

Anchor Bay Charity Kayak Fishing Tournament – Rules and General Information

SAFETY FIRST: Follow all U.S. Coast Guard regulations and wear an approved flotation device at all times!

Captains Meeting: Friday, August 6th 7pm at Great Lakes Decks and Docks. The meeting is optional however *you must obtain an event token to enter fish in the contest*. Tokens will be assigned at the meeting or you must pick one up at Great Lakes Decks and Docks AFTER 6:30am on the event day August 7th.

Event Target Species: Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Walleye, Northern Pike and Muskie.
No other species may be entered. Refer to your score sheet for grand slam rules.

Catch – Photograph – Release (CPR): This is a catch and release event. DO NOT bring fish to the check in. *Fish must be photographed with a digital Camera while placed on a fish measuring board*. This is the accepted method of recording catches in kayak fishing tournaments. Video/Video devices are not permitted for entering fish. Photographs must be digital still pictures.

How to photograph: Fish must be photographed with mouth closed, tail closed (not fully fanned-out) with fishes mouth placed against the measuring board end (no gap). Your token with the background of your boat color must be in the photograph. Your *token must be showing the token number*. The first photo on your camera should be of your token and measuring device while placed in your boat. *Don't forget to bring your USB cable*. If your photo cannot be downloaded the fish cannot be entered.

Approved measuring devices: Fish measuring boards such as a Check-It Stick, Hawg Trough or similar fish measuring boards available at tackle stores, Cabela's, Bass Pro Shops, etc. are to be used. Measuring tapes, stick-on tapes etc. are *not permitted except for family fun fish & fun fish division (no Grand Slam in Fun Fish)*.

Approved Watercraft: Kayaks (single or tandem) and canoes are permitted. ***Paddle or pedal power only!*** Electric motors, sails, etc are prohibited.

Event Times: Once you have been assigned a token *you may begin fishing anytime after SAFE LIGHT on the event day*. If you do not attend the Captains meeting the night prior you must obtain your token AFTER 6:30am the day of the event and can begin fishing immediately following weather permitting. **4pm check in.**

Launch Sites and where to fish: You may fish in any local body of water attached to Lake St. Clair *open to the public for fishing*. St Clair River, North, South and Middle Channels, etc.

Private bodies of water are prohibited. Private launches are permitted. Launch sites are available at the event HQ location (Great lakes Decks and Docks) providing direct access to Anchor Bay/Lake St. Clair and the St. Johns Marsh. DNR Launch sites are available on M-29 in Fairhaven and also on Anchor Bay Drive in Algonac. Permits are required to use DNR launch sites.

General Information: Plan ahead and come prepared! Be certain to bring food, snacks and water/beverages. It is advisable to bring sun protection/sunscreen, rain gear and extra dry clothing. Extra batteries for your camera and dry bags/boxes for electronics and clothing are highly recommended.

Portable waterproof VHF marine radios are a good idea. *The event will use channel 71 for general communications* but small talk should be kept to a minimum. You CAN share fishing hot spots.

Fishing licenses and tackle are NOT available at the event HQ but can be obtained at Bluewater Bait and Accessories just down the road from the event HQ. Bluewater Bait is also located adjacent to the DNR Fairhaven public launch site. There is also a deli at this location. Contact Bluewater Bait for more information. **Bluewater Bait and Accessories 586-725-1448**

BE SAFE AND HAVE FUN!