



CHRIS & OWEN KEDAS MEMORIAL FISHING DERBY



DETAILS

Tournament Director - Steve Carlson
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When - Saturday, September 26th, 2026

Where - Ohio Waters Of Lake Erie, West Of The Black River (Lorain), Including Sandusky Bay

\$225 Per Team (Includes processing fees, and a T-Shirt & Meal Ticket For Each Angler)

2-6 Anglers Per Team
Maximum 6 lines in the water per team.

SCHEDULE

7:30am - Boat Inspection Starts at the Huron Boat Basin

8:30am - First Boat Leaves The Starting Check Point

1:00pm - Boats Must Check In

1:15pm - Scale Opens For Weigh-In (North Side of Huron Boat Basin Office)

FOOD / AWARDS

2:00pm - CASH BAR at the Huron Yacht Club

2:30pm- Buffet Style Meal Provided By The Foundation
(No To-Go Orders)

Raffle & 50/50

4:00pm - Silent Auction Items, Winner Of 50/50, & Derby Winners Will Be Announced

Prize Money (based on 40 teams)

1st - \$1500
2nd - \$1000
3rd - \$800
4th - \$600
5th - \$300

**Dockage is available for the tournament at the Huron Boat Basin.
Call their office at 419-433-4848 for more information.*



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LAKE ERIE - HURON, OHIO



The Chris & Owen Kedas Memorial Fishing Derby is in memory of two people whose lives were cut unexpectedly & tragically short. Chris was a beloved husband, father, & friend. Owen was a fun, kindhearted, 11 year old boy that loved baseball, fishing, & hugging his mom. Both are sorely missed. This event is put on by the Chris & Owen Kedas Memorial Foundation and will be hosted by Fish Huron.

The mission of the Chris & Owen Kedas Memorial Foundation is to give back to a community that stepped up when unimaginable tragedy struck the Kedas Family. Through donations & fundraising, the goal is to provide scholarships, create social spaces that are safe for people to grieve the loss of loved ones, provide immediate assistance to those in need of some hope, & to host events that will bring the community together in memory of Chris & Owen Kedas.

The purpose of the Chris & Owen Kedas Memorial Fishing Derby is to raise funds through donations & sponsorships that will help provide scholarships, assist those navigating their own tragedies with immediate support, & contribute to other community enrichment by hosting a fun & competitive event in memory of Chris & Owen Kedas.

LAKE ERIE WALLEYE DERBY DETAILS & RULES:

Payment of entry fee acknowledges all team members understand & agree to the rules & procedures outlined in this document & liability waiver.

1. Entry fee per team is \$225; registration is online only. Entry fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE** but transferable to another party with advance approval from the tournament director.
2. Spots are limited to 40 teams. Starting positions determined by the order of registration.
3. A team may consist of 2-6 anglers with a maximum of 6 lines in the water at a time.
4. Payout is based on a minimum of 40 teams & is subject to adjustment if less than 40 teams; 1st place = \$1500, 2nd place = \$1000, 3rd place = \$800, 4th place = \$600, 5th place = \$300. In the event of a tie, prize money will be split between the tied teams.
5. This is a “derby style” event, meaning the biggest walleye per team is to be weighed.
6. All walleye must be caught in the **OHIO WATERS OF LAKE ERIE WEST OF THE BLACK RIVER IN LORAIN, INCLUDING SANDUSKY BAY**. All fish submitted must be caught on the day of the derby & during derby hours. No trailering during derby hours. Open communication is permitted.
7. MANDATORY BOAT INSPECTIONS will take place on **derby day at 7:30am** at the Huron Boat Basin (HBB) & the west river hard wall near the HBB. If a team is docked inside the HBB derby staff will inspect the boat at it's dock. **Derby staff will NOT inspect boats at the Huron boat ramp**. Any team launching from the Huron boat ramp will need to bring their boat over to the HBB for inspection.
8. Boats docked in other ports may come to the HBB in the morning by water for inspection. If a boat is coming by water, notify the tournament director in advance & come directly to Huron, no fishing along the way.
9. Once a boat has passed inspection, a token will be given. In order for a team to receive their assigned boat number card, the token must be brought to the table set up on the lower south side of the HBB main office. Once a team has their boat number card, they may remain tied up along the hard wall, at the dock, or floating out in the river.
10. **VHF radios must be turned to channel 17 for take off & check in.**

