

# 2019 Terry Weber Michigan Stinger memorial event.

Open to any team willing to abide by the Terry Weber memorial event rules, Michigan DNR rules and has paid registration fees. Registration fees are \$100.00 for both divisions. 10% of all entries will be donated to the Terry Weber Memorial fund set up thru the State of Michigan fisheries division. Pay outs based on entries. Failure to be familiar with rules may result in disqualification. No exceptions and no refunds for disqualified teams.

This will be a voluntary fish donate with all donated fish going to White lake area sport fishing association.

Questions-call Don Johnson (231) 206-0048.

## **Pro /Am**

Both divisions will use the same rules.

Any boat may enter Pro division.

No boat having a licensed captain aboard may enter Am division.

## **DATES AND LOCATION**

Captain's Meeting, awards, and weigh-in will be held at Great Lakes Marina. Results posted at the entertainment tent. Details will be given at Captain's meeting. Captains Meeting is held to insure all participants are clear on rules and their interpretation. Captains Meeting 7:00 P.M. Thursday, July 11th for women's and kids. Event will be July 12th.

## **TOURNAMENT TIME**

6:00 AM -2:00 PM

Boats will leave from and return to Muskegon harbor and stage within 1/2 mile max outside the pier heads at 6:00 AM and be inside the pier heads by 2:00 PM. Boats outside pier heads at 2:00 pm will be disqualified for that day. The tournament start time can be delayed up until 10:00 A.M. And a 2 hour extended finish time will be in effect to achieve a 3 hour fishing period. Spotters will be in place at the pier heads to ensure that all entrants are in by the end time of fishing that day. Entrants and fish must be in line at the weigh in within 1 hour after end of Friday's fishing period. Once the fishing period is declared closed by tournament control no more fish may be boated. All boats must proceed directly to weigh in.

Listen to Channel 78 for exact count down to 6:00 AM and 2:00 PM or 4:00P.M., if end time is extended due to a delay for that day.

## **CAPTAIN and CREW**

The Captain for each team must be designated and identified on registration form. Boats must be at least 16' long, have a marine radio, flotation devices, and conform to all USCG regulations.

Men can drive the boat, set lines, remove rods from holders and lift nets after fish has been successfully netted. The contestants must reel all fish .This does NOT include hand lining a diver. The bottom line is safety.

Any questions should be addressed at the captains meeting.

Open to any fishing team consisting of boys age 16 and under and any female willing to abide by tournament rules, Michigan DNR regulations.

The tournament committee alone will determine entry fee refund in case of emergency withdrawal.

## **Rules and Weather**

In the event of tournament cancellation due to weather or reasons beyond the control of the tournament committee, the committee reserves the right to retain up to 10% of the entry fee for costs, before refunding the remainder. Winners will be determined by total accumulation of points based on: Ten (10) points per legal fish boated, plus One (1) point per pound (nearest hundredth pound) total weight. The team accumulating the highest number of points over all hours of the tournament will be declared the winner; the contestant with the next highest accumulation of points, second and so on. The following species shall be eligible: All species of Salmon, Brown Trout, Lake Trout and Steelhead.

Catch 15, weigh 5 fish. No cull, 5 fish max at scales. There will be a 9 rod limit for all teams. Michigan DNR rules apply.

All fish must be brought in as quickly as possible and every effort must be made to land each fish with your net.

When you reach your 15 fish limit, you are done for the day and must immediately pull rods and return to the Harbor. A crew member is required to stay with fish cooler at all times, no exceptions.

Shaking off fish or returning fish without measuring is CHEATING and you will be disqualified with no refund and may not be invited back.

The Captain or crew member are required to closely observe the measure of marginal sized fish.

Undersized fish must be promptly returned, legal fish must be kept.

Stretching fish, squashing fish, breaking their neck, or any manipulation to increase the length of the fish will disqualify team.

Exact length of all undersized fish that are returned must be measured and recorded by captain or crewmember.

No running gunwale to gunwale or passing anything from boat to boat.

There are no boundary restrictions but all fishing must be outside of pier heads and harbors.

Block or bagged ice only will be allowed. Excess water or loose ice will result in 5 LB deduction of total weight for that day. Captain and one team member will be required to accompany tournament cooler to weigh station and insure weigh-in corresponds with the teams catch report data. No more than 5 fish may be in tournament cooler at weigh station. Extra fish or fish under legal size limit will be disallowed, PLUS a penalty of one fish will be deducted from your catch for each extra or undersized fish you have beginning with the largest fish in box.

## **Big Fish Contest**

\$20 entry fee per division

100 % Pay out for big fish will be Cash and separate for each division, based on entries.

Winner will be based on weight. In case of a tie the money will be split.

Weighable fish are Brown Trout, Lake Trout, Steelhead and any species of Salmon.

## **BOAT IDENTIFICATION**

A numbered placard will be issued for every boat.

Placard shall be attached to starboard side in full view.

## **PROTESTS**

Any protests must be made by the Captain in person and in writing and given to tournament committee before 2:30 pm. on the day of alleged infraction. Each protest must be accompanied with \$100 cash. If protest is upheld the Terry Weber memorial event will award the protester \$150. If the protest is not upheld the Terry Weber memorial event will keep the \$100.

A panel of judges appointed by the tournament committee will resolve all disputes. Their decision will be final and binding.

## **DISCLAIMERS**

The Terry Weber memorial event committee reserves the right to change all rules. If the rules are changed however it will be in written form and announced and displayed up to 45 minutes before event.

The Terry Weber memorial event committee reserves the right to inspect any boat at any time, Should the inspection fail the boat will be disqualified.

## **LIABILITY**

All reasonable precautions will be taken by the Terry Weber memorial event Committee to protect persons and property during the Tournament. Neither the Committee, Sponsors, officers nor anyone associated with the Terry Weber memorial event can or will be responsible for the safety of persons, for accident, theft, damage by fire, vandalism or any other cause for loss to a contestant's property. Participants understand and agree to hold harmless the aforementioned groups and individuals from liability or damage as may be incurred from the participation in this tournament.