2021 SALMON SPLASH ENTRY APPLICATION

The Salmon Splash maintains the following eligibility clause: This event is open to any fishing team willing to participate and abide by official tournament rules and state specific DNR regulations. We reserve the right to decline entry or participation by any person, team or boat, as deemed necessary to ensure such things as integrity, image, reputation, financial performance and community relationships with sponsors, participants and supporting groups.

Boat:		Captain:		
Street Address				
City	State	Zip Phone: ()	
Email:				
Boat Length:	Division (Circle One): PRO AM BFO	Fishing Out Of: (circle one)	: MANISTEE	ONEKAMA
Use this Column for CASH OR CHECK ENTRIES ONLY		Use this Column for CREDIT CARD ENTRIES ONLY (3% added for CC Processing Fees)		
Please check division(s) you wish to enter:		Please check division(s) you wish to enter:		
\$100 / team \$500 / team	Ladies / Kids Pro Division	\$103 / team \$515 / team	Ladies / Kids Pro Division	
	Am Division	\$309 / team	Am Division	
\$100 / team	Big Fish Only	\$103 / team	Big Fish Only	
\$100 / team	333 Entry (w/ Open/Am entry)	\$103 / team	3 () ()	
\$150 / team	333 Only Entry	\$155 / team		
	333 Founders Cup (By Port)	\$103 / team		
\$300 / team	333 Founders Cup (Full Season)	\$309 / team	333 Founders	Cup (Full Season)
Total \$ Cash / Check Entries		Total \$ Charged Entries		
Check #:		Card #:		
(make checks payable to TOURNAMENT TRAIL)		Exp Date:	_ CVV#:	Zip:
		Name On Card:		

Mail ADVANCE registration forms and checks to: Scotty Mac - 2030 Dontz Rd. - Manistee MI 49660 Reach Scotty by phone at (231) 690-1102.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

By signing this document the person whose signature appears below acts as representative of the team and agrees to the following:

I hereby release, discharge and waive all claims of any type against Lake Michigan Tournament Trail, Great Lakes Marina, the MAA and/or any Sponsor and any persons officially connected with this event, including the Tournament Committee, from ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY INJURY, LOSS CLAIM OR DAMAGE OF ANY TYPE ARISING OUT OF/OR RELATED TO OR CAUSED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS OR ANY EVENT, ACTIVITY OR ACTION OCCURRING AT OR DURING THIS OR ANY COMPETITION SANCTIONED BY Lake Michigan Tournament Trail.

I acknowledge receipt of the rules and regulations, certifying and consenting to have shown copy of it to all team members and agree that I will abide by all tournament rules and will accept the decision of the tournament rules & protest committees and agree that the decision of the tournament rules & protest committees will be final and I will PURSUE NO ACTION contesting any decision of the rules & protest committees. I am fully qualified and have experience in events such as this and am of legal age and capacity.

I assume all responsibility for team members under the age of 18.

I understand that all photos, video or any other materials that may be used for future promotion are property of Lake Michigan Tournament Trail. I understand that all applicable taxes are the responsibility of the winners.

I state that I have read this document in full and understand that I am giving up all rights to damages from injuries to any person and/or property, as well as giving up all rights to seek damages as a result of the tournament rules, protest, committee or tournament director decision.

My signature appears voluntarily with full knowledge of the rights I have under the law. I fully understand and agree to the terms and conditions set forth herein. I am under no disability, legal, physical or mental condition that impairs my ability to sign.

SALMON SPLASH QUICK REFERENCE PAGE Contact Scott at 231-690-1102 with questions on rules.

COVID 19 RULES/RESTRICTION ARE IN PLACE:

Registration, Weigh In, Awards may all be impacted. See following page for more details.

