risk of contagion of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death. This disease is easily spread from person to person. Health authorities and the State of Michigan acknowledge that there is currently no approved vaccine or antiviral treatment for this disease.

In the absence of a State of Michigan Executive Order preventing or otherwise restricting people from leaving their homes, or engaging in outdoor recreational activity, such as boating and/or fishing, Fish-TC and the event committee will sponsor the 2020 Grand Traverse Salmon Classic Fishing Tournament. In light of the current public health and safety climate, the sponsors establish the following important changes to this event:

- The following addendums to the existing tournament rules may be implemented and adhered to. Non-compliance with these and/or other tournament rules will be subject to disqualification. Additional addendums may be added with notice to all participants at the discretion of the tournament director or the tournament committee
- Participants and volunteers will be required to execute a special Release and Waiver of Liability regarding COVID-19.
- Online registration is highly encouraged for this event.
- The Tournament may choose not to distribute Captains' bags and rules booklets. Rules and other participant information will be distributed to participants electronically.
- There may be no food, drink, or merchandise tents available on site. Merchandise will be made available for participants to purchase online prior, during, and after the event.

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- A traditional captains' meeting will be held at Mt Holiday. Only one member of each team, preferably the captain, is permitted to attend the captains' meeting, social distancing measures will apply and face coverings must be worn by everyone. Captains' meetings will also be broadcast on the tournament facebook page.
- Weigh-in will occur at Mt. Holiday as with previous years. A maximum of 2 team members will accompany cooler to weigh scales. Teams & coolers must line up in the marked area and maintain social distancing of 6ft between each team. Face coverings will be required at the weigh-in and in line.
- Once a team has weighed their catch they must leave the weigh-in area immediately.
- Weigh-in and awards ceremonies will be broadcast live on Facebook.
- Staff and volunteers will be required to wear masks whenever maintaining 6 feet of distance between themselves and/or participants and/or the general public is not possible.
- Captains will be required to agree in writing that they will be responsible for making sure their crew and everyone aboard adheres to safety guidelines set forth by the State of Michigan regarding self-screening, the number of people on a vessel and the application of social distancing as mandated by State authorities.
- Staff, volunteers, and participants will execute a Self-Assessment Affidavit stating that they have not travelled outside the country in the last 14 days, they have not experienced any symptoms identified by the CDC as possible indicators of contagion.
- Similarly, while involved in the event, staff, volunteers, and participants agree to stay home when sick; cover coughs and sneezes; wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol; avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth; and properly disinfect frequently touched surfaces and objects.
- Participants will be encouraged to wear a face covering when maintaining a 6-foot minimum distance of separation from other participants who are not members of their household is not possible. Face coverings will be required of participants when maintaining a 6-foot minimum distance of separation from staff or volunteers is not possible.
- The tournament committee strongly encourages anyone at increased risk for complications from COVID-19 due to underlying health conditions or age to stay home and not participate in the Tournament.

On behalf of the tournament director, tournament committee and our sponsors, we want everyone to be safe, and have fun!

QUESTIONS: Direct all questions to the Tournament Director Steve Joslin: 231.633.6775 Entry forms available online at www.Fish-TC.com or at www.TournamentTrail.net