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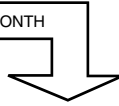
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APRIL 2024

<http://www.lscwa.net>

Its Derby Season

Its spring, and that means it derby season! This year we start the season as we have in years past at Lakeside. Derby is April 19th-21st and the weigh in will be 3-4pm at lakeside. Will the newest person in the masters young gun Shane Woods take a run at the title of master winner or one of the other 3 new masters this season or will one of the current masters show the newcomers what its like in the masters? April also starts off the race for Angler of the Year. Can Glen Mahron repeat as angler of the year or will someone else take home the crown? It is shaping up to be some fantastic fishing this season so all it takes it one fish to come to scales and be part of our derbies. Good luck and be safe out there this season!



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**MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS
APRIL 17, 2024
at 7:30**

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is happening in and around the Club
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CONSERVATION PLEDGE

I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country, its air, soil and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
SPRING 2024**

April 17thGeneral Membership Meeting
Guest Speaker Mark And Jake Romanack

April 19th - 21stApril Derby
Weigh In At Lakeside

April 24th Bod Meeting

May 15thGeneral Membership Meeting

May 17th - 19th..... May Derby
Weigh In At Anglers Point

May 22nd Bod Meeting

June 1stLSC Classic

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See Rich at our meetings or events.*

Treehouse Breakfast

By Richard Koch

Strawberry Fields restaurant served a delicious breakfast for our hungry seniors. Those who attended were Mark Carlson, Doug Batty, John Dolney, Bob Peterson, Curtis Patton, Dave Wilemski, Ron Pisarski, John Sulkowski, Dale Billings, and Richard Koch. The new walleye season was just starting so the conversations were on fishing and the safety equipment used on boats. Next breakfast will be at Bob Evans, 45140 Corner's CT Chesterfield Twp., Hall road and I94 April 24th 8am.



MEMBERS:

DUES MUST BE CURRENT
TO FISH ALL DERBIES!

PLEASE SEE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

350 CURRENT MEMBERS

MISSION STATEMENT

To protect, preserve, and promote the walleye fishing in Michigan through conservation, education, and enhancing fishing opportunities for all; celebrating our tradition since 1976.

President's Corner



April for me is a time of renew, as the days grow longer the birds return and the cycle of life begins once again....not that it ever stops. Similarly, the fishing in the rivers starts up, or continues since many of us never stopped fishing all winter long.

As of this writing the fishing has been picking up, the Ultimate Walleye Derby is in full swing and the LSCWA is about to start its derby season the weekend following the April meeting. The April meeting will feature Mark Romanack from Fishing 411, sign ups for the Lake St. Clair Classic and more news from MUCC, and hopefully good news on the CROC access site. The kids summer outing will also be discussed as well as the scholarship program. Finally, new merchandise and hopefully the new hats will arrive as well.

I would like to mention while your club focuses on many different activities, charities and promoting the outdoors, the one thing that draws us together is our love of fishing, the camaraderie with our friends and family, the memories we make. On Good Friday a bunch of us met up....Don Murray, Ted Stehney, Mike Williams, Paul Driggers, Charlie & Mike Boyce amongst others, for a little parking lot tourney followed by a BBQ threw by Ted right there at St. Jean. A great day on the water brought together by friends in the LSCWA.....that's one thing this club is all about.

We have a lot coming up with our first derby April 19th-21st and the weigh in at Lakeside Fishing Shop 3-4pm Sunday, April 21st. Your dues must be current at the end of the meeting before the derby to be eligible to compete. There will be a short discussion at the meeting in April about the derbies.

The Lake St. Clair Classic is going to be held June 1st, 6am-2pm with a \$5,000 first place guarantee. Sponsors are signing up to help conduct this event which will benefit the Lake St. Clair Fish Cleaning Station Foundation. \$225 per boat with \$25 optional captains side pot for big fish. Furthermore, \$25 from each entry fee is donated towards the fish cleaning station.

There's always plenty going on in the LSCWA, this is YOUR club, be part of it!

Rich Benson, President LSCWA

Listing of Donors to our Club Raffle:

- Grosso Trucking & Supply, monetary donation.
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- Rob Hoover
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- Lakeside Tackle Shop
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- Grosso Trucking, Marine City Hwy, Ira Township
- Zimmer's Sales & Service, St. Clair Hwy, China Township

Stop by these businesses, tell them you are from the Walleye Club and thank them for their support. Then buy some tickets to show "your" support!

Thank you,
Mike Roush

Dues Increase

The annual dues for membership in the LSCWA are going up by \$5.00. This is effecting all the various membership selections. The dues are reflecting the raising costs of everything such as, stamps, paper, etc.

This notice will be in the newsletter for 2 months as the by laws require. When a change is made to a bylaw like raising the dues. A notice will be in the newsletter.

Proposed Bylaw Amendment

A proposed amendment to our bylaws in the event that there becomes a vacancy on our board of directors and there is no alternate to fill that vacancy. Its proposed that there be an emergency election held to fill that position. If a vacancy occurs then at the following membership meeting nominations will be taken, approved an discussed followed by a secret ballot to elect a new board member. If no one person accepts a nomination then the current president will appoint a board member and the membership will elect by a majority vote to accept the nomination. Notice of the election will not be required and nominees must be present to accept the nomination. The elected board member will serve on the board until the next scheduled general election is held in the prescribed manner.

Lake St. Clair Classic

June 1, 2024 we will hold the Lake St. Clair Classic, The Premier Walleye Tournament, at Harley Ensign Memorial Boating Access Site with a \$5,000 for 1st place. \$225 to enter with an optional big fish pot of \$25/boat. The tournament fishing hours will be from 6am-2pm with a weigh-in immediately following. Mandatory boat inspections will take place starting between 4:30-5:00 am, a mandatory captains meeting will take place on May 31st at 6pm at Harley Ensign. Your best 6 fish will comprise your basket, the LSCWA weigh in committee will inspect, measure and weigh your fish for entry. We have complete rules listed on the Facebook sign up page and will cover them at the captains meeting. All boats must leave and return to Harley Ensign BAS.

Teams can sign up at the meeting if you do not have Facebook access where the sign up is posted, I (Rich) can assist.

Electronic Newsletter

Starting in July we will no longer be mailing paper newsletters. They will be sent to members to email. Please see Don or Tim to get your email added to the distribution list. We will be printing a small number to have at the meetings for those that do not do email.

Another benefit is you will get The MUCC conservation insider email which provided regular updates on what is going on as it related to the outdoors here in Michigan.

Belanger Boat Launch Pass Raffle

By Bob Barnes

Spring is in the air and April in the D is almost upon us. The city of River Rouge has once again donated an annual launch pass for Belanger Park. This pass will be raffled off at our April General Membership meeting. This pass would cost \$100 if you were to purchase it; daily fee to launch is \$15. Please buy some extra tickets for a better chance to win.

Thank you to the city of River Rouge for your generous contributions to the LSCWA.



L.S.C.W.A 2024-2025

Summer Derby

April, May, June, July, August

BOD Approved 2.28.24

1. There will be four divisions.

- Masters division
- Open division
- Youth division
- Super Six division

2. Patches will be awarded in all divisions for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each division.

- Two patches will be presented to the winning Super Six teams for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
- Trophies (metals) will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in the Youth division.
- Masters division end of year awards will be Jackets for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. All will have MASTERS DIVISION and year embroidered on the jacket. The 1st place jacket will have a gold walleye embroidered on the back. The 2nd place jacket will have a silver walleye embroidered on the back. The 3rd place jacket will have a bronze walleye embroidered on the back.

- Open division end of year awards will be a jacket for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place, with OPEN DIVISION and year on the jacket, and a gold walleye embroidered on the back. The 2nd place jacket will have a silver walleye embroidered on the back. The 3rd place jacket will have a bronze walleye embroidered on the back.
- The member who weighs-in the largest walleye entered during the derbies for each year will have his/her fish mounted and be presented at the December meeting. The fish will be judged by weight and then length.
- Angler who receives the most points will be awarded Angler of the year (AOY) and will be presented with his/her name on a club trophy to be displayed at each meeting. The angler will also receive a plaque for his/her own personal recognition.
- In the event of a tie in any division or AOY the person who caught the heaviest fish that year will be declared the winner.
- The end of year award presentations will be made at the December membership meeting unless otherwise noted.

3. Boundaries for all divisions for derby purposes only, will be as follows: The North tip of Celeron Island in the Detroit River, to a line running due east from the Fort Gratiot Light in Lake Huron.

4. Starting time for all derbies will be 4:00 p.m. on the Friday before the Scheduled Weigh-in. All walleyes must be weighed between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the Sunday of the derby at the designated weigh-in location. This location will be announced at the membership meeting and will appear in the Walleye World prior to the meeting.

- Members MUST sign up for the Super Six divisions prior to the derby. This needs to be done only once at the start of each derby season unless there is a change in the Super Six participants.
- Super six participants may fish with up to 4 club members. Participants can fish less a member, however, members cannot be substituted during derby weekend.
- Super six winner is determined by best six walleye by weight. In the unlikely case of a tie, tie breaker will be determined by weight of largest fish.
- All other derby participants will automatically be in the Open division or the Youth division.

