## Wonderland Marine West & Yamaha Outboards proudly present our 13th Annual

# **Open Bass Tournament**



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**UP TO \$42,210** in cash Payback

Sunday, August 28, 2011 Lake Erie Metropark

We would like to thank our sponsors:



## **Schedule of Events**

#### **TOURNAMENT DAY**

5:15 AM	Open – Fisherman 's Prayer Meeting at tent
5:30 AM	Boat check starts
7:00 AM	Blast off starts
3:00 PM	Check-in
3:15 PM	Weigh-in starts

DONUTS and COFFEE morning of tournament for all participants.

FOOD and Drinks at weigh-in for all contestants.

GAMES and FUN at weigh-in for all family members.

#### **Entry Fee**

Entry Fee Late Fee:

\$275.00 (Including Big Bass)

Money received after July 24, 2011 will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee.

## **Blast-Off Order**

Blast off order will be in the order money is received starting at 9:00 a.m. June 1, 2011.

No money will be accepted before that date. If money is received before that date, it will be sent back.

## **Mandatory Meeting**

MANDATORY PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING Saturday, August 27, 2011 At Wonderland Marine West

> 3:00-6:00 PM 6:00 PM

For more information call

Check-in starts Meeting starts

One (1) team member **MUST** be at the meeting.

**50/50 RAFFLE** at Pre-Tournament meeting. *Proceeds go to Wonderland Marine Fishing Team.* 

## **OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**

#### **Wonderland Marine West Open Bass Tournament**

Make check or money order payable to:

Mail to:	Wonderland Marine West Wonderland Marine West 5796 East Grand River Howell, MI 48843 ATTN Bass Tournament	517-548-5122 Ask for Scott Michael or email scott@wonderlandmarinewest.com			
Name		Partner Name			
Address		Address			
City/State/Zip		City/State/Zip			
Phone		Phone			
Email		Email			
Social Security #		Social Security #			
		BOAT			
Make		Engine			
Model		Insurance Company			
Year HP		Boat Owner's Signature			
Signature		Partner's Signature			
Must	check if Humminbird and Minn Kota produc	ts are installed on boat.			

1. Having read the official Wonderland Marine West tournament rules and completed the above entry form, we agree to abide by all conditions stated therein. We also agree to assume all applicable taxes.

 LIABILITY RELEASE: In signing this agreement, we hereby release Wonderland Marine West, its officers, agents, employees, and sponsors from any and all damages, claims, demands, costs, or expenses relating to injury of any persons or any property which we may sustain or which we may cause by reason of participating in or in connection with this tournament.

3. VERIFICATION OF LIABILITY INSURANCE: We further state that we maintain current liability insurance on the boat we will use in this tournament.

4. BY SIGNING THIS APPLICATION, I CONSENT TO THE RECORDING AND BROADCASTING OF MY VOICE AND LIKENESS. MY NAME AND LIKENESS MAY BE USED IN ADVERTISING AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS. IN GIVING THIS CONSENT, I RELEASE WONDERLAND MARINE WEST, AND/OR THEIR AGENTS AND ASSIGNEES FROM ANY LIABILITY FOR ANY VIOLATION OF ANY PERSONAL OR PROPERTY RIGHTS WHICH I MIGHT HAVE IN CONNECTION WITH SUCH MATERIALS.

5. We signify by our signatures above that we have read and understand the agreements numbered 1, 2, and 3 above.



#### **Payback Guaranteed**

1	\$10,000 + trophies Ranger Cup Bonus for Compliant Angler and Stratos 2X Bonus	8	\$750	15	\$400
2	\$5,000 + trophies	9	\$500		
3	\$3,000 + trophies	10	\$500		
4	\$2,000 + trophies	11	\$450		
5	\$1,500 + trophies	12	\$450		
6	\$1,200	13	\$400		
7	\$1,00	14	\$400		

#### **Manufacturer's Bounties**

#### Stratos Boats "2X Double Your Winnings" Tournament Incentive

**Incentive:** Win a qualifying event out of your Stratos Boat and DOUBLE your tournament winnings (up to \$10,000) with the Stratos "2X Double Your Winnings" program!

- · Boat package must have been purchased prior to the tournament.
- Owner of the boat must have competed out of the qualifying Stratos boat and must be the same name on warranty or state registration at time of tournament win.
- Eligible Stratos Models: 2009 Model Year or newer Stratos boat. Owner does not have to be original purchaser to qualify.
- Angler does not have to sign up or apply prior to the event in order to win.
- · Anglers may receive benefits more than once annually.
- First win payout = 2X winning first place payout up to \$10,000 Second win – payout = 1X the winning first place payout up to \$10,000 Third win and wins thereafter = 50% of the winning first place payout up to \$10,000
- If tournament winnings are valued at more than \$10,000...Angler will receive a contingency check from Stratos for \$10,000.
- A tournament win will be defined as "First Place".