- Fishing Time 6:00am -1:00pm each day: Shot Gun Start Must be within ½ mile of Harbor entrance in Manistee or Onekama at start. All boats must be inside designated harbor when tournament ends at 1:00pm. Boats outside the harbor at 1:01pm will be disqualified.
- Michigan Waters Only.
- Boats cannot change harbors once the tournament begins. Boats must leave and return to the same harbor for the entire tournament. Teams may not change boats once the tournament begins.
- Open Communication All Divisions
- No Observers All Divisions
- DNR Limits: Pro Weighs 2-Man DNR Limit. Am Weighs 1-Man DNR Limit. Big Fish weighs single biggest fish daily. Maximum Fish in cooler at weigh in: Pro 10 Fish / Am, Big Fish & 333 5 Fish. Extra fish at scales will result in penalty. (one fish disqualified for each extra fish you have starting with the smallest)
- All fish DNR size limit
- Rules finalized at Captain's meeting
- Payouts will be based on # of entries. Posted payouts will supersede all previous pre-printed material
- 9 rods max, 1 slider per rod, max 72"
- No fishing inside any Harbor
- Weigh-in begins 2 hours before the tournament fishing time ends each day. Coolers must be in line within 1 hour and 30 minutes after the end of the fishing period. Late coolers will not be weighed.
- Coolers must be drained prior to weigh in. Blocked or bagged ice only, no loose ice. (Penalties apply: 5 point penalty at the discretion of the weigh master).
- Radio channels 9 and 68
- Failure to be familiar with all rules may result in DQ, no refunds
- Up to \$1000 reward for info that results in DQ for cheating.
- It is your responsibility to verify and sign weigh slip before leaving scales. After weigh slips are signed, you cannot re-weigh.

You are responsible for General Rules and Rules pertaining to your event. Please Read Them Carefully.

Covid 19 Rules and Restrictions Manistee Salmon Splash 2021

The safety of our anglers, workers, volunteers and anyone involved with the Salmon Splash is our top priority. We have adopted these rules and restrictions in response to Covid 19.

Drive through registration and weigh in procedures are in place as outlined below. Teams are advised to remain in their vehicles while waiting to register or weigh and encouraged to wear face coverings when registering and when weighing their fish. The tournament committee asks for your patience during these altered procedures. Questions about the rules can be handled individually during drive through registration. A virtual captain's meeting will be posted online at <u>www.facebook.com/tournamenttrail</u>. Contact Scott by phone at 231-690-1102 if you have any questions. *It is every team's responsibility to know the rules! Please read them carefully.*

Spectators are discouraged from attending and no results will be posted on site at any time. Daily and final results will be available online (<u>www.tournamenttrail.net</u> & <u>www.facebook.com/tournamenttrail</u>) as soon as possible after weigh in is complete.

No awards ceremony will be held. Winning teams will be contacted by phone and will have the opportunity to pick up their winnings at the Tournament Trail Trailer on an individual basis.

If you have questions on these procedures or any rules in general contact: Scott – (231) 690-1102



Ladies & Kids Splash Friday, July 23 2021

Entry Fee: \$100 per team On site Drive-Thru Registration Thursday, July 22 at 5-7pm. Captain's Meeting Online Only due to Covid 19. Awards available individually shortly after weigh in Sunday. No on site awards ceremony due to Covid 19.

TOURNAMENT LOCATION:

All Ladies & Kids Events including Registration, Captain's Meeting, Weigh In & Awards will take place in the Douglas Park / First Street Beach Parking Lot. (No Lion's Pavilion due to Covid 19)

PAYOUTS BASED ON REGISTRATION

Only Brown Trout, Steelhead, Lake Trout, Salmon qualify – All prize payouts will be finalized after the Captain's Meeting. The prize structure will be based on the number of registered boats.

RULES

Salmon Splash and General Rules are also enforced for this tournament when appropriate.

