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MICHIGAN WALLEYE TOUR 2018

SAGINAW BAY WALLEYE CLUB

2018 MWT Schedule

- April 7-8 LUND/MERCURY Qualifier ~ Detroit River (River Only, Michigan and Canadian Waters)
- June 2-3 LUND/MERCURY Qualifier ~ Au Gres (Saginaw Bay - Lake Huron)
- July 14-15 LUND/MERCURY Qualifier ~ Port Austin (Saginaw Bay - Lake Huron)
- August 10-11 LUND/MERCURY Qualifier ~ Sault Ste. Marie (St. Mary's River, Michigan and Canadian Waters)



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Saginaw Bay Walleye Club
P.O. Box 1595
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QUALIFIER PRIZE PURSE

Over **\$35,000.00** Each Event*

Detroit River - **\$10,000 GUARANTEED FIRST PLACE!!**

Au Gres - **\$10,000 GUARANTEED FIRST PLACE!!**

Port Austin - **\$10,000 GUARANTEED FIRST PLACE!!**

St. Mary's River - **\$10,000 GUARANTEED FIRST PLACE!!**

*(Prize based on 100 boat field. Additional places paid based on 15% of field)

\$600.00

LUND Owners Rewards Bonus!!

*Cash bonus paid to the Highest Placing LUND Team at each event that fishes out of a LUND Boat.

TEAM OF THE YEAR

\$3,000 PURSE

GUARANTEED!



MACK'S LURE
"COOL UNDER PRESSURE"
AWARD \$300

Will be paid on each qualifier

Mercury and Motor Guide
Owner Bonuses

LUND BONUS

\$500 CASH BONUS for highest placing LUND Team in total points after 4 events. (Team must fish all 4 events in LUND boat.)

