

New for 2011

“The Boat Doc Walleye Invitational”

Members receive a 10% discount on most parts and accessories purchased from The Boat Doc!

\$4000 coupon for a new Triton to the highest finishing team of the year!

Triton Gold payout up to \$7000 per tournament with 2009-2011 original owner Triton & 250hp motor. Must have 60 boats to qualify.

\$500 to the highest placing Triton Gold finisher in the top 10 if Triton Gold is not won!

\$200 to the highest finisher of each tournament if you purchased your new boat from The Boat Doc!

Mercury prizes and contingencies!

Smallest 5 fish limit receives \$100 Dutch's Trading post gift certificate!

Biggest walleyes, 100% paid cash pot!

(4) Tournaments on Lake Winnebago for 2011. May 15, May 29, June 26, July 10

Final tournament of the year will have 2 payouts, one for the tournament that day and one for final point standings!

90% guaranteed payback, way more with contingencies!

Rules' meetings are via email, no meetings the day before. **MUST HAVE EMAIL TO FISH TOURNAMENTS!**

Each team has a captain; this captain must fish all four tournaments to sign up for the early registration. This captain may fish with up to 4 different partners if they choose and still keep points standings going. Each partner needs to be a member. With each different partner a new entry form will need to be filled out.

*** First 65 boats signing up for all 4 tournaments will be taken!**

Entry forms will be posted at www.theboatdoc.com as well as payout information.

Individual tournaments will be taken starting April 15 if tournament does not fill.

All tournaments will be out of Millers Bay in Oshkosh and entire system is open to fish!

The Boat Doc Walleye Invitational

2011 Membership/Entry Application

TEAM CAPTAIN

First Name _____ MI _____ Last _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

PARTNER

First Name _____ MI _____ Last _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____

Boater's Insurance company _____

Boat manufacturer _____

Motor manufacturer _____

Triton Gold applicable? Y or N (circle one)

I signify by my signature below that I have read and understand the 2011 Boat Doc Invitational Rules, Participation Agreement, Release of Liability and the Photo & Video Release. I will not hold BD Outdoors LLC. accountable for any injury or death that may occur during and after tournament hours. Both anglers must sign!

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

The entry fee for The Boat Doc Walleye Invitational is \$150 per Tournament - **** Membership Fees are due when applying for first tournament. Make checks payable to: BD Outdoors, llc.**

Send payment to: The Boat Doc, N11463 Columbia Drive, Lomira, WI, 53048

Check all that you're applying for: {x}

\$20 single membership { }

\$40 team membership { }

\$150 Lake Winnebago May 15th 7-3pm { } \$10 Big Fish { }

\$150 Lake Winnebago May 29th 7-3pm { } \$10 Big Fish { }

\$150 Lake Winnebago June 26th 7-3pm { } \$10 Big Fish { }

\$150 Lake Winnebago July 10th 7-3pm { } \$10 Big Fish { }

Total \$ _____

The Boat Doc Walleye Invitational

2011 Rules & Regulations

Membership

Participation in any of The Boat Doc Walleye Invitational tournaments (BDI) will require a membership fee. This fee will be \$20.00 per person or \$40.00 per team. With this one year membership you will receive a 10% discount on most parts and accessories purchased through The Boat Doc. You must fish at least one tournament for this to apply.

I. Participation and Entry

A. Each team must complete, sign and submit an official BDI entry form along with payment. Membership fees must be paid with first tournament entry of the year. All early entries must be received 6 days prior to tournament day before the tournament weekend. "If it is a Sunday tournament you must have your application to us by the Monday before". A \$50.00 late fee per team will be charged for all entries paid after the Monday before the tournament. You may enter the morning of the tournament if there are spots available. 65 Teams is a full field and will be filled on a first come first serve basis. When we have 65 teams we will no longer take any more entries.

B. Participants must enter as two-person teams (no "Partner TBD" or unknown partner names on the entry forms). Any person 17 years of age or younger must be teamed with a parent or guardian.

C. Each team will have a TEAM CAPTAIN. This captain will be allowed to fish with any partner they choose for the four tournaments without losing any team points. Each different partner will need a \$20 membership. If you're not worried about points then the captain will mean nothing.

D. BDI does not discriminate based on race, creed, color or gender. BDI is not required to accept all applications and retains sole discretion on acceptance or rejection of any application.