- 1. Tournament Time: 6:00am-1:00pm
 - Shot Gun Start: 6:00am. From Manistee or Onekama Harbors
 - Boats must be within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from pierheads at start. No fishing before 6:00am.
 - Must be back inside pier heads by **1:00pm**. Boats outside the pier heads at **1:01pm** will be disqualified.
- 2. Communication: Shotgun Start, Fishing Period End and any other pertinent announcements will take place on Channel 68. Tournament Control will periodically monitor marine radio throughout the fishing period. Tournament Control can also be reached via cell phone at (231) 690-1102.
- 3. Any number of crew members can be on a team. Minimum (2) Ladies and/or Kids in any combination. (don't overload the boat!) A maximum of 9 rods can be used if you have at least 3 licensed crewmembers. DNR rules of course.
- 4. When fish bites, Ladies and/or Kids must remove the rod from holder, set the hook and net the fish. The guys can help set the lines, drive, and if necessary, release from riggers or boards and assist in hand lining.
- 5. All boats must have a marine radio and be at least 18' long.
- 6. Weigh-in will begin 2 hours prior to end of fishing period on Friday. DNR minimum length all species.
 - Best 5 Fish will be brought to the weigh station. Extra fish or undersized fish will be disqualified and penalty of 1 extra fish disqualified starting with smallest for each extra fish brought in.
 - Tournament cooler with no more than 5 fish must be brought to weigh station within 1 hour and 15 minutes of the end of the tournament fishing time.
 - Drain coolers before weigh-in, excess water or loose ice will result in 5-lb. reduction of total weight. Awards will be available individually ASAP after weigh in. (no ceremony due to covid 19)
- 7. Total weight will determine the winner. In the event of a tie, prize will be split.
- 8. If Tournament cannot begin by 11 am, it will be cancelled. 3-hour minimum fishing time is required to complete this tournament. If Tournament is cancelled due to bad weather, \$90.00 will be refunded to each team by mail within 7 days.

The Ladies & Kids Splash is for FUN! Rules will be discussed at the Captain's Meeting and we will consider any suggestions to improve the fun concept of this tournament. If you have any questions or just want to talk about the Tournaments, call Fred 231-645-8366 or Scott 231-690-1102.

2021 SALMON SPLASH MAIN EVENT OFFICIAL RULES

See General Rule's page for further Rules Clarification

Failure to be familiar with rules may result in disqualification

It is the responsibility of each team and each individual participant to read and understand all rules pertaining to your specific event and the Tournament Trail General Rules. Ignorance is no excuse! Questions, call Scott at 231-690-1102.

CAPTAIN'S MEETING 2021: ONLINE ONLY

www.facebook.com/tournamenttrail

CAPTAINS MEETING / REGISTRATION – On site registration will take place on the southern edge of the Douglas Park Parking Lot beginning at 5pm. (see diagram included for more information) There will be no on-site Captain's Meeting though you will have the opportunity to review rules and ask any questions on an individual or team basis when you register. ALL TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING THE RULES! PLEASE READ THEM CAREFULLY AND CONTACT SCOTT WITH QUESTIONS: 231-690-1102

WEIGH IN / AWARDS: All Salmon Splash Weigh Ins and Awards will take place in Douglas Park Parking Lot. (see diagram)

TOURNAMENT TIME: 6:00am – 1:00pm / each day, all levels. Start & End will be announced on Channel 68. Fishing period will begin each day by "shotgun start". Boats must stage outside the harbor (1/2 mile max distance) while waiting for the start to be announced over marine radio. No fishing or running is allowed prior to the start of the fishing period. Boats not back inside the harbor by 1:00:59 will be disqualified for the day. **Recreational fishing is allowed after the day 1 weigh in.**

TOURNAMENT BOUNDARIES: Michigan Waters Only for all divisions and events.

COMMUNICATION: Open Communication All Divisions. Shotgun Start, Fishing Period End and any other pertinent announcements will take place on Channel 68. Tournament Control will periodically monitor marine radio throughout the fishing period and may also be reached via cell phone at 231-690-1102.

ELIGIBLE PORTS: Boats may elect to fish out of Manistee or Onekama. Boats may NOT change their declared port once the tournament begins. Boats must leave from and return to their declared port. NOTE: Teams may not change boats for any reason once the tournament has begun.