2018 Michigan Walleye Tour Rules

- RULES AND RULE CHANGES.** These rules will remain unchanged unless otherwise notified at the Captains meeting. Interpretation of the rules will be to the discretion of the Tournament Director and the Rules Committee. The rules and the interpretations of them will be final and not open to protest. Safety rules may be changed at any time.
- PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY.** It is the contestant’s responsibility for knowing and abiding by all MWT, local and state regulations, which pertain to the MWT tournament waters. Contestants may enter as up to a three-person team, two-person or as a single person team. The MWT encourages teams to consist of two people for safety reasons but it’s not mandatory. Any person, 8 to 17 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Observers may not participate in any way during tournament fishing hours.
- ENTRY INFORMATION.** Teams may consist of up to three anglers. Once a 3 - person team is officially entered, team members can’t be changed without penalty. **All entries must be received by the Thursday before each tournament by 6:00 p.m. Any tournament entries after that time will be charged a \$100.00 late fee, and can still register by 6:00 p.m. at the captains meeting. Only cash payments will be accepted on the day of the Captain’s Meeting, credit cards and personal checks will not be accepted at the Captain’s Meeting. NO other entries will be accepted after the cut off time.** Early registration from **January 22nd to March 2nd** for teams entering all 4 qualifiers, qualifies you for the tournament placement drawing on March 6th for your boat numbers. This number will be used for the rest of the MWT circuit. We will continue to accept entries for all four tournaments until March 6th. On **March 8th**, entries will be accepted for individual tournaments on a first come first serve basis. Maximum number of boats will be 120 teams. A team loses all points and starts over for Team of the Year points if team members are changed. NO refunds will be given, with the exception of a death in the family. Club membership will not be refunded. **Any entries not completely filled out, will be returned.** The \$400 team entry includes all applicable team memberships and administrative fees.
- SPORTSMANSHIP.** Entrants must conduct themselves in a true sportsmanlike manner at all times. NO EXCEPTIONS. Courtesy and ethics of the highest standard are the norm, not the exception. Remember that you not only represent yourselves, but all tournament anglers and competitive fishing. Any rude or insulting type of behavior will be subject to disqualification or penalties enforced. All teams are required to a bid by all boating, fishing and tournament rules during the event. If a team receives a citation for breaking a marine or game law during tournament hours, the team will be disqualified from the tournament.
- SAFETY.** Safety must be observed at all times. All contestants must wear Coast Guard approved PFDs while the boat is moving above trolling speed. Each contestant is to follow all Coast Guard regulations. All boats are required to have, and in working order, an emergency cut off switch that must be securely attached to the driver whenever the boat is above trolling speed. No Alcoholic beverages or illegal substances may be consumed or in possession by teams during fishing hours.
- BOATS AND EQUIPMENT.** All boats will be inspected prior to the start of that day of fishing. A “boat identification board” will be issued after inspection and also a colored ribbon marker for on the water identification. Teams are responsible for returning of the boat boards. A \$25.00 fine will be charged for not returning a boat board. This is for safety; it is to show that you have returned back from fishing. All boats must conform to the appropriate state, and USCG standards. Your boat must have USCG safety equipment on board. All outboards used in the MWT tournament must not exceed the horsepower rating set by the USCG ruling November 1, 1972. All boats will have an USCG or BMA plate attached by the boat manufacturer and the horsepower rating will not be exceeded by any means. Kill switches must be in working order. Bait and tackle may not be passed between boats after the tournament has started. No binoculars or cameras with telephoto lenses are to be used during tournament hours. Additional fuel containers will not be allowed on board.
- MARINE RADIOS AND CELL PHONES.** You must also have your own working VHF marine band radio. Radio units will not be loaned out for any reason, by the MWT. Teams will not be allowed to fish without a marine radio. The official tournament channel will be announced at the captains meeting. Marine Radios, CB’s, Cell Phones, Scanners, and Two Way communicators with GPS functions are allowed for emergency use only. If you are going to be carrying cell phones on your boat for emergency use, you must list the cell phone numbers on the tournament application.
- CAPTAINS MEETINGS, FLIGHTS AND LAUNCHING.** Mandatory captains meetings (no exceptions) will be held prior to the tournament at 6:00 p.m. It is required that one team member must attend and sign in. The meeting place will be posted at the MWT trailer. Each team will be allowed 8 hours of fishing including travel time. Teams returning late will forfeit their weight for that day. Flighting may be used. A third party observer may be used at any time and for any reason. The observer must be at least 18 years of age or older and must sign a waiver. Boundaries for the particular tournament are available upon request. There will be no early weigh in except for breakdowns or emergencies. Contestants must leave and return to the official tournament site by your own boat only.
- FISH AND FISHING.** All state or provincial fishing regulations and rules will be observed unless the Tournament Director specifies more stringent regulations. Five (5) 15”minimum fish. Unless otherwise notified, and or State, Provincial, or Federal Laws permit. Slot limits may be in effect. Only walleye, sauger, or saugeye caught on hook and line in a conventional sporting manner will be accepted for weight in. A six (6) lure limit or six (6) rod limit will be allowed per team. Both artificial and live bait can be used and only five (5) walleye per team at the dock will be weighed in. All fish must be kept in aerated live wells or coolers to keep fish alive and as fresh as possible for release. Use of stringers, wire fish baskets, boat bags, etc. is prohibited. Any fish mauled, frozen, stringered, injected with water or other fluids containing foreign matter to add weight or showing white gills, soft flesh, sunken eyes, or gills that won’t bleed, may result in disqualification from the tournament and/or MWT at the discretion of the Director and rules committee. Culling of dead fish is prohibited. Undersize fish will result in that day’s loss of total weight. Once the tournament has started, (captains meeting) all contestants are prohibited from fishing except during tournament hours. All boats are subject to inspection on and off the water by tournament officials, state, local or Federal authorities. There will be no re-weighing of fish. The weight stands that reads on the scales or by the discretion of the weigh master only. No exceptions. All contestants must possess a valid fishing license for the waters fished.
- SEVERE WEATHER RULE.** In the event of severe weather, the tournament hours may be suspended or cut short. A tournament may be canceled at the discretion of the staff at the event. If the tournament day is cut short due to severe weather, no weight for the day. “If you see lightning, take shelter!”
- TEAM OF THE YEAR POINT DETERMINATION.** All prizes and points are awarded by team weight. Each event will be worth a maximum of 100 points + 40 show points regardless of number of entries. A total of 140 Team of the Year points per event. Teams have to be present to receive merchandise prizes. In the event of a tie, the cash prizes for the tied place and the next lowest place will be added together and the two teams will equally share the winnings. Checks must be picked up in person at tournament site. When non-cash prizes are involved, the non-cash prizes for the tied place, and the next lowest place, will be determined by a gentleman’s agreement or by a drawing. A member of the MWT staff will do the drawing. In the event of a tie, at any place, points will be to both teams based on the higher place. “No Weight - NO Points” (show points only).
- PROTEST.** The tournament committee or any other contestant has the right to protest another team or contestant. The protest must be filed in writing; with in one (1) hour of the last flight time, on the last day of the tournament, with the Tournament Director. Protest forms are available from the Tournament Director.
- SPIRIT OF THE RULE.** All rules have “loop holes”. It is the intention for the Tournament Director and the committee to provide a sportsman like tournament. All questions or problems are to be referred to the Tournament Director and the Rules Committee. They have sole jurisdiction in determining the application of the rules. The committee will be named at each tournament site. Any disqualification will result in the loss of all championship points for that event. If you are disqualified, you are not entitled to any refund.
- WAIVER AND HOLD HARMLESS.** All contestants in signing an entry form agree to hold harmless any and all promoters, tournament directors, agents, and organizations assisting the MWT and/or Saginaw Bay Walleye Club tournament operation. Furthermore, all contestants agree to waive all responsibility for death, injuries, damage, liability, theft, fire or loss of any kind to entrants. I have read, and understand the above rules, and by signing the entry form is in fact signing a waiver form. No unsigned entry will be processed for competition.

