

GTASFA presents: 2010 Big Jon Salmon Classic

RULES & REGULATIONS

FOUR TOURNAMENT WEEKEND:

Ladies: Friday, September 3, 2010
Pro: Saturday, September 4 and Sunday, September 5, 2010
Am: Saturday, September 4 and Sunday, September 5, 2010
Sweet 16: Saturday, September 4 and Sunday, September 5, 2010

REGISTRATION:

Ladies: Thursday, September 2 from 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Streeters
Pro/Am: Friday, September 3 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **☼Must be in line by 6:45 p.m.☼** at Streeters
Pre-Registration: May take place by mailing in your registration form to: GTASFA, 401 S. Union Street, Traverse City, MI 49684; dropping them off at: Big Jon, Brady's Bar, or Kwik Print. Submitting registration via the internet at www.gtasfa.com

COSTS:

Ladies: **\$150** per team. The ladies must set the hook and reel the fish to the back of the boat. The ladies must net the fish and men may assist in setting the lines.

Pro: **\$475** per team

AM: **\$250** per team

Sweet 16: **\$100** per team. Sweet 16 are boats **under 17'** per MI registration papers.

☼**Each team entered in this tournament must have a member of Grand Traverse Area Sport Fishing Association. Yearly dues are \$15 per individual or \$25 per family.**

Checks can be made out to GTASFA (Grand Traverse Area Sport Fishing Association)

PAYOUTS:

Ladies: based on 20 teams

1st: \$1000 & Big Jon Downrigger
2nd: \$500
3rd: \$250
4th: \$125
5th: \$125
*Largest Ladies Salmon – Lasting Memories Mount

Pro: based on 20 teams

1st: \$4500 & Big Jon Downrigger
2nd: \$2000
3rd: \$1000
4th: \$500

AM: based on 30 boats

1st: \$2000 & Big Jon Downrigger
2nd: \$1000
3rd: \$500
4th: \$300
5th: \$200
6th: \$150
7 – 10th: \$100

Sweet 16: Payout based on # of entries and 10% to GTASFA

1st: 70% of entries & Big Jon Downrigger
2nd: 20% of entries
3rd: 10% of entries

Biggest Fish ---All Divisions are eligible

1st: \$500 & Lasting Memories Mount
2nd: \$500
3rd: \$250
4th: \$125
5th: \$125

CAPTAINS MEETING

Ladies: Starting promptly at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday. Each team must have a TEAM member attend the informational meeting at Streeters.

Pro/Am/Sweet 16: ☼**Starting promptly at 7:00 p.m.** ☼ on Friday. Each team must have a TEAM member attend the Captain's meeting at Streeters. Changes may be made at Captains Meeting. At least one member of every team is required to attend. Failure to follow rules may result in disqualification. For these reasons we would suggest an entire team attend.

☼Immediately following the Captain's meeting starting approximately at 8:00 p.m., all Divisions and all team members are invited to attend a Big Jon BBQ at Streeters. Please enjoy the camaraderie between all ages of fishermen.

TOURNAMENT TIME - 6:15 AM - 2:00 p.m. all divisions. Lines in and Lines out will be called on radio channel 68. The official tournament time will be the Chase clock in Traverse City.

WEIGH-IN - Will begin at noon at Streeters each day. All coolers must be in the weigh in line by 3:00 p.m. **SHARP** each day. Sorry---NO EXCEPTIONS

CAPTAIN and CREW ALL DIVISIONS - Captain must be designated on entry form. All team members must be listed on registration form. DNR regulations allow 3 rods per person. Any number can fish. DNR rules apply. **9 (NINE)** rod limit requires minimum 3 licensed fishermen.

BOAT SIZE - 12 ft minimum – A functional and operational marine **radio** is required on all boats for all divisions.

COOLER CHECKING - Tournament Volunteers will be on hand to inspect all boats at the following locations: Elmwood Township Launch, Suttons Bay Launch, Center Road Launch, Marina at Mountain Jacks, Elk Rapids Launch. If you are leaving from Suttons Bay or Elk Rapids – please contact the Tournament Director.

INSPECTIONS - Volunteers will begin checking boats at specified locations no earlier than 5:30 am. each day. **All boats in ALL divisions** must be inspected prior to lines in. Captains must provide transport for coolers from launch to weigh-in. All coolers must be in line at weigh-in no later than 3:00 p.m. each day, **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

BOUNDARIES - There are no boundaries for this event, but each boat must **eave** and **return** to the **same** above listed launches. Every boat will be reviewed on where they left, returned, number of anglers and number of fish at boat launches. **Once you leave from one of the launches, you may NOT cross north of the 45th parallel until 6:15 a.m.** Fishing must take place from a moving boat.

LIMITS – **Pro: 10 fish **AM: 6 fish **Sweet 16: 6 fish **Ladies: 6 fish

Okay to sort. All boats will weigh largest fish each day for big fish prizes. All fish must be within DNR regulatory guidelines. Please note the **DNR slot limits** on Lake Trout (Length is critical – please measure accurately which is from tip of mouth to tip of pinched tail) All Lake Trout will be under the Grand Traverse Bays guidelines.

TOURNAMENT COOLER - Block or bagged ice only. Loose ice or excess water in cooler will result in 5 LB deduction of total weight. Extra fish or fish under minimum size limit will be disallowed, plus a penalty of one fish will be deducted for each extra or under minimum size fish you have beginning with the smallest of that species. Each team must sign weigh in slip to verify catch. **Once weigh slip is signed, no changes or re-weighing.**

TOURNAMENT SCORES - 1 point per pound, 10 points per fish using Tournament Scales. Our scales weigh in increments of 5/100's of a pound.

