



## **Trolling Master Bornholm 2023 - rules for the contest**

**Place:**

Tejn Harbour.

During the contest, all boats have to depart from and return to Tejn Harbour in order to make it possible to enforce the inspection of the equipment of the boats.

Time (see exact departure times later):

Wednesday April 26, 7.00 – 18.30.

- weighing of fish 17.30 – 19.00 .

Thursday April 27, 07.00 – 18.30 .

- weighing of fish 17.30 – 19.00.

Friday April 28, 07.00 – 18.30.

- weighing of fish: 17.30 – 19.00.

Saturday April 29, 05.30 – 13.00.

- weighing of fish: 12.00 – 13.30.

Prize presentation:

Daily prizes: Each evening, from 19.30.

All contest: Saturday April 30, from 14.30.

Skippers' meeting:

Tuesday April 25 at 19.00.

Subsequently, each morning, at 06.30.

Saturday at 05.00.

All skippers' meetings and prize presentations will take place in the hall of Tejn Shipyard on the harbour.

All times and the harbour may be changed during the contest due to weather or other factors. The weighing in of fish can start earlier, if the weather or other causes demands the change.

Contest management/jury committee:

Jan Jørgensen, TV 2/Bornholm

Tom Jensen, Zealand's Small-Boat Fishing Club

Anders Schou Jensen, The Bornholm Trolling Club

### Registration of participation:

Registration fee:

900 DKK per boat, including skipper

250 DKK per crew member apart from skipper

All boats are to indicate the names and addresses of all participants.

Upon registration, the name of the skipper along with hometown, nationality and boat name will be made public on:

[www.tv2bornholm.dk/trolling](http://www.tv2bornholm.dk/trolling)

Results from the competition will be made public with name, hometown, nationality and team name. At the registration the contestants have accepted this.

The winner of biggest fish will the following year sail with boat number 100. The winner in 2022 will be having the number 100 in 2023.

It is allowed to have guests on the boat, who are not taking part of the competition (and therefore are not able to weigh in fish). TMB must always be notified about guest. If something happens it is important to exactly how many (and who) is on a boat.

All boats are to indicate size (length) in metres and centimetres as the boats are distributed in different harbour basins according to size.

The contestants in Tejn will depart in two groups, partly in order to avoid traffic chaos, and partly to increase security during departures. Each day, the large boats will be the first to depart. Large boats are defined as boats of more than 6.5 metres. The small boats up to and including 6.5 metres will depart 15 minutes after the big boats.

Large boats will carry a red participant number and red security tags.

Small boats will carry a blue participant number and blue security tags.

Your participation number will be handed out as two stickers to be placed visibly on both sides of your boat.

The exact contest times for blue and red fields are as follows:

Red departure group



Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 07.00 – 18.15.

Saturday: 05.30 – 12.45.

Blue departure group



Wednesday, Thursday and Friday: 07.15 – 18.30.

Violation of departure rules will lead to a warning and repeated violation will lead to exclusion.

If a big boat from Red Group did not make to the first start, the boat must wait until after the small boats have been sent away. This rule is to prevent big and small boats to be mixed in the second start.

Because of limited space in the harbours, a maximum of 300 boats can participate. They are all in Tejn Harbor.

Participation numbers will also be hanging as number tags/departure tags on a board at Tejn shipyard. To take part in the contest, the skipper or a crew member must get the number tag from the board. Departure tags can be fetched from the board at 6.15 (5.00 on Saturday) in connection with the skippers meeting.

Departure tags must be handed in not later than 18:15 or 18.30 unless the contest management has shortened the contest. Saturday 12.45 or 13.00.

If the start tag is handed in too late, no fish can be weighed for the contest day in question. This rule will be strictly enforced, and each day there will be photographic documentation of boats handing their tags too late.

One of the contestants must be appointed skipper of the boat. During the contest days crew changes can be made. The competition office has to be notified. If not notified the new crew member can not weigh in fish.

Registration fee covers harbour dues at Tejn from and including Tuesday April 25 to and including Sunday April 30.

With their registration, contestants accept to appear on the TV shows. Prize winners are obliged to participate in the TV-programmes. If prize winners do not show up, their prize will be lost and passed on to the runner-up.

The jury committee may decide to introduce GPS-tracking of selected boats. The tracking is to be used in the evening's TV-broadcast to show how the boats have been sailing during fishing.

Contestants may be excluded from the contest in case of:

- violation of rules
- attempts at cheating when weighing fish
- threats or violent behaviour towards contestants, organizers or TV 2/Bornholm staff
- refusal to participate in the TV shows
- violations of Danish fishing law.
- Speeding in the harbor.

### **Rules for fishing:**

Do not forget that this is a trolling contest and that therefore the boat has to be in motion all the time during fishing.

A maximum of 10 rods/fishing wheels, including spare rods/wheels, can be brought along on the boat and used at the same time.

If more than 10 rods/fishing wheels are discovered on board a boat, its results from the previous days will be cancelled.

