

2015 Lake St. Clair May Madness

- **Tournament Date: May 17th 2015**
- **Registration \$225 (\$25 is going towards Lake St. Clair Walleye Association Ponds)**
- **Entry must be in by May 1st**
- **Harley Ensign Memorial - Boating Access Site**
- **8 HOUR EVENT (7am to 3pm)**
- **Weigh in is at 3:30 pm (6 Walleye Limit)**
- **50 boat field cap (we will keep a wait list)**

Boundaires will be Northern Tip Russel Island and the Northern most tip of Bell Isle. US and Canadian Waters.

Payout (Based on a 50 boat field)

- 1st \$2300 plus \$2000 from Dick Huvaere's Richmond Chrysler and RAM Trucks**
- 2nd \$1800**
- 3rd \$1600**
- 4th \$1300**
- 5th \$1000**
- 6th \$1000**
- 7th \$1000**
- 8th Prize pack**

Big Fish (Optional pot of \$25 plus \$250 from Dick Huvaere's Richmond Chrysler and RAM Trucks)

Youth Raffle will be drawn for all youths fishing in the event.

Captains Meeting May 16th 7PM at Sportsmen's Direct

50/50 Raffle with the proceeds going to the Wounded Warrior Fund

Door Prize Raffle

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1. RULES AND RULE CHANGES. These rules will remain unchanged unless otherwise notified at the Captains meeting. Interpretation of the rules will be to the discretion of the Tournament Director and the Rules Committee. The rules and the interpretations of them will be final and not open to protest. Safety rules may be changed at any time.

2. PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY. It is the contestant's responsibility for knowing and abiding by all LSCMM, local and state/provincial regulations, which pertain to the LSCMM tournament waters. Contestants may enter up to a three-person team (one must be a minor of 8 to 17 years of age), two-person or as a single person team. The LSCMM encourages teams to consist of two people for safety reasons but it's not mandatory. Any person, 8 to 17 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Observers may not participate in any way during tournament fishing hour

3. ENTRY INFORMATION. **All entries must be received by the May 1st by 6:00 p.m. NO other entries will be accepted after the cut off time.** NO refunds will be given, with the exception of a death in the family. Any entries not completely filled out, will be returned. The Lake St. Clair May Madness Committee reserves the right to accept or reject any applications.

4. SPORTSMANSHIP. Entrants must conduct themselves in a true sportsmanlike manner at all times. NO EXCEPTIONS. Courtesy and ethics of the highest standard are the norm, not the exception. Remember that you not only represent yourselves, but all tournament anglers and competitive fishing. Any rude or insulting type of behavior will be subject to disqualification or penalties enforce

5. SAFETY. Safety must be observed at all times. All contestants must wear Coast Guard approved PFDs while the boat is moving above trolling speed. Each contestant is to follow all Coast Guard and local regulations. All boats are required to have, and in working order, an emergency cut off switch that must be securely attached to the driver whenever the boat is above trolling speed. No Alcoholic beverages or illegal substances may be consumed or in possession by teams during fishing hours.

6. BOATS AND EQUIPMENT. All boats will be inspected prior to the start of that day of fishing. A "boat # identifier" will be issued after inspection and also a colored ribbon marker for on the water identification. Teams are responsible for

returning the boat # identifier. A \$25.00 fine will be charged for not returning a boat # identifier. This is for safety; it is to show that you have returned back from fishing. All boats must conform to the appropriate state, and USCG standards. Your boat must have USCG safety equipment on board. All outboards used in the LSCMM tournament must not exceed the horsepower rating set by the USCG ruling November 1, 1972. All boats will have an USCG or BMA plate attached by the boat manufacturer and the horsepower rating will not be exceeded by any means. Kill switches must be in working order. Bait and tackle may not be passed between boats after the tournament has started. No binoculars or cameras with telephoto lenses are to be used during tournament hours.

7. MARINE RADIOS AND CELL PHONES. You must also have your own working VHF marine band radio. Radio units will not be loaned out for any reason, by the LSCMM. Teams will not be allowed to fish without a marine radio. The official tournament channel will be announced at the captains meeting. Marine Radios, CB's, Cell Phones, Scanners, and Two Way communicators with GPS functions are allowed for emergency use only. If you are going to be carrying cell phones on your boat for emergency use, you must list the cell phone numbers on the tournament application.

