

Thunder Bay Walleye Club presents the
19th Annual Night Eyes Challenge

A 2 night fishing tournament for walleyes on Thunder Bay
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Friday June 10th, & Saturday June 11th, 2016

6:00 P.M. until 1:00 A.M. each night

Alpena Boat Harbor

Entry Fee: \$100.00 per Boat

80% payout based on 25 Boats

- 1st Place.....\$810
- 2nd Place.....\$450
- 3rd Place.....\$270
- 4th Place.....\$180
- 5th Place.....\$ 90

**Bring to the launch site Friday evening of the
 tournament from 4:00PM to 5:30PM
 Captains meeting prior to 6:00pm start**

For more information, contact: Dave Birmingham, Tournament Director, 989-306-3130

OR e-mail: jackieodennyb@frontier.com

**In addition there will be a \$100 prize
 awarded for the largest walleye each night.**

Participants and Eligibility:

1. Entry by boat only. Any one 17 years of age or younger must be teamed with an adult.
2. A rules and orientation meeting will be held at 5:30 P.M. on Friday, June 10th at the boat harbor. At least one team member must attend.
3. Entrants will conduct themselves in a true sportsmanlike, safe, and courteous manner when fishing. Please remember that each team represents sport fishermen and your actions represent all contestants. Crowding other boats, moving in on other contestants or anchoring where a team is obviously fishing can be grounds for disqualification for that night.

Fish and Fishing:

4. Safety is a priority and safe boating must be observed at all times. All Michigan boating rules and all applicable U.S. Coast Guard rules must be obeyed. All entrants must abide by **DNR fishing rules**. Live bait and artificial lures are permissible. **Maximum 6 lines per boat.**
5. Any walleye mauled, mashed, frozen, and injected with water or other material to add weight, showing white gills, soft flesh or eyes, etc. may result in disqualification from the tournament.
6. All boats will be inspected at launch time each day. All contestants must start from and return to the launch site. Boat to boat contact will result in disqualification. Teams not checking in after a night's fishing will be disqualified for that night.
7. Contestants who leave earlier than the tournament start time or who return later than the end time will be disqualified for the night.
8. A maximum of 5 walleyes per boat, per night will be weighed for the tournament (maximum of 10 walleyes for 2 nights). In case of a tie, the weight of the heaviest walleye will determine winner. At least one team member must accompany the catch to the scale. Each team will receive a copy of their scale ticket which will be initialed by a team member.

Prizes and Entry

10. All prizes will be awarded to the team based on total boat weight. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of the tournament.

11. Late entries will be accepted; however, the TBWC is not responsible for informing any late entries of rule changes announced at the meeting held at 5:30 PM on Friday, June 10th. We will strive to ensure all late entries have up-to-date information. Contact tournament control for info.
12. In the case of bad weather, the tournament officials may call off or postpone the start of the tournament each day. If both days are cancelled, all entry fees will be refunded.
13. Entry fee is \$100 per boat. People may be added to or changed from a boat at any time.
14. Voluntary Added Bonus, each angler in the boat must pay an additional \$10. At the end of the tourney among the participating teams only, the boat with the heaviest weight will win 100% of the bonus.

Protest and Waiver:

14. The Tournament Committee or any team has a right to protest another team. You may protest after filing a \$50.00 fee which will be refunded if your protest is upheld. If not upheld, the fee will become property of the TBWC. You must file the protest in writing with the tournament director no later than one-half hour (30 min) after the close of the night's fishing hours. All protest decisions by the TBWC tournament officials will be final after hearing both sides of any protest.
15. Each entrant upon registering agrees to hold the TBWC, its members, sponsors and any organizations assisting in the tournament operation harmless from any liability of any nature and kind for any injuries and/or damage suffered by the entrant during this event. This may include, but is not limited to death, injury, damage, liability, theft, fire, etc. Each entrant, upon signing an entry form, will be signing a waiver form.
16. Disqualification from the tournament for any reason will result in the forfeiture of any entry fees.
17. The tournament committee will make a final and binding determination regarding any condition not covered above.

