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## Anglers can compete for \$2.9 million in the 2002 Wal-Mart RCL Walleye Circuit

Whether you're a seasoned professional or an aspiring competitive angler, the 2002 Wal-Mart RCL Circuit is designed for you. With five events and a payout of over \$2.7 million\* in cash plus \$160,000 in prize boats, the Wal-Mart RCL Circuit is the most lucrative series in competitive walleye fishing.

The circuit's pro / co-angler format accommodates the skill level of all walleye anglers. So, if you enjoy the thrill of competition and you're looking for a circuit that provides an exciting format, national exposure and great cash rewards, then you'll want to be a part of the 2002 Wal-Mart RCL Circuit.



\*Based on full fields.

# RCL schedule

## Detroit River

APRIL 3-6

TAYLOR, MI

Presented by:  **YAMAHA**  
When you want the best

**HOST:** Lake Erie Metropark  
32481 W. Jefferson Ave., Brownstown, MI 48173  
Phone: 734-379-5020 • www.metroparks.com

**MARINA:** Lake Erie Metropark

**REGISTRATION:** April 2, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Pre-Tournament Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

Oscar Carlson High School  
30550 West Jefferson, Gibraltar, MI 48173  
Phone: 734-379-9280

**HOUSING:** Best Western  
21700 West Road, Wood Haven, MI 48183  
Phone: 734-676-8000

**WAL-MART:** 7555 Telegraph Road, Taylor, MI 48180

## Lake Sharp

MAY 1-4

PIERRE, SD

**HOST:** Pierre Convention & Tourism Bureau  
800 West Dakota, Pierre, SD 57501  
Phone: 605-224-7361 • www.pierrechamber.com

**MARINA:** Downs Marina  
800 S. Washington, Pierre, SD 57501  
Phone: 605-224-5533

**REGISTRATION:** April 30, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Pre-Tournament Meeting: 6:30 p.m.  
Best Western Ramkota Inn  
Phone: 605-224-6877

**HOUSING:** Best Western Ramkota Inn  
920 West Sioux, Pierre, SD 57501  
Phone: 605-224-6877

**WAL-MART:** 1600 North Harrison Ave., Pierre, SD 57501

## Lake Winnebago

MAY 29-JUNE 1

OSHKOSH, WI

**HOST:** Oshkosh Convention & Visitors Bureau  
525 West 20th Ave., Oshkosh, WI 54902  
Phone: 877-303-9200 • www.oshkoshcvb.org

**MARINA:** The Pioneer Resort  
1000 Pioneer Drive, Oshkosh, WI 54902  
Phone: 800-683-1980

**REGISTRATION:** May 28, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Pre-Tournament Meeting: 6:30 p.m.  
The Pioneer Resort

**HOUSING:** The Pioneer Resort  
**WAL-MART:** 2035 S. Koeller St., Oshkosh, WI 54901

## Saginaw Bay

JUNE 26-29

BAY CITY, MI

**HOST:** Bay Area Convention & Visitors Bureau  
901 Saginaw Street, Bay City, MI 48708  
Phone: 888-229-8696

**MARINA:** Hoyles Marina

135 South Linwood Beach, Linwood, MI 48634  
Phone: 989-697-4415

**REGISTRATION:** June 25, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.  
Pre-Tournament Meeting: 6:30 p.m.  
Kawkawlin Township Hall

1836 Parish Road, Kawkawlin, MI 48631  
Phone: 989-686-8710

**HOUSING:** AmericInn & Suites

3915 Three Mile Road, Bay City, MI • 989-671-0071

**WAL-MART:** 3921 Wilder Road, Bay City, MI 48706

## qualifying purses

# \$346,000\*

### PROFESSIONAL PURSE

Entry Fee \$1,250

Place	Winnings
1st	\$50,000**
2nd	25,000
3rd	20,000
4th	15,000
5th	12,500
6th	10,000
7th	9,000
8th	8,000
9th	7,000
10th	6,000
11th-15th	5,000
16th-20th	4,000
21st-25th	3,000
26th-30th	2,500
31st-40th	2,000
41st-50th	1,500
Total	\$270,000

### CO-ANGLER PURSE

Entry Fee \$500

Place	Winnings
1st	15,000
2nd	7,500
3rd	6,000
4th	5,000
5th	4,000
6th	3,000
7th	2,500
8th	2,000
9th	1,500
10th	1,250
11th-15th	1,000
16th-20th	900
21st-25th	800
26th-30th	700
31st-40th	600
41st-50th	525
Total	\$76,000

\*Based on full field.

\*\*1st place pro also receives a fully-rigged boat.

