

**Event:** First Annual Ludington Club Invitational Shootout Fishing Tournament

**Date:** Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Time:** 5:30 AM to 12:00 PM (Start time is based on one hour before sunrise which is 6:32AM on 7/30/21).

Start time will be on the honor system. Pull lines at 12:00 PM and be in line for the weigh-in by 1:00 PM

**Entry Fee:** \$40.00 per boat

**Entrants:** Boats whose Skippers are members of the Detroit Area Steelheaders and/or Metro-West Steelheaders

**Pay Out:** (100% pay out)

1. First-Place boat will receive **45%** of the pot
2. Second-Place boat will receive **27%** of the pot
3. Third-Place boat will receive **18%** of the pot
4. Largest Fish by weight will receive **10%** of the pot

**Weigh In:**

- To be held at Harbor View covered picnic area near the fish cleaning station and gas dock.
  - May want to bring your own chair

**Scoring:**

- Each boat will weigh a one-person Michigan DNR Legal Limit. Some box options listed below:
  - Five silver fish
  - Two silver fish, three lake trout
  - Any combination of the above but not to exceed three lake trout
- Five points will be awarded for each legal fish caught.
  - Fish must be DNR legal size and meet a nineteen inch minimum length to be counted.
- One point for each pound. Weight will be measured to nearest .05 pound per fish.
  - Example: 22.35 pounds
- All fish will be weighed by the DAS scale and appointed weigh master.
  - DAS scale measures to nearest .05 pound.
  - The fish are hung on a hook and can be easily seen by anyone viewing the weigh in.
- Must be in line for weigh in no later than 1:00 PM.
  - One point deduction for each five-minute period for the first fifteen minutes.
  - Fifteen point deduction for every five minutes late after the first fifteen minutes.
  - After thirty minutes you will be disqualified, and entry fee forfeited.
- A team of three people will be appointed to record all weights and double check all math for final scores.
- Final scores will be announced after all participants have weighed their catch and the recording team has had sufficient time to add and verify the scores.
- The boat with the highest total score will be the First-Place boat, second highest total score will be the Second-Place boat and third highest score will be the Third-Place boat.
- Tie Breaker will be heaviest fish weighed followed by second heaviest weighed, etc.

**Communications:**

- MANDATORY - Must have a working VHF Marine Radio. No exceptions.
- Channel 72 will be the Official channel for all communications.
- Two boats will be considered Tournament Control:
  - Bobby's Toy (DAS)
    - Bob Jones
    - 25' Sportcraft
    - Mobile Number: (734) 751-1767
  - No Name (MWS)
    - Marc Traver
    - 21' Pro-Cat
    - Mobile Number: (517) 881-1174
- There will be a Fish Call at 9:00 AM. Each Boat will be polled directly or through relay by another participating skipper for quantity of fish in cooler. Only weigh-in eligible legal fish will be reported. Failure to answer call for fish will result in a 5 point deduction. Mobile phone calls will be accepted but must be received by Tournament Control no later than 9:30 AM.
- Must call into Tournament Control whenever returning to port and/or returning to fishing.
- Open communication is permissible. Radio communication between boats is encouraged. The goal is for all participants to catch fish and be competitive.

**General rules-format**

This will not be a club verses club event. All boats will represent themselves and compete against each other as any other tournament.

- Each boat/team must adhere to their individual club rule structure for club tournaments.
  - Boats must meet their club min. length
  - Boats must Adhere to Coast Guard Safety Regulations
- All boats must fish outside the pier heads, no in harbor fishing is permitted.
- Nine rod limit per boat max.
- MI DNR rules must be adhered to - breaking these rules will lead to disqualification and forfeit of entry fee.
- All boats must leave from the port of Ludington and return to the port of Ludington after the tournament. No exceptions.
- No limitations for distance traveled from port.
- All decisions made by the Tournament Control Committee will be final.
  - Committee is comprised of:
    - Marc Traver of Metro West
    - Bob Jones of Detroit Area