



# 24th Anniversary Invitational

**Where:** Fishermen's Wharf Resort – Lake Mille Lacs

**When:** Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> & Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Fee:** \$1,200.00 per team

## Tournament Rules

**Registration: June 10<sup>th</sup>** Wed.: 4:30 to 5:30 pm at Fishermen's Wharf pole shed.  
Rules meeting: 6:00 pm at Fishermen's Wharf pole shed.

Fishing hours: Thursday: Team #1 thru 84 will depart in numerical order at 7:00 am  
Team #1 thru 40 will return at 4:00 pm  
Team #41 thru 84 will return at 5:00 pm

Friday: Team #84 thru 1 will depart in numerical order at 7:00 am  
Team #41 thru 84 will return at 4:00 pm  
Team # 1 thru 40 will return at 5:00 pm

Awards presentation will be held again this year at pole shed.

1. There will be a random boat check each morning before the start of the tournament.
2. All boats must depart from Fishermen's Wharf.
3. All walleyes entered must be from Mille Lacs Lake and weighed in at Fishermen's Wharf.
4. **Seven** fish per day/per team. Your fish must be from 14" to just under 18" and two (2) fish over 28".
5. All fish will be measured with mouth closed/tail pinched. The "Judge" will be the official ruler.
6. Any fish altered in an attempt to increase weight, increase or decrease length will result in team disqualification.
7. Contestant's boats may not come within 50' of any other boat.
8. Minnesota fishing laws will prevail.
9. No pre-fishing after 4:00 pm on Wednesday, June 10, 2009.
10. No fishing before or after tournament hours on tournament days.
11. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed during tournament hours.
12. No marine radio or cell phone communication during tournament hours except for emergency.
13. At no time during tournament hours may a contestant leave his/her boat unless he/she returns to tournament headquarters and permission is obtained from a tournament official. Use good judgment during unsafe weather conditions.
14. All boats must be checked in per the above time schedule. There will be an official's boat on the lake in front of the entrance to Fishermen's Wharf. **Check in both days, fish or no fish. This is mandatory.**
15. If you are 1 to 15 minutes late you will be penalized 50% of your weight for that day. After 15 minutes your fish will not be weighed.
16. A protest must be filed with the tournament director before weigh-in is completed. A \$200.00 fee will be required. Refunded if the protest is found to be valid. A protest committee will consist of two (2) tournament officials and three (3) randomly picked contestants. The committee findings will be final. If a polygraph test is recommended by the committee, monies will be withheld until the results of the polygraph test are known.
17. The violation of any rule, as determined by the tournament judges in their sole discretion, shall result in automatic disqualification from the tournament and ineligibility for any prizes or awards.
18. All judges' decisions are final and binding on contestants and may not be challenged.
19. Life vests must be worn when your main motor is above trolling speed.
20. All contestants competing in the Wave Wacker Invitational event are expected to act in a sportsman like manner at all times towards non-competitors and competitors alike. This shall include the areas of safety, conservation and courtesy. Violators of this rule will be disqualified. Any unfavorable conduct or action by a competitor which could negatively reflect on Herrick Ent., Wave Wackers, Fishermen's Wharf, & tournament sponsors will be grounds for disqualification or rejection of entry of applications.
21. Promoters, tournament directors and organizations assisting in the tournament operations are not responsible for death, injury, damage, liability, theft, fire or loss of any kind to entrants. Each entrant upon signing an entry form will in effect be signing a waiver form.

### Reminders:

- All partner changes must be approved by the tournament director.
- If you **do not plan on fishing the tournament** – please let us know within 2 weeks.
- **MONITOR CHANNEL 68 ON YOUR RADIOS** for instructions and national anthem.
- **CALL FISHERMEN'S WHARF at 320-676-3693** with any emergencies or concerns during tournament.
- Tournament results will be posted on [www.wharfmn.com](http://www.wharfmn.com) immediately after results are confirmed daily.