

Overview

The 2009 Orvis National Casting Competition at the Old Mill in Bend, Oregon will be held on the first-of-its-kind 18-hole fly casting course completed last year and located adjacent to the Orvis Bend retail store. The course was designed to test and improve fly casting skills in a variety of settings much like those you'd find in actual fishing conditions. The 2009 National Casting Competition will use selected holes on the course but each competition hole will be modified from its current format challenge for this competition.

Dates

The 2009 National Casting Competition dates are September 18-20, 2009.

- September 18 Men's and Women's Amateur Casting Division
- September 19 Men's Advanced Casting Division
- September 20 Women's Advanced Ladies Casting Division

Entrance Fee – Maximum Number of Competitors

A \$25 entrance fee is required for all entrants. Entrants are also required to fill out the required entry form. Entry forms can be sent via email to <u>mylert@orvis.com</u> or included with your check and sent to this address.

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76 competitors are allowed per division and are entered on a first-come, first-served basis until all slots are filled. All entry forms and checks need to be received no later than August 24, 2009.

Prizes Amateur Fly Casting Event 1st Place Prize – 12' Pearl Native Ultimate 12' Kayak (\$969 value)

Advanced Fly Casting Event

1st Place Prize - \$3000 Cash Prize 2nd Place Prize - \$1000 Cash Prize

3rd Place Prize - 12' Gold Native Ultimate Kayak (\$969 value) 4th Place Prize - \$500 Cash Prize 5th Place Prize - \$250 Cash Prize 6th Place Prize - \$100 Cash Prize

Ladies Fly Casting Event

1st Place Prize - \$4,200 trip for one to the Zancudo Lodge - an Orvis Endorsed Lodge in Costa Rica - www.zancudolodge.com.

Prize includes 3 days and 3 nights stay at the lodge and includes 3 days of inshore or offshore fishing (your choice), all ground transfers, food and alcoholic beverages at the lodge, and hotel and flight from San Jose, CR to the lodge. 2nd Place Prize - \$500 Cash Prize

Cooking and Casting for Conservation

Orvis donates 5% of pre-tax profits annually toward conservation efforts throughout the U.S. As part of the Orvis conservations mission, part of the proceeds from the 2009 National Casting Competition and other donations from Orvis will go to the local Bend Trout Unlimited Chapter to aid in local conservation projects. In addition, the evening of September 18 the Bend Trout Unlimited Chapter will be hosting a dinner and auction to help kick off the casting competition event and raise additional funds for local conservation work.

For more information on the casting course, visit <u>www.orvis.com/bend</u> for a full course description.