**>>> Friday at 4:30 O’clock on the water front <<<**

**The 2023 Constantine Cup Fishing Motor Challenge**

A fun “on the water” event held annually at The Constantine Super Meet. The big beautiful trophy, “The Constantine Cup” goes home with the winner to be returned the following year, a circulating trophy.

This event is designed to test the overall operability of smaller horsepower motors in a “fishing trip” scenario. Competitors will have a passenger in their “fishing” boat (or equivalent load), such that the total load is not less than 300lbs. Each competitor begins the designated course with a “cold start” of their motor. The course will include a “fast” leg, a short “rowing leg”, a hot restart, and a “slow” leg. Designated motors for this event will be any pre 1951 stock motor, direct drive (no gear shift or neutral lever). Allowable maximum size motors to be used on an annual rotation basis will be 5.5 hp, 3 hp and 2 hp**. This year (2023) the maximum size motor will be 2 hp.** Note that you are free to use a motor of lesser horsepower than the annual designated size.

**The Course…**

**Fast Leg**… Time starts **- “Part A”** - Sitting In your boat, start your “cold” motor (at least 3 hours since last run) and run the designated course at high speed**. “Part B”** – stop your motor as you approach the “rowing” marker buoys, begin rowing and row through to the next set of buoys (the motor operator must row, not the passenger). **“Part C”** - when you reach the next set of markers, restart your motor and complete the course at high speed. Time stops upon passing the finish markers, this is your “Fast Leg Time”.

**Slow Leg…** after all competitors have completed the fast leg, each boat will proceed one at a time as directed to the “Slow Leg” course. Motor to the start buoy markers, throttle down to the slowest sustainable idle and run the slow course. If your motor stalls while running the course the clock is stopped …your “slow time” is recorded, no restarts allowed. Time through this leg is your “Slow Leg Time”. No backing or zig-zaging allowed.

**Composite time …** your composite time is calculated by subtracting the “Slow Time” from the “Fast Time”. The lowest composite time wins.

**Note, not as complicated as it sounds. There will be a review before the start of the event.**