

# 2021 SOUTH HAVEN FRIDAY 5 CHALLENGE FISHING TOURNAMENT

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## FRIDAY MAY 14<sup>th</sup>

**ONE-DAY FUN TOURNAMENT WITH MINIMAL RULES.**

### **Friday 5 Challenge Rules**

**Times:** 6:45 a.m. shotgun start (remain within ¼ mile of pierheads until start), 7:00 a.m. fishing period begins, boats must finish inside South Haven pier heads by 1:30 p.m.

**Weigh-in:** South Haven Black River Park. Must be in line no later than 3:00 p.m.

**Awards:** Approximately 1 hour after the last box is weighed and scored at the weigh-in location.

Registration for Steelheader 2 day event: 4-7 p.m. at the South Haven Moose Lodge #697, 1025 Wells St.

## **RULES:**

- Open to any/all boats at least 17' long and equipped with a marine radio.
- Open communication.
- No observers required, however boats and coolers are subject to inspection.
- The fishing period start, finish and any weather announcements will be announced by tournament control on channel 78, if shortened due to weather, 2 hours will constitute a complete tournament.
- If canceled due to weather, the tournament will not reschedule and entry moneys will be refunded.
- Running gunnel to gunnel with any boat during the run time or fishing period is not allowed.
- All Michigan DNR rules apply (# of rods, bag limites, etc.) Salmon and Trout only.
- 6:45 a.m. shotgun start (allows for 6 and 630 bridge openings). Start within ¼ mile of South Haven pier heads. Fishing period begins at 7 a.m. (lines in water) and return to harbor and be inside pier heads by 1:30 p.m.

## **Weigh-In Procedure:**

1. **ANNOUNCE** – Participating boat will announce its assigned tournament number (if distributed) or Boat Name once inside pier heads on VHF channel 78.
2. **DOCK** – Secure your boat at your mooring.
3. **PREPARE** – Prepare your 5 fish maximum Tournament legal fish box.
4. **TRANSPORT** – Take fish box to be scored to weigh-in location (Black River Park) and proceed to the end of the line. Remain with vehicle until it is your turn to be scored. This will be a drive-thru weigh-in.
5. **SCORE** – Crewmember must remain with the catch until it has been officially weighed and scored.
  - a. All coolers must arrive at the weigh-in free of loose ice and water. Only block, bagged cubes and frozen plastic containers are allowed. Failure to abide by this rule will result in removal to the back of the pre-check line for correction.
  - b. Weigh your 5 best fish (any species, no sorting at the scales.) Total weight of these 5 fish will determine the winners. Biggest single fish will decide ties. If still tied, prize money will be split. May weigh outside of biggest 5 when competing for one the species biggest fish prizes. Single Biggest each species weighed first. Fish subject to dissection at discretion of tournament Weighmaster.
  - c. Any attempt to alter the weight of the tournament fish will result in a DQ for the tournament.
- Awards and payout will follow within an hour +/- at the Black River fish cleaning station after last fish box is weighed and scoring is completed. Winners will be called to return. Request that winning crews pose for photo.

- EACH CAPTAIN IS ULTIMATELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF HIS/HER CREW AND VESSEL.
- Every reasonable precaution should be taken to protect persons and property during the contest. However, Tournament Directors, Officers and Sponsors are not responsible for the safety of the person or property of the participants in regards to accident, theft, damage by fire, vandalism, or any other cause. All participants further understand and agree to hold harmless the aforementioned groups and individuals from damages incurred as a result of participation in the tournament in whatever form or manner said liabilities or damages might be incurred. Follow all State and Federal Laws.

**Guaranteed winnings for the top three places are:**

\$1,000 1<sup>st</sup> Place

\$500 2<sup>nd</sup> Place

\$350 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

Other payouts will be based upon number of entries.

Biggest Fish 80% payout, Biggest Salmon 10%, Biggest Trout 10%

Please note that this is meant to be a fun tournament and we rely on your honesty. Any violations of the rules and subsequent penalties will be determined by the South Haven Friday 5 Challenge Tournament Officials. The committee reserves the right to change or modify any of these rules. If any changes are made, they will be announced in a due and timely manner prior to the tournament start.

Fish must be brought to the weigh-in by vehicle or by hand cart/carried if mooring/launching at Black River Park. The weigh-in will be at the City of South Haven Black River Park fish cleaning station. The Michigan Maritime Museum may request that fish be donated, otherwise, please plan on keeping your catch.

**Past Winners:**

2013: Too Strong 89.08 lbs

2020: Covid-19 0.00 lbs

2014: Lapaloma 65.95 lbs

2021: \*insert your boat name here\*

2015: Smokin Hot 61.30 lbs

2016: Flat Out 65.50 lbs

2017: Breaktime 55.90 lbs

2018: Tool-In Around 100.40 lbs

2019: Best Chance 2 103.80 lbs