# Championship

# Championship Purse

## Mississippi River OCTOBER 2-5 RED WING, MN

**HOST:** Treasure Island Casino & Resort  
5734 Sturgeon Lake Road, Welch, MN 55089  
Phone: 800-222-7077 • www.treasureislandcasino.com

**MARINA:** Treasure Island Casino & Resort

**REGISTRATION:** October 1, 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Pre-Tournament Meeting: 6:30 p.m.  
Treasure Island Casino & Resort

**HOUSING:** Treasure Island Casino & Resort  
5734 Sturgeon Lake Road, Welch, MN 55089  
Phone: 800-222-7077

**WAL-MART:** 225 33rd Street West, Hastings, MN



## Up to **\$1.4 million** PROFESSIONAL DIVISION

\$1,500 Entry Fee

Place	Cash	Ranger Crestliner Lund Bonus	Evinrude Yamaha Bonus	Total
1	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$100,000	\$400,000
2	50,000	15,000	10,000	75,000
3	25,000	7,500	5,000	37,500
4	15,000	6,000	4,000	25,000
5	10,000	6,000	4,000	20,000
6	6,000	6,000	4,000	16,000
7	5,000	6,000	4,000	15,000
8	4,500	6,000	4,000	14,500
9	4,000	6,000	4,000	14,000
10	3,000	6,000	4,000	13,000
11	2,500	6,000	4,000	12,500
12	2,000	6,000	4,000	12,000
13-20	1,800	900	600	3,300
21-25	1,500	900	600	3,000
26-30	1,200	900	600	2,700
31-40	900	900	600	2,400
41-50	600	900	600	2,100
51-100	300	900	600	1,800
101-200	—	900	600	1,500
				<b>\$994,400</b>

## CO-ANGLER DIVISION

\$750 Entry Fee

Place	Cash	Ranger Crestliner Lund Bonus	Evinrude Yamaha Bonus	Total
1	\$75,000	\$45,000	\$30,000	\$150,000
2	25,000	15,000	10,000	50,000
3	10,000	3,600	2,400	16,000
4	5,000	3,600	2,400	11,000
5	3,000	3,600	2,400	9,000
6	2,700	3,600	2,400	8,700
7	2,400	900	600	3,900
8	2,100	900	600	3,600
9	1,800	900	600	3,300
10	1,500	900	600	3,000
11	1,350	900	600	2,850
12	1,200	900	600	2,700
13-20	900	450	300	1,650
21-25	750	450	300	1,500
26-30	600	450	300	1,350
31-40	450	450	300	1,200
41-50	300	450	300	1,050
51-100	150	450	300	900
101-200	—	450	300	750
				<b>\$434,000</b>

## Cash Bonus Guidelines

Comanche  
Fisherman  
R Series  
Cherokee



*All participants in the Wal-Mart RCL Walleye Championship must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for the Cash Bonus:*

- Ranger must have been purchased new from an authorized dealer after July 1, 1998 (new is defined as first purchaser/original owner).
- Ranger must be purchased prior to qualifying for the RCL.
- Ranger will recognize only those events that are fished from the specified boats to count towards qualifying for the Cash Bonus (except for amateurs or co-anglers).

Verification of ownership to be sent with entry form:

- Copy of title or original bill of sale
- Copy of current registration
- Ranger's decision is final in determining the eligibility for the Cash Bonus and in determining the validity of any claims under this program.

For more information about the RCL Walleye Championship contact:

**Ranger Boats**  
Attn: RCL Tournament  
Highway 178 North • Flippin, AR 72634  
Phone (870) 453-2222

## Cash Bonus Guidelines

Fishhawk  
Sport Fish  
Tournament Series



*All participants in the Wal-Mart RCL Walleye Championship must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for the Cash Bonus:*

- Crestliner must have been purchased new from an authorized dealer after July 1, 1998 (new is defined as first purchaser/original owner).
- Crestliner must be purchased prior to qualifying for the RCL.
- Crestliner will recognize only those events that are fished from the specified boats to count towards qualifying for the Cash Bonus (except for amateurs or co-anglers).

Verification of ownership to be sent with entry form:

- Copy of title or original bill of sale
- Copy of current registration
- Crestliner's decision is final in determining the eligibility for the Cash Bonus and in determining the validity of any claims under this program.

For more information about the RCL Walleye Championship contact:

**Crestliner**  
Attn: RCL Tournament  
609 13th Avenue NE • Little Falls, MN 56345  
Phone (320) 632-6686

## Cash Bonus Guidelines

Pro V  
Tyee  
2150 Baron



*All participants in the Wal-Mart RCL Walleye Championship must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for the Cash Bonus:*

- Lund must have been purchased new from an authorized dealer after July 1, 1998 (new is defined as first purchaser/original owner).
- Lund must be purchased prior to qualifying for the RCL.
- Lund will recognize only those events that are fished from the specified boats to count towards qualifying for the Cash Bonus (except for amateurs or co-anglers).

Verification of ownership to be sent with entry form:

- Copy of title or original bill of sale
- Copy of current registration
- Lund's decision is final in determining the eligibility for the Cash Bonus and in determining the validity of any claims under this program.