WEIGH IN PROCEDURE:

- Weigh-in begins 2 hours before the end of the fishing period. Coolers must be in line at the scales within 1 hour and 30 minutes after the fishing period ends.
- Drain coolers before weigh-in. Block or bagged ice only. Excess water or loose ice will result in 5 lb deduction of total weight for that day.
- Your cooler may only contain your tournament limit at the scales. (10 fish max for pros / 5 fish max for ams) Extra fish or fish under legal DNR 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 starting with the smallest. Stretching fish, squashing fish, breaking their neck, or any manipulation to increase the length of the fish will disqualify team.
- Weight slips must be signed before leaving the scales. Check your weight slip before you sign. After signature reweighing is not allowed and no changes can be made. Weight slip will be utilized until after payout of prizes. After that weight slips will no longer be kept.

CAPTAIN & CREW - A Captain for each team must be designated and identified on registration form. The number of fishermen may vary. The same fishermen do not have to fish both days.

BOAT SIZE - Boats must be at least 18' long and have a marine radio.

TOURNAMENT LIMITS: DNR Rules Apply.

Pro Division: Weigh Your Best 2-Man Legal Limit each day. Amateur Division: Weigh Your Best 1-Man Legal Limit each day. Big Fish Only: Weigh your biggest single fish each day. Big Fish Only teams may have additional fish in their cooler (5 max) for the 333.

OBSERVERS: No Observers Required – All Divisions

TOURNAMENT SCORING:

- **Pro/Am:** 10 points per fish / 1 point per pound
 - Tie Breakers: #1. Total Weight #2. Big Fish (if available for all tied teams, if not prizes will be combined & split)
 - Big Fish Only Exact weight of biggest fish will be used. Any ties will result in prizes being combined and split.

Maximum Fish in Cooler: 5 Fish AM, Big Fish, & 333 Only / 10 fish PRO Adjustments to rules and/or payouts may be made at the Captain's Meeting. Any changes made will supersede all pre-printed material.

TOURNAMENT TRAIL GENERAL RULES

Port Specific Rules shall supersede General Rules in the event of any contradiction. See port specific tournament info for further rules clarification

ELIGIBILITY – This event is open to any fishing team willing to participate and abide by official tournament rules and state specific DNR regulations. We reserve the right to decline entry or participation by any person, team or boat, as deemed necessary to ensure such things as integrity, image, reputation, financial performance and community relationships with sponsors, participants and supporting groups.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE – The tournament director may decide to establish a tournament committee for the purpose of presiding over the tournament and handling judgment on weather conditions, disputes, protests, rules violations, etc. This committee may consist of any combination of tournament participants, or other persons approved by the tournament director. Your participation in this tournament indicates your acceptance of this procedure and your agreement that the decision of the tournament director and/or committee will be final. Immediate action for non-compliance of tournament rules will be the jurisdiction of the tournament director and/or committee. Your participation in this event constitutes your agreement to abide by the policies, rules and decisions set forth by the tournament director and/or selected tournament committee.

POLYGRAPH EXAMINATIONS - All participants who weigh fish and are eligible for cash and prizes may be required to submit to a polygraph examination. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of any and all cash and prizes.

CHEATING - Cheating will not be tolerated. Anyone caught cheating may be banned from this event. Their names and details of the incident may also be sent to other Tournament Officials. A reward of up to \$1000.00 is offered for information that results in any team being disqualified for obvious or blatant cheating.

PROTESTS - All protests must be submitted within 1 hour after posted tournament fishing time ends each day.

DNR LAWS – All state DNR fishing laws must be observed ANY DNR written violation on tournament days disqualifies team with no refund regardless of outcome. DNR written violation on tournament day may, at the discretion of the tournament director and/or committee, result in team being banned from this event and other events in the future.

BOAT SAFETY – Boat safety remains your responsibility. Weather conditions vary and the Tournament Director and/or Rules & Weather Committee will advise when conditions become questionable and may cancel the tournament if deemed necessary. Due to the size variance of boats and varied experience of each captain, the ultimate responsibility for safety belongs to you. If you feel it is becoming unsafe or you are uncomfortable with conditions, your safety and the safety of your crew is absolutely your responsibility. If you feel it is not safe for your boat size or experience level proceed to safe harbor immediately.

