



Cast a Line at New Alton Catfish Classic Tournament

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Alton - Cast your line in the Mississippi River and test your catfishing skills during the Sept. 14 inaugural Alton Catfish Classic Tournament. Land the big one and win a guaranteed \$15,000 first-place prize.

Tournament organizers are still accepting entries for the contest. Teams can consist of up to three people with the boat captain age 18 or older. Entry fees are \$250 per team and include tournament T-Shirts for all team members, the Captain's Dinner at Argosy Casino Alton on Friday, Sept. 13, an entry in the Alton Catfish Classic and Big Fish tournaments. Registration will end seven days prior to the opening of the tournament. The tournament field is capped at 100 boats. To enter, go to www.altoncatfishclassic.com

Anglers will take part in a public weigh-in of all fish caught during the tournament starting at 4 p.m. Trophies and prizes will be awarded at 5:30 p.m. on the Alton Riverfront during the annual Alton Expo. The tournament features a three-fish limit and can include Blue Cat, Channel Cat, and Flathead fish. Ten prizes will be awarded based on fish weight. Prize amounts range from a \$15,000 first-place payout to \$500 for a 10th place payout. There is a \$1,000 Big Fish prize.

The tournament is sponsored by Simmons Hanly Conroy, Bluff City Outdoors, First National Bank (FNB) and the Great Rivers & Routes Tourism Bureau.