#### Ranger Cup Bonus To be determined

**Incentive:** Must be Ranger Cup qualified. If the winner is Ranger Cup qualified he/she will receive Ranger Cup Bonus.

• 2011 Ranger Cup registration is open to any registered Ranger boat owner. To be eligible for Ranger cup payout the boat owner must sign up each year and pay the \$19.99 registration fee. Once the registration is received Ranger will send a Ranger Cup card along with a Ranger Cup decal for you boat. Ranger Cup registration is not retroactive and to be eligible one must sign up each year. For more information please contact the Ranger cup department at 870-453-2222.

#### G3 Boats Bonus

**Incentive:** The highest finisher fishing out of a G3 Boat will receive a \$300 bonus. This is in addition to any other tournament winnings.

## **Complete Battery Source "Mystery Money"**

#### Paid to 5 teams - \$100 each

#### **Fishing Stories**

Your "better half" can win \$100 just by telling the best fishing story about you (funny or scary). Register at weigh-in.

#### **Big Bass Pot**

Included in Entry 100% payback + trophies (Big Bass must be alive)



#### **Wonderland Marine West – Bass Tournament Official Rules & Regulations**

- 1. Safety: Safe boating conduct must be observed at all times by all tournament competitors. Each competitor is required to wear a Coast Guard approved chest type life preserver. This preserver must be worn any time the combustion engine is operating. The preserver must be snapped or zippered securely and maintained in that condition until the competitor reaches his fishing location and the combustion engine is shut off. Violation of this rule shall be reason for disqualification.
- 2. Sportsmanship: Competitors of our tournament are expected to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, safety and conservation. Any infractions of the fundamental sporting principles may be deemed cause for disqualification. Drunkenness by a competitor during the tournament or tournament functions will not be tolerated and shall be cause for automatic disqualification for this and all future tournaments. Maximum courtesy must be practiced at all times especially with regard to boating and angling in the vicinity of non-competitors who may be on tournament waters. Any act of a competitor which reflects unfavorably upon our efforts to promote fisheries conservation, clean waters, and courtesy may also be reason for disqualification. No alcoholic beverages or other stimulants or depressants, prescription or otherwise shall be allowed in the boats or at the weigh-ins. Any participant cited during tournament hours for a violation of State marine or fishing laws will be disqualified, if found guilty following due process of law.
- 3. Tackle and Equipment: Only artificial lures may be used. No "live bait" or "prepared bait" will be permitted with the exception of pork strips, rinds, etc. Only ONE casting or spinning rod (8 foot maximum length from butt of handle to rod tip) and reel may be used at any one time. All other types prohibited. Other rigs as specified above may be in boat ready for use, however, only ONE is permitted in use at any given time. All bass must be caught live in a conventional sporting manner.
- 4. Horsepower Regulations: Your boat and motor must conform to B.I.A. Horsepower Ratings. Simply, your engine's horsepower is not to exceed the horsepower limitations set by the U.S. Coast Guard horsepower rating plate attached to the boat by the manufacturer. The horsepower of the outboard engine must NOT exceed the rating plate. Any boat manufactured prior to November 1, 1972 must adhere to the ratings set by the U.S. Coast Guard for similar boats. Each competitor agrees to submit, by this signature on this document, the boat and outboard motor used in the tournament to an inspection by the factory trained personnel, if there is any reason to suspect the horsepower is in excess of the rating.
- 5. Boat and motor: ALL Boats Must be equipped with some type of ignition kill switch. Kill switch must be in working order and attached to driver anytime the combustion engine is running. Fishing boats may be used that are 14 feet or more in length. A small motor, gas or electric, may be used for slow maneuvering. Trolling as a method of fishing is prohibited. No "barges" or similar cumbersome craft will be permitted.
- 6. Basic Boat Equipment: Every boat must have all required Coast Guard safety equipment. In addition, it must have a functional bilge pump and LIVE-WELL SPACE MOUNTED IN BOAT BY MANUFACTURER, PROPERLY AERATED TO ADEQUATELY MAINTAIN ALIVE A LIMIT CATCH OF 5 BASS BY THE TEAM USING THE BOAT. No coolers. Tournament officials shall have the sole responsibility for determining whether aeration and capacity is "proper and adequate"
- 7. Permitted Fishing Locations: Fishing on the tournament waters is permitted anywhere except: Within 50 yards of any marina gas pump or within 50 yards of another competitor's boat which was first anchored. A boat is considered anchored only if it is tied to an object or has anchor line over its side with trolling motor out of water. No such anchored boat shall permit selected competitors to fish within 50-yard circle claimed by him to exclusion of any other competitor. All angling must be done from the boat. Contestants must not depart to land fish. Boat must remain in tournament waters during tournament day. Contestants must leave and return to official checkpoint by boat. If competitor must violate any of the conditions due to emergency, or any other reason, his catch of the day shall not be counted in the tournament. Trailering of boats during tournament hours is prohibited, except by tournament officials. Competitors must not deboard their boat (both feet out) except in case of dire emergency.
- 8. Official Check Point: There shall be only one official point for checkout in the morning, and check-in in the afternoon, and this point shall be designated at the tournament briefing. At the time of check-out, all competitors and their boats shall be in full conformance with all the rules set forth by tournament committee, at check in all boats shall identify themselves by contacting the check-in boat and proceed immediately to the designated weight-in area.
- 9. Scoring: Tournament standing, auxiliary awards and final winners shall be determined by the pound and pound fractions of each team's 5 bass during the day of the tournament. Only largemouth, or smallmouth bass will be weighted. All competitors are bound by prevailing statues and regulations of the various states and Candian Provinces within which they fish. Teams may only have 5 bass in

