

Tournament Information:

Entries: \$100 per boat, 6-lines, up to 3-person teams.

\$5 of your entry fee goes to the "Big Fish" pot.
\$5/team is donated for the "Little Fish" pot.
Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 teams.

Prize money will be awarded to the top five teams in the tournament. Payout is 75% and is determined by the number of entries.

Participants will be allowed to weigh up to 5 Channel Catfish. No Flatheads will be allowed to weigh.

Proceeds from this tournament will be used to purchase fire and rescue equipment including updated equipment for our rescue boat.

KWFD Mission Statement

It shall be the mission of the Key West Fire Department to serve the Key West Community and surrounding area with the best-trained volunteer firefighters and medical responders.

KWFD Core Values

To preserve life and property.
To educate our members and volunteers.
To have the best equipment we need to serve safely.
To respect the environment.
To support and inform the community we serve.

Rules & Regulations

1. Entries must be dropped off no later than Thursday, June 12th at 5:00 pm. Drop-off locations include the Key West Fire Department mailbox and Rivers Massey Marina.
2. Fish must be in good condition. Weigh-in will be located at the Rivers Massey Marina Concession Building. Scale opens at 12:00 pm. Fish are eligible and will be weighed as long as the participant is at the ramp by 1:00 pm. A spotter will mark the last eligible boat.
3. Winning fish is determined by weight.
4. Participants must wear a coastguard-approved personal flotation device while the internal combustion engine is in use.
5. Participants are allowed to register up to five catfish.
6. No hand-line fishing allowed. Participants must use a rod, line, and hook. Both artificial and live bait are allowed.
7. Participants may not have any non-participants in the boat at any time during the hours of 5:00 am-2:00 pm of the day of the tourney. Fishing time starts at 5:30 am.
8. Fishable waters include any water on the Mississippi River.
9. Participants are not allowed to fish, occupy, or otherwise attempt to fish any water after 7:00 pm the day prior to this tournament.
10. Participants are allowed to launch after boat inspection – no exceptions. After launch, participants must stay within sight of the landing until released by the tournament official.
11. Participants must clearly display the colored ribbon provided. The ribbon must be visible in all directions during tournament hours.
12. Tournament spotters may be located throughout the Mississippi River. Participants are expected to abide by tournament rules and demonstrate honesty, fairness and above all, sportsmanship. Failure to comply with state DNR regulations and/or these tournament rules will result in forfeiture of any prize and/or future participation.
13. No alcohol shall be consumed by participants between 5:00 am and 1:00 pm.
14. Fish will not be released and participants are responsible for their own fish.
15. Tournament officials' decisions are final.
16. Must launch from Massey Marina Boat Ramp.

Release Authorization

In consideration of being permitted in the Key West Fire Catfish Tournament, I, for myself, my personal representatives, heirs and next of kin, hereby release, waive, and discharge the Key West Fire Department and Rivers Massey Marina, and any of its officers, members, committee persons, or representatives for any loss or damages and any claim or damage therefore, on account of injury to my property or my person, including death, whether caused by the negligent acts or negligent omissions to act or otherwise by any or all of the above, while I am participating in the Key West Fire Catfish Tournament.

I have carefully read the foregoing release and rules of the tournament and know and understand the content thereof, and sign this release voluntarily. Upon signing, I release the use of my name and/or picture(s) for future promotions of the KWFD Catfish Tournament and Rivers Massey Marina.

Participant 1 Signature: _____ Date:_____

Participant 2 Signature: _____ Date:_____

Participant 3 Signature: _____ Date:_____

Signature of Legal Guardian(s) if under 18: _____

Please detach, sign, and return with payment no later than 6/12/2025

TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION FORM (one form per team)

Participant 1 Name _____ Over 18? _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature if under 18 _____
Participant 2 Name _____ Over 18? _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature if under 18 _____
Participant 3 Name _____ Over 18? _____
Phone _____ Email _____
Parent/Legal Guardian Signature if under 18 _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

By signing, I agree to abide by the rules of the tournament, all Iowa laws, and observe good sportsmanship. Drop off or send completed registration with payment to: KWFD CFT 10640 Lake Eleanor Road, Dubuque, IA 52003 OR Massey Marina. Checks payable to Key West Fire/EMS Department.

Tournament Sponsors:



Rivers Massey Marina
9526 Massey Marina Ln
Dubuque, IA 52003



Ness Flooring
Trophy Sponsor



NK Metalworks
Little Fish Sponsor

For additional information:
Key West Fire Department
Facebook page & event link

Key West Fire/EMS:
563-557-9556

Chris Tigges: 563-599-5410



Key West Fire/EMS 5th Annual Catfish Tournament

June 14, 2025

Check-in: 5:00am

Fishing: 5:30am

Weigh in: 1:00pm

Awards to follow

Pre-registration
required by 6/12/25