Mighty Miss Walleye Series

Open Team Events

For the Weekend

Mississippi River Walleye Angler

Mighty Miss Walleye Series (M.M.W.S.)

Hosted by:

Radcliffe Promotions L.L.C.

Each tournament will be a one day format. Anglers can prefish up to 3:00 PM Saturday prior to the event pre tournament meeting. The events all will be held on Sundays.

A mandatory pre-tournament rules meeting will be held on Saturday night at 4:30 PM prior to the event where one team member must be present to register. Location will be at the event landing or alternative location in the event of inclement weather. Team registration, boat number, rule review, and entry into the 100% payback BIG FISH pot will be done at this time.

Participation and Eligibility: There will be no age limit; however an adult must accompany persons under the age of 18. Only two (2) persons will be allowed per boat. The tournament director(s) reserve the right to refuse an entrant. **Full Field is limited to ONLY 50 teams.** If the field fills, alternates will be placed on a waiting list in the order of entry received.

Application and Deadline: Entry fee deadline is ***Tuesday at 5PM*** the week of the event. No late entries will be accepted in any circumstance. A completed application by both team members must be signed and submitted with payment in full. Refunds will only be given up to this deadline as well with a $50 penalty to the team(s) not choosing to fish.

Substitutes: A team may substitute one member but not both. In the event neither team member can compete, the entry fee will not be refunded, but included in the final payout.

Sportsmanship: Each team is a representative of the event and is expected to follow a high standard of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety, and conservation. Any team falling to uphold this professionalism may be disqualified.

Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs: NO alcoholic beverages or other stimulates or depressants shall be allowed in the tournament boats or in possession of the contestants prior to morning check in or during the tournament hours. Absolutely NO Exceptions!

The M.M.W.S (Mighty Miss Walleye Series), its officers and employees, promoters, tournament directors, sponsors, volunteers, and organizations assisting in the tournament operation, their agencies, ect are not responsible for deaths, injuries, damage, liability, theft, fire, or any loss of any kind to entrants. Each entrant, upon signing and entry form, will be signing a waiver form.

Disqualification from the tournament for any reason will result in forfeiture of entry fee.

Photo Release: We agree any photographs, video, or other promotional material taken during a MMWS event is property of the MMWS and may be used by the MMWS, its sponsors, or the media without royalties or prior consent.

REGULATIONS

Permitted Fishing Locations: M.M.W.S. tournaments will be based on Pools 5 through Pool 9 of the Mississippi River. Tributaries can be fished but must be accessible by boat and proper WI, MN, and IA state licenses and regulations must be held and followed by both team members. All angling must be done from the boat. Contestants must not depart boat to land a fish. Both anglers must remain in the boat during the tournament during the tournament day. Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat. Both competitors must remain in the boat except in case of emergency or life threatening weather. Trailering of boats during tournament hours is prohibited except for coming to the scales directly from the launch ramp to weigh-in stage.

Tournament Hours: Flight out will begin at 7:00AM Sharp and end at 2:30 PM Sharp. Any boat not checked in by 2:30 is disqualified- it is your responsibility- no exceptions.

Boat Qualifications: All tournament boats must measure a total length of sixteen (16) feet and a minimum of 25hp for safety reason. Each boat is required to possess liability insurance for their boat in any MMWS event. All boats participating must have a functioning recirculating live well system capable of adequately maintaining a tournament weight. Each dead fish will result in a one (1.0) pound deduction from the teams total weight. We strongly encourage the use of a catch and release agent such as (Rejuvenade) www.bassmedics.com and/or ice to assist in maintaining the best possible condition of the fish. Releasing of all fish is the responsibility of the team.

Life Jackets: Life jackets must be zipped and buckled. Kill switch must be attached to the life jacket of the boat operator anytime the main combustible engine is in operation above idle speed. All life jackets must be US Coast Guard approved.

Tackle and Equipment: All fish must be caught in a legal and sporting manner per the state regulations. Intentional snagging of fish will not be allowed. State certified live bait or artificial lures may be used. It is the contestant's obligation and responsibility to produce adequate documentation to ensure all state and local bait regulations are followed. Violation or issuing of a citation by a DNR official will result in immediate disqualification.

