



2009

## MIDLANDS STRIPER CLUB INC / HYDRO GLOW

### SCDNR BENEFIT OPEN

#### Tournament Rules & Registration Form

1. MIDLANDS STRIPER CLUB INC. will not be liable for any accident or injury to contestants or spectators or any damage to property. A contestant's entry into this tournament constitutes waiver of his or her rights to sue MIDLANDS STRIPER CLUB INC., its successors, sponsors and assignees, for any such accident, injury, or property damage.
2. Contestants who violate any tournament rule are subject to disqualification. The decision of the tournament committee members present at the tournament will be final in ALL tournament matters.
3. Contestants must have a valid fishing license as required by the State of South Carolina. All state game and fish laws must be obeyed. Coast Guard safety rules apply to all boats. Approved life jackets/PFDs must be aboard for all persons and worn according to laws governing S.C. waterways. As recommended by the SCDNR, all contestants are encouraged not to fish alone.
4. Any contestant showing signs of being under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or who operates a boat in a manner which may endanger others, will be disqualified.
5. All boats, including those with Early Registration, must check in at the ramp site on the evening of the tournament. Entry fee is \$120 per boat, regardless of the number of persons in the boat, (\$100 if registered by Friday, July 10). Optional \$50 per boat for the Big Fish Pot. Entry fees are non-refundable. No lines in the water until 6:30 p.m. Friday, July 17 as determined by the tournament director.
6. MIDLANDS STRIPER CLUB INC/HYDRO GLOW OPEN DNR BENEFIT is a "boat" tournament. Money and prizes will be awarded based on combined weight of the four (4) largest fish per boat. The tournament will pay places and awards as advertised. Actual payout will be based on the total number of boats registered.
7. All (100%) of the Big Fish Pot will be paid as follows: 75% to the boat (registered in the optional Big Fish pot) weighing in the largest eligible fish and 25% to the boat (registered in the optional Big Fish pot) weighing in the 2nd largest eligible fish. Big Fish Pot fee is \$50.
8. Striped bass 21 inches or longer (total length) may be weighed. Fish entered must be caught between the Greenwood dam and Lake Murray Dam. All fish must be hooked and landed from a boat and brought to the scales in fresh condition in a live release tube, a closed cooler or an acceptable soft-sided fish bag or they will not be accepted for weigh-in. Fresh condition will mean clear eyes, red gills, firm flesh, etc. MIDLANDS STRIPER CLUB INC. may polygraph the top places and big fish winners if it so chooses.
9. Tournament judges may inspect all boats and tow vehicles before the tournament, and will assist in running the tournament.
10. It is the responsibility of the contestants in the tournament to bring only their boat's 4 largest fish to the scales. The official scale will not be used to cull fish. Weigh-in will start at approximately 10:00 A.M. Saturday, July 18. No fish will be accepted after "last call" by the tournament director or his designee (scale manager).
11. Captains meeting will be at 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 17, before the tournament begins. Registration will be open until 7:30 p.m.
12. Tournament hours will be from 6:30 PM Friday, July 17 through 10:00 AM Saturday, July 18.
13. *In the event of a total weight tie, the big fish of each boat will break the tie. In the event of a tie for big fish, the money will be divided equally.*
14. All fish must be caught from the same boat, *and boats observed congregating are subject to disqualification.* Congregating shall be define as coming within 20 feet of another boat. Emergency exceptions must be approved by radio contact with a tournament official in advance.
15. Any protest must be filed within 15 minutes of official results announcement and must be accompanied with a \$100 cash deposit. The MSC tournament committee will rule on the protest with the decision being final. If it is upheld, the deposit will be returned. If the protest is denied, the cash deposit becomes the property of the Midlands Striper Club.