their possession at any time. At the time a sixth fish is caught, competitors must stop fishing and immediately cull down to the 5 fish limit. Only then may team members continue fishing. Tournament officials will conduct checks for violation of this provision, and the event a competitor has more than 5 Bass limit in possession, shall cut the largest bass first, down to the limit described. The official length for bass shall be 14 inches. Only bass as described above which measure 14 inches or more in length on the longest starting line, with mouth closed, shall be weighed-in. Any bass that appears to have been mangled, mashed or mauled or otherwise altered will be weighed in and credited only at the discretion of tournament officials. Bass must not be stringed at any time during the tournament. Specially designed bags which increase the survival rate will be furnished by the tournament committee, and these bags must be used for weigh-in. The "Golden Rule" will be the *official* measuring board.

- **10. Dead Fish Penalty:** A penalty of 1 lb. for each dead fish weighed in will be deducted from the total weight of all legal fish in the sack. Any team may be required to take and pass a truth verification polygraph test at the discretion of the Tournament Director and/or officials.
- 11. Short Fish: Deduction will be made for short fish as well as dead fish. Any fish presented for weigh-in by contestant that fails to measure 14 inches or more, according to the method described above, will be removed from the sack and disallowed. In addition, the largest fish of the sack will be culled. The total responsibility for having short fish in possession at any time will be that of the contestant.
- 12. Late Penalty: Competitors who are not in the official check-point area as described previously at the appointed time shall be penalized at the rate of 1 pound per minute to be deducted from the total weight of his catch that day, for each one (1) minute he is late. Any competitor more than 10 minutes late shall lose all credit for that day's catch. There shall be no excuses for tardiness, and in no case shall a competitor be allowed to make-up "lost time." After proper recognition at the check-point, competitors will be allowed ample time to proceed to the weigh-in site, however, all fishing must cease upon check-in. After tournament begins, fishing is prohibited except during tournament hours. Any team not checked out properly by the check-out boat shall be disqualified from participation. Any team who fails to report to the official check-point shall forfeit 5 pounds.
- 13. Ties: Money will split between the 2 (two) teams.
- **14. Rulings:** The tournament director and his designated appointees shall reserve all rights for rule interpretation and rulings thereof. Furthermore, the tournament committee reserves the right to change the date of, or the site of any given tournament. Protests must be in writing, signed by the protester and filed within 10 minutes of the conclusion of the weigh-in. The tournament director has sole authority to deny the eligibility of any person at any time to participate in the tournament. One contestant will draw to sit on rules committee at pre-tournament meeting.
- **15. Pairings:** This is a "fish with your buddy" tournament.
- **16. Courtesy Board:** A courtesy measuring board will be set up at all the tournament for your convenience. Please measure all fish before they come to the scales. Any fish that are doubtful of making the legal length will be measured. No official will man the courtesy board. Once fish are presented at the weigh-in table, only Wonderland Marie West officials will be allowed to handle fish.
- 17. Eligibility: Participation is open to both male and female anglers. There must be at least one member of every team 18 years or older. Boat number and starting position will be determined by order of entry form and fee received on or after June 1, 2011. Early entries will therefore receive lower boat numbers and be fishing sooner than late entries. Entry fees are non-refundable.
- 18. Registration: At least one member of a team must be present for the registration. A representative will not be satisfactory. It is recommended that both attend. Each team must register at the time and place. Failure to register during the prescribed hours shall result in mandatory disqualification. NO EXCEPTIONS! There will be a mandatory pretournament meeting following registration.
- 19. Pre-Tournament Practice: There will be no practice period off-limits.
- **20.** No Wake Zones: All no wake zones and areas are NO PASS unless the boat being passed is fishing, gives you verbal permission to pass, or multiple boat lanes permit a different route to be taken.
- **21. Bounty:** Bounty will be given to the top team using that manufacturers' products. Teams can only win one (1) bounty. Bounty will be decided in order listed.
- 22. Mystery Money: Must be present at weigh-in to win. Teams who did not finish in top fifteen (15) or win a bounty and/or big bass are eligible to win.
- 23. Polygraph Test: The winner and one (1) other team to finish in money will



24. At least one team member must be present to collect team winnings (if eligible) or team will forfeit any and all winnings.