E. The entry fee (without late fees) for each team per tournament is \$150. There will also be an optional \$10 big fish pot. Payment must accompany each entry. Check or cash are acceptable payments. A \$40 processing fee will be applied to all declined non sufficient funded checks. Payments are to be made to: **BD Outdoors**. Mailing address is, The Boat Doc, N11463 Columbia Drive, Lomira, WI, 53048.

II. REFUNDS & CREDIT

A. No refunds apply at any time. No refunds will be made nor will credit be extended for any cancellations.

Disqualification from a tournament for any reason will result in forfeiture of entry fee. No refunds or credits are extended to teams that choose not to fish due to inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances.

III. PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE, REGISTRATION & RULES MEETING

A. Pre-tournament practice is allowed up until 8pm the day before the tournament. You must be OFF the water by 8pm that Saturday.

B. Each competitor must register in person at tournament headquarters by 6:30 AM on the tournament day. If you show up late and the entire field has gone out, you will be disqualified.

C. Boat numbers will be determined by when entry form is received. There will be two flights and we will alternate take off's every other tournament. Ex: 1-32 first tourney and 32-1 second.

D. All rules and information will be done via email. **You must have a valid email address to enter this tournament. You must have a copy of these rules in your boat on tournament day.** There will be no meeting the day before the tournament; we will however answer any questions the morning of the tournament.

IV. TOURNAMENT INTEGRITY, POLICY & SAFETY

A. Participants will conduct themselves in a true sportsmanlike, courteous, safe and ethical manner at all times maintaining professional demeanor in public and in communication with tournament officials. Any unfavorable conduct, speech or action by a participant could be grounds for disqualification or rejection of entry application. Every competitor is expected to participate in the marshaling of the field in order to maintain the highest integrity to the competition. Any incidents observed during tournament hours should be reported to tournament officials for further investigation.

B. Any tournament angler has a right to protest another team. A written protest must be made with a tournament official within ½ hour of tournament end time. A \$200 protest fee must accompany the protest. A polygraph or CVS Voice Stress Analyzer may be utilized. If the protest is valid the disqualified party must pay the protest fee and all investigative costs.

- C. The tournament officials will interpret these rules according to the spirit and intent of the rule and their decision in any dispute is final. **A copy of these rules MUST be in each competitor's boat during the tournament.**
- D. Boat operator must have boater's liability insurance and is required to list insurance company on tournament application.
- E. All BDI tournaments will be conducted as catch-and-release events.
- F. All tournament boats will be inspected to have all the Coast Guard required safety equipment. Tournament boats will also be inspected for functioning and empty live-wells.
- G. All teams are subject to official inspection during the tournament and agree to an inspection at any time. No fishing information may be given to participants during tournament fishing hours by anyone in any fashion. **Cell phones are allowed for safety purposes only.** Only friendly non-fishing conversation between competitors is allowed during tournament hours. No Internet access is allowed, nor is text messaging, paging, or walk-talkie to another person during tournament hours. BDI may request cell phone records in the course of investigation and all participants agree to provide such records if requested of them. **We will enforce these rules if needed. Any cheating in this tournament circuit is grounds for criminal charges!**
- H. Participants agree to wear a Coast Guard approved personal floatation device anytime the main engine is running and the boat is on plane.
- I. Each boat must have a U.S. Coast Guard rating plate attached to the boat by the manufacturer. The horsepower rating of the outboard engine must not exceed the rating specified on this plate.
- J. In the event of a thunderstorm, lightning and/or severe weather, participants may pull into the nearest shoreline until it is safe to continue fishing. Participants may not leave their boats during tournament hours except at a commercial gas dock, the official weigh-in site or if severe weather forces them ashore. Tournament hours may be shortened at the discretion of tournament director due to unsafe weather conditions.
- K. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs may be possessed or consumed during tournament hours.
- L. Tournament boundaries or restricted fishing zones will be discussed via email and may be further restricted if needed. Participants must abide by all local navigation laws and avoid restricted areas at all times.
- M. Late penalties...**LATE MEANS LATE.** If you are late you will be disqualified. If you are not off plane and within sight of check in boat you are late.
- N. BDI participants must possess all necessary fishing licenses and commit to following regulations. All state rules regarding fishing will be observed unless more stringent regulations are specified at the rules meeting.
- O. Any team that receives a written citation for any violation during the tournament hours will be disqualified.