A maximum of 10 baits may be used at the same time.

It is allowed to use planer boards in Danish territorial waters of the Baltic Sea.

Each morning, the jury committee will select a number of boats for equipment inspection on the Tejn harbour. If neither skipper nor crew participate in the skippers' meeting, the referee will contact the boat by phone in order to carry through the inspection.

The jury committee is entitled to send one of its members fishing with one of the boats. Danish legislation on fishing/trolling must be observed, e.g in terms of: Minimum dimensions. Fishing licence. Speedboat licence (only Danish boats). Proof of insurance. The decree on fishing and trolling, including the special restrictions on distances to Bornholm and Christiansø:

1. Fishing with downrigger is allowed only with a minimum distance of one nautical mile from the coast.
2. Planerboards are not allowed within 3 nautical miles.

TMB is in cooperation with relevant Danish authorities. TMB can report violation of fishing rules to the authorities.

Winners of prizes **MUST** be able to present valid Danish fishing licence (can be bought online).

Violation of the above will lead to immediate exclusion from the contest.

### **Rules for fish:**

Salmon is the only fish included in the contest.

The minimum measure for fish to be weighed is 70 cm. A maximum of two salmons per boat per day can be weighed. According to EU regulations only salmons, where the fat fin has been cut may be landed. All other salmons (with fat fin present) must be gently released.

Salmon of more than 12 kg must, immediately after landing, be reported to the jury committee by VHF or phone, indicating location in order to facilitate the TV broadcast. The TV management will send out a camera crew on a boat in the hope of filming the struggle and landing.

Prizes for largest fish, which can be won each day of the contest, AND prizes for the total contest can only be won if the fish (provided it weighs over 12 kg) was reported to the jury committee. If the largest fish of the day weighs below 12 kg, report to the jury committee is not required.

Prize-winning fish must be cleaned in the presence of a jury committee member immediately after the evening's TV-broadcast.

Fish above 12 kg will not be weighed until the live TV-transmission meaning that large fish will NOT be weighed on the electronic scales in the weighing tent. They will be put aside and not be weighed until the TV-show. This will be done to enhance the suspense during the TV-programmes.

### **Safety:**

All Danish security rules must be obeyed.

Emergency rockets and signal flares must be available on the boat. The jury committee recommends that a minimum of 2 emergency rockets in the colour red and 2 signal flares in the colour red be present on the boat.

In front of Tejn Harbor an area will be marked with yellow buoys (starting area). Inside this area and in the harbour there is maximum speed of 3 knots. Speeding can result in warnings and/or disqualification. To control the speed limit there will be a webcam used as documentation.

There must be a VHF radio on board all boats, using channel 72 for communication. The contest management will identify itself on the radio as "Trolling Master Bornholm". For contact to the Tejn management please also use this call sign.

Communication between boats shall take place on other channels.

The contest judges can cancel a contest day if the weather is found too bad.

All boats must bring a radar reflector in order to use it when visibility is low.

If the contest is cancelled on individual days, the winner will be found based on fishing days/hours completed. On shortened days, a day prize will be awarded. On cancelled days, there will be no day prize. Non-awarded prizes will not be transferred to subsequent contest days. If all contest days are cancelled due to bad weather, prizes will not be awarded.

Registration fees will not be reimbursed.

For security reasons, there must be at least two contestants on each boat. The two contestants must both have a minimum age of 16 years. For any other crew members on a boat there is no minimum age.

If a contestant on a 2-man boat falls ill before or during the contest, a substitute must be found so that there continue to be two participants present on the boat.

Participating boats are obligated to inform the contest management via VHF if the boat will not arrive in the harbour by 18:15 or 18.30 p.m. If failure to inform the jury committee of any delay

results in a rescue action, the boat in question will be liable to pay for this rescue action.

Total prize sum, cash: 184,000 DKK.

**Prizes:**

Payment of all prizes is made by bank transfer. Prizes are taxable and will be reported to the Danish Tax Authority. To receive prizes, a winner must indicate CPR-no. (Danish participants) or name, address and birthday (foreign participants).

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The Jury Committee

**1. Largest fish:**

The winner is the person who caught the largest salmon, measured in kilos of uncleaned fish.

Prizes:

1. 90,000 DKK (approx.: € 12.000)
2. 40,000 DKK
3. 20,000 DKK

For the sake of clarity, we stress that in this contest it is possible to win several prizes – in theory all three of them by landing the three largest salmon.

The leader of that contest will each evening be given a yellow flag to be mounted on the boat.

If the biggest fish is larger than 22.21 kg, then there is an extra prize of DKK 25,000. The prize is only awarded to the winning fish if it breaks the record.

**2. Largest fish on each contest day:**

The winner of the day's prize is the three largest salmon measured in kilos of uncleaned fish.

Prize:

The three largest fish of each day:

1. 5,000 DKK
2. 2,500 DKK
3. 1,000 DKK

Only fish that have been reported to the contest management during the day can participate in this contest.