8. CAPTAINS MEETINGS, FLIGHTS AND LAUNCHING. Mandatory captains meetings (no exceptions) will be held prior to the tournament at 6:00 p.m. It is required that one team member must attend and sign in. Each team will be allowed 8 hours of fishing including travel time. Teams returning late will forfeit their weight for that day. Flighting may be used. A third party observer may be used at any time and for any reason. The observer must be at least 18 years of age or older and must sign a waiver. Final official boundaries will given at captains meeting. There will be no early weigh in except for breakdowns or emergencies. Contestants must leave and return to the official tournament site **by your own boat only.**

9. FISH AND FISHING. All state or provincial fishing regulations and rules will be observed unless the Tournament Director specifies more stringent regulations Six(6) 13" minimum fish. Unless otherwise notified, and or State, Provincial, or Federal Laws permit. Only walleye, sauger, or saugeye caught on hook and line in a conventional sporting manner will be accepted for weight in. A six (6) lure limit or six (6) rod limit will be allowed per team(*A one person team must follow state/provincial laws. When fishing Canadian water you must follow all laws with regards to rods and lures*). Both artificial and live bait can be used and only six (6) walleye per team at the dock will be weighed in. Any fish mauled, frozen, stringered, injected with water or other fluids containing foreign matter to add weight or showing white gills, soft flesh, sunken eyes, or gills that won't bleed, may result in disqualification from the tournament at the discretion of the Director

and rules committee. Undersize fish will result in that day's loss of total weight. Once the tournament has started, (captains meeting) all contestants are prohibited from fishing except during tournament hours. All boats are subject to inspection on and off the water by tournament officials, state, local or Federal authorities. There will be no re-weighing of fish. The weight stands that reads on the scales or by the discretion of the weigh master only. No exceptions. All contestants must possess a valid fishing license for the waters fished.

10. SEVERE WEATHER RULE. In the event of severe weather, the tournament hours may be suspended or cut short. A tournament may be cancelled at the discretion of the staff at the event. Captains are responsible for those lives on board their vessel at all times.

11. PROTEST. The tournament committee or any other contestant has the right to protest another team or contestant. The protest must be filed in writing; within one hour of the last flight time, on the day of the tournament, with the Tournament Director. Protest forms are available from the tournament Director.

12. SPIRIT OF THE RULE. All rules have "loop holes". It is the intention for the Tournament Director and the committee to provide a sportsman like tournament. All questions or problems are to be referred to the Tournament Director and the Rules Committee. They have sole jurisdiction in determining the application of the rules.

13. WAIVER AND HOLD HARMLESS. All contestants in signing an entry form agree to hold harmless any and all promoters, tournament directors, agents, and organizations assisting the LSCMM tournament operation. Furthermore, all contestants agree to waive all responsibility for death, injuries, damage, liability, theft, fire or loss of any kind to entrants. I have read, and understand the above rules, and by signing the entry form is in fact signing a waiver form. No unsigned entry will be processed for competition.

Please fill out and sign the Entry Form on the next page. Entry money must be turned in at the same time as the entry form. Cash, Check, or Money Order are the only excepted payment types. Please make Checks and Money Orders out to Justin Clark. Any returned check or money orders will have a \$50 fee and your position in the event will be forfeited until cash payment has been turned in.

You can turn in or mail entry forms at: *Sportsmen's Direct
36072 Jefferson Ave
Harrison Twp, Mi 48045
Attn: May Madness Tournament*

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Team Information (Please fill in all blanks completely)

Team Name: _____

(1) Team Captain's Name: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

City: _____ **ST:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

(2) Name: _____

City: _____ **ST:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Adult: _____ **Youth:** _____ **(Please check one)**

(3) Name: _____

City: _____ **ST:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Adult: _____ **Youth:** _____ **(Please check one)**

Boat Name: _____ **Length:** _____

Make: _____ **Model:** _____ **MC#:** _____

Color: _____

All boats should be equipped with VHF radio. All information should be filled in for your safety.

T-Shirt Order (only one for each member of the team)

Adult: M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____ 4XL _____

Youth: S _____ M _____ L _____

Please Read and Sign

I understand that I am responsible for my boat and crew at all times. I have read and understand all rules of the Lake St. Clair May Madness fishing tournament and hereby release it's principle, volunteers and it's affiliates from all liability. As captain, I agree to abide by all the rules of this tournament and my local laws and regulations. I further understand that the decision to fish is the responsibility of the captain and all winners may be subject to a polygraph test.

Team Captain Signature

Date