V. Fishing specifics

- A. Each contestant may use up to 3 rods per person with 1 lure per rod or 3 baits presented total at one time. Trolling is permitted.
- B. Competitors are restricted from impeding another competitor's immediate water. No anchored boat shall permit selected competitors to fish within 10 yard circle claimed by him. Anchored position means trolling motor out of the water and boat is holding position due to some kind of anchoring system. A Power Pole will qualify for an anchoring system. Tied to an obstruction, like a pier, is not anchoring.
- C. All teams will be allowed to weigh a 5 fish limit of walleye for all tournaments.
- D. Any team that brings an extra or 6th fish to the bump station will have the longest fish disqualified from their total basket.
- E. Minimum size limit for all walleye will be 15 inches unless there is a site-specific regulation for the body of water where the tournament takes place.
- F. Any team that brings a short fish will have their longest fish eliminated. Fish will be measured by a tournament official with fish's mouth closed and tail pinched. There will be a courtesy bump board available to all anglers prior to the scale opening.
- G. Dead fish will result in a ¼ pound deduction to angler's final weight. Example: (2 dead fish equals minus ½ pound).
- H. If equipment failure occurs you may do one of two things. Both partners remain in their boat and are towed by water to weigh-in, or by one partner entering the boat of another tournament contestant and transferring catch into that contestant's boat. Under these two conditions the contestants' catches will be counted without a penalty. (Except for late penalties, dead fish penalties or other penalties pertaining to other tournament rules).

VI. Winning

A. Each team's total weight minus deductions will determine the final tournament standings. The team with the most weight in a tournament will win that tournament.

VII. Series Finals and Points

A. There will be a number of tournaments on one particular body of water to make a tournament series. Anglers will fish each tournament as an individual tournament but will gain points based on how they perform at each tournament. The team with the most points after the final tournament on this particular body of water will be the series winners or Team of the Year.

B. The first place team at each tournament will receive 200 points, second place 199 and so on. Teams with no fish will all receive 40 points less than the team that has the lowest weight with one fish.

C. The last tournament of the year will have two payouts. One payout will be for the tournament that day, and the other for the top teams in the entire series. The payout for the series will depend on how many anglers participate throughout the year. If a tie occurs in the series finals the team with the most weight for the year will win the tie.

VIII. Payout

A. Tournament payout will be a minimum 90% of entry fee taken in. 10% of that money will go towards the series finals. Individual tournaments will pay the top 20% of the field. Series finals will pay the top 7 teams if a full field of 65 boats exists. The top team will have the most points accumulated over the series.

B. In case of a tie during a normal tournament, the first tie breaker shall be the number of fish. If a tie still remains there will be a split pot. If a tie occurs in the series finals the team with the most weight for the year will win the tie.

IX. Contingencies

A. The highest placing team that purchased a new boat from The Boat Doc will receive \$200 per tournament.

B. Triton Gold will apply to any anglers running a Triton boat and are signed up for Triton Gold. Win up to \$7000 per tournament with 60 boat field. \$500 goes to the highest placing Triton Gold member in the top 10 if Gold was not won that day. See website for boat and motor specifics.

C. There may be more contingencies in the future. Any future contingencies will be posted at www.theboatdoc.com and will be announced.

X. ANGLER'S WAIVER & ACKNOWLEDGMENT

A. Participation Agreement: I understand that this is a professional sporting event governed by the rules that have been established by tournament officials. I acknowledge that I have received a copy of these rules and that these rules relate to the safety of all participants as well as the fair sporting conduct of this event. The Tournament Official(s) shall act as the referee in all disputes and their decision based on their interpretation of the rules **will be final** and without legal appeal. I also understand there are **never refunds** for tournament entry fees.

B. Release of Liability: I acknowledge that I am participating voluntarily in The Boat Doc Walleye Invitational. I agree to assume all risk of injury, death, damages, theft and loss to personal property, which may result from my participation in BDI tournaments. I recognize that loss of property, injury or death could arise from the fishing and boating activities contemplated by the tournament and the risks normally encountered in open-water fishing from a boat may be enhanced by exposure to the elements and other risks inherent in outdoor competition. I retain the right to not compete if I feel the risks are too great on any given day, however, I realize in so doing that I forfeit any claim to my entry fee. I warrant that I am in good physical and mental health and am physically capable of withstanding the rigors and requirements of a professional fishing competition.

C. Photo & Video Release: I understand and agree that any and all photographs, videos or films taken during the of my participation in the tournament which includes me, my name and/or my boat may be used by the tournament organizers, sponsors or media without my prior consent and without royalties.