CAPTAINS MEETING - Rules amendments or changes may be done at Captains Meeting prior to each tournament. One person from each team is required at Captains Meeting. You will be responsible if any rule changes are made. Entire team is encouraged to attend. See local tournament information for location and times.

FINAL PAYOUTS - Posted as soon as possible after the Captains Meeting for each specific tournament. Payouts are based on registration and will supersede **ALL** previously posted possible payouts. Once final payouts are posted there can be no refund of registration fees.

WEATHER - 3 hours of fishing will constitute a completed day. If only 3 hours of a 2-day tournament can be fished it will be considered complete. Director and/or Committee is the final authority on weather decisions. If Tournament is called early because of bad weather, you will have 1 hour to return to the Harbor. Boats who return more than 1 hour after tournament has been called off will not be allowed to weigh for that day. Monitor designated marine radio channel (see individual port specific rules) for safety and emergency information.

If we cannot fish the 1st day of a 2-day tournament because of weather, tournament will be canceled for the day. Recreational fishing may be allowed for the rest of that day (see individual port specific rules). After fishing the minimum of 3 hours on the 1st day of any 2-day event, fishing MAY NOT be allowed for the remainder of that day (see individual port specific rules). If tournament is called off before a minimum of 3 hours is fished, the whole day will be canceled. Min 3 hours fishing required to weigh-in. If due to unforeseen circumstances, any event is canceled in its entirety, a refund check for 90% of the registration fee will be mailed within 14 days. 10% of the registration fee will be retained to cover Tournament expenses.

PIERHEAD AND HARBOR FISHING - No fishing inside any Harbor. No fishing inside a line between the North & South Pier heads. This rule applies to all Lake Michigan Harbors.

NUMBER OF RODS - Maximum number of lines fishing is 9. Fishing means "in the water." 10 or more lines in the water at any one time disqualifies the team. One slider per rod may be allowed, however, sliders may not exceed 72 inches. Max 2 baits per rod.

>>> NOTE: Per Wisconsin DNR, any lure in the water counts as a rod in Wisconsin. Sliders may be allowed at Wisconsin events, however 9 lures is the absolute maximum number of lures a team can have in the water at one time.

CHECK LOCAL RULES AT EACH TOURNAMENT FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING THE USE OF SLIDERS.

RADIO - Marine radio required. Check specific tournament info for restrictions on communications. The official start and end to each fishing period will me announced over the marine radio. Check individual port rules for specific channel(s) to monitor.

DIVISIONS & LIMITS –

The following divisions and limit structures are commonly found on the Tournament Trail. Refer to specific tournament rules for exact limits, length specifications, scoring methods and additional divisions or contests.

Open:

No restrictions on registration. Registered teams will compete in one division. This division generally allows teams to catch their legal limit, but sets a specific tournament limit (i.e. weigh your best 5) that can be weighed.

Pro/Am:

Two divisions will run concurrently. Pro Division has no restrictions on registration and is open to any team. Designated Pro Teams (see "Pro Teams Defined" rule) must fish in Pro Division. Amateur teams, or any team that does not qualify as Pro per the "Pro Teams Defined" rule may enter the Amateur or Pro Division.

U24:

Eligibility based on boat size. Amateur teams with boats under 24' in length may enter U24 division. This division generally allows teams to catch their legal limit, but sets a specific tournament limit (i.e. weigh your best 5) that can be weighed.

Sweet 16:

Eligibility based on boat size. Amateur teams with boats under 17' in length may enter Sweet 16 division. This division generally allows teams to catch their legal limit, but sets a specific tournament limit (i.e. weigh your best 5) that can be weighed.

333:

One division, open to all. 333 runs concurrently with a host event. Weigh your best 3 fish in two days. Teams may weigh their fish in any combination on Day 1 or Day 2. Catch limits mirror that of the host tournament.

Big Fish:

Weigh your biggest single fish each day. Big Fish Divisions may run individually on each tournament day or may be based on your biggest overall fish in a multi-day event.