5. All derby entrants must be a member of the L.S.C.W.A and IN GOOD STANDING WITH DUES CURRENT by the general membership meeting prior to the derby. Entrants in the Youth division, MUST BE PART OF A FAMILY MEMBERSHIP OR BE A JUNIOR MEMBER.

- All fish must be caught by the member whose name it's being registered for.
- A proxy may weigh-in a members fish in his/hers absence.

- c. Super Six teams must be comprised of ONE BOAT containing up to, but not more than, four (4) club members. Everyone on board must be a club member. The team must weigh-in a total of six (6) fish.
- d. Entry in the Masters division will be mandatory for those members who have accumulated Ten (10) points or more in the derbies over a three (3) year period.
- e. Scoring for points will be as follows for ALL divisions:
 - i. First place= 5 points
 - ii. Second place= 4 points
 - iii. Third place = 3 points
 - iv. Fourth place= 2 points
 - v. Fifth place= 1 point
- f. Any member in the Masters division who fails to win three (3) or more points over a two year period will move back into the Open division.
- g. All members who start in a division will remain in that division for the entire derby year. Except members in the Youth division who turn 17 during the derby year, will go in to the Open division once they become a regular member in good standing.
- h. Any youth under 17 years of age, who wishes to fish in the Open Division, must purchase their own individual membership.
- i. Angler who accumulates the most points throughout masters and open divisions will be awarded the Angler of the Year.

6. All walleyes entered in the derbies will be considered under the following conditions:

- a. Minimum size will be 15 inches for Masters and Open Division, 15 inches for Youth Division.
- b. All walleyes will be judged by weight. In case of a tie, the walleyes will be judged by length and if necessary by girth.
- c. All walleyes will be returned to the member who entered the fish.
- d. Only one position can be won by each member per derby (excluding Super Six).
- e. Walleyes which are being considered for taxidermy work will be marked in a way so as to not interfere with the mount.

7. It is the angler's responsibility to keep his/her fish in a fresh like condition (red or pink gills). All fish will be checked by the derby committee. It will take unanimous vote by the committee present to disqualify any fish at the weigh-in.

8. All Michigan and/or Ontario fishing rules will apply to all L.S.C.W.A. derbies. This includes travel restrictions set forth by the state, local and federal laws. The derby committee reserves the right to disqualify any walleye entered. Any discrepancies or violations of the above rules should be brought to the attention of the derby committee. Anglers are expected to fish in a courteous manner and uphold the

standards of the L.S.C.W.A.

9. REGULAR SEASON DIVISIONAL TIE BREAKERS

9.1 The following applies for Youth, Open, Masters Division regular season end only when it comes to determining final standings. If a tie exists for total points within a division, the tie shall be broken by the heaviest fish caught during the entire regular season. Subsequently, if a tie exists for heaviest fish caught during the entire regular season the tie shall be broken by the longest fish by measured length.

10. REGULAR SEASON ANGLER OF THE YEAR TIE BREAKER

10.1 At the conclusion of the regular season, if a tie exists for total points in the Angler of the Year race, the tie shall be broken by the heaviest fish caught during the entire regular season. Subsequently, if a tie exists for heaviest fish caught during the entire regular season the tie shall be broken by the longest fish by measured by length.

11. TEAM FISHING

The practice of team fishing is defined as colluding and sharing information between anglers which are not currently fishing in the same boat as you during a monthly derby event. Team fishing is a common practice in state, regional, and national level tournaments where anglers work with other teams to cover great expanses of water and improve their likelihood of performing well and securing earnings. The Lake St Clair Walleye Association derby season offers club level fishing competition for members, restricts its boundaries to a limited area, and are not tournaments. The practice of team fishing for Lake St Clair Walleye Association derbies is prohibited. Sharing of information to help other anglers learn is highly encouraged after each monthly derby has concluded.

12. DERBY RULE VIOLATIONS

The responsibility for enforcement of derby rules primarily falls upon the individual angler and their fellow club members keeping one another accountable. An angler who violates derby rules faces sanctions up to forfeiting their entire regular season and angler of the year derby points for the calendar year in which the violation took place. Final determination of derby rule violations and imposition of sanctions against the angler who has been determined to be in violation of rules shall be made by the Board of Directors.

13. THESE RULES ARE IN EFFECT UNTIL CHANGED BY THE BOARD.

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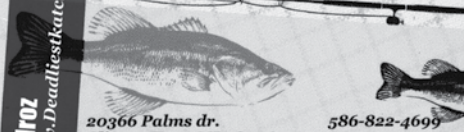
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