



## Rules and Regulations "FISHING CLASSIC" Rules and Regulations

### 1. REGISTRATION

a) The registration fee for the 2012 Rotary International Fishing Classic ("Classic") shall be \$40 (U.S.) per person and must accompany a completed, signed application form. The registration fee for children 15 years of age and under shall be \$20.00 (U.S.). Checks should be made out to: Plattsburgh Rotary Club.

b) Each contestant must purchase a registration ticket and be licensed by the state where fishing\* prior to the 2012 "Classic", no later than 6pm on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

c) Children under 18 years of age may enter the "Classic" provided they are accompanied by a parent or adult (18 years of age or older) who is also registered in the "Classic" and with whom the child must fish during this event.

d) Registration tickets must be purchased by May 31, 2012 at 6pm in an approved retail outlet. Anyone mailing an application prior to May 20, 2012 will receive a registration ticket by mail. However, anyone mailing an application after May 20, 2012, will be required to verify his/her "Classic" registration at any one of the weigh-in stations (see Rule 2b). Applications postmarked but failing to arrive by May 31, 2012 may not be eligible.

e) Registration tickets are not transferable and must be carried by each registrant at all times during the three-day event and produced upon demand by any "Classic" official.

f) If a registrant's ticket is lost or misplaced, the registrant must appear in person at any weigh-in station showing positive I.D. to verify they are registered (see Rule 2b).

g) Registration tickets must be presented every time one or more fish are presented for weigh-in by the registrant.

h) The "Classic" Steering Committee, members of the Plattsburgh Rotary Club, officials and volunteers involved in the daily operation of the "Classic" are not eligible to participate.

i) The mailing address for the Rotary International Fishing Classic is P.O. Box 86, Plattsburgh, NY 12901.

j) See separate rules and regulations for Team category on last panel.

\* Please Note: You will need a Vermont license to fish in Malletts Bay, Mississquoi Bay or any boundary in this tournament which is classified "inland sea."

### 2. FISHING BOUNDARIES AND WEIGH-IN STATIONS

a) The boundaries for competing in the 2012 "Classic" will be Lake Champlain and its tributaries upstream to the first impassible barrier.

b) The official weigh-in stations for the 2012 "Classic" will be: In New York: at Plattsburgh Marina, Sportsmen's Pier, Indian Bay Marina at Willsboro Bay, Port Henry Boat Access Ramp and Essex Marina. In Vermont: Apple Island Marina at Sandbar Bridge and Perkins Pier in Burlington.

c) All fish caught and presented in this "Classic" must have been caught within the boundaries described in Rule 2a and presented and recorded at one of the official weigh-in stations in accordance with Rules 3c and 5c.

### 3. AFFIRMATION OF CATCHES

a) In order to maintain the integrity of the "Classic," there must be an affirming witness (to verify the catch for each fish caught and presented) who is also registered in the "Classic." All persons aboard any vessel/boat must be registered and possess registration tickets.

b) Shore and pier registrants must also have a registered, affirming witness to each fish caught and presented.

c) Registrants and affirming witnesses must complete a weigh-in form provided by the "Classic" Steering Committee at one of the pre-designated weigh-in stations for each fish presented.

d) Any registrants and affirming witnesses who present a prize-winning fish may be required to submit to a polygraph (lie detector) examination to further verify the authenticity of the catch.

### 4. DATES AND TIMES

a) The official "Classic" dates and hours shall be from 12:01 a.m., Friday, June 1, 2012, through Noon, Sunday, June 3, 2012. Only fish caught and presented during these hours may be eligible for prizes.

b) Weigh-in station hours shall be between 8 a. m. and 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2, and on Sunday, June 3 from 8 a.m. to Noon. Tournament Headquarters in New York will remain open until 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2.

c) Prize winners will be announced and prizes awarded on Sunday, June 3, 2011, at the "Classic" awards ceremony (see Rule 8e).

### 5. FISH CAUGHT AND PRESENTED

a) All fish presented in the "Classic" must be caught with hook and line and retrieved with rod and reel within the boundaries and presented at the weigh-in stations established by the Steering Committee (see Rules 2a and 2b).

b) Fish must be caught during the official dates and hours established in Rule 4a above.

c) All fish must be presented to a weigh-in station no later than Noon, Sunday, June 3, 2012 (see Rule 2b). We encourage "CATCH and RELEASE" of salmon, lake trout, and walleye.

d) Registrants may present more than one fish; each registrant will be limited, however, to receiving a single prize for the largest fish presented in each category (lake trout, salmon and/or walleye).

e) All fish presented must be whole, fresh and never have been frozen. No gaffed, snagged or foul hooked (anywhere on the body other than inside the mouth) fish will be accepted for entry.

f) Any registrant wishing to contest or challenge any posted "Classic" prize winner must do so in writing and present a valid weigh in form and registration ticket to the judges of the "Classic" prior to the Awards Ceremony.

