

# 2023 Marquette Fall Classic Registration + Waiver



**Tournament Entry Fee:** Main Tournament \$150.00: Big Fish Pot \$50

Boat/Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain's Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Liability Release**

In consideration of South Shore Fishing Association's accepting my application to participate in the 2023 Marquette Fall Classic, I, for myself, my heirs, executors, and assigns hereby release, waive and forever discharge all officials, organizers, promoters, sponsors, and their respective officials, representatives, and assigns from all claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, and actions in respect to illness, injury, death, loss or damage to my person or property, however caused arising by reason of my participation in said event. I authorize the sharing of my contact information with other fishing organizations by South Shore Fishing Association. By submitting this release, I acknowledge having read, understood, and agreed to the above. In addition, this will acknowledge that I have read and will abide by all rules and regulations.

Captain's Signature:

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Signature

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Date

**South Shore Fishing Association**  
**2023 Marquette Fall Classic**  
Saturday, August 26, 2023 (Alternate Date Sunday, August 27, 2023)  
**Rules + Regulations**



**ENTRY FEE:** Entry fee for this tournament will be \$150.00 per boat, which includes entry into both trout and salmon main categories. An optional \$50 per will enter each boat into all big fish categories. To enter the big fish categories, a boat must be entered into and pay the main tournament entry fee.

**FISHING TIMES:** This will be an on your honor lines down at 6:00 am tournament. All boats fishing must have lines out of the water by 2:00pm. Any boats caught fishing past 2:00pm will be disqualified. All captains wanting to register fish must be in line to weigh fish at the Presque Isle Band Shell by 3:00pm.

**FISHING AREA** – All boats must fish and launch within tournament boundaries. Boundaries are West of a straight-line running north from Laughing Whitefish Point and South of a straight-line running East from the Big Bay Lighthouse\*\*\*See image below. Any boats caught fishing outside of the restricted area will be disqualified from this event. If a boat is suspected of being outside of the restricted area, the boat captain will be required to show the tournament officials their GPS unit and the tracks from that day.



**SPECIES** – A salmon for this tournament will be considered a Coho, King, or Pink Salmon. A trout for this tournament will be considered a Lake Trout, Steelhead Trout, Brown Trout, Splake, and for this tournament. Anything potentially considered an Atlantic Salmon will be a trout.

**BOAT CHECKS:** Cooler and boat checks will take place from 5:00 am - 6:00 am at Both Lower and Upper Harbor Boat Launches, along with the Association dock. Checks will be conducted on a random basis this year. Tournament officials will pick boats at random. If you are not contacted by an official feel free to launch and head out when you are ready. Not all boats will be checked but be prepared for a check before leaving for fishing for the day.

**REGISTRATION/CAPTAINS MEETING:** The registration and captains meeting will be held Friday, August 24th, 2023, from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm at the Elks Lodge in Marquette, MI. Although we highly encourage all CAPTAINS to attend, we understand that may not always be an option. At least one member of the team fishing on a boat must attend the captains meeting in place of the captain and act in the place of the captain.

**CAPTAIN AND CREW:** A captain for each team must be identified on the entry form. There is no minimum or maximum number of fishermen on a boat; however, the boat must comply with either the Michigan Fishing Regulations or a four-man max of lines in the water.

**FINAL PAYOUTS:** All category payouts will be based on weight. Winners will receive a cash payout. Additional payouts will also be paid for largest salmon, lake trout, steelhead, and brown trout. Trout and salmon qualify only. All payouts will be determined based on boats entered. In the event that a fish in a specific big fish category is not weighed, the big fish pot will be divided between the remaining categories in which fish were weighed.

**LIMITS:** A four-man limit of lines (3 lines per person), 12 lines maximum in the water on each boat. If a boat is suspected of being over the four-man limit of lines in the water, they will be asked for a boat search by tournament officials. If a boat has over the four-man limit or 3 per person number of lines in the water, they will be disqualified from the tournament and will forfeit their registration fees. All Michigan Fishing Laws and Rules must be observed. MDNR violations of any kind on tournament days will disqualify the team. All fish must be caught and boated using standard hook and line methods that comply with MDNR regulations. No gaffing, spearing etc. are allowed.

