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Michigan Brown Trout Festival

Letter from the President

Welcome to the 49th Annual festival!

Looking for something fun to add to your summer calendar? Come join us at the Michigan Brown Trout Festival (MBTF). We will not disappoint!

We're bringing back some old time favorites such as the Big Bay Bash & the famous Thunder Bay Arts Council - Hooked on Music! Both take place in the Veolia Big Tent, not to mention two other radio station concerts, WATZ & the New 105.7 The Bird.

MBTF has added more learning activities to Family Day such as Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The program is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age 5. The Boys & Girls Club along with Youth Volunteer Corps will be joining us, so make sure to bring your children to the Veolia Big Tent on Sunday, July 16th!

This year's festival kicks off on Friday, July 14th under the Alpena Buick GMC Small Tent with bands playing every night - all free to the public.

Famous Tony Burgers will be served under the Veolia Big Tent Sunday, July 23rd along with the 3rd Annual Car Show. Awards and Raffle Drawings take place at 6pm following the car show.

Check out our website at browntroutfestival.com for more details.

Sincerely,

Peggy Donakowski, President

Michigan Brown Trout Festival

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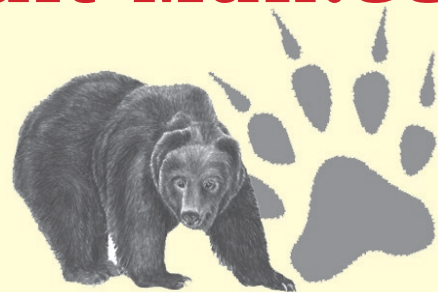
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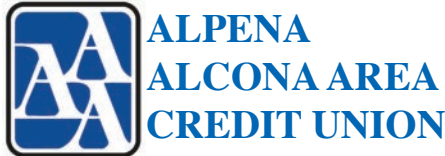
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Brown Trout FAMILY DAY!

Sunday, July 16th • Noon - 2:30pm

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Michigan Brown Trout Festival 2023 Regular Tournament Rules

1. Fishing Tournament will start at 6:00am Saturday, July 15, 2023 and ends at 3:00 pm on Sunday, July 23, 2023. Weigh station and scales open at noon, and close at 9:00pm each day. Persons with fish to weigh on any given day must be in line for the weigh station no later than 9:00pm each day, (Except Sunday, July 23rd). Registration trailer will open on Thursday, July 13th at noon and close at 6:00pm and will also be open Friday, July 14th from noon until 9:00pm.

2. Each person seventeen (17) years of age and older on board must be registered. (Those under 17 may register for "Kid's Fishing Tournament" - see separate rules) To be eligible for any tournament prize, persons must be registered, no matter the age. All registrants shall carry their registration card at all times. Cards are nontransferable. All boats are subject to "card check". Entry fee is \$90.00 per person for the regular tournament. Flags will be issued to the fishermen and fisherwomen this year thanks to sponsorships from Meridian Contracting. EXCEPTION: one-day pass available, \$25.00 Unlimited Individual - no hat given. (Only issued at registration trailer).

3. Each entrant upon registering to compete in the Festival agrees to hold the sponsors; their agents; volunteers; or employees harmless from any liability of any nature and kind, for any injuries and/or damage suffered by the entrants during the period that the Festival is being held.

4. Regarding the fish and transportation of the fish:

a). All Trout, Salmon, and Walleye must be caught in Lake Huron. Rivers or streams are NOT considered legal fishing waters, except the Thunder Bay River from the 2nd Ave. bridge to Lake Huron. There are no boundaries for north and south this year, all U.S. waters of Lake Huron (with the exception of the Lake Trout Refuges) are legal to fish in all tournaments except the amateur super tournament division held during the 2023 MBTF. The following situations apply to this "NO" boundary rule:

1. No tournament boat can come in contact with any land or ports except Presque Isle Harbor or Alpena City Boat Harbor.

2. No extra gasoline cans can be carried on board during any Michigan Brown Trout Festival Tournaments.

3. NOTE: NO FISHING IS ALLOWED IN THE LAKE TROUT REFUGES - MAPS AVAILABLE AT THE REGISTRATION TRAILER.

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b). All fish must be transported to the official weigh-in station at the Alpena City Boat Harbor. Fishermen will also have the option of checking fish at Presque Isle Harbor. There will be an official Brown Trout representative at Presque Isle Harbor from 11:00am to 1:00pm and 7:00pm to 8:00pm daily from Saturday, July 15 through Saturday, July 22 and Sunday, July 23, 2023, from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Cooler must be presented at the Official Weigh Station within one hour of the time listed on the check in slip given at Presque Isle Harbor.