### 6. SAFETY

a) All vessels/boats used during the "Classic" must be seaworthy and each boat and occupant must comply with all applicable U.S. Coast Guard and State laws and regulations.

### 7. SPECIES, LAWS AND SIZE

a) The three fish species eligible for the 2012 "Classic" competition shall be Lake Trout, Atlantic Landlocked Salmon and Walleye Pike.

b) Because of the "Classic" Committee's concern for the conservation of these species, the minimum length of Lake Trout and Atlantic Landlocked Salmon shall be 16 inches and for Walleye Pike, 20 inches. No fish under these minimums will be accepted in the "Classic."

### 8. PRIZES

a) The 2012 "Classic" will award cash prizes for the five largest (by weight) Lake Trout, Atlantic Landlocked Salmon, and Walleye caught and offered in accordance with "Classic" rules and regulations. **GUARANTEE \$1000 minimum for first place winners in all three divisions.**

b) \$20.00 of each adult registration ticket up to a maximum of \$35,000 will be entered into the win pool and be divided equally in cash prizes among the Lake Trout category, Salmon category, and Walleye category. Example: 1,500 adult registrants x \$20.00 = \$30,000.

c) The percentage indicated above for cash awards will remain constant. The only variable is the number of registrants. Therefore, if there are 1,000 registrants instead of the 1,500 used in the example above, the cash awards would total \$20,000.

d) In the event of a tie in any of the prize categories, the first fish weighed in will be declared the winner. Other tie-breaking methods will be established by the judges, if necessary.

e) The official prize winners will be announced and prizes awarded during the "Classic" Awards Ceremony at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 3, 2012, at Dock Street in Plattsburgh, NY. Prize winners and/or their witness for the winning fish must be present at and participate in the awards ceremony and related promotional activities. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of that winner, and that prize money will be used for Rotary purposes. As this is a family event, any unruly behavior will

result in dismissal from the event and disqualification from the Classic for the current year and the immediate subsequent year.

### 9. CLASSIC HEADQUARTERS AND ACTIVITIES

a) Headquarters for the 2012 "Classic" shall be located at the Plattsburgh Marina, during the tournament.

b) A daily record of the largest fish caught will be posted at all weigh-in stations and announced on Marine Channel 68 hourly between 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. until the tournament ends at Noon on Sunday, and will be available on our FISHLINE at 1-877-519-7942.

c) Prize winners must be present at the awards ceremony to be eligible for a prize. Therefore, all participants that have entered a fish should check the leader board at the weigh-in station or attend the awards ceremony to verify if they are prize winners (see Rule 8e).

### 10. WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND OTHER AGREEMENTS

a) The signature on a completed "Classic" application form and payment of the \$40 registration fee shall serve as the registrant's agreement to the following:

1. To abide by all rules and regulations of the 2012 "Classic."

2. To complete an official weigh-in form provided by the "Classic" Steering Committee for each fish offered.

3. To submit to a polygraph test administered by a licensed polygraph examiner to verify the authenticity of the catch when deemed necessary in the sole discretion of the "Classic" judges.

b) Each registrant agrees to hold harmless the "Classic" Steering Committee, the Plattsburgh Rotary Club, its Board and Staff, all other sponsors, volunteers, agents and media from any liability of any nature, including but not limited to any personal injuries and/or property damage caused or suffered by the registrant during the period in which the "Classic" is held.

c) Each registrant agrees to give the Plattsburgh Rotary Club full rights for promotional and/or commercial purposes to any photograph, electronic or video recording of themselves taken by the "Classic" Steering Committee, its duly authorized agents or the news media during the "Classic."

d) Each registrant agrees to accept all decisions of the "Classic" judges as final.

e) Refusal to consent to or abide by any of the above conditions will result in automatic disqualification of the registrant without any recourse.

f) Any registrant disqualified for failure to adhere to the rules and regulations of the 2011 "Classic" may be prohibited from participating in the 2012 Rotary International Fishing Classic, in the sole discretion of the "Classic" judges.