2018 MICHIGAN WALLEYE TOUR ENTRY FORM

EARLY REGISTRATION (1/22/18 TO 3/02/18) • SINGLE TOURNAMENTS 3-8-18 NOT BEFORE

*** Team Member**

Name #1 _____
 Address _____
 City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
 Phone # (_____) _____
 Cell # (_____) _____
 E-mail _____
 Soc. Sec. # _____
 Sex M F Birthdate _____

Team Member Name #3

Address _____
 City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
 Phone # (_____) _____
 Cell # (_____) _____
 E-mail _____
 Soc. Sec. # _____
 Sex M F Birthdate _____

Boat and Motor Information

Boat Brand: _____
 Motor Brand: _____
 Motor Guide: ___ Yes ___ No

Note: Payment for each qualifier entered must accompany a fully completed entry form when returned, otherwise it will not be accepted.

- A) _____ Detroit River (River Only)... April **7-8**
 B) _____ Au Gres June **2-3**
 C) _____ Port Austin July **14-15**
 D) _____ St. Mary’s River August **10-11**

*** Team Member**

Name #2 _____
 Address _____
 City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
 Phone # (_____) _____
 Cell # (_____) _____
 E-mail _____
 Soc. Sec. # _____
 Sex M F Birthdate _____

Checks/Money Orders payable to: SBWC, _____ Mastercard _____ Visa _____
 Cardholder’s Name _____
 Card Number _____
 Expiration Date _____ Code _____
 Signature: _____

SINGLE TOURNAMENTS

Detroit River _____ X \$400 (\$415 Credit Card) = _____
 Au Gres _____ X \$400 (\$415 Credit Card) = _____
 Port Austin _____ X \$400 (\$415 Credit Card) = _____
 St. Mary’s River _____ X \$400 (\$415 Credit Card) = _____

ALL 4 TOURNAMENT DISCOUNT _____ X \$1450 (\$1495 Credit Card)

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

Send to: SBWC
 P.O. Box 1595
 Bay City, MI 48706

Form must be filled out, all sections completed, failure will result in returned application. **MWT No.**

PHOTO AND VIDEO RELEASE

We agree that photographs, film or video tape taken of us during the event may be used for commercial purposes by tournament organizers, sponsors, and news media without royalties or prior consent, unless specified in writing prior to the event.

*** Team Member #1** _____ *** Team Member #2** _____
Signature Signature

*** Team Member #3** _____
Signature

LIABILITY RELEASE

In signing this agreement, I hereby release the Saginaw Bay Walleye Club, its officers, and employees, its sponsors and their agents (hereinafter referred to as SBWC, et al) from any and all damages, claims, demands, costs or expenses relating to injuries, death, damage, theft, fire or any loss of any person or any property which I may sustain and/or which I may cause by reason or participating in or in connection with this tournament. I further release SBWC, et al, for all damages relating to adverse weather conditions while participating in this tournament. It is my responsibility to seek safety should adverse weather conditions occur (prior to, during or after the tournament). I signify by my signature that I have read the rules and I understand and agree that I must have the required Liability Insurance and Agree to the above 2018 Tournament Rules.

*** Team Member #1** _____ *** Team Member #2** _____
Signature Signature

*** Team Member #3** _____
Signature

• ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST SIGN BEFORE RETURNING FORM •