For more information about the RCL Walleye Championship contact:

**Lund Boat Division**  
Attn: RCL Tournament  
P.O. Box 248 • New York Mills, MN 56567  
Phone (218) 385-2235



Model year 2002

## Cash Bonus Guidelines

*All participants in the Wal-Mart RCL Walleye Championship must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for the Evinrude Cash Bonus:*

- Evinrude® Ficht Injection outboard motor must have been purchased new (new is defined as first purchaser/original owner). In addition, the purchase must have been from an authorized Evinrude dealer.
- To qualify for the Evinrude model year 2002 Cash Bonus, the Evinrude® Ficht Injection outboard motor angler must be using a model year 2002 or 2003 Evinrude® Ficht Injection outboard engine.
- Evinrude® Ficht Injection outboard motor must have been purchased and registered prior to qualifying for the RCL.
- Evinrude® Ficht Injection outboard motor must have current registration by the original owner at the time of qualifying for the RCL championship and must have been used by the owner in the qualifying events (except for amateurs or co-anglers).
- Evinrude® Ficht Injection outboard motor may not exceed the horsepower rating for the boat in use.

Evinrude's decision is final in determining participant's eligibility for the cash bonus payment, as well as the validity of any claims under this program.

For more information about the RCL Walleye Championship contact:

**Bombardier Boats & Outboard Engines**  
Attn: RCL Tournament  
10101 Science Drive • Sturtevant, WI 53177  
Phone (800) Evinrude

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## Cash Bonus Guidelines

HPDI Two Stroke  
80 hp-225 hp Four Stroke  **YAMAHA**<sup>®</sup>  
*When you want the best*

All participants in the Wal-Mart RCL Walleye Championship must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible for the Cash Bonus:

- Yamaha HPDI Two-Stroke or Yamaha 80hp-225hp Four-Stroke primary outboard motor must have been retail purchased new (new is defined as outboard first purchaser/original owner). In addition, the purchase must have been from an authorized Yamaha outboard dealer in the U.S.A.
- To qualify for the Yamaha Cash Bonus, the primary Yamaha HPDI Two-Stroke or Yamaha 80hp-225hp Four-Stroke outboard model year 2000 or newer must have been purchased after July 1, 2000.
- Only Yamaha HPDI Two-Stroke or Yamaha 80hp-225hp Four-Stroke primary outboard motors are eligible for the Cash Bonus payment. No exceptions or substitutions.
- Yamaha HPDI Two-Stroke or Yamaha 80hp-225hp Four-Stroke primary outboard must have been purchased and warranty registered to the original owner prior to their qualifying for the RCL Championship.
- The Yamaha HPDI Two-Stroke or Yamaha 80hp-225hp Four-Stroke primary outboard must have current registration by the original owner at the time of qualifying for the RCL Championship and must have been used by the owner in the qualifying event (except for co-anglers).
- Yamaha HPDI Two-Stroke or Yamaha 80hp-225hp Four-Stroke primary outboard motor may not exceed the horsepower rating for the boat in use.
- Yamaha Motor Corporation's decision is final in determining participant's eligibility for the cash bonus payment, as well as the validity of any claims under this program.

For more information about the RCL Walleye Championship contact:

**Yamaha Motor Corporation**  
(800) 962-7926

For the first time in history, the Wal-Mart RCL Walleye Championship will be televised on the PAX TV network. Television programming has played an integral role in the growth of many major sports. The ability to deliver audiences the most timely television program in fishing is a major achievement.



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# entry form

MEMBERSHIP # \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OR PROVINCE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAILADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

SSN \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTHDATE \_\_\_\_\_

DAYTIME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EVENING PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

BOAT BRAND \_\_\_\_\_ OUTBOARD BRAND \_\_\_\_\_

US COAST GUARD H.P. RATING \_\_\_\_\_ H.P. \_\_\_\_\_

Event Date	Location	Entry/Bal. Deadline
<input type="checkbox"/> APR 3-6	DETROIT RIVER	MAR 20
<input type="checkbox"/> MAY 1-4	LAKE SHARP	APR 17
<input type="checkbox"/> MAY29-JUN1	LAKE WINNEBAGO	MAY 15
<input type="checkbox"/> JUN 26-29	SAGINAW BAY	JUN 12

### professional

Complete entry fee for each event checked (\$1,250)  
 \$500 deposit for each event checked

### co-angler

Complete entry fee for each event checked (\$500)  
 \$200 deposit for each event checked

**MEMBERSHIP DUES:** You must be a current member of Operation Walleye, Inc. If not, check below and enclose the proper amount.  
 \$23 – 1 Yr.  \$41 – 2 Yrs.  \$60 – 3 Yrs.  \$25–Gold Membership

Total Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT TYPE:  CHECK  VISA  MASTERCARD

ACCOUNT # \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. \_\_\_\_\_

**AUTOMATIC BALANCE PAYMENT**  
 I authorize Operation Walleye, Inc. to charge the balances for all tournaments checked above. Charges for balances will be made on the balance deadline date for each tournament.