c). At Presque Isle Harbor, each angler presenting fish to weigh will have their registration card available for proof of participation in the tournament. The Brown Trout representative will verify the number of fish to be weighed, will seal each cooler and give fishermen a tag for transport to Alpena City Boat Harbor. The cooler MUST be sealed when presented at the Weigh Station in Alpena. Any fish transported from Presque Isle Harbor must be transported in a sealable fish cooler, NO fish bags or buckets are permitted and will lead to disqualification.

d). Transfer of any items from boat to boat or physical contact with another boat will disqualify both boats for that day. In case of an extreme emergency situation, Tournament Control must be notified as to determine if disqualification is required.

5. Each contestant is entitled to only one final prize in each division.

6. Winners will be determined by the weight of the fish. All fish entered must be whole, and contain no foreign matter; no gaffed or snagged fish will be eligible for any prizes. Fish must be opened for inspection after weighing if it qualifies for a prize. First place fish in each division must be left on display until 9:00pm on the day caught to qualify for a prize. Failure to have fish inspected or displayed may cause disqualification. Any tallied, displayed fish remaining after 10:00pm will be disposed of by Brown Trout Officials.

7. *Payouts awarded for Salmon, Lake Trout, Steelhead & Walleye Divisions for each species:

- i. 1st Prize - \$2,500.00/ Plaque
- ii. 2nd Prize - \$1,050.00/Plaque
- iii. 3rd Prize - \$600.00/Plaque
- iv. 4th Prize - \$350.00
- v. 5th Prize - \$200.00

*Based on a minimum of 325 entrants.

2022 WINNERS LARGEST OF EACH TOURNAMENT

BROWN TROUT

- 1ST - SHAWN MUSZYNSKI
- 2ND - BRYLIE CARSTENS
- 3RD - DAVID RENSBERRY

LAKE TROUT

- 1ST - MIKE TANNER
- 2ND - DAMEN MCCALL
- 3RD - PETE DOUBEK

STEELHEAD

- 1ST - DAVE BREGE
- 2ND - JIM SPENS
- 3RD - DON HARRISON

SALMON

- 1ST - JOE MELLON
- 2ND - DYLAN ORR
- 3RD - JONATHAN WIECZORSKI

WALLEYE

- 1ST - TYLER AUGER
- 2ND - DON MISCHLEY
- 3RD - MATT MATUZAK

*Payouts awarded for Brown Trout Division:

- i. 1st Prize - \$4,000.00/Plaque
- ii. 2nd Prize - \$2,400.00/Plaque
- iii. 3rd Prize - \$1,200.00
- iv. 4th Prize - \$800.00
- v. 5th Prize - \$450.00

*Based on a minimum of entrants.

8. The decision of the Tournament Officials will be final in the event of a dispute or unsportsmanlike conduct. In case of ties, the first fish weighed-in will be declared the winner.

9. Each contestant agrees to abide by the MBTF official rules and State fishing regulations. Upon signing entry form, officials may request entrants to show proof of valid Michigan fishing license; any failure to observe any rule will result in disqualification. (Any and all disqualification decisions will be made on a case by case basis by Tournament Officials.)

10. All fish must be weighed-in and entered in the contest at the official weigh-in station at the Alpena Boat Harbor. All qualifying fish will be opened for inspection. NO EXCEPTIONS! **Each fish weighed will be assigned a registration number. To protect our community Brown Trout plants, The Brown Trout Festival will impose a minimum size limit of 16 inches for Brown Trout caught during the tournament. Any Brown Trout weighed in that are under 16 inches will not be eligible for any prizes and there will be a penalty of \$15.00**

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enforced for a re-stocking fee.

11. All protests must be submitted on an official Protest Form. Forms are available at the Weigh-in Station/Tournament Trailer. A cash deposit of \$50.00 must accompany each protest. Protests will be accepted no later than noon the following day of each tournament day. If the protest is upheld, the deposit will be refunded. If not upheld, the deposit will become property of the Michigan Brown Trout Festival. All protests will be handled by a "protest committee" of at least three Tournament officials. Any social media post by individuals may disqualify themselves without a formal protest.

12. At the discretion of the Tournament Director, observers may be placed onboard any boat at any time during the 9 days of fishing. Tournament control monitors Channel 68.

