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47th Annual Vilas County Musky Marathon set to start

Continuing a long tradition, the 47th Annual Vilas County Musky Marathon is scheduled to start on all Vilas County waters May 29th (May 15th on the boundary waters) thru November 30th. There is no fee to register a musky in the Marathon.

Having grown from its start in 1964 as a shoulder season promotion, the 2010 Musky Marathon will provide anglers of all ages and abilities the opportunity to participate by offering seven (7) divisions

- four (4) Released divisions (Men's, Women's, Youth (aged 15 and under) and Guide's) and
- three (3) Kept divisions (Men's, Women's and Youth (aged 15 and under)).

"The Vilas County Musky Marathon is a fun way to recognize an angler's encounter with one of our Northwoods 'monsters'. When a legal musky is registered, the angler receives a certificate and pin." stated Janet Christianson of the Vilas County Tourism & Publicity Department. "Through the generosity of sponsors, the Marathon is also able to offer prizes to each 10th and 100th registrant in each category (Men's, Women's, Youth and Guide's) along with drawing prizes awarded at the end of the Marathon. The Marathon's continuation and success is due to the support received from the sponsors, registration stations, anglers and media."

Sponsors for this year's Marathon include: Area Chambers of Commerce; Al Soczka, Tall Pines Motel & Gallery; Bill Lewis Lures; Elmer Jensen Guide Service; Headwaters Chapter of Muskies, Inc.; Lax Taxidermy; Miller Beer of the Northwoods; Mills Fleet Farm; Musky Hunter Magazine; Smith Bait Mfg.; Tom Gelb; Tony Rizzo Lures; Wright & McGill Co., Makers of Eagle Claw Products; and Vilas County Tourism & Publicity.

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There is no fee to participate in the Marathon; however, a completed registration form and picture of the musky is required. “For those registrants granting permission, their pictures are posted on the Marathon portion of the Vilas County Tourism & Publicity website so others may share their accomplishment.” noted Christianson. “Pictures are also essential if the registrant decides to have a reproduction made of the great catch at a later date.”

Registration forms are available at Registration Stations located throughout the County -- **Arbor Vitae** – Great Outdoor Sports Shop; **Boulder Junction** – Northern Highland Sports; **Conover** – Lax Taxidermy, Northern Waters Angling & Archery, and Outpost Bait & Tackle; **Eagle River** – Eagle Sports Center, Guides’ Choice Pro Shop, The Pawn Shop, and Wild Eagle Corner Store; **Land O’Lakes** – Aurora Borealis Outfitters, Bent’s Camp Resort & Lodge and Sunrise Lodge; **Manitowish Waters** – Townline Sports; **Phelps** – Hillside Resort , and Phelps Trustworthy Hardware; **Presque Isle** – Up North Sport & Gift; **St. Germain** – St. Germain Sport Marine; **Sayner/Star Lake** – Long’s Taxidermy, and Up North Traders. A downloadable version of the Musky Marathon registration form is also available on the website. “This allows anglers to become familiar with the rules and registration form before they go fishing,” noted Christianson.

For those anglers unable to meet all the requirements on the registration form, there is a Participation Division. Anglers in this Division do receive a certificate acknowledging their catch of a musky in Vilas County waters, however they are not eligible for prizes or plaques.

Current standings for registered muskies, along with pictures of some of the great catches are updated regularly on the Marathon portion of the Vilas County Tourism website – www.vilas.org. Additionally, press releases with updated standings are distributed to news media and other publications throughout the Marathon.

For more information on the Marathon, stop by any of the area Chambers of Commerce, Registration Stations, visit the Tourism website at www.vilas.org (just click on the fishing lure!) or call the Vilas County Tourism & Publicity Office at (800) 236-3649 or (715) 479-3649.

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