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

#### PARTICIPANT RELEASE – READ BEFORE SIGNING

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the 2002 Wal-Mart RCL Walleye Circuit related events and activities of the fishing tournament The Undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:

1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of injury does exist; and
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representative and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS Operation Walleye, Inc., Wood Manufacturing Company, Inc., Lund Boats, Inc., Crestliner Boats, Inc., their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.
5. Contestants grant Operation Walleye, Inc., RCL Walleye Championship, Dempsey Film Group, and the RCL Walleye Championship sponsors, the unconditional right to use their

name, voice, photographic likeness and biographical information and fishing tips and instructions in connection with Operation Walleye, Inc., and the RCL Walleye Championship video/audio production, promotions and/or articles and press releases, and shall not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use.  
 I HAVE READ THE RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT AND THE ATTACHED RULES, FULLY UNDERSTAND THEIR TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

PARTICIPANTS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (under age 18 at time of registration)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and for myself, heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liability incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above. EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



## nationwide publicity

The Wal-Mart RCL Walleye Circuit continues to generate national news and millions of positive impressions for competitive walleye fishing in many of the nation's top media outlets. As the popularity of the circuit has expanded, so too has media coverage of RCL events.



## [www.operationwalleye.com](http://www.operationwalleye.com)

The Wal-Mart RCL Walleye Circuit Web site features broad coverage of all RCL events, as well as tournament registration, schedules and angler profiles.



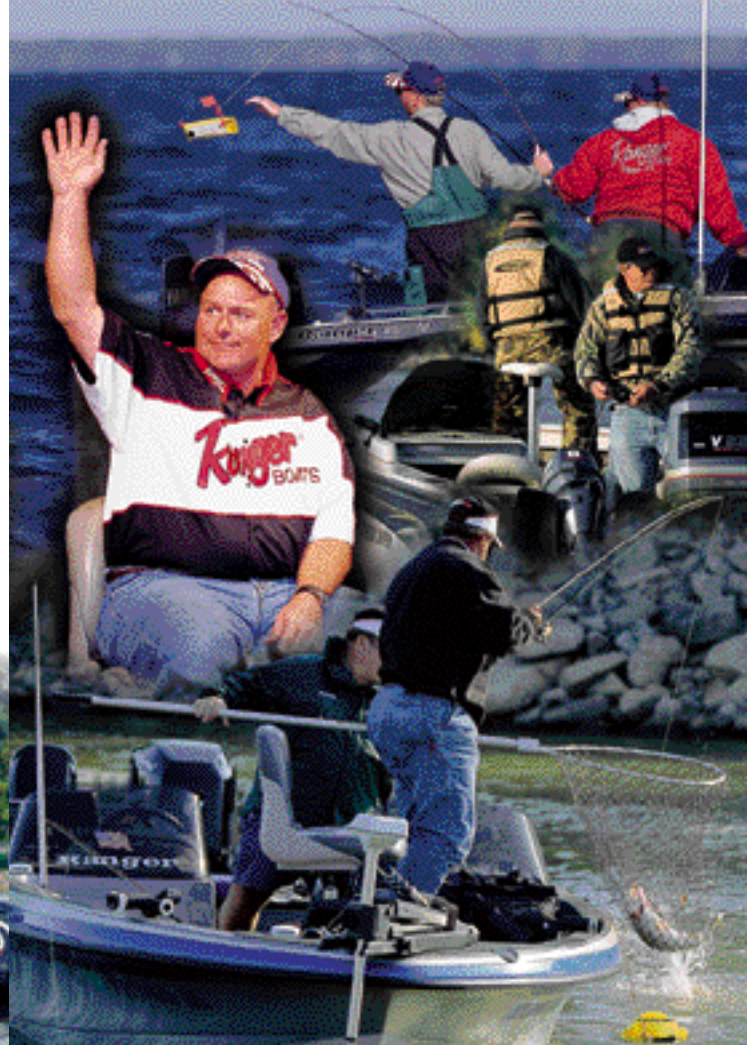
## qualifying format

Wal-Mart RCL Circuit events feature a thrilling elimination-style format...

**Opening Round (Days 1 and 2)** A full field of 150 professionals and 150 co-anglers compete for 20 spots in the semifinal round. Berths are earned based on accumulated weight. 21st - 50th place issued a check on site.

**Semifinal Round (Day 3)** Top 20 professionals and top 20 co-anglers start over, fishing for one day. The top 10 professionals and co-anglers advance to the final round.

**Final Round (Day 4)** Top 10 professionals and co-anglers start fresh, with the winners determined by heaviest catch weight of the day.