13. Additional prize opportunities: The Largest Daily regulation fish weighed in for each of the five specified divisions will receive a \$50 Visa Gift Card from Wolverine State Credit Union and must be claimed by 7-23-2023.

The Tournament Committee will provide a colored flag and/or boat identification number for each contestants boat. The flag shall be flown on the contestant's radio antenna in full view from all directions during the full 9 day tournament. Failure to display the flag at all times during the tournament can result in disqualification.

Excessive complaints and/or unsportsmanlike behavior at any time during the 9 day tournament will not be tolerated and will result in disqualification from the tournament and will not be allowed to participate in the future. All competitors upon registering with signature, (1) Agrees to abide by the policies, rules and decisions set forth by the Michigan Brown Trout Festival Coordinator(s) and MDNR regulations. (2) Agrees that competitors may be disqualified for any violation of tournament rules with no refund of entry fee. Decision of Tournament Director and officials is final. (3) Agrees that award recipients are responsible for payment of all taxes on prizes and a 1099 Misc will be issued for prizes of \$600 or more. You must submit a valid W-2 Form in the calendar year

you win.

Refusal to submit proper social security information and current address will result in disqualification. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of any prize monies awarded. (4) Agrees that all photos, video or any other materials which may be used for future promotion are property of the Michigan Brown Trout Festival.

Refunds: In the event of any cancellation of tournaments, refunds will be issued in the form of a check and mailed to the Captains within ten business days of the tournament ending.

Holding fish at the dock: Any potential board fish caught after the scales close on any given day of the tournament with the intention of weighing the fish the following day must be called into tournament control for verification and instructions. Fish held overnight will be counted for the day they were caught. Failure to do so will disqualify the fish from the tournament. Call Brad (989) 916-6436 or Tim (989) 657-9365 to receive instructions.

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Michigan Brown Trout Festival 2023 Rule Changes

This year the Super Tournament will be a PRO AM event and will be run in two divisions and each will have a guaranteed first place of \$5000.00 provided there is a minimum of ten boats in each division. Each division will have a separate set of rules for this tournament.

Walleye will be excluded from the Ladies Classic and Super Tournament catches this year; However there will still be a walleye division for largest of the tournament to participate in.

This year the city boat launch fees will not be waived during the 9 day tournament. A city launch permit or a daily launch fee will be required to launch. A special 11 day launch permit will be available at the transient gas dock or the registration trailer for \$15.00 and will be good from 7/13/23 to 7/23/23.

Early registration for all MBTF tournaments will be available at Clem's Bait and Tackle beginning July 1st. Please make sure you have a valid address, phone number and proper MC numbers and boat names when registering for the tournaments. Early registration starts 7/1/23 til 7/12/23 from at Clem's Bait & Tackle and 7/13/23 from 12:00 - 6:00pm and 7/14/2023 12:00 - 9:00pm at the registration trailer.

Presque Isle Harbor will be open all nine days for cooler

checks with designated checks twice daily; except for the last Sunday. There will be no cooler checks at Rockport, therefore no fish will be accepted from this harbor and will be automatically disqualified from the tournament.

The daily mystery fish and daily merchandise package will be back this year for a chance to win a daily package valued @ \$100.00 each.

When weighing in fish at the official weigh station there must be a valid MBTF registration card holder present for each legal MDNR daily limit of fish (no exceptions). Every fish weighed in throughout the festival will get a ticket for a chance to win a \$250.00 Visa card drawn on 7/23/23. All daily big fish payouts will be a \$50.00 Visa gift card sponsored by Wolverine State Credit Union and must be claimed by 7/23/23 (otherwise they are forfeited).

A progressive pot (bounty) for specially tagged "Big Brownies" will be building this year to over \$5000.00 for the first one caught during the festival.

All fish caught during the Ladies Classic & PRO AM will be opened up for inspection.

* See Super Tournament PRO AM rules on page 29 for details.



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Michigan Brown Trout Festival

3rd Annual Three Day High Stakes Tournament

Saturday, Sunday & Monday

July 15th - 17th, 2023

1. This tournament will be held the first 3 days of the 2023 MBTF (July 15th -17th 2023) fishing will start @ 6:00am on Saturday, July 15th and end @ 9:00pm on Monday, July 17th.

2. All participants in the Three Day High Stakes Tournament have to be registered in the regular tournament to be eligible for prizes. Everyone on the boat must be registered and show proof if requested by any tournament official.