### HOW THE TEAM COMPETITION WORKS

Any group of from two to four anglers, all of whom are also registered individually in the Rotary Fishing Classic can form a Team. The Team will then compete together against other Teams to enter the best two-fish point combination of the tournament. The registration, point system and payout are separate from the Annual Fishing Classic. If you win, your Team could earn up to 50% of the Team registration fees



and each angler is still eligible to win additional prizes in the Fishing Classic, as this is a non-exclusive prize.

Team members will cooperate to enter two fish, each from different species categories (Lake Trout, Salmon or Walleye) which, when added together amass the highest number of Classic Team Prize Points. The two fish may be caught by a single member or by any two different members of the Team during the regular hours of the Classic. At Rotary Headquarters computerized results will keep track of the highest two-fish point total for the top three Teams at any time. These results will also be communicated among the various weigh stations around the lake.

### TEAM PRIZES

Your \$50 entry fee, along with everyone else's, goes into the ROTARY CLASSIC TEAM POOL which is segregated from the Classic pool of fees. At the end of the tournament, the winning Team will receive 50% of whatever is in the pool; the second place team will receive 15%, with the third place team receiving 10% and the final 25% going to support the Plattsburgh Rotary Club's work in the community.

### TEAM Prizewinner Determination

The TEAM Prize Point value of each fish entered in the Rotary Fishing Classic shall be determined by multiplying the weight of the fish by the Species Points for that species.

Species Points are as follows: Atlantic Salmon 55, Lake Trout 39, Walleye 51.

### Calculation Example

**To calculate the TEAM points, the weight is multiplied by the "fish factor"**

Salmon: weight x 55 = Team Prize Points; Lake Trout: weight x 39 = Team Prize Points; Walleye: weight x 51 = Team Prize Points

Let's say, a salmon is weighed in at 5 pounds = 275 points; the other team member weighs in a Trout at 10 pounds (390). Total TEAM points = 665.

### 2012 TEAM RULES

In addition to the 2012 ~~??26<sup>th</sup>~~ Annual Rotary International Fishing Classic Rules & Regulations, the Team shall abide by the following:

a) Each Team will be composed of at least two (2) and not more than four (4) members.

b) Each Team must choose a Captain in whose name the Team will be registered (Team names are optional) prior to the Team registration deadline. One Team member (usually the Captain) must list all tentative Team members on the registration form at the time of purchase or call our toll-free number by 6pm on Thursday, May 31, 2012 with member names. Any names not received by that time will not be allowed to fish under that Team's registered name in the Derby.

c) Each Team member must purchase an individual registration in the Fishing Classic prior to the tournament registration deadline.

d) All tentative Team members must be listed on the Team registration form at the time of purchase.

e) A contestant may be a member of one, and only one, Team.

f) Team members may not divide themselves up into more than two groups while fishing. This means a limit of 2 boats or groups of shore anglers per Team.

### HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE TEAM OPTION

a) Be sure that everyone on the Team purchases their individual Rotary International Fishing Classic registration prior to the Individual Angler deadline of 6pm on the Thursday before the Tournament begins. They must designate the name of the Team for which they will be fishing.

b) Complete your Team registration for the whole Team mailing the application so that it is postmarked no later than May 28, 2012. On-line and phone registrations on our Fishline must be submitted no later than 6pm on May 31, 2012.

c) Visa, American Express and MasterCard may be used to register your Team through our toll-free number (1-877-519-7942), at a Rotary Fishing Classic registration outlet or online at [www.plattsburghrotary.org](http://www.plattsburghrotary.org) by 6pm on May 31, 2012.

## Application/Official Registration Form

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Outlet # \_\_\_\_\_

### Rotary International Fishing Classic June 1 - June 3, 2012

Please use a separate form for each angler regardless of age

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I will obey the rules and regulations of the tournament. I assume the risks involved and agree to hold harmless the Plattsburgh Rotary Club and its members. Make checks payable to: Plattsburgh Rotary Club. Your credit card statement will reflect *Plattsburgh Rotary Club*.

