



**“The Sturgeon World Championships”
2008
An IGFA inshore qualifying event**

ENTRY

Submission of your entry into the Tournament constitutes your (team and individual) acceptance of the Rules and your agreement to abide by the Rules and regulations. Failure to abide by the Rules shall constitute disqualification.

Rules and Regulations may change before the start of the competition, without prior notice.

Acceptance of entry is at the discretion of the Tournament Management Committee (T.M.C).

BOATS

Each team will draw 3 boats for the 3 days fishing. This draw will take place at the Fraser River Lodge on 2nd November 2008. No changes in boats drawn will be entertained. In the event of a breakdown, the T.M.C will provide a replacement boat.

TEAMS

Teams should comprise of a minimum of 2 and a maximum of 4 anglers. Each team member is allowed a maximum of 1 line in the water at any one time.

LINE TEST

The following line classes will be used: 130 **lb**. No points will be recorded for fish boated on any other line class. All boats will be supplied with 130 lbs line. All boats will have it's equipment audited and certificated for purpose by the T.M.C. Anglers will not be allowed to use their own reel or line. Anglers are permitted to use their own rods, though the detail of these needs to be lodged with the T.M.C prior to the tournament.

FISHING

Fishing days are: 3rd, 4th and 5th of November 2008. Fishing starts at 08:00 Hrs and finishes at 16:00 when all lines must be out of the water. All boats must provide radio/cell phone confirmation to the T.M.C H.Q. that lines are in, failure to provide confirmation will result in a 200 point deduction for each 5 minute delay after the “lines out” time. Radio Silence other than the “Lines out” call must be maintained between 15:45 and 16:00 every

day. The T.M.C. will determine the "Tournament Area" any fishing outside of the defined area will result in points deductions.

PENALTIES

It is understood that all lines must be out of the water at 16:00. Should a boat hook a Sturgeon after 16:00 the entire catch of the day will be disqualified. However, if a fish is hooked and radioed in before 16:00 and is still fighting after 16:00 no penalty will be imposed even if the fish is lost.

RELEASE RULES

All sturgeon caught MUST be released. Once the leader is in hand the fish is considered as caught, if the fish is lost at this point or it is considered favourable to release the fish then it may be released. However to be eligible for "500 Club" and overall "Biggest Fish" Title the fish will require measuring and T.M.C. validation. Points will be awarded according to the table below

RADIO

All fish hooked should be reported immediately by radio or cell phone to the T.M.C HQ, giving the name of the angler, the team and the location. This is important as T.M.C officials, TV Crews and sponsors will need access to the action. Once released, the estimated weight of the fish must be logged by the boat and then radioed in.

REPORTING

All Team Captains MUST report to the T.C.M official scorer immediately after their return to the Fraser River Lodge and sign their respective score cards even if no scoring fish were caught. Each score card will show the catch schedule and each catch will require the individual anglers signature. Each score card will then be signed by the T.M.C Boat Guide and Team Captain. The time of each catch will be logged at the point whereby the fish leader is handed.

At least two photographs of the release of the fish showing clearly the leader in hand and the fish must be taken. These photographs are essential to be eligible for points. Note: The T.M.C will provide IT support to download all images at the Fraser River Lodge.

DETERMINATION AND VERIFICATION OF FISH SIZE.

Fish eligible for "500 Club" and overall "Biggest Fish" Title will require measuring and T.M.C. validation. This will be determined in accordance with the weighing and measuring guidelines set out by the Sturgeon Conservation Society. These guidelines will be published prior to the tournament and each T.M.C Boat Guide will be trained and accredited to undertake this procedure. Each fish released at boat side without measurement but with proof of leader handling will score points allocated in the sub 100lb section detailed in the schedule of points table.

The T.M.C. will be accredited by the I.G.F.A to provide documentation that can be verified for the purposes of issuing an I.G.F.A World Record. If A Boat Guide is of the opinion that a hooked fish is in that weight region he/she can radio the T.M.C. official Weigh Master who will endeavour to attend the landing (with at least one other independent witness) and weigh the fish via validated and accredited means.

CONDITIONS

No team may take part in the competition unless all costs have been paid in full. Please refer to the RESERVATION PROCEDURES, PAYMENT CONDITIONS & CANCELLATION POLICIES detailed separately under **Tournament T&C's**.

All Teams must use full board accommodation provided by the Fraser River Lodge and all teams must attend the Pre Tournament and Presentation Dinners.

All Official trophies remain the property of the T.M.C

COMPETITION COMPLAINTS

Complaints should be made in writing and remitted to the Chairman of the T.C.M by 8p.m each evening at the Fraser River Lodge. Any dispute shall be determined and resolved in the sole and absolute discretion of the T.M.C and said determination and/or resolution shall be final and binding.

IGFA RULES

The competition will be governed by IGFA rules. Each Participant shall comply with the IGFA rules which can be viewed at www.igfa.org under "Fishing."

TOURNAMENT PRIZES & TROPHIES.

The Team Event – The Team with the highest points scored.

Winning Team

The Sturgeon World Championships Trophy.
Prize Money T.B.C.
Souvenir trophy for each individual.
Sponsor Prizes T.B.C.

Second Place

Souvenir trophy for each individual
Sponsor Prizes T.B.C.

Third Place

Souvenir trophy for each individual
Sponsor Prizes T.B.C.

The Single Event – Most individual points scored

Winner

The Sturgeon Cup.
Prize Money T.B.C.
Souvenir trophy
Sponsor Prizes T.B.C.

Second Place

Souvenir trophy
Sponsor Prizes T.B.C.

Third Place

Souvenir trophy
Sponsor Prizes T.B.C.

500 Club

Any individual who catches a 500lb or bigger Sturgeon enters **The Sturgeon World Championships Hall of Fame.**

Sponsor Prize.

Souvenir trophy.

Single Biggest Fish.

Sponsor Prize.

Souvenir trophy.

I.G.F.A World Record

Prizes T.B.C.

Points Schedule

Each fish below 100lb = 100 points

Each Fish 100 lb and over = 200 points

Each Fish 500 lb and over = 400 points

Bonus Points

A bonus will be awarded to the angler(s) having recorded and released the first (300 points), second (two hundred points) and third (100 points) fish every day of the competition.

Adjudication

In case of a tie in points, the team / Individual who's largest fish was logged earliest as "Leader Handed" during the championship, will be declared the winner.

Claims must be made by the Team Captain in writing to the Chairman of the T.M.C. Participants must accept that any decision taken by the T.M.C. is final.

INSURANCE

Liability insurance that provides coverage in reasonable amounts, is required of all contestants who participate in the S.W.C. and associated tournaments.

SAFETY

Safe boating must be observed at all times. Each contestant is required to wear a fastened and approved personal floatation device anytime the main combustion engine is in operation from boat check until weigh-in. All boats must be equipped with an emergency ignition shut-off device. Each boat is required to have a fully functional marine band radio. At the discretion of the T.M.C tournament days may be shortened, postponed or cancelled due to adverse weather or water conditions.

ADVERSE CONDITIONS.

It is the responsibility of each Participant to decide in advance whether to fish on each day of the tournament. Participants shall not be entitled to any refund

associated to the Tournament including, but not limited to bad weather, adverse river conditions, other acts of God, mechanical or physical conditions or other similar conditions or events.