TIE BREAKERS - When points and pounds are used total weight will break ties. If still tied - Heaviest Fish, if still tied – split.

FINAL PAYOUTS - Based on registration, will be posted after Captains Meeting and will supercede all previously posted payouts.

BAD WEATHER and/or FOG - In case of bad weather, 4 hours of fishing constitutes a completed day. If only 4 hours of a 2-day tournament can be fished, then it will be considered complete. If we cannot fish the first day of 2-day tournament by 11 AM because of weather conditions, then we will cancel for the day. Fishing will be allowed for the rest of the day. On the 2nd day we will wait until 12 noon to cancel (due to poor weather conditions). If we can start by 12 noon, fishing will end at 4PM. Committee has authority on weather conditions. If tournament is called because of bad weather after a minimum of 4 hours, you will have one hour to return to launch. If weather conditions require fishing to be stopped, you **MUST** stop fishing at that time, and you have 1 (one) hour to return to launch. It is your responsibility to monitor Channel 68 for: tournament information; weather conditions; and emergency info. If due to unforeseen circumstances tournament is canceled in its entirety, a refund check will be mailed within 14 days. However a portion of the registration fee may be retained to cover tournament costs. Weather Committee will be assigned at Captain's Meeting.

NUMBER OF RODS - 9 (NINE) - 2 baits per rod max. Sliders - 1 per rod, 72" maximum length.

MICHIGAN LAWS - Michigan fishing laws must be observed, written DNR violations disqualifies team with no refund.

GAFFING FISH - Is not allowed, foreign substances including ice packed into mouth or body cavity disqualifies team.

IDENTIFICATION - All tournament boats must clearly display identification flag at **all** times during the tournament.

DISABLED BOATS - Boats must return under their own power. No boat may come in physical contact with another boat. Physical contact will result in disqualification for both teams. Boats in distress, dangerous/life-threatening situations must be dealt with accordingly. Disabled boats that arrive late will not be able to weigh that day's catch. Registered boat must fish both days, changing boats at any time during tournament will result in disqualification.

OBSERVERS - No observers will be required, **but** may be placed on boats at the discretion of tournament officials. All boats must be inspected in morning when departing.

TOURNAMENT OFFICIALS - Tournament officials consist of any GTASFA board member or GTASFA board appointed representative.

POLYGRAPH EXAM - All participants who weigh fish and are eligible for cash and prizes may be required to submit to a polygraph exam. Failure to comply will result in immediate disqualification and forfeiture of any and all cash prizes.

CHEATING - \$1000 REWARD will be paid for information that results in disqualification. Cheating will not be tolerated. Cheaters will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law and their names sent to all Great Lakes Tournament Officials.

PROTESTS - All protests must be submitted within 60 minutes after posted tournament fishing time ends each day along with a \$50 deposit.

PRO TEAMS DEFINED - Obvious Pro Teams are required to fish Pro Division.

1. Teams or individuals who represent a MAJOR fishing related product or sponsored by a product where sales may be increased by the results of tournament participation must fish in Pro Div. Field testers are generally not Pro Teams.
 2. All charter boats and/or charter captains who worked as a captain on any charter boat in the last two years must fish Pro Div.
 3. Pro Teams (for example) Big Jon, Dreamweaver, Stinger, Warrior, etc. must fish Pro Div.
 4. Final decision on Pro/AM status is at discretion of Tournament Director Wendy Sak. Call the GTASFA at (231) 218-6726 for clarification before you register. Failure to fully disclose all pertinent information may result in disqualification with NO refund.
- It is your responsibility to comply with the Pro/Am Rule. Addn ???: Please check out: www.gtasfa.com*

Agenda for 2010 Big Jon Salmon Classic

All Events take place at the Streeters, Traverse City (1669 South Garfield, TC 49686)

Thursday, September 2

- 6:30 – 7:00 p.m. ~ Ladies Registration
- 7:00 p.m. ~ Ladies Captains Meeting

Friday, September 3

- 5:30 a.m. ~ Boat inspections at launches
- 6:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. ~ Ladies Big Jon Tournament
- 3:00 p.m. ~ Weigh in
- 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. ~ Pro/Am/Sweet 16 Registration
- 7:00 p.m. ~ Pro/Am/Sweet 16 Captains Meeting
- 8:00 p.m. ~ Big Jon BBQ

Saturday, September 4

- 5:30 a.m. ~ Boat inspections at launches
- 6:15 – 2:00 p.m. ~ Big Jon Salmon Classic (Pro/AM/Sweet 16)
- 3:00 p.m. ~ Weigh in

Sunday, September 5

- 5:30 a.m. ~ Boat inspections at launches
- 6:15 – 2:00 p.m. ~ Big Jon Salmon Classic (Pro/AM/Sweet 16)
- 3:00 p.m. ~ Weigh in
- 4:00 p.m. ~ Awards ceremony

Registration Form (please print clearly)

Boat name: _____

Captain name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Crew members:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Current GTASFA Member name: _____ (or \$15 indiv/\$25 family)
(every team must have a current member of GTASFA)

I have read and will comply with all 2010 Big Jon Salmon Classic Rules and Regulations and hold GTASFA harmless in all accords.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

2010 Big Jon Salmon Classic Entry Fees – same fees as 09!
(please circle what tournaments you are entering):

Ladies Tournament - \$150

Pro Division - \$475

Am Division - \$250

Sweet 16 Division - \$100

Total cost: _____

Please make check out to GTASFA
401 S. Union Street, TC, MI 49684

Sorry no REFUNDS.

Paid check/cash Boat # _____

“Our Mission is Fishin”