**FEE: \$40 per Adult • \$20 per Child**

(15 or younger by May 30th)

(please circle appropriate category)

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (daytime) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in competing in the **TEAM** category. I understand this has a minimum of two pre-registered anglers and a maximum of four. Fee is **\$50 per Team**. The other members of my Team include:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature (Entry not valid unless signed)

TEAM Entry Fee (\$50): \_\_\_\_\_

ADULT Angler Fee (\$40): \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD Entry Fee (\$20): \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please charge my MC/VISA/AMERICAN EXPRESS:

Exp Date (MM/YY): \_\_\_\_\_

3-Digit Personal Number (on reverse above signature): \_\_\_\_\_

## 2012 OFFICIAL REGISTRATION OUTLETS

### NEW YORK

#### Crown Point

Norm's Bait & Tackle, 286 Bridge Road 518-597-3645

#### Diamond Point

Fish307.com, 1571 State Route 9 518-798-9203

#### Essex

Essex Marina, South Main Street 518-963-7222

#### Lake George

Fish307.com, Co. State Route 149 800-547-4307 or 518-798-9203

#### Moriah Center

Boyea's Lakeside, 2819 Plank Road 518-546-3744

#### Morrisonville

Gordon's Marine & Tackle, 1428 Route 3 518-561-2109

#### Plattsburgh

Richards Grocery, Bait & Tackle, 71 Johnson Avenue 518-563-1444

#### Queensbury

John's Outdoor Sports, 449 Dix Avenue 518-798-0423

#### Whitehall

Honey's Bait & Tackle, 129 Broadway 518-499-2291

#### Willsboro

Byrd's Country Store, Route 22 518-963-7277

### VERMONT

#### Barre

R & L Archery, 70 Smith Street 802-269-9151

#### Colchester

Lakeshore Hardware & Marine, 713 W. Lakeshore Dr. 802-863-4910

#### Grand Isle

A&B Beverage and Bill's Sport Shop, 193 Route 2 802-372-4531

#### North Ferrisburg

Midstate Hunting & Fishing, 2470 Route 7 802-877-3776

#### Rutland

Great Outdoors Trading Co., 291 Woodstock Ave. 802-775-9989

#### South Burlington

Dattilio's Sunoco/Guns & Tackle, 794 Shelburne Rd. 802-862-5516

#### South Hero

Apple Island Marina, Route 2 802-572-3500

Keeler's Bay Store, 500 Route 2 802-372-4465

## Weigh Stations

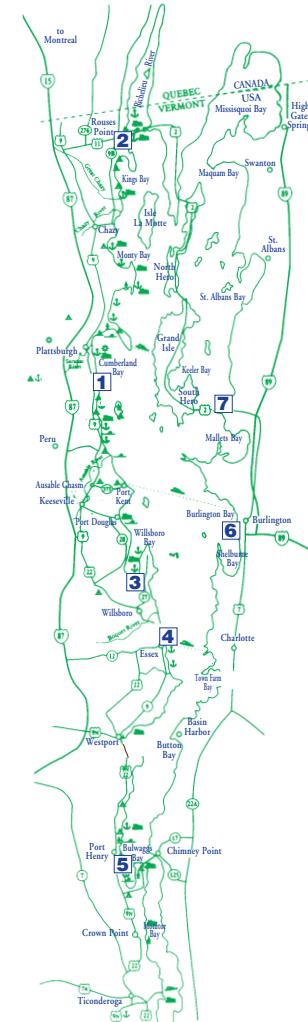
### Western Shore

1. Plattsburgh Marina  
Tournament Headquarters  
1 Dock Street  
Plattsburgh, NY
2. Sportmen's Pier  
Montgomery Street  
Rouses Point, NY
3. Indian Bay  
Willsboro, NY
4. Essex Marina  
South Main Street  
Essex, NY
5. Port Henry Boat Ramp  
Port Henry, NY

### Eastern Shore

6. Perkins Pier  
Maple Street  
Burlington, VT
7. Apple Island Marina  
Sand Bar Bridge  
Route 2  
South Hero, VT

\*Email any questions  
to the Tourney Chair at:  
info@plattsburghrotary.org  
to noon June 3rd



## How To Get Here:

- U.S. Route 9 connects Canada to New York.
- NY Highway 11 connects Rouses Point to the western part of the state.
- NY Highway 3 connects Plattsburgh to the western part of the state.
- Adirondack Highway (I-87) connects Albany to Canada intersecting with NYS Thruway (I-90) connecting Buffalo with Boston.
- Lake Champlain Transportation Company services Plattsburgh (NY) to Grand Isle (VT), Port Kent (NY) to Burlington (VT) and Essex (NY) to Charlotte (VT).
- U.S. Route 7 connects Canada to Vermont.
- U.S. Route 2 connects Canada to Vermont via the Lake Champlain Islands.

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