# tournament rules

1. **RULE CHANGES** • These rules will remain unchanged during the year 2002 RCL Walleye Circuit and Championship. Interpretation of these rules will be left exclusively to the tournament director. Decisions of the tournament director are final in all matters and are not subject to appeal. Protests must be made in writing within 30 minutes of the official check-in time of the final flight of each tournament day.

2. **PARTICIPATION AND ELIGIBILITY** • **Qualifying Events** – Pro-angler participation is open only to registered Ranger, Crestliner and Lund owners. Co-angler participation is open to the general public with an early entry date for Ranger, Crestliner and Lund owners. It will be the responsibility of anglers to submit their application and deposits in accordance with the procedures outlined below. Participation is open only to members of Operation Walleye who are 16 years of age or older. Any person entering a tournament under the age of majority must also have the signature of their parent or legal guardian in the provided space on the entry form. A completed entry form and the complete entry fee must be received in-house at Operation Walleye no later than the published deadline for each tournament. Each qualifying tournament will be limited to 300 contestants (150 boats). Entries received after a tournament has filled will be placed on a waiting list. Pros may submit a \$500 deposit for each event to hold their spot. Co-Anglers may submit a \$250 deposit for each event to hold their spot. For Pro-anglers who enter all four qualifying events and Co-anglers that are Ranger, Crestliner or Lund owners, non-transferable, non-refundable deposits will be accepted to hold Pro or Co-Angler spots for tournaments beginning 8:00 a.m. Central Time, January 14, 2002. For other entries, non-transferable, non-refundable deposits will be accepted to hold spots for tournaments beginning 8:00 a.m. Central Time, January 16, 2002. Deposits may be made by mail, phone, fax, or on-line at [www.operationwalleye.com](http://www.operationwalleye.com). Entry fees (minus the deposit amount) may be transferred or refunded if Operation Walleye is notified prior to the entry deadline. Entry fees will not be transferred or refunded after the entry deadline. Deposits may not be transferred or refunded at anytime. Those placed on the waiting list that are not accepted into the tournament will receive a full refund after the tournament.

**POINTS STANDINGS** - 200 points will be awarded to the winner of each qualifying event, 199 to 2nd, 198 to 3rd, etc. All anglers who receive weight credit will receive points.

**RCL Championship** – From the RCLCircuit the top 35 Pros and the top 35 Co-anglers from each event will qualify for the RCLChampionship. Operation Walleye must receive a completed championship entry form within 15 days of each qualifying event. If any qualifier is unable to attend or has already qualified for the Wal-Mart RCLChampionship, the next angler on the standings list will be eligible.

From other sanctioned events a minimum of 60 Pro and 60 Co-angler positions will be available. Pro-angler participation is open only to registered Ranger, Crestliner and Lund owners who participate as boaters in authorized tournaments. Co-angler participation is open to anyone who participates in authorized tournaments. It will be the responsibility of qualifying anglers to submit their application in accordance with the procedures outlined below. In order to be eligible, the Ranger, Crestliner or Lund boat owner must fish out of a Ranger, Crestliner, or Lund, (except for amateurs or co-anglers) be the registered owner of a Ranger, Crestliner, or Lund and must have purchased their boat prior to qualifying for the RCL Walleye Championship. Qualification for the RCL

Walleye Championship begins January 1, 2002 and ends September 1, 2002. Anglers can fish only one division (Pro or Co-Angler) and occupy only one slot. Anglers who register must complete and submit an entry form within 15 days of the qualifying event which contains the following information: Qualifying event and date, place of finish and weight, copy of boat title or bill of sale and current boat registration w/boat and out-board model and year (boat documentation needs to be submitted only once.) Anglers may register from every sanctioned event they compete in until they are confirmed. No deposit is due when registering for the RCLChampionship. Available slots will be filled based on place of finish. Qualifying anglers will be sent a letter of confirmation and given a deposit and balance deadline date. Operation Walleye will maintain a waiting list (based on place of finish) for each sanctioned organization, if any angler fails to submit their deposit or balance by the due date, the next angler on the waiting list will become eligible. In order to assure a full field of 400 anglers, if any of the eligible anglers choose not to enter, participation may be offered to other Ranger, Crestliner, or Lund owners competing in the selected walleye tournaments, beginning September 10, 2002. (The possibility exists that there may be more than 400 anglers that compete in the RCL Walleye Championship)

3. **PRE-TOURNAMENT PRACTICE** • There will be no off-limits period prior to RCL Walleye events. No contestant may enter the tournament waters for the purpose of catching or locating fish or locating possible fishing locations after the pre-tournament meeting or after tournament hours. The purchasing of information or the hiring of services will not be permitted after the entry/balance date for each event (September 12, 2002 for the Wal-Mart RCLChampionship).