**COOLER COLLECTION:** Will not take place this year. All captains must transport their coolers and arrive at the Presque Isle Band Shell no later than 3:00 with their catch.

**WEIGH-IN:** Weigh-in will take place at approximately 3:00 pm at the Presque Isle Band Shell. Each boat may weigh up to six salmon, up to six trout, and any qualifying big fish. Only the fish being weighed may be in the cooler. Largest fish will be weighed first and then a total weight will be weighed. In the event of a tie, the largest fish from each team will determine the winner.

**Blocked or bagged ice only!** If you're using cubed ice, it must be in the bag at time of weigh-in. Drain any excess water from the coolers prior to cooler weigh-in. Fish must also be "clean" and free of any foreign debris i.e., dirt, gravel etc. **Captains that bring their catch in a cooler with loose ice, excessive water, or dirty fish to the weigh-in will be assessed a 5lb penalty for each category registered.**

Coolers will be weighed in the order by boat number. **Failure to be present when you are called to weigh may lead to disqualification.** There must be a team member present during weigh-in and fish weights must be signed for. If an individual disputes their weight, they must do so prior to signing and accepting weighed fish, and the six fish will be weighed again. After the captain or present team member signs the weigh-in sheet, that weight is the official weight of the tournament. Once a team has completed their weigh in, they are then responsible for their

teams' fish. If you do not wish to participate in the weigh-in for this tournament, you must let a tournament worker know prior to the weigh-in and give them your boat number.

**INCLIMATE WEATHER:** Four hours of fishing will be considered a completed tournament. In the event of a weather delay, a tournament time will be determined, and all boats may leave at their own discretion no earlier than that time. If a tournament is called because of weather, you must return to the harbor immediately if you wish to participate in tournament weigh-ins. If weather does not allow for fishing on Saturday August 25th, Sunday August 26th will be considered an alternate fishing day. If unable to complete a day of fishing on Sunday, the tournament will be canceled, and all money will be refunded.

**Tournament fishing will only be called if Small Craft Advisory is in effect for the fishing area or there is lightning in the area!**

**RADIO:** Marine radio is not required; however, it is highly encouraged for the safety of your team and all Coast Guard boater safety regulations must be followed. All tournament communications will take place on channel 68.

**IDENTIFICATION:** Each captain will be given a boat number at the captains meeting. This will be for the order in which boats will weigh in.

**DISABLED BOATS:** Boats must return under their own power to weigh in. No boat may come in physical contact with another boat for any reason unless authorized by tournament control. Physical contact will result in disqualification for both teams for that day. Obviously, boats in distress, dangerous, or life-threatening situations must be dealt with accordingly. Disabled boats that arrive late will not be able to weigh in. Once the tournament begins, you cannot change boats for any reason. For a boating emergency you can contact the Coast Guard on Channel 16 or via phone at 906-250-7746.

**TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:** A committee will be formed to have an odd number of members. The tournament officials will accept boat captains to help form this committee. If a captain is interested, please let a tournament official know at the team registration August 24th, 2023. This committee will preside over the tournament and handle judgment on weather conditions, disputes, disagreements, or violations of rules. Your participation in this tournament indicates your acceptance of this procedure and your agreement that the decision of the committee will be final. Immediate action for non-compliance of tournament rules will be the jurisdiction of the tournament committee regarding the event in question. When you elect to fish in this event, you agree by your signature to abide by the policies, rules, and decisions set forth by the tournament officials and committee.

**CHEATING:** Cheating will not be tolerated. Anyone caught cheating will be automatically disqualified from all categories in this tournament after official ruling is determined.

**PROTESTS:** All protests must be brought forward to the tournament committee within 1 hour after the posted tournament fishing time ends and prior to the start of the weigh in.

**PARKING & LAUNCH FEES:** For this event every individual will be responsible for their own slip fees (if applicable) and launch pass for that day. Failure to pay the launch fee may result in a ticket from the City of Marquette.

**QUESTIONS** – Any questions, please contact (phone or text) Ross Anthony 906-250-0641, Jesse Bianchi 906-250-7746. You can also email us at [MQTfallclassic@gmail.com](mailto:MQTfallclassic@gmail.com)