

Lots of Prizes



# 2017 River of Fire Walleye Tournament

Organized by Ecorse Fire Fighters Association  
Ecorse, MI Boat Ramp

## April 29, 2017

Captain meeting April 28th @ 6pm

\$\$\$ for lowest 5 weight-in

50/50 Raffle



Early Enter  
Drawing  
Must be  
Entered By  
**March 29th,**  
**2017**

Questions call:  
248-408-2111

### **1st Place \$1000**

*(Based on min 50 Boat Field)*

### **Cash Prizes for 2nd and 3rd**

### **Best weight of 5 Fish**

7:00 am to 2:00 pm  
If Needed 2nd flight  
7:30 am to 2:30 pm

“2 Man Boats” \$120.00  
3rd man Additional \$60.00

Cash Prize for  
Mystery Weight

### **Free Fish Fry for Participants**

**(located at the tent after the weigh-in)**

(\$5.00 Per plate donation for all others)

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## **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 Directors 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 R.F.W.T, local and state regulations, which pertain to the R.F.W.T. waters. Contestants must enter as a two or three person team. Any person, under 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.**

All entries will begin on **Feb. 1, 2017 and must be received April 25, 2017**. Any entries after that will be charged an additional **\$25.00 late fee** and can still register till **Friday, April 28th 2017 by 7:00 pm**. NO other entries will be accepted after the cut off time.

## **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.

## **SAFETY.**

Safety must be observed at all times. All contestants must wear Coast Guard approved PFD's 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 marker" will be issued after inspection and also a colored ribbon marker for on the water identification. Teams are responsible for returning of the boat identification marker at check-in. Any team failing to check in after or when leaving early will be disqualified from the R.F.W.T and all future R.F.W.T tournaments. This is for safety, it is to show that you have returned back safely from fishing. All boats must conform to the appropriate state, and USCG standards. Your boat must have USCG safety equipment on board. Kill switches must be in working order. Bait and tackle may not be passed between boats after the tournament has started. Tournament staff is not permitted to loan their boat's, or equipment to any tournament fisherman during the tournament. No binoculars are to be used during tournament hours.

## **MARINE RADIOS AND CELL PHONES.**

Marine Radios, CB's, Cell Phones, Scanners, and Two Way communicators with GPS functions are allowed for emergency use only. Any type of transmission of information via any communicative device concerning any aspect of fishing is prohibited during the tournament. Communication between fishermen is prohibited. 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. All marine radios are to be on Channel 68.

## **CAPTAINS MEETING, FLIGHTS AND LAUNCHING.**

This is NOT a trailered weigh-in. Contestants must leave and return to the official tournament site by your own boat only. Mandatory captains meeting (no exceptions) will be held prior to the tournament at **6:00 pm on April 29, 2017**. It is required that one team member must attend and sign in. The meeting will take place at Ecorse Boat Ramp pavilion. Teams returning late will forfeit their weight for that day. Up to 3 boat flights may be used. Boat Captain MUST be 18 yrs old or older, no exceptions! Boundaries for this tournament are available upon request. There will be no early weigh in, except for breakdowns or emergencies.

## **FISH AND FISHING.**

All state or provincial fishing regulations and rules will be observed unless the tournament Directors specifies more stringent regulations. **A total of 5 Walleye will be weighed.** Unless otherwise notified, and or State, provincial, or Federal Laws permit. Only walleye, sauger, or saugeye caught on hook and line in a conventional sporting manner will be accepted for weigh in. Hand lining will be allowed. Both artificial and live bait can be used. Only five (5) walleye per team will be weighted in a the dock. Any fished mauled, frozen, 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 R.F.W.T. at the discretion of the Directors and rules committee. Culling of dead fish is prohibited. Undersized 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. 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. **We are asking for all fish to be donated to the tournament for the fish fry that will follow.**

## **SEVERE WEATHER RULE.**

In the event of severe weather, the tournament hours may be suspended or cut short. A tournament may be cancelled at the discretion of the staff at the event. If the tournament day is cancelled due to severe weather, the back up date of Sunday will be used, if the weather fails to cooperate then the tournament will be cancelled!! "If you see lightening, take shelter!"

## **PROTEST.**

The tournament committee or any other contestant has the right to protest another team or contestant. The protest must be filed in writing; within one (1) hour of the last flight time, 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. If you are disqualified, you are not entitled to any refund.

**2017 River of Fire Walleye Tournament  
Official Entry Form**

Please PRINT NEATLY all information COMPLETELY!

**Boat Captain:** (Must be 18 yrs or older)

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Shirt Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Male** \_\_\_\_\_ **Female** \_\_\_\_\_

**Boat Brand** \_\_\_\_\_ **Engine Make** \_\_\_\_\_

**Second Team Member:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Shirt Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell#** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Male** \_\_\_\_\_ **Female** \_\_\_\_\_

**Third Team Member (optional): Additional \$60.00**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Shirt Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cell#** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Male** \_\_\_\_\_ **Female** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Entry fee for 2- Person Team \$120.00

\_\_\_\_\_ 3rd Team Member \$60.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Cash or \_\_\_\_\_ Check please list ck # \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Checks Payable to:**  
**Ecorse Fire Fighter Assoc.**

**Mail to:** Ecorse Fire Assoc.  
3869 W. Jefferson  
Ecorse, MI 48229

I Acknowledge that I am VOLUNTARILY participating in the River of Fire Walleye Tournament. In consideration of being permitted to participate in the River of Fire Walleye Tournament, I do for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assign, hereby release and forever discharge the River of Fire Walleye Tournament, and any and all sponsoring companies, entries, and individuals, their heirs, successors, administrators and assigns, from any and every claim, demand, actions or right of action, of whatever kind of nature, either in law or in equity, arising from or by reason of any bodily injury or personal injuries, known or unknown, death or property damage resulting or to be result from any accident which may occur as a result of my participation in the River of Fire Walleye Tournament, activity or any activities, in connection with the River of Fire Walleye Tournament, whether by negligence or otherwise. I further release all officials, staff, volunteers, participating sponsor companies and agencies from any claim whatsoever on account of first aid, treatment or service rendered me during my participation in the River of Fire Walleye Tournament. This release contains the entire agreement between the parties hereto, and the terms of this release are contractual and not a mere recital.

**I HAVE READ THE RELEASE OF LIABILITY, PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT CAREFULLY AND UNDERSTAND ALL OF ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS. I SIGN UP VOLUNTARILY AND WITHOUT ANY RESERVATIONS.**

SIGNATURE OF BOAT CAPTAIN \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF 2ND TEAM MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF 3RD TEAM MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_