

WELCOME to the Saxon Harbor Spring Classic 2009

Entry fee: Class A = \$250.00; Class B = \$150.00
(OPTIONAL "SKINS" Game) = \$20; 10% of TOTAL will go to restocking

Entry Deadline: All fees must be paid by 10 pm, Friday, May 29th.

Dates and times: Mandatory Captain's meeting Saturday, May 30st at 7:30 am. At that meeting a clock will be set, to keep the official time for the tournament.

Start times: Saturday, May 30st	Class A 8:00 am to 4:00 pm	Class B 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
Sunday, May 31st	Class B 6:00 am to 2:00 pm	Class A 6:30 am to 2:30 pm

The start process for the tournament will be discussed at the Captain's Meeting.

Air horn will sound **once** at 4:00 pm/Sat (Class A) & 2:00 pm/Sun (Class B). **Air horn** will sound **twice** at 4:30 pm/Sat (Class B) & 2:30 pm/Sun (Class A). You are not required to fish all of the hours, but you can only fish during these hours.

Cancellation due to weather: Cancellation of the tournament due to weather will be based on the U.S.C.G. advice (i.e. small craft advisory, warning, etc). In addition, a committee, to be selected at the captains meeting and made up of 3 from class A and 5 from class B, has the authority to cancel the tournament due to lake conditions. Refunds will be \$250 Class A, \$150 Class B and "Skins" money, if applicable. Class A and Class B are treated as two separate tournaments. A decision by one class to cancel and the other to continue is acceptable and prize money is not affected.

Location: The tournament will be headquartered out of Saxon Harbor and boats will fish from Saxon Harbor only. Boats may fish either Wisconsin or Michigan waters of Lake Superior.

Team Structure: There is no restriction regarding the number of team members per boat. All boats must meet U. S. Coast Guard regulations and requirements for weight capacity and operation in Wisconsin and/or Michigan waters of Lake Superior. All team members must be registered in advance of the days fishing with the tournament officials.

Boat size and identification: Class A: Boat of any size. Class B: Only boats 23 feet or smaller. All boats must meet Coast Guard and state regulation and requirements.

Rod and line restrictions: Only one planer board or ski per side of boat will be allowed in either class and no more than two baits per line. Class A: 12 baits maximum. Class B: 9 baits maximum. All fishermen must have valid licenses and stamps as required by law.

Radios: All participating boats must be equipped with a working VHF radio. Radio silence between boats will be in effect. If during the tournament you have a problem or question you will be instructed as how to contact the tournament control (Saxon Harbor).

Note: the objective of this rule is to preclude communication between boats during tournament hours. Any form of communication (i.e. conversing from boat to boat, signs, hand signals etc.) is a violation of the intent of this rule and will result in disqualification. **IN ANY EMERGENCY. RADIO SILENCE**

DOES NOT APPLY.

Weigh-in: Weigh-in station will be open throughout the tournament hours. You may return to the harbor and the weigh-in area at any time during the contest. Once you weigh in your fish, and fins have been punched, you are done for the day. **You cannot go back out and fish.**

All fish must be brought to the EAST boat launch IMMEDIATELY upon entering the harbor. Fish must be in coolers clearly marked with the name of the participating boat. All coolers must be registered no later than: Class B 5:00 pm on Saturday and 2:30 on Sunday. Class A 4:30 pm on Saturday and 3:00 pm on Sunday.

Coolers must be available to be checked before boats leave the harbor. All boats may be subjected to a complete inspection by the tournament committee.

Fish: Each fish weighed in will score 10 points and 3 points per pound. Each boat will be awarded 2 additional bonus points for each 10 minutes not used to reach the daily tournament limit. (i.e. 12 points per hour).

Class A: 12 fish maximum. (based on 4 license limit).

Class B: 7 fish maximum (based on 3 license limit).

Note (i.e., this means that a boat in class A can weigh in no more the 4 lake trout over 25 inches, etc).

See Wisconsin rules on the last page. (this assures that boats with more licenses do not have an advantage by being able to keep more large fish). Any boat with over their legal maximum catch will be disqualified. All limits will be in accordance with Wisconsin regulations and tournament rules.

