

BOATER RESPONSIBILITIES

- **REVIEW AND UNDERSTAND ALL TOURNAMENT RULES!**
- **\$300,000 boat insurance is mandatory, proof must be on record prior to the tournament draw.**
- Prior to the tournament, discuss any special concerns (such as smoking, sensitivity to rough rides, space available, etc.) with partner. **Notify the Tournament Director if there are any concerns.**
- Prepare your equipment the night before. Have storage set aside for your partner.
- Boats must be equipped with all United States Coast Guard approved equipment. Check with the USCG for the requirements of your size boat.
- Have all necessary valid fishing license(s). A Canadian license may be required for some tournaments.
- Make sure that you have adequate amount of fuel for the length of trips you will be taking.
- Know your partner and make arrangements ahead of time for meeting him/her at the launch site. Know how to get to the launch site.
- Know your boat position for kick off.
- Arrive early to the tournament and re-register during the designated hours.
- You must have a USCG approved life vest.
- **Kill switch must be in working condition, connected to your life jacket whenever the main motor is operating.**
- **Livewells must be in working order.**
- Instruct your partner how to operate your boat in case of an emergency.
- Bring a watch and keep track of the time.
- Know where the weigh-in is being held. It is not always at the launch site!
- All batteries should be fully charged.
- Carry a First Aid kit on board.
- Landing net is optional, but if you have one, discuss if you want help netting fish.
- Carry spare parts for breakdowns, with tools to help make repairs.
- Watch your casts if you have a partner!

NON-BOATER RESPONSIBILITIES

- **REVIEW AND UNDERSTAND ALL TOURNAMENT RULES!**
- Prior to the tournament, discuss any special concerns (such as smoking, sensitivity to rough rides, etc.) with partner. **Notify the Tournament Director if there are any concerns.**
- Prepare your equipment the night before. Limit tackle, unless otherwise discussed with your partner.
- Have all necessary valid fishing license(s). A Canadian license may be required for some tournaments.
- Know your partner and make arrangements ahead of time for meeting him/her at the launch site. Know how to get to the launch site.
- Arrive early to the tournament and re-register during the designated hours, this is very important so we can place people in case of boat breakdowns.
- Assists with launching and loading of boats whenever possible.
- **You must have a USCG approved life vest.**
- Bring a lunch and something to drink. Bring at least one pair of sunglasses.
- Dress for the weather, gloves, hat, face shield, snowsuit, sunscreen, etc. Bring a rain suit.
- Ask your partner how to operate the boat in case of an emergency.
- Be careful not to track mud, stones, tar etc. into your partners boat.
- Watch your casts; try not to bounce lures off the motor, windshield or boat.
- **You are responsible for your catch.** Make sure livewells are in working order in your partner's boat.
- There is no mandatory fee for the boater's gas and expenses, however sharing expenses is always appreciated.
- Bring a watch and keep track of the time.
- Know where the weigh-in is being held. It is not always at the launch site!
- Net partners fish only if asked to do so.