

# CONNECTICUT SWEETWATER BASS

## Launch & Weigh-in Procedures

\*\*\* COVID PARAMETERS \*\*\*

### COVID Launch Procedure:

- Talk to your boater/non-boater BEFORE the morning of the tournament – ask if he (non-boater) wants a seat and if he has a PFD. Provide one boat compartment for non-boater gear. Let him know if he needs his own cull tags (for a shared livewell compartment). **Boaters PLEASE PROVIDE HAND SANITIZER**
- Get Tournament entry fees (\$20+\$5= \$25) **exact change in a marked envelope with your name on it** to Tournament Director boat (Jim Young - 115 Triton boat gold trim)
- **Tournament Director will pull your boat launch # from the bag**
- Prep the boat or your gear for launching – Think safety first – PFDs / boat safety / charged phones / plug in for the boat / live-wells open for possible pre-tournament inspection
- **BOATERS PLEASE BACK-IN YOUR OWN BOAT ON YOUR OWN**
- Test boat function, then meet at the rendezvous for pre-take-off announcements from Tournament Director (**OUT IN FRONT OF THE HADDAM MEADOWS LAUNCH TOWARDS SOUTHERN NO-WAKE BUOY**)
- The highest number pulled for launch order shall be the start-boat to call off take-off order.  
REMINDER: Don't attempt plane until you are clear of any remaining boats still yet to take-off.



### **COVID End-of-Tournament / Weigh-in Procedure:**

- Arrive on time **IN FRONT OF THE SALMON RIVER LAUNCH** (South of Haddam Meadows - see map above). Each minute late = 1 lb penalty for both boater and non-boater
- **Once all boats are accounted for in front of the Salmon River Launch, our Tournament Director (Jim Young - 115 Triton Gold Trim) will lead all boats into the Salmon River Cove. He will beach his boat on the eastern shore near the first eastern drainage pool.**
- **The Tournament Director will call boat numbers in numerical order to approach his boat for weigh in. Every boat will receive 1 uniform type of mesh bag to ensure equal weight measurements. All members will use these mesh bags to weigh fish. The tournament director will use the same predetermined scale to measure every bag and every lunker to assure for accurate measurements.**
- **If you wish to weigh your lunker, place your largest weighing fish in the mesh bag FIRST. Hand the bag to the tournament director. He will use the predetermined scale to determine the weight of the mesh bag with your lunker and have a second member confirm the weight (this can be you if you are comfortable with being close). He will hand the bag back to you, where at that time you will need to put the rest of your catch in the same mesh bag. The same process will be used to record and confirm weights. After you have weighed both your lunker and your entire bag, pass the mesh bag on to your non-boater. If you have no non-boater you are free to release your fish and move your boat clear of the weigh-in area. You are free to return to Haddam Launch or stick close for results.**
- Non-boaters: offer money to your boater for gas and other boat expenses (this is not a requirement, but is usually welcomed). Boaters have the option to accept money.
- Pack up your boat and/or your gear. Non-boaters: Leave your boater's boat the way you found it in the morning.



## **CT SWEETWATER BASS TOURNAMENT LAUNCH & CHECK-IN PROCEDURE (NORMAL)**

### **1. NORMAL Launch Procedure:**

- Talk to your boater/non-boater BEFORE the morning of the tournament – ask if he (non-boater) wants a seat and if he has a PFD. Provide one boat compartment for non-boater gear.
- ONLY THE LAST TWO TOURNAMENTS OF THE YEAR: Get Tournament entry fees (\$20+\$5=\$25) to Tournament Director (Jim Young)
- Prep the boat or your gear for launching – Think safety first – PFDs / boat safety / charged phones / plug in for the boat / live-wells open for possible pre-tournament inspection
- Determine who will help you back the truck up and dump the boat. Don't assume that your non-boater knows how to do this.
- Test boat function, then meet at the rendezvous for pre-take-off announcements from Tournament Director
- The highest number pulled for launch order shall be the start-boat to call off take-off order.  
REMINDER: Don't attempt plane until you are clear of any remaining boats still yet to take-off.

### **2. NORMAL End-of-Tournament Procedure:**

- Arrive on time. (Each minute late = 1 lb penalty for both boater and non-boater)
- Arrange for a member to get the truck & trailer (do not assume your non-boater knows how to do this)
- Move the boat free of ramp. Then report to Tournament Director's Truck
- Help with the equipment needed to set up the weigh-in area (Tent, Banners, Tables, Weigh in Slop Sink, recording video, photographs, etc.) ALL MEMBERS should have a responsibility to help set-up, run, and break down the weigh in equipment.
- After helping set-up, grab a Fish-care Bag(s)
- Help each other bag fish (it's much easier with two people)
- Weigh your fish, dump them safely back in the lake, and give bag back to tournament director
- Non-boaters: offer money to your boater for gas and other boat expenses (this is not a requirement, but is usually welcomed). Boaters have the option to accept \$
- Pack up your boat and/or your gear. Non-boaters: Leave your boater's boat the way you found it in the morning

### **BASIC GEAR CHECKLIST:**

- Food & Water for 8 hour day
- Rain/Warm Gear
- Money in Envelope
- Sun Protection & Sunglasses
- Personal Floatation Device (Required while big motor is running during tournament)

- Phone (perhaps extra battery in case phone dies) - use club group text message thread if you have an emergency on the water and need help. These text threads will also be used for emergency notifications for all club members should inclement weather approach or any other unforeseen emergency.
- Cull Tags
- Fishing gear