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Tournament Entry Form

CAPTAIN _____ BOAT# _____

Name: _____ Crew _____

Address: _____ Crew _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Crew _____

Phone #: _____ Emergency Phone #: _____ E mail _____

I have read, understand and agree to comply with the tournament rules. _____

Team Captain Signature

Date

Please fill out completely and return to the above address with entry fee of \$100/boat.

Tourney \$ _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Bonus \$ _____

Total Paid \$ _____

CAPTAINS MEETING

THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB NIGHT EYES TOURNAMENT 2016 ADDITIONAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. FISHING BOUNDRIES ARE ALL OF LAKE HURON AND THE THUNDER BAY RIVER TO THE EASTSIDE OF THE 9TH STREET BRIDGE.
2. FISH MUST BE CAUGHT FROM THE BOAT.
3. NO BOAT TO BOAT CONTACT...NO TOWS FROM OTHER CONTESTANTS UNTIL AFTER TOURNAMENT HOURS...CONTACT COAST GUARD AUXILIARY IF YOU NEED EMIDATE HELP.
4. ONE TEAM MEMBER MUST CHECK IN BEFORE AND AFTER FISHING.
5. LAUNCH WILL BE FROM THE BOAT HARBOR ONLY.
 - A. EACH BOAT WILL BE INSPECTED EACH NIGHT PRIOR TO LAUNCH.
 - B. BOATS CANNOT LEAVE THE BOAT HARBOR PROPER PRIOR TO 6:00 PM.
 - C. BOATS WILL LEAVE THE HARBOR AT AN IDLE SPEED. ANY TEAM OBSERVED OPERATING IN A RECKLES OR UNSAFE MANNER WILL BE DISQUALIFIED.
6. ENTRANTS MUST BE INSIDE THE HARBOR BY 1:00AM EACH DAY OR BE DISQUALIFIED FOR THAT DAY.
7. TEAMS DO NOT HAVE TO STAY OUT THE ENTIRE 6:00 PM – 1:00 AM. YOU CAN LAUNCH ANYTIME AFTER INSPECTION BETWEEN 6:00 PM-1:00AM OR COME IN TO WEIGH FISH BEFORE 1:00AM.
8. EACH TEAM WILL BE GIVEN A CLOTHSPIN WITH THEIR TEAM NUMBER ON IT. IT MUST BE PICKED UP AT TOURNAMENT CONTROL WHEN LAUNCHING AND RETURNED WHEN YOU'RE FISHING ENDS. YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO WEIGH FISH IF TEAM NUMBER WAS RETURNED PRIOR TO 1:00 AM AND YOU GO OUT FISHING AGAIN WITHOUT PICKING THE CLOTHSPIN UP. WHEN YOU GO OUT, PICK IT UP. WHEN YOU RETURN, RETURN YOUR TEAM NUMBER TO THE WEIGH-IN SIGHT. THIS IS FOR SAFETY PROPOSES TO INSURE YOU ARE SAFE.
9. WEIGH-IN
 - A. WEIGH-IN WILL BE AT TOURNAMENT CONTROL IN THE BOAT HARBOR BY THE MARINA. FISH MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE WEIGH-IN BY BOAT ONLY.
 - B. FISH BROUGHT IN BY LAND WILL NOT BE WEIGHED.
 - C. A TEAM MEMBER MUST STAY WITH THE FISH TO BE WEIGHED AT ALL TIMES.
 - D. EACH TEAM WILL SELECT THE 5 FISH TO BE WEIGHED.
10. NO FISHING IN THE BOAT HARBOR PROPER
11. A \$50.00 PROTEST FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR ALL PROTESTS. THE FEE WILL BE REFUNDED IF YOU PREVAIL. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS ARE JIM LEESEBERG, DAVE BIRMINGHAM, AND RICHARD HUBERT.
12. THERE WILL BE A MARINE RADIO AT THE WEIGH-IN SIGHT. CH 72 WILL BE MONITORED.
13. ANY QUESTIONS, ASK THEM AT THE CAPTAINS MEETING AT 5:30PM FRIDAY NIGHT OR THE WEIGH-IN SIGHT OTHER TIMES.