The only species that will be weighed and counted towards the total score are lake trout, steelhead (rainbow), brown trout, brook trout, splake, Chinook, and Coho salmon. **Reminder:** Wisconsin fishing regulations states: It is illegal to sort fish. Any fish you take into possession which you do not release immediately, is part of your daily bag limit.

Rules and Litigation: The tournament committee's decision is **FINAL IN ALL MATTERS.** The committee has the option to delay starting time in the event that the lake conditions prevent a safe contest. Note: 4 hours will be considered a tournament.

ANY BOAT cited for a DNR fishing violation will be immediately eliminated from the contest. Contestant entry fee will be refunded.

WISCONSIN SIZE LIMITS

<u>Minimum Size</u>	<u>Size Restriction</u>
Salmon	15 inches
Lake Trout	15 inches
Splake	15 inches
Brook Trout	15 inches
Rainbow	26 inches
Brown Trout	15 inches

Must be minimum 15 inch. **NOTE:** WI Regulation. Only one Lake Trout may be longer than 25 inches. The seasons remain the same with Lake Trout open Dec. 1st thru Sept 30th. All other trout and salmon seasons are open year round.

Pay Out: Based on 30 entries in Class A and 40 entries on Class B.

CLASS A: \$6,900 Prize Money

CLASS B: \$5,400 Prize Money

1st: \$2500

1st: \$1500

2nd: \$1500

2nd: \$ 900

3rd: \$1000

3rd: \$ 700

4th: \$ 800

4th: \$ 600

5th: \$ 500

5th: \$ 500

6th: \$ 300

6th: \$ 400

7th: \$ 300

7th: \$ 300

8th: \$ 200

9th: \$150

10th: \$ 150

\$13,500 payout based on 30 Class A and 40 Class B.

Guaranteed \$100 is awarded in each class (A&B) for the **longest** Lake Trout each day.

Guaranteed \$100 is awarded in each class (A&B) for the **heaviest** trout each day.
(Steelhead (Rainbow) Trout, Brown Trout, Brook Trout, Splake)

Guaranteed \$100 is awarded in each class (A&B) for the **heaviest** salmon each day.
(Longest Lake Trout and Heaviest Salmon/Trout prize money donated by the tournament sponsors).

SKINS GAME is optional and is above and beyond the usual tournament payout.

The **HEAVIEST** fish overall wins the "**POT**". The "POT" is determined by the number of entries for each separate class. There is no separate category for trout or salmon as is the case for the tournament. This is strictly voluntary. Class A and Class B have their own game. In no way is Class A competing against Class B.

ACTIVITIES SATURDAY MAY 30, 2009

6:00 am Breakfast available (\$5) at the Pavilion – served by the club (eggs, sausage, hash browns, coffee, juice)

7:30 am MANDATORY CAPTAIN'S MEETING will be in the **park under the white tent/weigh station. Topics to be discussed:**

1. Address cooler drop off point and procedures.
2. Tournament boat identification.
3. Communication to contestants in case of emergency and/or tournament postponement and/or cancellation.
4. Weather report and Coast Guard Advisories.
5. Setting of the clock.

8:00 am Tournament begins.

4:00 pm Air horn will sound **once**. **ALL** Class A boats must be in the harbor.

4:30 pm Air horn will sound **twice**. **ALL** Class B boats must be in the harbor.

5:00 pm Tournament Party (Food and Beverages)

SUNDAY MAY 31, 2009

6:00 am Tournament Begins

2:00 pm Air horn will sound **once**. **ALL** Class B boats must be in the harbor.

2:30 pm Air horn will sound **twice**. **ALL** Class A boats must be in the harbor.

SAXON HAROR SPRING CLASSIC FISHING TOURNAMENT

LIABILITY DISCLAIMER

**MUST BE READ ALOUD BY CAPTAIN AND SIGNED BY ALL ABOARD
BOAT !!**

Every reasonable precaution will be taken by the tournament committee to protect persons and property during the contest. However, neither the sponsors mentioned nor tournament committee are responsible for the safety of persons or property of participants as regards to accidents, theft, damage by fire, vandalism, drowning or any other case. All participants further understand and agree to hold harmless members of the aforementioned groups and individuals from any liability or claim from damages incurred as a result of participation in the tournament in whatever form of manner said liabilities or damages might be incurred.

Signature on the form implies expressed acceptance of these rules and conditions.

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Boat # and name:

Date:

