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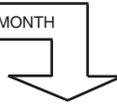
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APRIL SEMINAR

by Alex Vitek

This month's seminar will be on the Basics of Wirelining. I will be doing the presentation on this topic. It will be for those who are interested in getting started in this method or those who have recently started fishing this way. Some of the topics that could be covered include common lengths of leaders, how to select or make your own shanks and types of wire.

I will also cover some of the common lures used and what are the usual times of the season for them. The seminar will finish off with some of the secret hot-spots of the upper Detroit River being talked about.



Our own President Don Murray holding a dandy 11 pound walleye last April. Don was fishing with Keith Krych on the Detroit River and caught this beauty jigging. Let's hope Don starts out this year the same way.

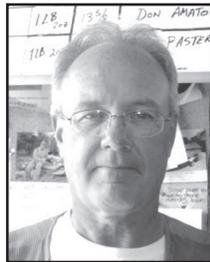
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Don Murray

Well guys and gals it might be here, spring that is, the longest winter is leaving. This is the first, I hope, open water fishing article for the 2014 season. The way winter treated us unfairly with extra snow and ice, I need open water. The lake will be holding a lot of fish for the derbies with good results.



I think I can say the lake will produce is based on my experience ice fishing Lakes St. Clair and Erie. First, good ole St. Clair for perch (early ice) at Metro, I and others caught good quantities and quality of perch until mid-winter. I made a few trips to the Queen's side of St. Clair with Al McMurray, Mike Angelovski, we all caught big yellow bellies.

I made a trip to the promised land of Crane Creek located on Lake Erie. I have never seen so many big eyes laying on the ice ever, big fish and a lot of quantity, breathtaking. I have a short video of Al McMurray and buddies with their catch. I have never seen so many big eyes in one fishing trip. Based on what I saw this winter I say the open water season will produce great opportunities to the LSCWA members.

Before I list the club derbies I want all members to look at their newsletter for their expiration date. Under the arrow showing your name is a due date. My example of 03 13 F, means my family membership expires March 2013. Make sure you pay attention to the date on the newsletter. You have to pay your dues before any fish entered in the derby goes in the record books.

Now that I have told you about your responsibility you need to be current for the club derbies listed below:

April	25, 26, 27	Sportsmen Direct
May	23, 24, 25	Rose Marine
June	20, 21, 22	Lakeside
July	18, 19, 20	Lakeside
August	22, 23, 24	Day Sail Metro Beach (Blind Draw)

I want to thank past President Jerry Fox Sr. and Jerry Fox Jr. for a great in-line board seminar at the February meeting. While at the February meeting the OFF SHORE COMPANY made a donation of in-line boards to the club. The OFF SHORE COMPANY has been a supporter of the LSCWA for many years; you can show your appreciation by supporting OFF SHORE.

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Fishing: An Angler's Dictionary

By Henry Beard & Roy McKie

fishing trip Journey undertaken by one or more anglers to a place where no one can remember when the black flies arrived so early, the ice melted so late, or it rained so much..



WALLEYE WORLD CORRECTIONS

In the first correction last month the word "date" was spelled "darte" Richard spotted it first followed by Tim second. Thanks guys.

On the second page bottom I listed Dave Wilemski as "Cub Reporter" when I should have listed him as "Club Reporter". Sorry Dave.

I made the same mistake in the list of suspects in the Get-2-Gether article. It won't happen again Dave.

(The plan for this section is to have a space available every month so we can print any corrections that we (our large proof reading staff) have missed. If you see a large white area here then the staff did their job the month before and will continue on the payroll. If the space is full of corrections then heads will roll.)

All Club members are invited to submit pictures and/or articles about fishing, boating, and club activities anytime to this editor.

You are all reporters for our Walleye World.

Send to the Editor.

Here's your "Quote Action" of the day:

"I have never let my schooling interfere with my education."

Writer, Mark Twain

Your action for today is to try something new and see what you learn from it.

Have an extraordinary day!

Walleye Tournaments 2014

by Jeff Regulski

Hello LSCWA, I don't know about you club members but I have had enough of winter. The one thing that keeps me going is the thought of upcoming walleye fishing and walleye tournaments. Our club is involved with four tournaments this year.

Our first tournament of the year will be the RBYC walleye tournament. This event will be a three man blind draw tournament. The event will start on Saturday, May 3rd at 12:01 AM and go to Sunday May 4th at 2:00 PM. The weigh-in will be 2-4 PM at The Rec Bowl, located at 40 Crocker Blvd. in Mt. Clemens. The entry fee is \$20.00 per person. The boundaries are from Coast Guard Station, above Blue Water Bridge in Lake Huron to Celeron Island in the Detroit Water near Lake Erie. So all you fisherman and women stop by the Rec Bowl to register for the tournament, grab a burger and your favorite adult beverage and say "Hi" to Fred and Patti Fox.

The second stop on the tournament schedule is the Bill Rose Member Tournament Memorial. This event will start on Saturday, May 17th at 12:01 AM and go to Sunday May 18th at 2:00 PM. The weigh-in will be from 2-4 PM Sunday May 18th at Rose Marine, 7321 Dyke Rd. Algonac, MI. The entry fee for this tournament is \$25.00 per person. The boundaries are from the Blue Water Bridge, St. Clair River, and all of Lake St. Clair. The Rose family has always been gracious hosts and great supporters of the LSCWA. So guys and gals let's get out and support this one it should be a great time.

The third stop on the tournament schedule is the Bo Souillere Memorial Tournament. This event is also a three man blind draw tournament. Starting on June

7th 12:01 AM, going through Sunday June 8th until 2:00 PM. The weigh-in is from 2-4 PM at Gilbert Sportsmen's Club, located at 60125 Omo Rd., Lenox MI. The entry fee is \$20.00. This tournament is a joint venture between Gilbert's Sportsmen's Club and LSCWA, therefore it benefits both clubs. Last year's turnout was fantastic with 70 anglers entering this event, so all you fishermen spread the word to all your friends and let's make this one better than last year!

The last stop on our schedule this year is the Lake St. Clair Classic Walleye Tournament. It is a 1-3 man team event with a \$150.00 entry fee. This one day event will be held Saturday, June 14th from 6:00 AM -2:00 PM at the Harley Ensign Memorial Access Site, Harrison Twp. The weigh-in starts immediately after the tournament ends (2:00 PM). The LSCWA supplies a lunch afterwards along with a few prizes for the anglers. So guys if you think you have what it takes to fish against some of the best fisherman in our club this is the one for you! Hope to see you there.

On a closing note, applications for any of these tournaments can be found on-line or at Lakeside Fishing Shop, Sportsmen's Direct, Rec Bowl, Rose Marine, or at our club meetings starting in April.



Trade-a-Trip 2014

by Keith Krych

This years Trade-a-Trip is set for the Battle Creek Steelheaders to come here May 3rd and 4th. We need boaters to take the Steelheaders out on the river and catch some tasty walleyes. We also are having the traditional fish fry dinner with all the trimmings, Saturday the 3rd between 3 & 4pm at the Rose Clair Eagles Hall, 29500 Little Mack Ave. in Roseville, (586) 775-5860. **All club members are welcome at the dinner!**

On Sunday your crew has the option to fish and go right home, or for those that want to participate, on Sunday there

will also be the Rec Bowl Tournament going on. You can sign-up for the fun tournament and go to the weigh-in. Then enjoy another dinner and have a chance at some cash prizes.

The Walleye club will be going to St. Joe May 17th and 18th. The fishing should be great that time of year. The Steelheaders are also having a tournament that weekend and we have an opportunity to fish in that one with them.