3. There will be five categories to fish for in this tournament - Salmon, Lake Trout, Steelhead, Brown Trout and Walleye. Entry fee will be \$200.00 per category per boat, and more than one category can be fished by any boat registered.

4. Each category payout will be a 100% payback and will be determined by the number of boats fishing each category.

5. This is a winner take all tournament for each category unless there is more than 15 boats in each individual category, then for every 5 boats registered over 15 an additional place will be paid.

6. A one person daily limit will be allowed to be weighed in each day with a combined weight for 3 days deciding the winner in each category. *Final results will not be posted until Tuesday July, 18th. Once a limit is weighed in for the day there will be no fish bumping allowed.

7. All MDNR rules apply for this tournament. (No more than 3 rods per person and a valid Michigan fishing license is required to fish).

8. Fishermen will be allowed to fish out of Alpena and Presque Isle for the three day tournament with limited check in times at Presque Isle. There will be two chances daily to check your coolers and have them sealed for transport to Alpena weigh station. 11:00am-1:00pm

and 7:00pm-8:00pm. Fishermen will be responsible for transportation of their coolers to Alpena if fishing out of Presque Isle and will have a one hour time limit to get their cooler to Alpena.

9. No North or South boundaries in this tournament with all fishing only in U.S. Waters of Lake Huron and no fishing in any refuges. No land contact with any other ports will be permitted except for Alpena and Presque Isle.

10. Scales open at noon and close daily @ 9:00pm sharp. All coolers to be weighed must be in line by this time to be eligible. No late coolers will be accepted. All fish will be weighed and be eligible also for regular tournament prizes.

2022 WINNERS

BROWN TROUT

TIM WIECZORKOWSKI

LAKE TROUT

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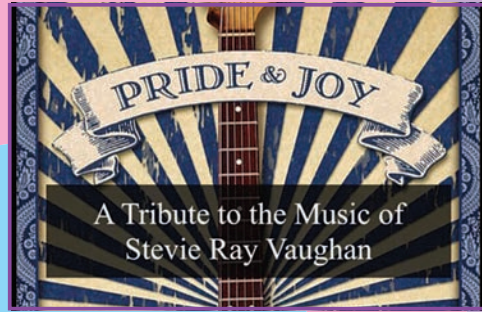
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Thursday, July 20th

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Friday, July 21st



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Sunday, July 23rd

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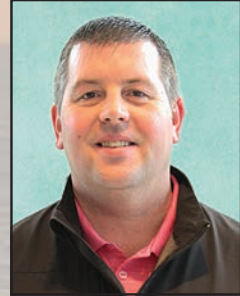
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Michigan Brown Trout Festival 3rd Annual Youth Offshore Tournament Wednesday, July 19th, 2023

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This tournament is an offshore boat fishing tournament for youth to catch and weigh Walleye, Trout and Salmon. Prizes awarded for heaviest (3 fish) cooler and largest fish caught by weight.

Entry fee: \$25.00 per fisherperson. Adults are not required to be registered and are not allowed to fish. Each fisherperson is allowed 3 lines each and must catch all of their own fish. The adults will be allowed to net all fish for safety reasons.

Limit teams to a maximum of 4 youth per boat. Weigh in will be at the MBTF scales starting at 3:00pm sharp. No late

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In case of bad weather, including small craft warning issued by the US Coast Guard, Tournament Officials will call off or postpone the event. (Decisions will be made with the safety of boaters taking precedence). If canceled, entry fees will be refunded. 10 heaviest fish will be weighed and will allow 10 total in any combination; no more than 6 of any one species of Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Steelhead or Atlantic Salmon, except up to 10 Coho, Chinook, or Pink Salmon, will be allowed for a "2 person limit". Time: Shotgun start at 6:00am - Must be over finish line by 4:00 pm - Weigh in to follow.

Only the 3 designated women per team are allowed to fish in this tournament. No other women or men are allowed to keep their limit while fishing in this tournament, otherwise the ladies team will be disqualified.

Captain's Meeting: Wednesday, July 19, 2023 - at 5:30 pm meeting to be held on MBTF grounds (See registration trailer for details-location to be determined). Registration: \$150.00 per boat for Ladies Tournament prizes. (This registers all three women). All boats must be registered by 4:30 pm - July 19, 2023 - NO EXCEPTIONS! An Additional \$25 per Ladies entrant must be paid to qualify fish for regular tournament prizes. All fish weighed will be opened for inspection.