4. **REGISTRATION AND PRE-TOURNAMENT MEETING** • Each contestant must register in person at the designated site during the official registration hours 3-6 p.m. local time (the day before the tournament). Registration for the RCL Walleye Championship will be from 1-6 p.m. local time, Tuesday, October 1st. Contestants registering between 6:00-6:15 p.m. will receive a two pound penalty for the first day of the tournament. Any contestant more than 15 minutes late will forfeit their entry fee and will not be entered in the tournament. It is mandatory that all contestants attend the pre-tournament meeting, which will be held at 6:30 p.m. local time. Being late for the pre-tournament meeting will result in a 2-pound penalty for the first day of the tournament. Any contestant not present for partner pairings will forfeit their entry fee and will not be entered in the tournament.

5. **PAIRINGS** • Partners will be paired by draw. All contestants must meet with their assigned partners when drawn at the pre-tournament meeting. Partners should advise each other of their respective lodging and phone numbers and establish a meeting time and place for the following morning's take-off. Contestants should meet their assigned partner at least 30 minutes prior to their official take-off time. The tournament director, at his sole discretion, may reassign partners prior to the morning take-off.

6. **SAFETY** • Safe boating must be observed at all times. During competition, each contestant is required to wear a fastened U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD anytime the main combustion engine is in operation above idle. All boats must be equipped with an emergency ignition

# tournament rules

shut-off device that must be securely attached to the driver's body whenever the main combustion engine is in operation above idle. Each boat is required to have a fully functional marine band base radio and adequate fixed antenna (hand held radios are allowed only as back-up units). The use of mobile communication devices during tournament hours such as cellular telephones, marine radios, walkie-talkies, CBs, etc., is permitted except to communicate fishing information. Tournament days may be shortened or canceled due to unsafe weather or water conditions. The decision to shorten or to cancel will be left totally to the discretion of the tournament director.

**7. SPORTSMANSHIP** • All contestants are required to follow high standards of sportsmanship, courtesy and conservation and to conduct themselves in a manner that will be a credit to themselves, to Operation Walleye, the sport of fishing, Operation Walleye sponsors or Operation Walleye's efforts to promote the sport. Examples of conduct not complying with those standards include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages or any mind-altering substance during the pre-tournament meeting or during tournament hours extending through the weigh-in procedure. Intoxication will be cause for immediate disqualification.
- Abuse or addiction to, mind-altering substances
- Conviction of a felony within the past 36 months
- Any other words, conduct or actions reflecting unfavorably on Operation Walleye, Operation Walleye's tournaments or the sponsors of those tournaments or reflecting unfavorably upon efforts to promote safety, sportsmanship, fair competition and compliance with tournament rules

In case of any conduct not complying with the standards, Operation Walleye shall have the right to refuse any application, or to deny a confirmed application by returning the deposit or entry fee of a previously accepted application, or to disqualify a contestant.

**8. BOAT OPERATION** • Pro division anglers will have complete control of boat operation and waters to be fished. Pros must provide their Co-Angler partners with all presentation equipment such as downriggers, planer boards, side planers, rods, reels, bait, line and terminal tackle. Co-Anglers are not permitted to bring any tackle into the Pro's boat. Co-Anglers who share their Pro partner's fishing locations with any other competitors will be disqualified along with the person utilizing this information.

**9. BOAT AND HORSEPOWER REGULATION** • All boats must be a minimum of 17" in length. All boats must be equipped with either wheel or tiller steering. No other steering devices will be permitted. No barges or similar cumbersome crafts will be permitted. Each boat must have all required U.S. Coast Guard safety equipment. Boats must contain a properly aerated livewell space to maintain alive a limit catch of fish. Maximum horsepower for all outboards used in tournament competition will be 250 horsepower, not to exceed the horsepower limitations set by the U.S. Coast Guard. Each boat must have an U.S. Coast Guard horsepower rating plate attached to the boat by the manufacturer. The horsepower of the outboard engine must not exceed the rating specified on this rating plate or the 250 horsepower maximum. By signing the entry form, contestants agree to submit their boats and/or motors to an

inspection by factory trained personnel. Falsifying information on entry forms or altering the horsepower numbers on the motor or rating plate will be cause for disqualification from the tournament and may result in future ineligibility to enter Operation Walleye tournaments. Fuel may be carried only in factory installed (built-in) fuel tanks. Any additional fuel used during the tournament day must be purchased from a retail facility open to the public.

**10. PERMITTED FISHING METHODS** • All fish must be caught live in a conventional sporting manner. Live bait may be used. No more than two fishing rods per angler may be used at a time. Trolling is permitted.