We usually stay at the Silver Beach Hotel, 100 Main Street, St. Joseph, 866-514-6232 OR 269-983-7341, Email: info@stjoesilverbeachhotel.com



How, When and Where to Fish Lake St. Clair

by Keith Krych

So you just purchased a boat and want to know if there are any fish in the lake. Well the answer is a resounding YES!!! Lake St. Clair is a world class fishery for walleye, small mouth bass, muskie, and panfish. If your preference is for trout and salmon, the St Clair river and north channel are the places to be. Lets look at how, where, and when to go after these fish.

Starting just after ice-out walleyes move into the Detroit river and into the lower part of Lake St Clair. Jigging, handlining and trolling in the shipping channel using minnow imitating baits work very well. The fishing in these areas will remain great until June.

Around June the walleyes disperse into the lake. Trolling or drifting crawler harnesses just above the weed beds becomes the best bet at putting some of these tasty fish into your cooler. My best spots have been in Anchor Bay, the dumping grounds, and around the 400 Club Tower. You can also troll crankbaits like Hot-N-Tots, shad raps, reef runners and wally divers in the deeper open water for suspended fish.

In July the night fishing takes off. Casting Bomber 15As at night over the weed beds in the north, middle, and south channels turns on. This night pattern will continue through the fall.

In August through the fall, drifting or trolling crawler harness in the channels puts a lot of fish in the livewell. The best color combos are red beads with a silver blade, chartreuse beads with silver or gold blades, and a perch combination of chartreuse, green and orange beads with a gold blade.

Lake St. Clair is also the home of a world class Muskie fishery. The Muskie season opens the first Saturday in June, so all the "ski" heads, head to the dumping grounds or Anchor Bay. Muskie trolling is different than any other type of fishing. First the baits are about the size of good size panfish, and you troll them at a very fast pace, four to five mph. The rods have to be stout to hold up to the weight and trolling speed of these large baits too. Later in the season the muskies head to the southern shoreline and the fishermen follow them there. Fishing off the Belle River hump, Stony Point, and over to the Thames River really takes off. The fall is trophy time on Lake St. Clair! The Thames River and the mouth of the south channel are the best spots September until the season closes.

Small mouth bass fishing is so good on Lake St. Clair that several major tournaments are scheduled each year. If you find a weed bed you found the smallmouth. Spinnerbaits, tube jigs and small crankbaits are all effective on these members of the sunfish family. The weed beds off the mile roads, 9 Mile up to 15 Mile, are outstanding for numbers of two to three pound smallies. You can also try the weed beds the whole length of the shipping channel, old south channel, middle and north channels. Anchor Bay smallie fishing in the spring is very good too. Try by the Clinton River entrance, by the A and B markers and by Grassy Island.

Perch and the panfish are located in the weeds also. Try drifting a perch rig with a small piece of crawler or minnow for these tasty treats. Perch rigs are sold in almost all the local bait shops around the lake.

SMOKING JOE'S FISH CHOWDER

1 lb. clams with juice
1 lb. oysters with juice
1 lb. smoked salmon, chopped
½ pkg. sliced bacon, chopped
1 small onion, chopped
2 stalks celery, diced
3 cloves garlic, minced
3 cups potatoes, cooked and chopped
1 cup potato water
2 tablespoons bacon drippings
4 tablespoons butter
6 cups half & half
2 – 3 bay leaves
Salt and pepper to taste
Chopped chives (for garnish)

- Cook potatoes and set aside. (Reserve 1 cup cooking water.)
- Brown bacon and set aside. Leave 2 tablespoons bacon drippings in pan.
- Add butter to bacon drippings and melt together.
- Add onions and celery and sauté until tender.
- Add garlic and bay leaves and sauté until tender.
- Add potato water and bring to a simmer.
- Add half & half and return to simmer.
- Add potatoes, clams with juice, oysters with juice and salmon. Return to simmer. (DO NOT BOIL)
- Remove from heat and let set for an hour or so.
- Reheat and serve with bacon and chives for garnish.

