1. TO ENTER; the entry form MUST be completed and mailed with the appropriate fee to the 444 Walleye Tournament. P.O. Box 444, Port Colborne, Ontario, L3K 1B7. (Please note: Postmark dates will determine entry.) **ALL ENTRIES MUST BE MAILED.** Do not mail cash. Current dated cheques or money orders **ONLY**. **NO POST DATED CHEQUES ACCEPTED.**
2. Eligibility; All persons 16 years of age and under must have a signed waiver form from a parent or guardian to enter. (Please see rule # 16) Entrants enter at their own risk. Cheques that are NSF, unsigned, post dated or otherwise not negotiable on the date received by the registrar will not be accepted. The application received with the aforementioned will not be accepted. It is the responsibility of the entrant for the timely submission of applications. **No Refunds allowed.**
3. Tournament boundaries; Waters of Lake Erie, upper Niagara River and lower Grand River. All boats to leave Sugarloaf Harbour by water. Boats leaving break wall area at canal prior to official start times will be disqualified. NO BOAT is to precede the official patrol boat. All boats MUST enter and exit at the port of Port Colborne via the canal entrance through the break wall and in through the retaining wall, adjacent the Government Grain Elevator.
4. **Fishing hours:**
   Saturday June 20th, 1st field (100 Regular Division) 7:00 am–3:00 pm
   2nd field (100 Small boat team) 8:00 am– 4:00 pm
   Sunday June 21st, 1st field (100 Small boat team) 7:00 am–2:00 p.m.
   2nd field (100 Regular Division) 8:00 am– 3:00pm
   Reverse field from first to second day. Starting times determined by the category entered, either Regular Division or Small Boat Division, but not both. At the discretion of tournament officials the boat must be in site of the Government Grain Elevator Channel by the close of fishing each day. There will be a penalty of 8 ounces per minute late. All speed limits and "**NO WAKE"** zones must be observed.
5. An information meeting at 7:00 p.m. sharp and team registrations will commence at 4:44 p.m. Friday, June 19th 2009 at H.H.Knoll Park. Waiver forms must be signed by all team participants and must be received prior to or at registration. (See Rule #16)
6. The Regular division allows for a maximum of 4 team members, and a substitute. The Small boat division allows for a maximum of 3 team members, and a substitute. For both divisions a team cannot fish with less than 2 team members.
7. Fish Limit – A **maximum** of four (4) Walleye per day caught by that team may be presented for official weighing at the stage. The dock master on the long dock **MUST** clip all fish in excess of these maximums to be weighed in each day.
8. A maximum of 2 rods per person (8 maximum) will be permitted in the regular division, and only 4 rods maximum in the small boat division; all other government (U.S. and Canadian) regulations for boating and fishing will apply.
9. Each boat will be given numbered identification devices, which must be prominently displayed, on the boat. **Official patrol boat will be clearly identified by a red and green flag.** Numbered pucks **MUST** be picked up each morning prior to heading out and must be returned ½ hour after your wave is in each day whether weighing fish or not. Failure to pick up or return numbered puck each day may result in disqualification. This system is for your safety and allows event organizers to know your team is off the lake. You cannot weigh in fish without the puck. **Failure to return the puck by 3:30 p.m. Sunday may result in disqualification in the next year's tournament.**
10. Competitors must **not** go ashore anywhere but the Port Colborne Marina Complex or Marlon Marina gas dock during competition, tournament **officials must be contacted at that time.** To land anywhere else may result in disqualification. All captains must check in at the band shell after both days fishing. Pucks must be returned at that time each day. (See rule # 9)
11. Boats may be inspected by Tournament Officials at anytime during the competition. No persons other than the registered competitor will be allowed in the boat during the fishing period of the competition. Only registered substitutions will be allowed after the start of the tournament. (See rule # 28)
12. All standings will be determined by weight. A tie for any position will see the respective prize money split equally.
13. Competitors may be disqualified for any violation of the tournament rules, with no refund of the entry fee. Decision of tournament committee is final.
14. To qualify for any competitor's draw prizes, participants must be on the grounds to win.
15. Winners may be subject to polygraph testing. Winners must refrain from alcohol and drug intake prior to polygraph testing. Refusal to take the polygraph test will result in automatic disqualification.
16. Each competitor upon registration agrees to sign a waiver holding the sponsors, their agents or employees, harmless from liability of any nature, and for injuries or damages suffered by the entrants during the period the tournament is to be held.
17. Any fish entered must be caught by hook and line, and retrieved by rod and reel, on legal angling tackle. Fish must be caught in the mouth. Any fish having cuts, gaff marks, gill net or puncture marks anywhere on the body will be questioned.
18. Any team entering fish that have been altered in any manner to increase the weight of the fish will be disqualified.
19. All launching and docking arrangements will be the responsibility of the entrants.
20. All competitors agree upon registration to abide by all the tournament rules.
21. The intent of the 444 Walleye Tournament is to promote good sportsmanship and good competition. Any infraction in the opinion of the Rules Committee, which seems to alter this intent, will result in disqualification.
22. Prize table is subject to full field. Cash prizes based on full field of 100 teams registered in each division. Prizes will be pro rated by percentage of entries.
23. Any protest must be submitted in writing no later than 15 minutes after the final boat has weighed in. A $50.00 fee must accompany this protest. Legitimate protests, which are validated by the Tournament Committee, will receive a refund. Unfounded protests will receive no refund.
24. Only one (1) fish per day is eligible for the big fish prize. The team representative is responsible for determining which fish shall be entered in this category. A special tag provided in the captain's package is to be attached to the fish that the team wants weighed for entry into the Big Fish that day.
25. The team representative presenting the fish for weigh–in shall be responsible for verification of the weight record slip and receive a copy thereof.
26. Weather – In the interest of safety, the Tournament committee may cancel the day's fishing if the Canadian Coast Guard posts small craft warnings. Prizes will be awarded on the results of the one-day's fishing. In the event that both days are cancelled, prizes will be awarded by elimination draw.
27. The tournament committee will be monitoring radio channel 68. All communications to the tournament committee are to be on this channel or the provided cell numbers. If you need assistance from the POCOMAR you must contact the Coast Guard on channel 16.
28. A designated substitute angler may be registered at the captains meeting and signed up for one team only! This substitute may take a team member's place only once the tournament committee has been informed that the substitute is needed. As well, this designated substitute cannot fish in any other boat except the boat of the team the substitute is registered with during the 2 days of the tournament..
29. Communications – Competitors (substitute included) may not use cellular phones, radios, or any means to communicate or receive any fishing related information during tournament hours for the purpose of sharing specific advantageous knowledge relating to fishing, fish locations, and tournament waters or conditions. Cellular and radio communications may be used for emergency purposes only.
30. Alcohol – Our license does not allow individuals to bring their own alcohol into the park or to take bought alcohol out of the park. Anyone refusing to follow these rules is subject to disqualification.
31. Small boat teams are required to have a boat of 20 feet in length from stem to stern or less. This is measured at the middle of the boat and cannot be any longer for this division of the tournament.

