

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!



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16th ANNUAL MONSTER CAT ROUNDUP



YELLOWSTONE RIVER / Sidney, MT
July 20th, 2024

BOAT ANGLERS ONLY

\$100 per Two-Person Team
\$100 Optional Side Pot Entry
100% CASH PAYBACK
(Figures based on 60 team field)

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| 1st PLACE- \$1300 | 6th PLACE- \$500 |
| 2nd PLACE- \$950 | 7th PLACE- \$400 |
| 3rd PLACE- \$750 | 8th PLACE- \$300 |
| 4th PLACE- \$650 | 9th PLACE- \$250 |
| 5th PLACE- \$600 | 10th PLACE- \$200 |

PLACES 11-15- PRIZES

BIG FISH AWARD- \$100 & B'n'M ROD

Any questions or for more information Contact:

Steve Harris @ (406) 489-1170

or visit us online at www.montanacats.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY: 7-19-24

SOCIAL..... 6:00-7:00 P.M.

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

CALCUTTA..... 7:00-10:00 P.M.

Ranger Lounge Bar, Sidney, MT

SATURDAY: 7-20-24

CHECK-IN..... 5:30-6:45 A.M.

All teams must check in and be released from Sidney Bridge or be DQ'd

RELEASE..... 7:00 A.M.

Teams will be released in a controlled release from the Sidney Bridge access

WEIGH-IN..... 3:00 P.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 at the Ranger Lounge!

CATFISH SOCIAL..... Following awards, enjoy a free pot luck dinner for all anglers at the Ranger Lounge. Many door prizes will also be handed out for those in attendance.

MONTANA CATFISH ASSOCIATION 2024 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)

2024 MONSTER CAT ROUNDUP RULES

Boundaries: The boundaries are from the State line to **INTAKE DAM**. All fishing accesses in between are legal to fish. If fishing on private property you must get permission from land owner before fishing.

Limits: The limit is five catfish per team. The total weight of all your catfish will determine who wins the tournament. (For example: Team #1 catches two catfish weighing a total of 8 lbs. And Team #2 catches their limit of five cats weighing 7 lbs. Team #1 has more weight even though they failed to catch their limit.) 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 Yellowstone River the day of the tournament. **NO STRINGERS will be allowed during tournament! Teams must have proper fish containers and aeration to ensure health of the fish.**

Weigh-In: Will begin at the weigh in station at exactly 3:00. If you have not arrived you will be disqualified. Fish MUST be alive! All dead fish will be discarded and not weighed. The Six-person tournament committee will determine whether a fish has been tampered with, altered in anyway, or caught on a setline and will disqualify them if needed.

Fishing Hours: Contestants can only fish during tournament hours. Pre-fishing is allowed up until Friday July 19th at 6:00 p.m. Tournament hours are 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Bait: Any LEGAL bait is allowed during tournament hours.

Ties: The following will be used to break ties. Regular tournament will be awarded to the team that caught their limit of five catfish, if both teams caught their limit, it will then be awarded to the team with the heaviest catfish. Big fish contest will be split between the two winners if the weight of the catfish is the same.

Prizes and Awards: This is a 100% payback event. If less than 60 teams are entered, prizes will be reduced proportionally. Based on 60 teams, prizes will be awarded as listed on the front of this application. Must be present to win door prizes. (Weigh in meeting)

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.

Boat Description: Each team will be required to declare boat description on their entry form. Changes on this declaration may be made up until the beginning of our Calcutta on Friday, July 19th at 7:00 PM. Failure to adhere to your declaration will result in disqualification. Every boat must check-in at the Sidney Bridge, no matter where they plan on launching. All boats must be accounted for and absolutely no boats are to be allowed in the water at another location prior to release. All boats must arrive by water for weigh-ins, to prevent transportation of fish via land.

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. 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. The tournament officials decision on illegal tactics is FINAL. If it is determined by tournament officials/committee to be in violation of above rules/regs. This could result in lifetime ban of ALL future Montana Cats events.

More Rules* Boat ONLY* Two rods per person * No pre-markedspots* Team members must stay together. (No splitting up at any time.)

*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.* If you wish to fish on private land, seek permission from landowner.* No Trotlines, Setlines, or Seining Nets, etc.

PLEASE be mindful of the invasive species threat in our state. Transportation of live fish, over dry land, in surface water IS PROHIBITED!

2024 Monster Cat Roundup 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 Monster Cat Roundup 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 _____

Tournament Entry: \$100 _____

Optional Side Entry \$100 _____

TOTAL: _____

Make checks payable to **Monster Cat Roundup** & mail to:

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