

CHEBOYGAN SALMON
TOURNAMENT

August 1, 2026

Tournament Information call Pete at:
231-627-5143 or 231-420-5153

Rules and Regulations

- 1. Only fish of the trout and salmon family will be weighed in. Five (5) heaviest trout/salmon (aggregate weight) will determine boat division winner.
- 2. Salmon Tourney Side Bet: 5 Heaviest ***Salmon only*** per boat. 100% pay back to the winner.
- 3. Ties will be broken by the team having entered the largest single fish. In the event there is still a tie, a flip of the coin will break the tie.
- 4. All boats must launch from the Cheboygan River. The tournament will be monitored on Channel 68.
- 5. Coolers will be checked starting at 4:30 a.m. at the launch site or gas pump dock at marina.
- 6. All boats must stay in the staging area (which is behind a line from the red buoy and the starting boat) until the 6:00 a.m. shotgun start.
- 7. All boating and fishing methods must be in accordance with the rules and regulations set by the appropriate state laws.
- 8. Any boat or individuals who: fishes by illegal methods, has over the limit of fish, has fish on board prior to a day's fishing, comes into contact or receives any assistance from shore/another boat, or any breach of tournament rules, shall be disqualified and forfeits all entry fees. In case of mechanical failure, you must radio Tournament Control & make them aware of the situation.
- 9. Tournament officials may disqualify any boat which has concealed its cooler from inspection or which contain fish that show signs of tampering or fowl hooking. Each participant is on his/her honor to compete on a fair basis and to make sure others do the same.
- 10. All boats must be inside the breakwall no later than 2:00 p.m. or they are disqualified. Coolers will be unloaded at the marina gas dock.
- 11. Weigh-in will begin at 3:00 p.m. at the Gordon Turner Park area (tent). At least one (1) member of every crew must be present for their cooler to be weighed.
- 12. In the interest of conservation, no fish under twenty one (21) inches will be weighed.
- 13. Each captain in signing the entry form binds the captain and the crew members to observe all these

- rules and represents that the captain has instructed their crew members in these rules. **Each captain must be registered and checked in by 6:00 p.m. on July 31, 2026 when registration ends and a mandatory captain's meeting begins at the tent at Gordon Turner Park.**
- 14. Liability: Every captain and crew member agrees to hold the Cheboygan Trial Blazers/ Fraternal Order of Eagles #1282, their agents, officers, directors, or employees harmless from any liability of any nature or kind, for any injuries and/or damage suffered by any participant during the tournament activities. Each participant is expected to protect persons and property during all activities of the tournament.
 - 15. In case of bad weather, tournament officials may delay, postpone, or cancel the event. If canceled all entry fees will be refunded.
 - 16. The decision of the tournament directors, voting as a panel shall be final. They may vote to cancel, modify, or terminate the tournament. The directors shall determine all disputes, which must be presented in writing, on the day of weigh-in, by 1/2 hour before the weigh-in starts. Protest must be accompanied by a \$100 deposit, to be returned only if the protest is upheld. Otherwise the protest deposit is forfeited.
- PRIZE MONEY**
(Based on 50 Boats)
- BOAT DIVISION**
1st Prize: \$3000.00
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| 2nd: \$1500.00 | 6th: \$ 600.00 | 10th: \$ 250.00 |
| 3rd: \$1000.00 | 7th: \$ 500.00 | 11-15th: \$200 |
| 4th: \$ 800.00 | 8th: \$ 400.00 | |
| 5th: \$ 700.00 | 9th: \$ 300.00 | |
- LARGEST SALMON (by Weight)**
1st Prize: \$1000.00 sponsored by Straits Area Federal Credit Union plus fish mount by Marshland Taxidermy/Straits Area Chimney.
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| 2nd: \$ 500.00 | 4th: \$ 200.00 |
| 3rd: \$ 300.00 | 5th: \$ 100.00 |
- LARGEST STEELHEAD (by Weight)**
1st: \$500.00 Modern Pharmacy plus \$300.00 additional from T.M. France, Inc./Irrigation Systems
- LARGEST LAKE TROUT (by Weight)**
1st: \$500.00 Fernelius Ford/Lincoln
- LARGEST ATLANTIC SALMON (by Weight)**
1st: \$500.00 In Memory of Fred Brandt
- LARGEST WALLEYE (by Weight)**
1st: \$1,000.00 Maple Bay Marine
- MYSTERY WEIGHT FISH**
\$300.00 Pub 27 / MJ Builders

WELCOME

The Cheboygan Community and Cheboygan Salmon Tournament Committee invite one and all to take part in the 28th Annual Salmon Tournament on August 1, 2026.

We are looking forward to all past participants as well as any new ones. This year's prize money will be the same as 2025, with over \$15,000.00 given away (based on 50 boats).

Friday, July 31, 2026: The 2026 Tournament festivities will commence with a dinner, including beer, pop and various foods under the Big Tent from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. — everyone is welcome.

