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A Sydenham Sportsmen’s Association Derby

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Welcome from the Derby Co-Chairs

The timing of the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular occurs later than usual this year. It happens every now and then, according to the calendar. We often hear half-heatedly, how the fishing was better after the derby – so maybe we can trick the fish this year. This is the second winter in a row that Georgian Bay has been frozen over and you would think that the water levels would at least be maintained. How all this will affect fishing during the derby, we can only wait and see.

Although we are no longer seeing the mighty weights of 30 lb plus salmon of past years coming up the weir, we are pleased to observe that the fish are continuing to look healthy with winning weights on the increase and that a prize fish can be caught from the depths of the bay or off the harbour wall.

Fishing, fantastic prize packages, free entertainment, fun for the whole family; it’s all here again and made possible thanks to the generous consideration of all those all you see listed in our magazine. These sponsors are your neighbours and friends who work hard to support our community and in turn support your derby.

We also have to thank all of our volunteers. I know you hear that every year, but we never get tired of saying it and we never take our sponsors or volunteers for granted.

On behalf of the sponsors, the membership of the Sydenham Sportsmen’s Association, the Salmon Spectacular Committee and myself I would like to wish all our friends and visitors a great time at the Owen Sound Salmon Spectacular.

Mike Prevost, Fred Geberdt & John Ford

Derby Co-Chairs

Derby Headquarters

Advance Fish Fry tickets available at

MAP OF DERBY BOUNDARIES

The following rules and regulations apply:

1. All participants agree to abide by the Regulations of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, The Fisheries Act, The Department of Transport Small Boat Safety Regulations, and the Rules and Regulations of the OWEN SOUND SALMON SPECTACULAR™.


3. A contestant may only enter the number of fish permitted by the daily creel limit in any one day (no matter when caught).

4. Each contestant upon registering to compete in the OWEN SOUND SALMON SPECTACULAR™ agrees to hold the sponsors, agents and employees harmless from any injury or damages suffered or during or after the period of the contest, by entrants.

5. Derby purchases can be made at any of our retail outlets at www.sydenhamsportsmen.com/salmon/ salmon/ Single registration tickets are $25.00 and Family registration tickets are $60.00. Methods of payment online include Mastercard and American Express.

6. Tickets purchased during the derby are not valid for participating in the derby on the day of sale. (A Derby ticket becomes valid the day after it is purchased).

7. Family tickets are available for all the family and are presented to the immediate family, including children 17 years of age and under. (Children’s age is determined as of date of ticket purchase).

8. The participant agrees that the decision of the Officials is to be final on all matters.

9. Participants must angle only in the waters of Georgian Bay stretching from the downstream side of 10th Street Bridge on the Sydenham River at Vail’s Beach out to Vail’s Point on the east and Hay Island on the west. The derby waters include all of the Owen Sound Harbour, Owen Sound Bay and Colborne’s Bay.

10. Fish caught only after legal derby registration, and caught within the boundaries per rule #9, and caught during the OWEN SOUND SALMON SPECTACULAR™ (see Rule 1.) may be entered.

11. Only fish that are whole (not gutted) may be entered. Fish with a snap or foul hook mark, gill or net mark, even if caught legally, will not be eligible. Previously frozen fish may not be entered.

12. Entrants fishing from boats must ensure that all other occupants of their boat, regardless of age, are entered in this event, and be eligible to enter fish (refer to Rule 6.). Entrants must fish with only one rod per person at any time.

13. Participants agree to allow official representatives of the derby to inspect their boats to ascertain that all occupants of the boat are entered, at all times in the contest, and be eligible to enter fish (refer to Rule 6.). Entrants must fish with only one rod per person at any time.

14. Participants agree that the organizers may, at their discretion, hold any fish for biological examination and testing. Therefore, any related prizes will not be released until such testing is completed.

15. Fish will only be weighed at the Official Weigh-In Station at the Georgian Shores Marina. The weigh-in station will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. daily, except the last day of the Derby, when it will close promptly at 12:00 Noon. Fish will not be weighed outside of the times indicated, except those entrants who are waiting in line by closing time will be allowed to have their fish weighed after closing time.

16. Salmon and Trout (Rainbow, Brown, and Lake Trout) must weigh a minimum of three (3) pounds (1.36 Kg), to be eligible for entry in the OWEN SOUND SALMON SPECTACULAR™. A printed receipt will be issued for each fish entered.

17. All participants entering a fish must sign the official entry book at the end of the weigh-in station. By signing the entry book you are agreeing to abide by all the registration information regarding yourself and the fish. Entrants must ensure that the fish is being weighed as presented. No Sugar Tonight

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20. One Random Daily Prize will be drawn for each of the categories (i.e. male, (female) (child age 17 and under). The weigh-in computer station will draw by random selection for each fish entry. Prizes presented at end of derby.

21. The Derby has various random draws throughout the event for prizes.

22. Two Grand Prizes will be awarded:One to the entrant entering the heaviest Salmon, and the other entering the heaviest Trout.

23. All Prizes must be accepted as awarded. The Grand Prizes must remain painted as presented for at least one year from presentation.

24. All Grand Prize Winners will receive a replica mount by Advanced Taxidermy. The winners, in accepting these prizes, agree that the actual fish will be donated to the Sydenham Sportsman’s Association unlimited use and mounted fish for promotional purposes until September 1, 2016.

25. Women will be selected only for the 10 heaviest Salmon and 5 heaviest Trout. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the Derby.

26. In the event of a tie, prizes in question will be awarded on the basis of the earliest fish entered.

27. All participants agree, upon entering a major prize, that they will submit to valid tests, if required, and will sign an affidavit confirming the fact that their fish was caught within the rules of the contest.

28. Prizes not picked up by October 31, 2015 will become the property of the Sydenham Sportsman’s Association.

29. Any participant guilty of an infractions of the rules will be disqualified from the contest, and any prizes will be forfeited.