**11. PERMITTED FISHING LOCATIONS** • Contestants may fish anywhere accessible by boat, except areas designated as "off-limits" or "no fishing" by local, state or federal officials or within 50 yards of any marina gas pump or within any other competitor's first marked fishing area. A "marked fishing area", is defined as a 50-foot diameter area centered with a marker buoy. The contestant must remain within his marked area and may leave only to play and land a fish. When limited out or not fishing, the marker must be picked up. A marked area may be navigated through if it restricts or blocks access to other fishable waters. All angling must be conducted from the boat. At no time may a contestant leave the boat to land a fish or to make the boat more accessible to fishing waters. Contestants must leave and return to the official check-point by boat. The boat must remain in the tournament waters during the tournament day. No tournament boat may be loaded on the trailer before the weighing of fish except with the permission of the tournament director. In the event of equipment failure or emergency, there will be only two permitted methods of returning to the official check-in: (1) by both partners remaining in their boat and being towed by water, or (2) by one of the partners entering the boat of another RCL Walleye tournament contestant and returning with their catch to the official check-in. Under these two conditions the contestants' catches may be counted without penalty (except late penalties, dead fish penalties or any other penalties pertaining to any other tournament rules). Contestants who elect to return to the official check-in by any other means than cited above will forfeit that day's catch to that point in time of the tournament day. Any contestant returning to the check-in point will be eligible to restart and resume competition only under the supervision of the tournament director or his designated tournament official. It is the sole responsibility of contestants to locate the tournament director to request a restart. If a contestant must violate any part of this rule due to an emergency or for any other reason, their catch for that day will not be counted.

**12. OFFICIAL CHECKPOINTS** • There will be only one official check-point for boat check in the morning and one official checkpoint for check-in in the afternoon. Failure to go through boat check and check-out in the morning or failure to check-in at the check-in point will result in disqualification. All fishing must cease upon check-in.

**13. SCORING** • The combined pounds and ounces of both contestants' catch will determine scoring during the tournament. Only walleye, sauger or saugeye are accepted species. Pros and Co-Anglers will fish together for the combined daily boat weight. Each partner will carry the combined daily boat weight into the second competition day. First round

# tournament rules

weights (Day 1 and 2) will not carry over to Day 3. Day 3 weights will not carry over to Day 4. The maximum limit will be six (6) fish per boat per day unless the state or lake limit is less than six (6), in which case the state or lake limit will prevail. At no time may contestants possess more than the tournament limit. Contestants who possess more than the tournament limit will have their catch for that day disqualified. The official minimum length limit will be fourteen (14) inches unless the state or lake limit is over fourteen (14) inches, in which case, the state or lake limit will prevail. Fish presented for weigh-in, which fail to measure the prescribed length limit, will be penalized at the rate of one (1) pound for each non-legal fish presented. Contestants' catches must be presented in an official weigh-in bag.

14. **LIVE FISH** • Every effort must be made to keep fish alive through the use of a properly aerated livewell. Operation Walleye recommends the use of chemical additives that promote the healthy return of fish to their natural habitat where permissible. Eight (8) ounces will be deducted from the total weight for each dead fish presented for weigh-in.

15. **LATE PENALTY** • Contestants who are not at the official check-in area at the appointed time will be penalized at one (1) pound per minute deducted from the total weight. Contestants more than fifteen (15) minutes late will lose credit for the day's weight.

16. **DAY THREE AND FOUR • Qualifying Events** - After day 2, the field will be cut to the top 20 Pros and Co-anglers. Starting positions for Pros and Co-anglers will be determined by order of finish after Day 2. After Day 3, the top 10 Pros and Co-anglers will advance to Day 4, Pros starting by place of finish on Day 3, Co-anglers will be paired by random draw. **RCL Championship** - On Day 3, the top 12 Pros and Co-anglers in the championship will be furnished boats by Ranger, Crestliner, and Lund. On Day 4, Ranger, Crestliner, and Lund will furnish boats for the top 6 Pros. Starting position and pairings will be determined by order of finish after Day 2 for Day 3 and by order of finish on Day 3 for Day 4. On Days 3 and 4 of the Championship, Pro anglers will compete out of the same brand of boat (Ranger, Crestliner, or Lund) that they used to qualify in on Days One and Two.

17. **TIES** • Ties after Day 2 will be determined by the largest one day stringer, if a tie for the cut position remains, it will be broken by a one hour fish-off. Ties on Day 3 and 4 will be resolved by Day 2 standings. (This does not apply to sponsor bonus cash in the Wal-Mart RCL Walleye Championship.)

18. **TELEVISION COVERAGE** • On Days 3 and 4 of the Wal-Mart RCL Walleye Championship, anglers who make the cut will be using products supplied by sponsors of the Wal-Mart RCL Walleye Championship. On Days 3 and 4 of televised events, no logos, patches, or decals, other than the RCL Walleye Circuit logo, or logos of the Wal-Mart RCL Walleye Circuit sponsors may be worn or displayed during the tournament hours extending through the weigh-in. On Days 3 and 4 of the RCL Walleye Championship, competitors may not fish while using tobacco products.

