

2016 Ladies Classic Summary

Small Craft warnings on Saturday, July 9th kept the contestants off the water. Sunday the 10th, the rain/blow date, dawned beautifully with calm waters and clear skies so the Ladies were off the dock and fishing early in the morning. We had 14 boats entered this year even though a few boats had to drop out because of the postponement. The boats weighed in 25 fish totaling 201 lbs. in weight. Sixteen (16) King Salmon were caught along with 5 Steelhead, 3 Lakers and 1 Coho Salmon. A little more than \$1800 worth of prizes were distributed to the 14 boats for both winning prizes and consolation prizes. The Top Prize, Big Fish, was won by the "Sculpin" Boat and Captainette Kiersten Fox from Howard City with a 20.50 lb. King Salmon. Most Fish, the second prize, was won by the "Producer" and Captainette Lyn Snider from Kentwood with 4 fish for a total of 29.4 lbs. Mystery Weight, the 3rd prize, was won by the "Cheryl Ann" Boat and Captainette Cheryl Bremer from Kent City. They won Mystery Weight with a 8.5 lb. King that was closest to the selected MW of 7.75 lbs. There was actually a tie between 2 fish but the prize is awarded to the first fish weighed in. Great Job Ladies!!!!

Category Awards for the biggest fish in each species were also awarded. The Biggest Salmon trophy was won by "Dreamin Screammers" and Captainette Meghan Bannink and her crew, The Juniper Beach Trollers, with a 16.90 lb. King. The Big Steelhead Award went to the "Reel Dancer" and Captainette Pam Cornell from Pentwater with a 5.75 lb. Steelie. The Big Lake Trout Award was presented to "Son Seeker" and Captainette Sharon Converse from Northville with a 5.25 lb. fish. One Coho was caught by the "Producer" boat but entrants are only allowed one prize per boat. Every boat entered not winning a major prize was awarded a Consolation Prize valued between \$50-60. Not bad for a \$15 Entry Fee.

As you may recall, The Ladies Classic was started as a part of the Mini Tournament format with Big Fish, Most fish and Mystery Weight as prize categories. The Mystery Weight category does level the playing field for all boats since it really is a matter of luck as to who catches a fish closest to a weight between 3 and 10 lbs. that is randomly selected prior to weigh-in. Folks working in the Pentwater Angler on the day of the tourney usually select the Mystery Weight.



George Cornell covering Weigh-In
Assisted by Rob Bannink



Sculpin Boat – Big Fish – First Prize



Producer Boat – 2nd Place – Most Fish



Cheryl Ann Boat – 3rd Place – Mystery Weight



Juniper Beach Trollers – Big King



Reel Dancer Boat – Big Steelhead



Son Seeker Boat – Big Lake Trout

Everyone had a Great Time fishing the Ladies Classic this year and once again THANK YOU TO THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE OF LYN SNIDER, PAM CORNELL AND SHARRI GERMAN FOR MAKING THE CLASSIC SUCH A SUCCESS ONCE AGAIN. The winning prizes and consolation prizes were outstanding and everyone was thrilled with the outcome. Please remember to thank our sponsors and all those businesses and individuals that donated to The Ladies Classic to make it a stellar summer event for PSA. And if you haven't participated Let's make the 2017 Ladies Classic the Largest Ever!!!!