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11TH ANNUAL TRI COUNTY MARINE FISHING TOURNAMENT

LOCATION

Lake Hickory

Whittensburg Landing (off Highway 127)

Hickory, North Carolina

DATE

May 2, 2009

6:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

ENTRY FEE: \$90.00 per Team - \$10.00 Optional Big Fish Side Pot- 100% Pay Back

\$300.00 Top Adult/Child Team • Sponsored by: **Cars Plus Lenoir**

\$250.00 Top Man/Wife Team • Sponsored by: **Johnson/Evinrude Motors**

\$200.00 Top Senior Team • Sponsored by: **Hotel Indigo of Asheville**
(one member must be over 60 yrs of age)

GUARANTEED PRIZES

1st	....\$2,000	2nd	...\$1,000
3rd	....\$700	4th	....\$500
5th	....\$400	6th	....\$300
7th	....\$250	8th	....\$200
9th	....\$150	10th	....\$150
11th - 15th		....	\$.100.00

*Based on 75 Boat Field

Top Stratos or Javelin Teams

1st - \$1000 2nd - \$500

3rd - \$250 4th - \$150 5th - \$100

BIG FISH POT

1st Place - 75% 2nd Place - 25%

**Other prizes to be awarded
as far as possible for lower positions.**

Cash Wild Card Drawings



OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

Please Print or Type

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Age _____ SS # _____

Please Print or Type

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Age _____ SS # _____

Read Carefully Before Signing

Having read the rules, I waive and release all other contestants, sponsor(s), and tournament officials from all claims of injury and/or damage incurred in connection with this tournament. I understand and agree that the Tournament Rules Committee reserves the right if it so elects, for any reason, to reject this application.

Signature _____

Signature _____

MAIL TO: Tri County Marine, 1203 Premier Road, Granite Falls, NC 28630

PHONE: (828) 728-4845

NO LATE FEES. Pay at ramp or mail to above address.

**For More Information Contact Paul Guthrie - Cell: 828-496-8686 Home: 828-726-8909
or Betsy at Tri-County Marine 828-728-4845**

Qualifying Tournament Rules

1. **Rules Interpretations:** The rules committee shall be solely responsible for interpretation and enforcement of tournament rules. The rules committee will rule on any unusual situations which may occur and its decisions will be final in all instances.
2. **Eligibility of Participants:** Open to all boats.
3. **Boat and Motor Regulations:** Each boat must meet all U.S. Coast Guard and state regulations. Boats must be equipped with a properly aerated or recirculating live well capable of maintaining alive a limit of bass. All boats must have a U.S. Coast Guard horsepower rating plate attached to the boat by the manufacturer. The horsepower of the outboard engine must not exceed the rating on this plate.
4. **Permitted Fishing Methods:** All bass must be caught live in a conventional sporting manner. Only artificial lures and/or pork with trailers may be used. Only one fishing rod may be used at a time. Trolling as a means of catching fish is prohibited.
5. **Scoring and Weigh-in:** Scoring will be determined by the pounds and ounces of each team's catch during the tournament. Only largemouth, smallmouth, and spotted bass will be accepted species. The limit will be (5) five bass per team and all fish must be 14 inches in length on a Golden Rule (mouth closed & tail closed). All fish must be weighed in our bags, no stringers or cull nets. At no time shall any participants possess more than the limit. No culling fish at the ramp. Any infraction of this rule will result in disqualification of the team.
6. **Late Penalty:** Failure to report to the official check-in point on time will result in a (1) one pound per minute penalty, after (15) fifteen minutes the team will be disqualified.
7. **Safety:** Safe boating will be observed at all times. EACH PARTICIPANT IS REQUIRED TO WEAR A FASTENED U.S. COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE PRESERVER ANYTIME THE COMBUSTION ENGINE IS RUNNING. All boats must be equipped with a lanyard type emergency ignition shut off device attached securely to the drivers body whenever the combustion engine is running. Non lanyard devices must be approved by the tournament director.
8. **Sportsmanship:** All participants are required to follow the highest standards of sportsmanship, courtesy, and conservation. No consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs during tournament hours will be permitted. Conduct reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and tournament rules are grounds for disqualification. All boats must be operated in a safe and professional manner at all times.
9. **Polygraphs:** ALL PARTICIPANTS, WINNERS AND NON-WINNERS WILL BE SUBJECT TO A POLY-GRAPH TEST.
10. **Protests:** All protests must be made in writing within (30) thirty minutes after weigh-in time.
11. **Ties:** In the event of ties, the tie will be broken by means acceptable to the tournament officials.
12. **Liability Insurance:** All participating teams are required to have liability insurance.
13. **Fishing Conditions:** Tournaments will be held regardless of weather conditions. However, the tournament officials may change starting times and/or locations as it is deemed necessary for the safety of the contestants.
14. **Pre-Tournament Meeting:** A short meeting will be held before Take-Off.

In Cooperation with Wildlife Resources Commission, Contest Headquarters, Whittenburg Landing on Lake Hickory.

NOTICE

If you are in a 2007 or newer Stratos and you win first place, Stratos will double the pay out, giving you a check for \$4,000.00 rather than \$2,000.00, only to first place overall tournament.

But you will not be eligible for the 1st place finishing Stratos as well, that money will be paid to the next highest finishing Stratos or Javelin owner. Stratos made this call after they had already committed to the top finishing Stratos boats. So if a 2007 or newer wins 1st place the \$1,000.00 will go to the next highest finishing Stratos or Javelin boat owner. Stratos Boats felt this was the fairest way to handle the monies so that the pay out is fairly distributed, giving more owners a chance to win extra money.

SPONSOR LISTING:

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Cars Plus	C&J Auto	Caldwell Body Works
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Castle Sports	Alray Tire	Discount Foods - Con. Sprgs. Rd.
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