19. **INSURANCE** • Liability insurance is required of all contestants in Operation Walleye Inc. tournaments.

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# Championship entry form

October 2-5, 2002 — Mississippi River — Red Wing, MN

Entry must be complete and received within **15 days** of qualifying for the Wal-Mart RCL Walleye Championship.  
**Cash bonus verification must accompany official entry form.** (For verification guidelines, see below.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Qualifying Tournament \_\_\_\_\_ Qualifying Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Finish \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Ranger [ ] Crestliner [ ] Lund Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Coast Guard Rating \_\_\_\_\_ Serial # \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] Evinrude [ ] Yamaha [ ] Other \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Horsepower \_\_\_\_\_ Serial # \_\_\_\_\_

Tournament Director Verification: I certify that the above mentioned participant has met the qualifications set forth by our tournament organization and has participated using a Ranger, Crestliner, or Lund boat (except for amateur or co-angler).

Tournament Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Director's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I qualify for the following *Cash Bonus* options:

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Anglers will be notified when deposits and balances are due.

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### PARTICIPANT RELEASE — READ BEFORE SIGNING

In consideration of being allowed to participate in any way in the 2002 Wal-Mart RCL Walleye Championship related events and activities of the fishing tournament The Undersigned, acknowledge, appreciate, and agree that:  
1. The risk of injury from the activities involved in this program is significant, including the potential for permanent paralysis and death, and while particular rules, equipment, and personal discipline may reduce this risk, the risk of injury does exist; and  
2. I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and  
3. I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation, I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest official immediately; and  
4. I, for myself and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representative and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, AND HOLD HARMLESS Operation Walleye, Inc., Wood Manufacturing Company, Inc., Lund Boats, Inc., Crestliner Boats, Inc., their officers, officials, agents and/or employees, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, advertisers, and, if applicable owners and lessors of premises used to conduct the event ("Releasees"), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss of damage to person or property, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE, to the fullest extent permitted by law.  
5. Contestants grant Operation Walleye, Inc., RCL Walleye Championship, Dempsey Film Group, and the RCL Walleye Championship sponsors, the unconditional right to use their name, voice, photographic likeness and biographical information and fishing tips and instructionals in connection with Operation Walleye, Inc., and the RCL Walleye Championship video/audio production, promotions and/or articles and press releases, and shall

not be entitled to receive any royalties or other compensation in connection with such use.

I HAVE READ THE RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT AND THE ATTACHED RULES, FULLY UNDERSTAND THEIR TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

PARTICIPANTS SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE (under age 18 at time of registration) This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and for myself, heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liability incident to my minor child's involvement or participation in these programs as provided above. EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES, to the fullest extent permitted by law.

PARENT/GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

## championship format

**Opening Round (Days 1 and 2)** A full field of 200 professionals and 200 co-anglers compete for 12 spots in the semifinal round. Berths are earned based on accumulated weight.

**Semifinal Round (Day 3)** Top 12 professionals and top 12 co-anglers start over, fishing for one day. The top six professionals advance to the final round.

**Final Round (Day 4)** Top six professionals start fresh, with the winner determined by heaviest catch weight of the day. Anglers are paired with PAX TV camera crews.



## sanctioned events

Anglers Edge Walleye Tournaments  
Arkansas Walleye Association  
Bass Mania Walleye Tournament Trail  
Beulah, N.D., Chamber, Dakota Classic  
Big Wally's Spring Walleye Classic  
Canyon Ferry Walleye Festival  
Chain Walleye Series  
Colorado Walleye Association  
Columbia River Walleye Circuit  
Devils Lake Area Chamber Classic  
Dryden Walleye Masters  
FM Walleyes Unlimited  
Gary Roach Invitational  
Illinois Governor's Cup  
Illinois Walleye Trail  
Iowa Walleye Tournament Trail  
Irrigon Spring Classic  
Kansas Walleye Association  
Masters Walleye Circuit (MWC)  
The Mercury Nationals  
Mercury Walleye Classic  
Michigan Walleye Tour  
Mills Fleet Farm Ranger Boat Open  
Minaki Walleye Classic  
Minnesota Tournament Trail  
Montana Governor's Cup  
Montana Walleye Circuit  
Moses Lake Summer Classic  
Nebraska Walleye Association  
Nipawin "Vanity Cup"  
North American Walleye Trail (NAWT)  
North Dakota Governor's Cup  
Okoboji Walleye Classic  
Pentenwell Spring Walleye Open  
Potholes Fall Classic  
Prairie Classic  
Professional Walleye Trail (PWT)  
Red Lake Fall Walleye Classic  
Riverhurst Walleye Classic  
Saskatchewan Walleye Trail  
South Dakota Governor's Cup  
Southern Alberta Walleye Trail  
Spirit Lake Marina Walleye Classic  
TFM Production Events  
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