- **IN THE CASE OF AN EMERGENCY IT IS PERMISSIBLE FOR COMPETITORS AND THEIR FISH, TO BE REMOVED FROM THEIR BOAT TO THE BOAT OF ANOTHER COMPETITOR OR OFFICIAL RESCUE BOAT FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF TRANSPORTING THE OTHER COMPETITORS AND THEIR FISH BACK TO WEIGH – IN.**
- **DIRECTOR CONTACT:** Chris MacEachern (905) 834-1617 cell 905-933-2218
- **REGISTRAR CONTACT: Jackie Marinelli** (905) 834-6142
- **DOCKAGE: SUGARLOAF HARBOUR MARINA:** (905) 835-6644 **MARLON MARINA:** (905) 834-6331

ENTRY FEE PER TEAM: BIG BOAT $250.00 Can / $250.00 U.S. **Small Boat** $100.00 Can / $100.00 U.S.

AFTER JUNE 1st 2009 BIG BOAT $300.00 Can/ $300.00 U.S. Small Boat $125.00 Can/ $125.00 U.S.

THE PROCEEDS OF THIS TOURNAMENT ALONG WITH A PORTION OF YOUR ENTRY FEE (75% payout) GO DIRECTLY TO SUPPORT THE PORT COLBORNE & DISTRICT CONSERVATION CLUB'S NUMEROUS PROJECTS. (WHICH INCLUDES A WALLEYE HATCHERY)

PRIZE PACKAGE

ALL CASH PRIZES BASED ON FULL FIELDS FOR EACH DIVISION

BIG BOAT			SMALLBOAT		
1. 10,000.00	**2. 3,000.00**	**3. 2,000.00**	**1. 3,000.00**	**2. 1,000.00**	**3. 850.00**
4. 1,000.00	**5. 700.00**	**6. 500.00**	**4. 400.00**	**5. 400.00**	**6. 200.00**
7. 400.00	**8. 200.00**	**9. 200.00**	**7. 200.00**	**8. 150.00**	**9. 150.00**
10. 200.00 BIG FISH Saturday 500.00 Sunday 500.00			**10. 150.00 BIG FISH Saturday 200.00 Sunday 200.00**		

For further information contact us at our website. pcdcc.com