Invasive Species: Aquatic invasive species can crowd out native plants and animals and threaten the future quality of the waters we fish. Boaters can take action to prevent the spread of these. Inspect and remove aquatic plants, animals, and mud from your boat, trailer, and equipment before leaving the landing. Drain water from live wells and bait containers before leaving the landing. Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash. Pressure wash your boat and equipment at a car wash or at home with hot water, especially if moored for more than a day. Otherwise let your boat dry for a minimum of five days before the next use. Wisconsin laws prohibit launching a boat, boat trailer, or boating equipment if there are any aquatic plants or zebra mussels present. Unfortunately, the Mississippi River has several exotics and we all need to do our part to ensure they do not spread to other bodies of water

RULES:

The following rules will remain unchanged throughout the events unless State or Local Laws are in conflict. Interpretation and enhancement of the rules will be left to the tournament director and ethics committee. In the event of a rule violation, the committee may impose such sanctions, as they deem appropriate, including without limitation to, disqualification, forfeiture of prizes, entry fee and prohibition from participation in subsequent tournaments. The decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final in all matters. It is the committee's discretion to make changes where safety is concerned. All participants must comply with all Coast Guard, State, and Local Regulations. ANY competitor receiving a citation for violations of any Coast Guard, State, or Local regulations will be disqualified immediately. It is the contestant's responsibility to know and follow these regulations.

Permitted Fishing Locations: Each event the Director will discuss the permitted pool or pools at the pre-tournament meeting as designated on the registration form. Tributaries can be fished but must be accessible by boat and proper WI, MN, and IA state licenses and regulations must be held and followed by both team members. All angling must be done from the boat. Contestants must not depart boat to land a fish. Both anglers must remain in the boat during the tournament waters during the tournament day. Contestants must leave and return to the official checkpoint by boat. Both competitors must remain in the boat except in case of emergency or life threatening weather. Trailering of boats during tournament hours is prohibited except for coming to the scales for weigh-in at the launch landing. **Only** in the event of a boat breakdown or malfunction can a team member board another competing teams boat. One member of the team may bring his catch to the scales with another team, but his catch must be separated into a separate live well or section of the live well to insure fish are segregated or tagged. Only a competing team can bring in another team. Any other non-tournament or director authorized boat will disqualify the team's catch. The captain of the disabled boat must stay with the vessel until a proper rescue boat can tow them in to the nearest safe harbor or landing. This is the responsibility of the owner of the boat. The director must be notified immediately if this situation occurs.

Protest and Grievances: Sportsman like conduct and boating safety is highly enforced. Any protest grievance by any individual(s) must be brought before the director prior to the end of weigh-in. A $75.00 cash fee must be filed with the grievance and the one filing it must put it in writing. If the grievance on the other team or individual is found to be unquestionably true the fee will be reimbursed to the individual. An ethics committee appointed along with the director(s) will meet in this instance to decide the fate of the grievance. If the team is found to have violated the tournament rules, penalties up to, and including disqualification **will be enforced**. If the violation is found to be without merit the $75.00 protest fee will go towards promoting future events.

Pre-Tournament Inspection: All boats are required to use the prescribed landing the morning of the event for put in. A trailered inspection of the boat's livewell prior to the event is mandatory by a designated tournament official. Failure to have this done will result in disqualification. Orderly launching of the boats is expected. Please respect other local recreational anglers and allow them priority access to the ramp as they may arrive during the launch process. Please be respectful and give room as this is their landing as well.

Flight Out Order: Flight out number for morning take off will be determined by date of paid entry fee. Those teams who prepay for **all four** scheduled events **by January 1st, 2011** will be eligible for the flight out priority spots and will be allowed to go out in that order. All other teams will then be added by date their entry fees were received.

Main Dam Lockage: THIS IS NOT A RACE. **First boat in is first boat out**. Period! **Failure to follow this will result in Automatic Disqualification.** Safe locking rules must be followed by all teams. Please be considerate and respect your fellow teams and take into account differences in boat sizes and abilities.

Weigh-in procedure: **Tournament scales will open at 12:00 NOON. Once your team weighs in, you are DONE fishing for the day.** A drive through weigh-in format will be used at all events. We ask you fill your well FULL and have it recirculate on the fish prior to, during, and after the fish are weighed. Each team is responsible for the proper live release of their fish after they are weighed. We insist that patience and courteous conduct be used during the weigh-in procedure and upon returning your fish to the river.

Scoring: Placing will be set upon total weight of **FOUR (4)** fish weighed. Walleye, Sauger, and Saugeye only can be weighed with a minimum state law length of 15". Six fish may be in possession per team when arriving at the scales. The team must choose their best four to be weighed. **Any short fish not measuring the 15" size limit will result in disqualification.** Fish will be measured with the mouth closed and the tail pinched. "The Judge" is the official measuring board of the MMWS Trail. A courtesy "Judge" bump board will be provided if needed. The weigh master's discretion is final on measured length and dead fish.

Ties: Ties between places will be determined by the team's largest fish recorded at the time of weigh-in, then by flip of the coin.

