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## **Reel in Fun at the Mount Pleasant Pier's Cast Off Fishing Tournaments** *You could catch the big one at the pier this summer!*

[MOUNT PLEASANT] – This year, anglers of all ages and experience levels are invited to catch fish, fun, and prizes at the Mount Pleasant Pier's Cast Off Fishing Tournament series. The Mount Pleasant Pier will offer four tournaments this year, on May 7, June 4, Sept. 3 and Oct. 15.

Located at the foot of the Ravenel Bridge, the Mount Pleasant Pier opened in 2009 and offers fishing on the Charleston Harbor. The pier is built on pilings from the old Silas N. Pearman Bridge, which have become a haven for many types of fish including red drum, spotted sea trout, flounder and sheepshead.

The May 5 and June 4 tournaments will run from 6 a.m. – 2 p.m. The Sept. 3 and Oct. 15 tournaments will be held from 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. All four tournaments will offer prizes in the categories of 3 Biggest Fish, Youth and Aggregate Weight of 5 Fish.

Tournament registration fees are \$10 for ages 13 and up, \$9 for members of the military, \$8 for seniors and ages 12 and under, and \$5 for fishing pass holders. No preregistration is required. On-site registration for tournaments begins at the opening time of the tournament.

Adult chaperones are required for ages 15 and under. Tournaments are held rain or shine. Anglers are only eligible to win in one category.

The Mount Pleasant Pier offers everything an expert or a novice needs, including equipment rentals, tackle and frozen bait, plus knowledgeable staff to offer tips. While there, be sure to check out the River Watch Cafe & Gift Shop for handspun milkshakes, smoothies and craft sandwiches. Unique Lowcountry and nautical gifts are also for sale in the shop.



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For details on the Cast Off Fishing Tournaments, call the Mount Pleasant Pier at 843-762-9946 or visit [CharlestonCountyParks.com](http://CharlestonCountyParks.com). The Cast Off Fishing Tournament Series is made possible by Coca-Cola, Charleston Cotton Exchange, Toadfish and your Charleston County Parks.

*Managed by the Charleston County Park and Recreation Commission (CCPRC), the Mount Pleasant Pier is located at 71 Harry Hallman Blvd. The mission of CCPRC is to improve the quality of life in Charleston County by offering a diverse system of park facilities, programs and services. The large park system features over 11,000 acres of property and includes six day parks, three beach parks, three dog parks, two landmark fishing piers, three waterparks, a skate park, 19 boat landings, a climbing wall, a challenge course, a historical plantation site, an interpretive center, an equestrian center, cottages, a campground, a marina, as well as wedding, meeting and event facilities. The park system also offers a wide variety of recreational services - festivals, camps, classes, programs, volunteer opportunities, and more. For more*

*Additional photos available upon request*

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