11. **DEPARTURE** from the Huron River will take place from the west wall of the Huron River. This will be clearly marked with flags & a photographer so be sure to SMILE for the team picture. Boats should line up in order prior to departure allowing enough time to idle up the river & be at the takeoff point on time. **Boats will depart beginning at 8:30am.** Once a team's number has been called on VHF channel 17, they may pass north of the check point & continue to idle towards Lake Erie. Once out of the river, they may take off.
12. Bait & tackle may not be passed between boats after departure.
13. Only registered participants are allowed to be on the boat during derby hours. Participants must not come into physical contact with any other boats during derby hours.
14. When **RETURNING**, boats must be south of the check-in location on the west wall of the river **by 1:00pm** or they will be considered late & not allowed to weigh fish. A check-in volunteer must be able to see & confirm your boat number in order to be considered on time for weigh-in. VHF Radios need to be on channel 17.
15. When entering or exiting the Huron River, it is the boat captain's responsibility to follow the NO WAKE zones. Law enforcement boats may be present on the river at any time. Teams must allow themselves enough time in order to depart in the morning & return in the afternoon for check-in on time. As always, be courteous to other boaters.
16. **WEIGH-IN will begin at 1:15pm.** After check in, teams must go directly BY WATER ONLY to the west wall just north of the HBB office. The scale will be located at the pavilion north of the HBB's main office. Boats that are locally docked must drop off their fish before returning to their dock. Boats that launched from the Huron boat ramp must drop off their fish before being hauled out.
17. Fish will not be combined between teams or accepted from someone else not in the derby.
18. Each team will weigh ONE WALLEYE. Bring only one walleye to the scale in the baskets/bags provided by the derby. Boat number cards must also be turned in at the designated fish weighing area even if a team is not weighing a fish. After a team is done weighing their fish &/or have returned their boat number card, they then need to move their boat off the wall so that other teams may come in & tie up.
19. All fish in contention for a monetary pay out are subject to inspection by the tournament director. Any team submitting a fish that is found to be altered in any way for the purpose of manipulating it's weight will be disqualified. Any fish that is discovered to have not been caught during derby hours by a registered team will be disqualified.
20. Boat captains are responsible for the safety of their boat & team members. Boats must be maintained & in good working order with all required USCG safety gear & a working VHF radio.
21. If there is a non emergency mechanical or safety issue & assistance is required, assistance may come from a private boat or commercial towing service. If a boat is under tow & makes it to check-in on time, their fish will still be weighed. Any disabled boat must notify the tournament director by phone.
22. The tournament director has the right of entry refusal or expulsion from the derby for any reason. Interpretation of the derby rules will be at the sole discretion of the tournament director & not subject to dispute or protest.
23. Any derby participant has the right to contest another team or angler. Protests must be made directly to the tournament director prior to the awards ceremony & accompanied by a \$300 cash fee. The fee will be returned only if the protest is upheld.
24. The derby hours may be modified, re-scheduled, or canceled at the discretion of the tournament director for safety reasons. In the event that weather does not allow for fishing on the scheduled derby date, the prize money will be awarded via a random draw of the team numbers. The first number drawn will be for 5th place, last number drawn will be for 1st place. Once a number is drawn it will not qualify for another prize amount.
25. This is a charity memorial event that is meant to bring the community together. Anglers are asked to follow these rules based on good faith by all parties involved. No cheating or poor sportsmanship-like conduct will be tolerated.

DERBY LIABILITY WAIVER:

Payment of entry fee acknowledges all team members understand & agree to the rules & procedures outlined in this document & liability waiver.

All participants hereby release the Chris & Owen Kedas Memorial Foundation and Fish Huron, their officers, members, volunteers, agents, & sponsors from any & all liabilities, cost, claims, damages, & demands related to personal injury, death, and/or property damage incurred while preparing for and competing in the Chris & Owen Kedas Memorial Fishing Derby.

All participants agree that any photographs or other promotional material taken during a Chris & Owen Kedas Memorial Foundation and Fish Huron event is the property of the foundation and Fish Huron, their sponsors, or the media without royalties or prior consent.

All participants agree to abide by all of the rules & regulations set forth by the Chris & Owen Kedas Memorial Foundation and Fish Huron, and all applicable local, Ohio, & United States Coast Guard regulations.

All participants agree that the tournament director's decision will be final in all matters & not subject to dispute or protest.

By registering & paying the entry fee for the Chris & Owen Kedas Memorial Fishing Derby, each team & its participants signify that they have read, understand, & agree to abide by all rules, regulations, & stipulations set forth by the Chris & Owen Kedas Memorial Foundation and Fish Huron. Team registration & payment of entry fee constitutes acceptance of the above & agreement with all rules for the entire team.