



# Boulder Junction Walleye Tournament

*June 7 & 8, 2008*

## **Schedule:**

### **Orientation:**

Saturday, June 7th at 8:00am at the Boulder Junction Community Building. Walk in registrations will be taken up to 12:00noon on Saturday. Complimentary coffee, juice and donuts will be available.

### **Fishing Tournament Times:**

Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am to 7:00pm  
Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> - 7:00am to 11:00am

### **Awards & Raffle Prizes:**

Sunday, June 8th at 12:00 noon at the Boulder Junction Community Building.

### **Food & Refreshments:**

The Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce and the Boulder Junction Lion's Club will serve lunch and beverages on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be served at the Boulder Junction Community Building, Outdoor Pavilion for a small donation.

## **Profits and Proceeds:**

All proceeds will go to the Boulder Junction Boat Landing Improvement Fund. This fund is used to improve the boat landings in support of lake sports and fishing in the Boulder Junction area. The Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Boulder Junction, following the DNR guidelines, will direct the improvements of the landings.

## **Prizes & Raffle Door Prizes:**

- 1.) There will be three (3) plaques awarded (1st, 2nd & 3rd place) as adult awards.
- 2.) There will be three (3) plaques awarded (1st, 2nd, & 3rd place) for youth ages 14 yrs of age and under.
- 3.) The longest single Walleye registered & successfully released will win the "Largest Walleye " trophy.
- 4.) Raffle prizes will be distributed following the awards presentation at the Boulder Junction Community Center on Sunday.
- 5.) Raffle tickets may be purchased by mail with the entry form or at the orientation breakfast meeting.

## **Boulder Junction Area Lakes:**

Contestants registered in the BJWT may fish only on the lakes designated for the tournament. These lakes are BOULDER LAKE, BIG LAKE (VILAS CO), FISHTRAP LAKE, HIGH LAKE and TROUT LAKE.

## **Participation & Eligibility Rules:**

- 1.) Contestants must register with the landing personnel each time they enter or leave a lake.
- 2.) Fishing during the BJWT will be conducted according to Wisconsin DNR rules.

- 3.) Each of the lakes designated have the same size 3 walleye regulation maximum of no more than 1 walleye over 14" and 2 walleye under 14" according to DNR regulations per day for the tournament lakes with the exception of Trout Lake which requires a 15" minimum size and a 3 fish bag limit. These limits are current through March 31, 2008. As of April 1, 2008 the limits could change, therefore it is the responsibility of each participant to double check bag limits at boat landings the days of the tournament.
- 4.) This is a catch and release tournament. All fish must be measured by the angler in his/her boat, under the supervision of the landing personnel, to be considered catch and release. All fish must be registered with the landing personnel and released from the anglers boat after measurements are recorded if they wish to have their fish entered in the competition. Length will be determined by using the registration station measuring boards at the landings to the nearest 1/8-inch. Winner will be determined by the total number of inches. Maximum of 3 Walleye registered per day according to the DNR regulations, total of 6 Walleye maximum for the weekend.
- 5.) Anglers wishing to register a Walleye at a registration station should transport the Walleye in their boat to the measuring board themselves. If a contestant needs help he/she may request help from the landing personnel and they will help to the extent that they can. The angler is still in charge of the disposition of the Walleye after each Walleye is measured. The BJWT recommends the release of all Walleye, but it is not mandatory during the tournament.
- 6.) The DNR has stated that they consider a Walleye transported to a registration station as a fish "in possession" of the person who caught the fish. A Walleye, according to the DNR that is in possession is considered part of the daily bag limit of the species. Even if the Walleye is released unharmed immediately following the registration, it is still interpreted by the DNR as "in possession".
- 7.) A 3" penalty will be assessed for any walleye not successfully released.
- 8.) Contestants may fish alone or with other registered contestants. All people in the boat must be registered in the tournament.
- 9.) An adult must accompany any registrant under 16 years of age, not in possession of a boater's safety certificate.
- 10.) Contestants are responsible for obtaining all their own equipment.
- 11.) Walleye will be accepted for registration only during the specified hours. Only Walleye registered at official "Tournament" stations will be recognized as being in the contest.
- 12.) All Walleye will be judged on length only. If there is a tie at a particular length, then time caught will be used to determine the winner with the earliest time declared the winner. If both length and time caught are the same, duplicate recognition and awards will be presented.
- 13.) The BJWT personnel reserve the right to examine any Walleye when the Committee Chair deems that action necessary.
- 14.) If a contestant has a question about the rules or any part of the BJWT, he/she should first ask the personnel at the landings. If further clarification is necessary, the "Walleye Base" should be contacted. If Walleye Base cannot answer the question or deems the question a matter for action, the Committee will be contacted for the final ruling.
- 15.) Any contestant not following the rules may be disqualified from participating in the BJWT for whatever period of time the Committee determines is appropriate.
- 16.) This tournament is scheduled on the "Wisconsin Free Fishing Weekend". Wisconsin residents and non-residents of all ages can catch fish without a fishing license over these 2 days; however, all other fishing regulations (length limits, bag limits, etc.) apply.
- 17.) The tournament is open to men, women and children who are registered in the tournament and meet the DNR requirements for fishing and boating safety.
- 18.) Landing personnel will be responsible to check live wells and large coolers as anglers depart for fishing at the beginning of the fishing day to protect against registration of illegal Walleye.

**For More Information:**

Contact the Boulder Junction Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-GO-MUSKY, locally at 715-385-2400 or email [boulderjct@boulderjct.org](mailto:boulderjct@boulderjct.org). Or contact Bob Bertch, Committee Chair at 715-385-2711. Registration forms are available on [www.boulderjct.org](http://www.boulderjct.org).