LIMIT STRUCTURES

Best 5:

Catch your legal limit, Weigh Your Best 5 Fish for tournament scoring.

Best 10:

Catch your legal limit, Weigh Your Best 10 Fish for tournament scoring.

No Cull Events:

No Cull events employ a tournament catch limit which is less than DNR Limits. Teams are required to stop fishing and return to the tournament scales as soon as they fill the predetermined tournament limit. No Cull events may have a Scale Limit which is lower than the Tournament Limit. Observers may be required in No Cull events.

For example:

Catch 12 / Weigh 10 represents a tournament limit of 12 Fish and a Scale Limit of 10 fish. Teams must cease fishing immediately after catching their first 12 legal fish. There is no sorting of any kind and teams may not throw back any legal fish regardless of size. They then select their 10 best fish out of their 12 fish catch and weigh only those fish for their tournament score.

GAFFING FISH - Gaffing fish is strictly prohibited in all Tournament Trail events.

WEIGH-IN – SEE SPECIFIC TOURNAMENT INFORMATION FOR LOCATION. Captain's Meeting will decide final weigh-in procedures for all levels. Blocked or bagged ice only. No loose cubes or crushed ice, drain water from coolers before weigh-in. 5-LB deduction for loose ice or excess water. Substances, including ice packed into the fish's mouth or body cavities is cheating and will disqualify the entire team.

CAPTAIN & CREW - A Captain for each team must be designated and identified on entry application form. The same fishermen do not have to fish both days. Extra crew will be allowed, however tournament rod limit must be adhered to. Short-handed crews are allowed, however sufficient legal fishermen are required to comply with the 9 rod tournament limit. Observers (when required) may be used to comply with 9 rod limit, however, it is your team's responsibility to ensure the observer put on your boat has a fishing license if necessary, to complete your rod allotment.

IDENTIFICATION - Failure to display the identification flag (when provided) at all times during the tournament can result in DQ

DISABLED BOATS - Boats must return under their own power. No boat may come in direct physical contact with another boat or vessel either manned or unmanned for any reason unless authorized by Tournament Control. Physical contact will result in disqualification for any team involved. Boats in distress, dangerous or life threatening situations must be dealt with accordingly. Disabled boats that arrive late will not be able to weigh. Once tournament begins you cannot change boats for any reason. Tournament Director may be reachable on Channel 9 or by cell phone.

PRO TEAMS DEFINED – Pro Divisions are open to all teams. However, teams designated "Pro" must fish in Pro Division. Pro Team designation is based on the status of each individual crew member. If any one member of a crew is designated as "Pro" than the entire team shall also be designated as "Pro". The following criteria are used to determine the status of all teams and individuals:

- Any team or individual that is designated as a Pro Staff Member of a fishing or marine related product or service is required to fish in the Pro Division.
- Any team or individual whose application fee is subsidized in whole or in part by any manufacturer, distributor or retailer of any fishing or marine related product or any other product or service must fish in the Pro Division.
- All licensed charter captains who worked <u>as captain</u> on any licensed charter boat in the two years prior to the event in which they are registering must fish in Pro Division.

Field Testers: Field Testers are generally not considered Pro Teams. However, they may be subject to review by the Tournament Committee presiding over the event in which they wish to enter.

Team Attire: There are no restrictions on team attire. The wearing of shirts, hats, jackets, etc. that display logos or images of manufacturers, distributors or retailers of fishing or marine related products or services does not require a team to fish in the Pro Division. However, if the team is compensated in any way to wear such items the team will be required to fish in the Pro Division.

Boat Signs: Logos or images of manufacturers, distributors or retailers of fishing or marine related products or services displayed on a tournament boat do not require a team to fish in the Pro Division. However, any team that is compensated for the display of such images will be required to fish in the Pro Division.

It is your responsibility to comply with the Pro/Am Rule. The tournament director and/or committee presiding over the event in question reserves the right to review the Pro/Am status of any registered team through direct contact with the Captain or any member of the crew. Failure to fully disclose all pertinent information may result in disqualification with absolutely NO refund and NO prizes awarded.