

# 2025 Benzie Fishing Frenzie - Shiny Homes Satellite To The Lucky 7

**WHEN: Wednesday, August 20, 2025**

## **REGISTRATION**

Tuesday, August 19th, 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Location: Frankfort Public Launch

## **CAPTAIN'S MEETING:**

NONE. It is the team's responsibility to know all the rules

Entry Fee: \$140 per team (includes captain and all crew)

4% processing fee applies to credit card entries

Checks payable to: Benzie Fishing Frenzie

## **TOURNAMENT DETAILS**

Fishing Time: 6:30 AM – 1:00 PM

All boats must remain within ½ mile of the Frankfort/Elberta pierheads before 6:30 AM

Official "GO FISH" call at 6:30 AM on VHF Channel 68

Coolers must be in line for weigh in by 1:00 PM

### **Communication:**

Not a radio-silence tournament

VHF Channel 68 will be used for all official communication

### **Port Rules:**

Boats may leave from any marina/launch on Betsie Bay

### **Boat & Cooler Checks:**

Boats and coolers may be inspected on tournament day

### **Captain & Crew Requirements:**

Maximum 9 rods, which requires 3 licensed anglers

Unlimited crew size

### **Observers:**

Not required, but may be assigned at the Tournament Director's discretion

## **FISHING RULES**

Max Lines: 9 lines total in the water at one time, A fish hooked is considered a line in the water

Line Rules: Max 2 baits per line; sliders must be under 72"

## **BOAT REQUIREMENTS**

Minimum 18' length (per state registration)

Must have a working marine radio

No physical contact with other boats or shore unless pre-approved

Boats not returning under their own power are disqualified

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## **FISHING LAWS & LIMITS**

All Michigan DNR laws apply  
Fishing must occur from a moving boat  
No gaffing or shore fishing  
All anglers must carry a valid MI fishing license

### **Catch Limits:**

5 Fish in any combination of any legal species.  
Teams must have 3 licensed anglers on board in order to weigh 5 lake trout.  
Size limits per DNR regulations

## **SCORING SYSTEM**

10 points per fish + 1 point per pound  
Ties broken by largest fish, then split prize if still tied

## **WEIGH-IN PROCEDURE**

Begins at approx. 12:00 PM on Wednesday at Mineral Springs Park Pavilion  
Coolers (max 5 fish) must be in line by 1:00 PM  
Extra fish: One extra fish results in loss of that fish plus one more  
Loose ice/water in cooler = -5 points  
Foreign substances (e.g. ice in mouth/body cavity) = disqualification  
Team is responsible for transporting its own cooler

## **WEATHER POLICY**

This is a "Fish At Your Own Risk" Tournament. There will be no weather calls.

## **PROTESTS**

Must be submitted in writing with a \$50 deposit within 5 minutes of the last fish leaving the scale  
All Tournament Director decisions are final

## **PRIZES**

Top finishing boats will be awarded free entry in the 2025 Benzie Fishing Frenzie Lucky 7 "Big Boys" to be held on Thursday August 21st 2025. 1st place is guaranteed no matter how many boats enter. Every 5 boats after the first 5 will add another free entry to the prizes. Free entries have no cash value and are non-transferable.

## **COMMUNITY CONDUCT**

We are guests in the city of Frankfort, please treat the community with respect. Any actions by an individual that could reflect negatively on the Benzie Fishing Frenzie in the eyes of the Frankfort community could result in team disqualification.

## **QUESTIONS?**

**Contact Tournament Director:**  
Steve Joslin – (231) 633-6775

**On behalf of the Tournament Director, committee, and our sponsors — thank you, stay safe, and have fun!**