BIG WALLEYE POT: Your selection of the (one) largest fish will be given to go for the 100% additional BIG FISH POT. Each team is highly encouraged to weigh their largest fish. In the event of a tie, the pot will be split between the two teams.

The M.M.W.S Executive Director's ruling is the final decision to all rules interpretations.

ALL decisions are FINAL.

ENTRY FEE and BIG FISH SIDE POT

ENTRY FEE: Each two man team consists of a **$200 entry fee**. Payout will be determined by the number of paid entrants. A percentage of the proceeds will go to support local organizations and to cover tournament administration fees, insurance, and future promotion of the trail. Payouts and number of placings will be determined upon number of boats competing per event. Payout schedules will be available and announced at the pre-tournament meeting Saturday night.

BIG FISH POT: This side bet is voluntary and is 100% payback. Each team must determine and pay in full $40 per boat (team) during registration at the pre-tournament meeting. Only one place will be paid for this side pot going to the largest individual walleye weighed. This sum will be awarded with the prize money at the event. In example (50 boat full field with all teams in) **$2,000.00 ADDITIONAL POT = WINNING TEAM TAKES ALL!**

Membership Fees and Dues: MMWS does not require either of these! Let's Fish!

~ 2011 Might Miss Walleye Series – Official Entry Form ~

Check Box(s) for Tournaments You Wish To Enter:

Please enter us as a team: ☐ ***All Events w/ Big Fish Pot $960***

☐ $200 Per Event Plus $40 includes BIG FISH POT: ***$240***

1.( ) **Alma, WI (Pool 5)**
March 27th, 2011
Sunday 7-2:30
City Ramp

2.( ) **LaCrosse, WI (Pools 7 & 8)**
May 15th, 2011
Sunday 7-2:30
7th Street Landing

3.( ) **Genoa, WI (Pools 8 & 9)**
June 12th, 2011
Sunday 7-2:30
Power Plant Landing

4.( ) **Trempealeau, WI (Pools 6 & 7)**
September 11th, 2011
Sunday 7-2:30
Lock and Dam Landing

REMEMBER: 50 BOAT LIMITED FIELD – DON'T DELAY!

*No additional membership dues or fees are required to fish M.M.W.S. Events.

TOTAL ENCLOSED:_____

Name_____

Address_____

City_____

State_____Zip_____

DOB___/____/19____

Social Security #_____-_____-_____

Daytime Phone/Cell (_____)_____-_____

E-Mail Address_____

Name_____

Address_____

City_____

State_____Zip_____

DOB___/____/19____

Social Security #_____-_____-_____

Daytime Phone/Cell (_____)_____-_____

E-Mail Address_____

Make Checks Payable to: Radcliffe Promotions L.L.C.

Mail To: **Mighty Miss Walleye Series**

c/o Dale Radcliffe- Executive Director

N6252 Eric Avenue

Onalaska, WI 54650

~ Mighty Miss Walleye Series Release of Liability: ~
Radcliffe Promotions L.L.C

Please Read Carefully Before Signing!

I acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating in the tournament(s).

I am aware that my participation in the tournament(s) listed on my entry form creates the risk of my serious personal injury or death. My participation could also lead to loss or damage to my personal property. I expressly agree to assume all risk of injury and/ up to death and loss of personal property which may result from my participation in these Fishing Tournaments. In exchange for being permitted to participate in the tournament(s), I hereby **RELEASE AND DISCHARGE** the tournament's organizer and the tournament sponsor's, their officers, directors, agents, employees and legal representatives (the "Released Parties") from any and all liability for any injury, damage or any loss sustained by me which may arise from my participation in the above tournament, including , but not limited to, any claim I or my heirs may have for loss, personal injury or casualty of any kind, injuries, damages or other loss sustained by me, caused by the negligence or strict liability of the Released Parties. I do not release the Released Parties from liability for willful or intentional misconduct. I expressly recognize that loss of property, injury, or death could arise from (1) the fishing and boating activities contemplated by the tournament. (2) the fact that competition rules contemplate that some participants will fish in boats belonging to OTHER participants in the contest. (3) the fact that the risk normally encountered in open water fishing from a boat may be enhanced by the exposure to the elements and other risks inherent in an outdoors competition. I warrant that I am in good physical and mental health and am physically capable of withstanding the rigors and requirements of a professional level fishing competition

I have read the release of liability and participant agreement carefully and understand all of its terms and conditions. I sign up voluntarily and without reservations. This waiver is a legal binding contract, I recognize this. This waiver replaces any previous release.

Signature – Team Member One:_____
Today's Date:_____

Signature – Team Member Two:_____
Today's Date:_____

Both Team Members Must Sign!