

WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE Weigh-In Dock



Our dock helpers will hand you a line when you arrive at the weigh-in dock . This was the 2008 Kids Cup

PLEASE SHUT OFF YOUR DEPTH FINDER BEFORE YOU REACH FISHERMEN'S VILLAGE

Depthfinders could interfere with tagging electronics

By Capt. Ralph Allen
Kids Cup Weighmaster

The weigh station will be set up at the end of the pier at Fishermen's Village, right in front of Harpoon Harry's where our team of volunteers will be weighing and measuring the fish from all the boats. We'll be working as quickly as possible, but since there will probably be more than 100 boats involved it will take some time to accommodate everyone, so please be patient.

Following are some guidelines that will help you get through quickly:

- There will be an official clock on the weigh-in dock. All boats must be inside the channel markers to Fishermen's Village by 2:30 p.m. as shown on the official clock. Once you're inside Marker. No. 14 you are in a no-wake zone. If you violate the no-wake law your team will be disqualified.

- We'll take boats in a first-come, first-served fashion so everyone will need to form a line and wait their turn. There will be room for the first three or four boats to dock on the end of the pier, everybody else will have to hold position in the harbor. If you're worried about getting through quickly then you might want to get back to the weigh-in early since there will probably be a big rush during the last 30 minutes.

- When you're only a couple of boats away from weighing in two of our volunteers will toss our dock lines to your boat, then these volunteers will walk your boat

along the pier to the scale. Please follow their directions.

- When you reach the weigh station give us your registration number and name and we'll hand you a basket into which you need to put your fish. If there is more than one tournament contestant on your boat, please put only one fish at a time into the basket.

- Once your fish is in the basket, hand the basket to the people on the dock and stand by while we record your fish. PLEASE STAY IN YOUR BOAT while the fish is being measured and weighed. If we need you to come onto the dock (which is very unlikely) we will let you know.

- While your fish is being measured, tagged, and weighed you will give the survey data about your fish to the volunteer at the weigh station who will ask you for this information.

- After your fish is measured, tagged and weighed it will be placed into a recovery tank and given a chance to regain its strength. If the fish is alive by the time it reaches the recovery tank then you will be credited with a live release. The fish will then be the responsibility of tournament staff who will either release the fish for you or send it to surgery for a sonic tag implant.

- The weigh-in staff may ask for your help releasing a fish caught by another angler while you are at the weigh-in dock. If so asked, simply lower the basket into the water and gently help the fish swim out.

- After your fish is placed into the recovery tank you can untie our dock lines from your boat and depart (remember you're in a no wake zone when you leave the dock) After you secure your boat, come back and we'll see you at the awards ceremony! Good Luck and Safe Boating!

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