

MONTANA CATFISH ASSOCIATION

The Montana Catfish Association was established in the spring of 2006. Our main objective is to promote the sport of catfishing and specifically catfish in the great state of Montana and the region.

Our mission is to: increase communication among catfish anglers, educate, improve and increase public access for all warm water fish. We will continue to work closely with Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks to further expand and maintain catfish ecosystems and habitat. Montana Cats fully promotes and encourages selective harvest and Catch Photograph Release on all big catfish.

Catfishing is a rapidly growing sport. Tackle, rod, reel and boat manufacturers can no longer ignore the Catfish angler. There are numerous professional/amateur Catfish tournaments held across the country. Montana Cats encourages everyone interested to compete in these tournaments. Catfish tournaments have added legitimacy to our sport as well as an increased knowledge of Catfish behavior and tendencies. We currently offer a four tournament Montana Cats Championship circuit.

These tournaments and others around the state help us meet those objectives through increasing angler awareness and exposing people throughout the state, region and host communities on pertinent issues facing the Channel Catfish. All of our tournaments are OVER 100% payback. That means 100% CASH payback from entries and thousands of dollars in additional prizes. We're in it for the fishermen, communities and Channel Catfish. Welcome to the group!

STAY CONNECTED

Do you want to stay connected with current events and announcements of the Montana Catfish Association? Join our catfish discussion on our message board at www.montanacats.yuku.com or www.montanacats.com

Join our facebook group page **MONTANA CATFISH ASSOCIATION** and our four facebook tournament pages Yellowstone Challenge, Milk River Catfish Classic, NE Montana Monster Cat Roundup and the Missouri River Catfish Clash.

Also don't forget to fill in your email on the registration form for instant updates!



20th Annual Milk River Catfish Classic



Milk River / Glasgow, MT

JUNE 1st, 2019

\$100 Per Two Person Team

100% CASH PAYBACK

1st \$ 2,000	8th \$300	15th \$100 D&G Cert
2nd \$1,500	9th \$250	16th \$100 D&G Cert
3rd \$1000	10th \$200	17th-18th Catfish Rods
4th \$750	11th \$150	19th-20th Catfish Tackle
5th \$500	12th \$100	
6th \$400	13th \$100	
7th \$ 350	14th \$100	

Jumbo Whiskers Award-\$200 Big Whiskers Award- \$100

Tournament plaques for TOP THREE PLACES !

Any questions or for more information contact:

Brenner Flaten @ (406) 263-7909

Or visit us online at www.montanacats.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY: 5-31-19

SOCIAL/LIVE MUSIC.....5:30-7:00 P.M.

Montana Bar. Come enjoy some conversation and fish stories with your fellow competitors.

CALCUTTA/STREET DANCE...7:00 P.M.

Montana Bar, Glasgow MT

SATURDAY: 6-1-19

CHECK-IN..... 3:00-4:00 P.M.
MANDATORY check in (both team members) at parking lot between Markles and D&G (corner of 4th st S and 2nd Ave S) You will also declare what general area you will be fishing.

RELEASE.....4:00 P.M.
Teams will be released following tournament rules meeting.

WEIGH-IN.....12:00 A.M.
All teams MUST CHECK IN by this time or be disqualified. Regardless if you have fish to weigh, check in is mandatory for all teams.

AWARDS CEREMONY.....Following LIVE weigh-ins , cash, prizes, trophies, door prizes, pictures. Invite your friends and family to come enjoy the festivities.

MONTANA CATFISH ASSOCIATION 2019 TOUR SCHEDULE

May 11th: Yellowstone Challenge (Huntley, MT)

June 1st: Milk River Catfish Classic (Glasgow, MT)

July 20th: Monster Cat Roundup (Sidney, MT)

August 17th: Missouri River Catfish Clash (Williston, ND)

2019 MILK RIVER CATFISH CLASSIC

When: Meeting begins at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 1st, 2019
Where: Downtown Glasgow between Markles Hardware and D&G Sports & Western. (Corner of 4th St. S. and 2nd Ave. S.)
Eligibility: Tournament is limited to 80 teams. Teams that finish in the top half of previous year tournament have 1st chance registration opportunity (must be identical team) to be paid by 1/2/19. Registration opens up first come/first serve basis on 1/2/19 (must be postmarked or dropped off on that date). Contestants must enter as a two-person team. No Changes to teams may be made after 7:00 p.m. Friday May 31. Any person 14 or younger must be teamed with someone of 18 years of age. Each team member must sign this form. Each team member must have a current Montana fishing license.

Boundaries: Juneberg Bridge near Saco, MT to the Mouth of the Milk River. **MUST BE VISABLE from main Milk River channel if fishing tributary creeks.**

Limits: The limit is five catfish per team. The total weight of all your catfish will determine who wins the tournament. If a team is in possession of more than five catfish during the tournament or at the weigh in station they will be disqualified.

Catch and Release: All of the catfish caught during the tournament hours will be released back into the Milk River the night of the tournament. (Volunteers are appreciated.)

Weigh-In: Will begin at the weigh in station at exactly 12:00. If you have not arrived you will be disqualified. Fish MUST be alive! All dead fish will be discarded and not weighed. Six-person tournament committee will determine whether a fish has been tampered with, altered in anyway, or caught on a set line and will disqualify them if needed. ***NEW* NO STRINGERS** will be allowed. Any fish deemed to be kept on stringer will be disqualified. Use appropriate aeration system. **Fish can't be transported with surface water.**

Fishing Hours: Contestants can only fish during tournament hours. To reduce confusion, this will include bait-fishing. Pre-fishing and/or bait fishing is allowed up until Friday June 2nd at 5:00 p.m. Tournament Hours are 4:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m.

Bait: Any LEGAL bait is allowed during tournament hours.

Rods: Two rods per person (in water) two hooks per line MAX.

State and Local Ordinances: All state and/or local ordinances will be enforced. Violations will result in disqualification.

Identification: Team ID must be worn and visible at all times.

Patrols and Officials: The tournament officials and security guards will consist of six individuals. At the weigh in station these individuals will be in charge of weighing in the fish, recording the weights, interviewing, etc. During the tournament hours there will be six security pickups on patrol. These individuals will have the right to check your catch amount and approximate weight. They may also count rods and check for any illegal fishing tactics.

Additional rules: * Boat or Shore* Team members must stay together. (No splitting up at any time.) You are allowed a max. of 100 yards between teammates.* Asking Catfish Security about other team's weights is prohibited. * No other people, but the two fishermen on the team, are allowed at the fishing site at all times.* No fishing within 100 yards of another team during tournament hours. (Exception: Vandalia Dam = 50 yards.) * If you wish to fish on private land, seek permission from landowner.* No Trotlines, Setlines, or Seining Nets, etc.* No pre-marked spots If you are found breaking tourney regulations this will result in immediate disqualification and banishment from all future Montana Catfish Association events.

2019 Milk River Catfish Classic Tournament Entry

(Please print all information below to ensure entry)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Age _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

By signing above, I agree to the rules and regulations set forth by the Montana Catfish Association and Milk River Catfish Classic tournament committee. I release with my signature all sponsors, officials, volunteers and the Montana Catfish Association from any and all responsibility and liability.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Age _____

Email: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Description of Boat _____

Check HERE if shore fishing _____

Tournament Entry: \$100

Please make checks payable to **Montana Catfish Association** & mail to:

Milk River Catfish Classic

222 1st Street North
Glasgow, MT 59230