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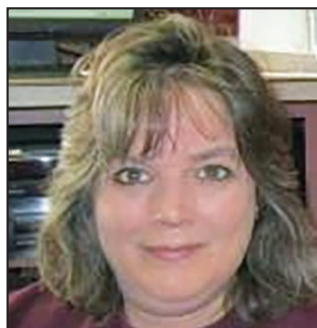
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Michigan Brown Trout Festival 46th Annual Two-Day Super Tournament Saturday & Sunday, July 22nd-23rd, 2023

Super Tournament Rules

This year the Super Tournament will be run in two divisions, the Professional & Amateur. The "Professional" (PRO AM) is defined as all charter boats and previous MBTF Super Tournament winners. Entry fee for the PRO Division will be \$400 per 4 man team with no more than 3 lines per person. The PRO Division will weigh a two man (MDNR) limit each day and have no boundary restrictions on all the U.S. waters of Lake Huron. Payouts are based on a minimum of 10 boat entries for this tournament.

The "Amateur" (AM) division will be for any captain that is not a charter boat and has never won the MBTF Super Tournament. Entry fee for the Amateur division will be \$200 per 3 man team. Payouts are based on a minimum of 10 boat entries for this tournament. Water boundaries are in place for this division for boats 16' and above to fish safely. All boats must have a functioning marine radio to participate.

All boats must be at city harbor no later than 5:30am Saturday, July 22nd, 2023 for inspection. Any refunds must be authorized by Tournament Director and all boats not starting must notify the Tournament Director by 5:45am for a ruling or may automatically be disqualified.

The number of fishermen on a team may vary, however, a maximum of two (2) legal limits of 10 fish per day will be weighed for PRO division and a maximum of one (1) legal limit of five (5) fish per day for the AM division. The same fishermen do not have to fish both days; however, every fisherman must be registered in the regular tournament to qualify.

Both divisions tournament time is 6:00am - 2:00pm each day. Boats will leave from just outside the river mouth (first red channel bouy) at 6:00am by shotgun start and must be inside the river mouth by 2:00pm. Failure to be inside the river mouth by 2:00pm disqualifies the team for the day. Tournament will start and end by marine radio communication (Channel 68).

One representative of each boat will be present at the rules meeting to be held at 5:30pm, Friday, July 21st, 2023. Location to be determined.

In case of bad weather, including small craft warnings issued by the U.S. Coast Guard, officials will call off or postpone the tournaments. (Decisions will be made with the safety of the boaters taking precedence). In case the tournament is cancelled all entry fees will be refunded.

Each boat must display the official Super Tournament flag from the highest possible point during the tournament.

Prize money will be awarded on the basis of total points (1 point for each pound of fish weighed). First place in both divisions will receive \$5,000 and a trophy. *Payouts will be based on entries. In the event of a money placing tie, postings will be combined and prize money split equally between the tied participants. All prizes are checks.

All Salmon and Trout must be caught by hook & line in U.S.

waters of Lake Huron. (No fishing allowed in any Lake Trout refuge). Also, all fish weighed in for the PRO AM will be eligible for regular tournament prizes.

Coolers must be drained prior to weighing in. Blocked or bagged ice only, no loose ice. All fish weighed will be opened for inspection.

Observers are not required; however, they may be provided by the tournament committee. Captains will enforce all rules. If observers are provided, boats will be selected at random or by the first day standings by the Tournament Committee. Failure to allow the observer on your boat will result in disqualification and forfeiture of registration fee.

The MBTF Tournament committee reserves the right to decline entry or participation of any person, team or boat as deemed necessary, to ensure things such as integrity, image, reputation, financial performance, and community relationships with sponsors, participants and supporting groups.



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BY CAPTAIN

1ST - BEN STRALEY • 2ND - PHIL SMIGELSKI

3RD - MARTY SKIBA

Michigan Brown Trout Festival Stan Konecke/Dennis Koopikka Memorial "Kids" Tournament

Rules: Free to all kids from 6-17 years of age. Each participant MUST complete "Kids' Tournament" portion of registration form and receive special registration card with registration number. All regular tournament rules apply. It will be the responsibility of the "kid" and/or parent

to advise weigh station when fish is to be considered for "Kid's Tournament" prizes. Tournament runs July 15th - July 21st ending at 9:00 pm. Final results posted on Saturday, July 22, 2023. There will be trophies and prizes for three divisions - Walleye, Salmon, and Trout. Trophies will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each category. Continuing sponsorship provided by the families of: Stan Konecke, and Dennis Koopikka. Trophies and prizes for this tournament awarded on Sunday, July 23, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Big Tent.



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