Note: Captains may check in starting at 4:00 p.m. – must be checked in by 6:00 p.m. or disqualified – No Refunds. Dinner tickets (4) will be received at check-in for captain & crew. Prizes will be given away during the mandatory captains meeting which will take place from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 1, 2026: The tournament will begin with a shotgun start at 6:00 a.m. Boats are due back in harbor by the 2:00 p.m. deadline, with weigh-in station opening at 3:00 p.m. Weights will be posted on a weigh-in board as each cooler is weighed in.

Entertainment for the 2026 tournament will be provided by Billy Jewell & Charlie Reager. Entertainment will start at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31st and again at noon on Saturday, August 1st until weigh-in and again after weigh-in until 6:00 p.m.

Recap of 2025 Tournament

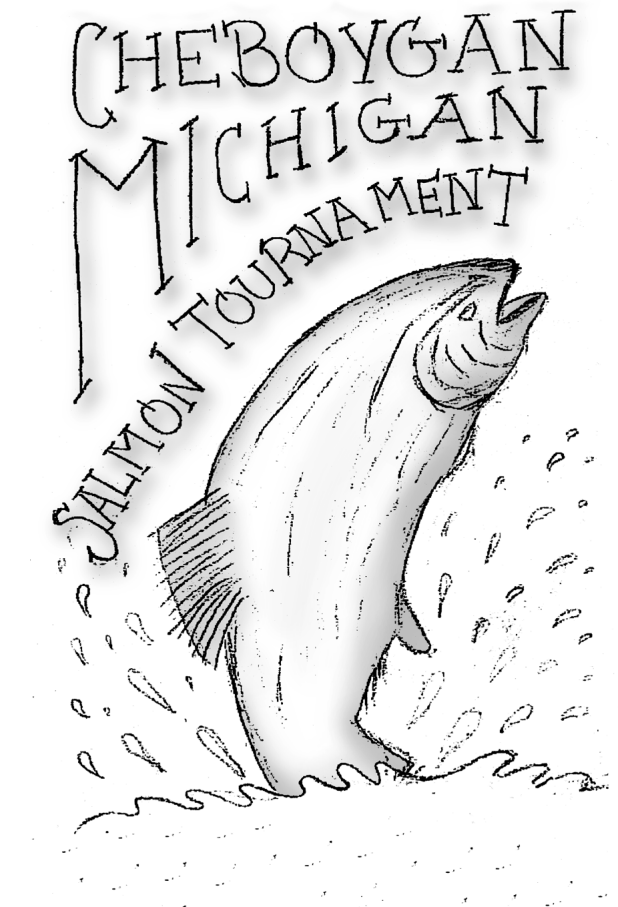
- 66 Boats participated
- 1,423.01 lbs. of fish were weighed in
- Largest Salmon of the tournament was 17.10 lbs. and won by Jeff Mouch & Crew aboard “Cranky” of Metamora, MI.
- 5 fish total of Boat Division was 77.01 lbs. & won by Jack France & Crew aboard “Diabolical II” of Cheboygan, MI.

Previous Tournament Winners

2025 Jack France Cheboygan, MI

For past tournament winners, please go to
www.cheboygansalmontournament.com

28th Annual



August 1, 2026

Captain’s Meeting & Dinner
July 31, 2026

Sponsored by:
Cheboygan Trail Blazers
&
Fraternal Order of Eagles #1282

For more information, go to our new website:
www.cheboygansalmontournament.com

Proceeds to Benefit Local Projects

2026 Cheboygan Salmon Tournament SPONSORS

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\$1,000.00
Sponsor of the Largest Salmon

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\$2,000.00
Sponsor towards “Boat Division”

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(Cheboygan/Mackinaw City/Indian River)
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\$1,000.00
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Cheboygan Area Visitors Bureau

- Fleetwood Inn & Suites
231-627-3126
- Continental Inn
231-627-7164
- LeDuc’s Creekside Motel
231-627-4696
- Best Western River Terrace
231-627-5688
- The Monarch Motel
231-445-9081
- Johnson’s Motel
231-597-8302
- Pine River Motel
231-627-5119

ENTRY FORM – CHEBOYGAN SALMON FISHING TOURNAMENT 2026

Captain _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____ Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Boat Name _____ Boat Registration _____

Length _____ Make _____

Crew 1 _____, 2 _____, 3 _____, 4 _____, 5 _____, 6 _____

Captain’s Signature _____

(Sign on behalf of self/crew per No Liability Statement noted in rule #14)

☐ Enclosed \$200 Entry Fee
Includes 4 dinner tickets

☐ Salmon Tourney Side Bet
\$100 Entry Fee enclosed (see Rule2)

Make checks payable to: Cheboygan Trail Blazers/Salmon Tournament Sorry, no credit cards

Send to: Cheboygan Trail Blazers/Salmon Tournament
812 S. Huron Street
Cheboygan, MI 49721

Pete: (231) 627-5143 or (231) 420-5153

Early Bird Drawing — Enter by
June 30, 2026 to be eligible: \$200.00