

2009 CHICAGO YACHTING ASSOCIATION SALMON CLASSIC

TOURNAMENT RULES

- ELIGIBILITY:** The Salmon Classic is a trolling tournament and is open to everyone. All boats in the Tournament must be at least 20 feet in length. All members of each fishing team must possess a valid Illinois Fishing License with a Lake Michigan Trout Stamp.
- TEAMS:** A team may consist of as many crew members as desired by the Captain.
- ENTRY FEES:** Tournament: \$300.00 per boat
Big Fish Contest: \$ 25.00 per boat
All Entry Fees must be paid by September 10, 2009!!
- REGISTRATION:** On September 11, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., all Captains must attend a mandatory Captain's meeting at the Columbia Yacht Club. At this meeting, the Tournament Committee will go over the rules for the tournament and announce the value of each prize (based upon the number of boats participating).
- FISHING HOURS:** The tournament will start with a "shot gun" start at 6:30 a.m. outside the mouth of Monroe Harbor. Lines may be in the water and dropped no earlier than 7:00 a.m. All lines must be pulled and out of the water at 1:00 p.m. All times will be announced by the Tournament Committee on VHF Marine Radio Channel 71. The Tournament Committee will use GPS time as the official clock for the contest. Four (4) hours constitutes an official contest. Boats must be back at the Columbia Yacht Club dock by 2:00 p.m. where the observer and a crew member with the day's catch will then head to the Weigh Station.
- FISHING RULES:**
- Prizes will be awarded for Salmon and Trout only.
 - Each team is limited to fish a maximum of nine (9) rods.
 - Each team is limited to a three (3) person limit (fifteen (15) fish) no matter how many people are on board. Boats are also limited to 3 Lake Trout.
 - All fish entered in contest must be whole and freshly caught. All fish will be checked at the weigh-in. Any team that enters a fish that fails to meet these standards will be immediately disqualified.
 - No culling of fish is permitted. All fish over the legal size must be kept.
 - All crew members must possess a valid Illinois Fishing License with a Lake Michigan Trout Stamp.
 - All Illinois Fishing Regulations must be obeyed.

FISHING RULES (cont.):

- All tournament participants shall be duty bound to report any and all violations of the rules they observe on the boat.
- All decisions of the Tournament Committee shall be final.

AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION SHALL RESULT FROM THE FOLLOWING:

- Running gunwale to gunwale with any boat or passing objects of any kind between boats.
- Failure to report directly to the Weigh Station at the close of the fishing period.
- Any participant who physically or verbally abuses any tournament official or observer shall be disqualified at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

CANCELLATIONS:

The Tournament Committee may cancel the tournament at any time when, in their opinion, they feel fishing conditions are dangerous to persons or property. The Committee will announce one half hour before the start of the tournament whether the tournament will be held.

If the fishing period is shortened due to dangerous weather conditions after the tournament begins, all boats must promptly proceed to the Weigh Station.

If the tournament is cancelled on September 12, 2009, the tournament will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2009.

LIABILITY:

- A. Every reasonable precaution will be taken by the Tournament Committee to protect persons and property during the contest. However, neither the Chicago Yachting Association, the Columbia Yacht Club, the Tournament Committee, the Tournament Sponsors, nor the Officers, Directors, Employees or Agents of these entities, are responsible for the safety of persons or property of participants with regard to any and all accidents, injuries, thefts, and/or damages of any kind.
- B. All participants, including captains, crew members and observers, further understand and agree to hold harmless the Chicago Yachting Association, the Columbia Yacht Club, the Tournament Committee, Judges, Officers, Directors of these entities, and the Tournament Sponsors, and the Officers Directors, Employees and Agents of these entities, from any and all accidents, injuries, thefts, and/or damages directly and/or indirectly incurred as a result of participation in the tournament in whatever form or matter said accidents, injuries, thefts, and/or damages may be incurred.