SENIOR GET-2-GETHER BREAKFAST

by Jim Lease

Well nine of us seniors got together for breakfast and some lively conversation on the 26th. We even had fun with Christina the waitress trying to get her to remember our names. She did pretty good considering she is not a senior. Normally there would be a picture here but as I mentioned it was a SENIOR get-2-gether and I forgot to take one.

The following members did attend and they are: Curtis Patton, Larry Sharnowski (friend), Dave Wilemski, Bob Peterson, Tim Covert, Richard Koch, Dale Billings, Joann Koch and Jim Lease.



April Raffle Table

by Rich and Marialaina Benson

Alex Vitek is going to give a handlining how-to during the April meeting. Maria and I just happen to have a brand new A&S handlining reel as one of the prizes this month on the table with just maybe one of those high modulus graphite rods Keith mentioned last month in his fine seminar. You'll have to stop by and check out the table to see, thanks for your support!



CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Dave Champine reports that several members have let their memberships expire.

Our total membership is now 213 instead of 232 that was reported last month.

The new members are:

Marshall Baker of Detroit

Ray Catana of Harrison Twp.

Brad Creel of Harrison Twp.

Kevin Dixon of Eastpointe

Peter LaPorte of Garden City

Les Peterson of Warren

Wesley Peterson of Chesterfield Twp.

Let's give them a hearty

Welcome aboard!

HELP THE DOOR (Committee)

by Alex Vitek

We need a couple of members to volunteer to be part of the group that checks membership cards at the door. They only have to do this before and during the first half of the general membership meetings. If you want to help out and need more information you can call the club at the hotline phone number of 586-772-0450 and leave a message.



Rob Carnell holding a great walleye down at the Belanger launch last April. That was the first walleye he caught in his new boat. We didn't get a weight but it was much larger than anything I had in my boat that day for sure. Jigging just south of the Belanger opening on the American side.

April in the Motor City

by Keith Krych

It's that time of year to get the boat ready, string the rods and sharpen your jigs. April in the Motor City can mean only one thing, Monster Eyes!

The action in the Detroit River will start by the warm water discharges in the Trenton Channel and by the steel mills by Ecorse. The standard armament is chartreuse jigs and Wyandot Worms. Some other colors to use are pink, purple, black, orange jigs, or any combo of the above, or just a plain lead head. A lot of us river rats have given up the traditional shiners for plastic tails only. I like the Fin-S Fish, Ribster Worm, Bass Assassin, and paddle tails like the Sassy Shad. Another bait to try is the 4" "tomato worms" sold by Bass Pro Shop and Culprit.

Jigging is very productive in clean water, but when dirty water rolls down the river from Lake St Clair I pull out the A&S handline reels and start to troll for the Eyes. Rapalas in size 7, 9 and 11 are my favorite. All the standard Rapala colors work but true "River Rats" love custom paint jobs like black back rainbow, goby, wonder bread and a multitude

of others. I also like the old Thunderstick JR's in the same colors. Troll these baits cross current going upstream in the same locations as above.

Other productive areas are Fighting Island, the Salt Mines, Turkey Island, Ballards Reef, the Ambassador Bridge, the Free Press Building, the Cop Shop, the Post Office, the Ren Cen, the Canadian Club plant, the Cow Pasture, Tommy's and the Sturgeon Hole.

On the St. Clair River jigging the power plants in Marine City and Marysville will produce some walleyes during the day, with the possibility of a bonus steelhead or salmon too. The locals start going out to fish when the jiggers are coming in for the evening. They "whip fish" by anchoring on the channel banks and dropping back three way rigs using short stout rods and multiple pencil plugs piggybacked together. This is a very effective method all through the night. Towards the last half of the month handliners will start producing at night by the power plants too. Some very big females come from the St. Clair in late April after the Detroit River starts to cool off so if you're in town this spring give this "secret" spot a try.



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