

Notes for the holding and transport of fish to be weighed-in

- When a fish is on a stringer it cannot breathe or swim properly, especially when a boat is moving. Boats that are not equipped with a built-in live well should have some way to properly hold fish.
- Coolers and inexpensive aerators can be used in place of built-in live wells; be sure to change the water frequently.



Clip or suction on side of regular cooler big enough to hold your fish

- Keep track of the leader board, you can do a quick measurement and release a fish that you know will not place as the top fish (top 10 for bass), check **#IslandLakeDerby** during the derby.
- If you have a fish that requires an official measurement, make your way to the weigh-in station and minimize the time that the fish is in your possession.
- Multiple anglers on a single boat with large live well capacity may wish to identify each fish (by the angler that caught it) with the use of tournament style floating tags (see image): Tags that require piercing the fish to apply the tag **will not** be allowed.



- If tournament style floating tags are used they **must not** be used to pick up the fish. Consider the need for a tag before applying one.
- Also note that an individual angler is only eligible to win one prize, so there is no advantage to keeping a smaller fish. (i.e. I don't need to identify which 3 bass are mine in the live well, as I should release a smaller fish once a larger one is caught).
- For most fish, a tournament weigh-in bag is the best method to carry a fish to the weigh-in station. Tournament bags are reinforced and can hold the fish and lots of water. Bags will be available at the dock to transport your fish from the boat to the weigh in station.
- Alternatively, transport a fish to be officially measured using a cooler with aerator and ask for help carrying to the weigh-in station.