

CARPENTERS' WALLEYE CLASSIC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025 • FORTUNE BAY RESORT CASINO



RULES AND GUIDELINES

Tournament Start:

- All boats must submit to inspection prior to lineup. Boat Inspections start at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday. Inspectors will be at the boat landing and marina. You will not receive your boat board number until your boat has been inspected. (If you don't receive your boat board, you will not be eligible for awards)
- If you do not attend the rules meeting and social on Friday night, one team member must check in at registration before 8:00 a.m. on Saturday.
- All boats need to be in the water lined up by 8:00 a.m. for announcements.
- Boats will be sent out in numbered order beginning at 8:15 a.m.
- Boat number board must be shown at take-off when your team number has been called.
- Time check will be at entrance to Everett Bay narrows. Speed will be limited in Everett Bay.

Fishing Hours:

- The tournament fishing hours will be from 8:15 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. on September 27, 2025. Staggered times will begin at 8:15-3:15, 8:30-3:30, etc. in order of boat number. Boat numbers are assigned in order of received, paid registration forms.

Fishing Area:

- Lake Vermilion
- All boats must leave from and return to Fortune Bay Marina.
- You may launch from elsewhere, but you must check-in, take-off, and return to Fortune Bay Marina at the beginning and end of the tournament.

Tackle & Equipment:

- Artificial and live lures may be used.
- Each contestant may use one rod at a time.
- Only two anglers are allowed per boat. Contest entrants only in the boat.

Good Practices:

- Participants must maintain a safe and courteous distance from other boats while fishing and avoid interference with their activities.
- Transporting water in live wells is illegal.
- Safe boating should be observed at all times.
- Each participant should wear a Coast Guard approved personal floatation device at all times when the combustion engine is operating above trolling speed.
- Please protect our Minnesota Waters and clean your boat after the fishing tournament.

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Qualification:

- This tournament is a catch and keep tournament for walleye.
- All fish must be caught on a hook and line in a conventional sporting manner.
- Limit of 4 Walleye per angler, 1 over 26" per angler. All walleye from 20"-26" must be immediately released.
- No culling once you have reached your limit of 8 walleyes per team.

Weigh In:

- Fish will be brought to the "Official weigh-in stage" at Fortune Bay Marina.
- All boats must check in upon return, fish or no fish. Remember to bring your boat number with you.
- One team member must sign off on the official weigh card to certify their boat's catch.
- You may weigh 8 fish per team.
- If you entered the Big Fish contest, please inform the scale master which fish you want weighed individually.
- Placement will be based on most weight to hundredth of a pound.

Awards: Award ceremony will take place once all teams have completed their weigh-in. The top three places, along with the cash pay-out will receive plaques. There is also a trophy for the 'big fish' contest.

\$5,000 in Cash Payouts by total weight per boat

1st Place: \$1,500	6th Place: \$300
2nd Place: \$1,000	7th Place: \$250
3rd Place: \$600	8th Place: \$200
4th Place: \$500	9th Place: \$150
5th Place: \$400	10th Place: \$100

Big Fish Contest

- Teams may purchase a chance to win the Big Fish Contest
- Cost is \$20 per team
- Team with the biggest fish will win a trophy and cash pot up to \$1000, with any remaining funds going to the tournament charities.

Prizes:

- We will hold drawings for prizes following the awards ceremony. All paid entrants that fish in the tournament and have signed the registration and release form are eligible.
- No shows will not be refunded their registration fee or be eligible for prizes.
- If you failed to check in for boat inspection and receive your boat board number, you will NOT be eligible for awards or prizes.

For hotel and camping reservations, contact Fortune Bay Resort Casino. Let them know you are with the Carpenters' Walleye Classic.

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