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2021 LSCWA APRIL DERBY

By: Jeff VanTorre

April 23rd-25th marks the start to the LSCWA summer derby season and with that said there is a lot of buzz surrounding the start to this years derby season. We are all looking forward to getting back on the water and competing against club members new and old, but the most important part of the derby's are having fun and creating memories with family and other members.

Let's take a look back at few of the past derby seasons with some overall big fish weights.

April 2011, Charlie Boyce- 9.74lbs, 30.5"

- April 2014, Don Murray-9.42lbs, 30"
- April 2015, Brian Fever- 9.23lbs, 29"
- April 2017, Keith Krych- 12.78lbs
- April 2019, Joann Koch- 8.08lbs, 27"

New this season our board of directors and derby committee have voted on for the 2021 derby season, that the overall big fish will only be from May-August, April is exempt this year. The reason behind this is to make it more for the big fish award changing each month and making it a race for the anglers.

We look forward to having our derby this season! In April our hosting location will be lakeside fishing shop. We look



forward to seeing everyone there along with all the new members that have signed up over the wintertime. See you all on the water be safe! And best of luck to you all!!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS Spring 2021

April 21st	General Membership Meeting(capacity limits possible)
	April Derby (Weigh-in Lakeside 3-4PM)
April 27th	BOD Meeting
May 19th	General Membership Meeting(capacity limits possible)
May 21st-23rd	May Derby (Weigh in at Anglers Point)
May 22nd	May Madness
May 25th	BOD Meeting

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BOAT PRE-SEASON SHAKEDOWN

BY: RICH BENSON

Every year we uncover our boats, get them running again, fresh gas, oil etc. A thorough check of all your accessories on the boat should be conducted as well. You never know what has happened during the storage period.

Bilge/automatic bilge should be checked-don't just listen for it. Put water in there and pump it out. Make sure it pumps out with a good, strong discharge, check hoses and fittings for any cracks. Radios, lights, horns and all electronics should all be checked for functionality. Dock lines, anchor lines and any other line need to be checked for rot or abrasions. Radio check, both transmitting and receiving, on both fixed mount and handheld.

First aid kits, flares, emergency gear all need to be inspected thoroughly. On automatic life vests, check to make sure the inflation cartridge is still good. On all vests, check fabric, seams, flotation foam and buckles. Replace vest at any signs of detrimental wear.

For the flares- check expiration date. Check those batteries on all the EPIRB's if you have them, flashlights and on personal locators of any type.

Please, let's all be safe and return home to our loved ones this and every year.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Where did winter go?
Seriously, the ice was gone so fast and before you knew the guys were back out catching eyes, trolling and jigging! The walleye are showing up and as of this writing, 3/28, females have come out of the water that have



spawned already! They are the early spawners for sure but with this early spring warmup we're having the fishing should be solid in the Detroit River for the next 6-7 weeks and the St. Clair River will be picking up shortly now as well. Please visit all of our sponsoring bait shops for all your fishing needs!

Let's talk about the access on LSC a bit now. The Clinton River Cutoff site (Crocker) is being dredged out right now with construction delayed on the total rebuild until mid to late summer. The good news is the MDNR is building a pad to accommodate a fish cleaning station! The down side of that is that it's going to take money/donations/fund raising to pay for the cleaning station. Once enough is raised, it will be built and gifted the MDNR. Please see myself or Tim Muir for more on this.

Harley Ensign is going to be redone as well, but again, due to CoVid19 construction has been delayed until 2022.

Then there's Gray haven. What's this you ask?....a site the MDNR purchased years ago is now entering the developmental phase, if all goes good we will have a new ramp on the Detroit River just downstream from the Alter Rd/Fox Creek launch. I'd like to think the signatures we gathered and meetings we went to applying pressure finally comes to fruition.

April this year will see a change to our meetings, the swap shop has been moved to July and will be conducted in the parking lot of the American Legion, more on this to follow. We will have multiple speakers at April's meeting as well. Remember to check your membership status as we head into April as it must be paid before the first derby if you plan on fishing it.

I would like to close in thanking all the people in this club that have been working so hard on so many projects over the past couple of years, the LSCWA is truly a club others are striving to emulate!

This is YOUR club, be part of it!

Rich Benson President, LSCWA

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.

350 CURRENT MEMBERS

2021 CLUB DUES

As your club membership chairperson I'm writing this article to help members keep current with their dues. This year has been a start then stop kind of year for club meetings. As a result, of this erratic on and off for scheduled meetings, members are losing track when dues expire.

At the top of your monthly newsletter is an arrow pointing to your expiration of dues for the club. This message, in the arrow is a two prong notice of expiration for derbies, and membership. The derbies notice is a reminder to be paid before the derby in that month, per derby rules. The second part of the notice is for general club dues expiring at the end of the month.

An example of the expiration information under the arrow is month, year, type of membership. Such as 02, 21, F. This translates to February, 2021, family that will expire that month.

You can renew a few different ways. One way is face to face meetings when resumed. Second, the club Facebook page, third, mailing a check to the post office. The club address is Lake St Clair Walleye association PO Box 130 St Clair Shores MI 48080. Hopefully this reminder will help members stay current with dues. Let's hope there will be face to face meetings in 2021.

SALT CURING & BRINING BAIT

BY: ERIC LENZ

Do you have left over minnows after a day of fishing? A great way to save your bait for future outings is through salt curing. Simply put any left over minnows into a small plastic container, cover them with either table salt or curing salt, mix them around, however not to aggressively to damage or knock of scales. Add them to the freezer and the salt will do all the work! I've had minnows last 6 months with no issues. The salt also "firms" the minnows which help them to stay on your hook longer. You can also add Pautzke fire dye into



the minnow container to give your bait an added attractor. I personally found the chartreuse to to be a favorite as well as blue which enhances the natural colors of your minnows. Give it a try this coming jigging season!

USE OF TECHNOLOGY

BY: SARAH KOWALEWSKI

As most of you know, technology has constantly expanding in recent years to the hunting and fishing industries. More and more apps and devices are being created to help us in the outdoors. I'd like to highlight a few I utilize the most for hunting and fishing. My number one go to app for everything outdoors is onX. This is a mapping app that is available for download but does require a subscription. You can turn on nautical charts and great lakes bathymetry layers for fishing. Or use the Michigan private and public land layers when out hunting or hiking. One great feature on the app we use a lot on Saginaw Bay ice fishing and when hunting is the tracking setting. The app will track where you go, how fast you go, and will be saved for future use. You can add tons of different way points which is great for marking fishing holes. If you're worried about having no service you can also download maps to your phone for use offline! Overall worth the couple bucks I pay every year to have all this hand held information

One note, another great app to use similar to onX is iNavX. I have not personally used this app but I have heard great things.

Another app Evan and I utilize while trolling is the Precision Trolling Data App. This app let's you choose your bait of choice and will help you determine and decide where it is when your trolling at different speeds. All you need is the bait of your choice and how deep you want to be fishing and the app will calculate how far back it needs to be. This is great for rookies trying to master trolling and helps when you don't know how new baits behave.

Lastly, another app meant more for fun is the Fish Donkey Tournament app. This app let's you join tournaments that are species, gender, or even state related. You can join public tournaments with enty fees ranging from Free-\$50 and win great prizes. You can also set up your own tournaments for fun and you can also make them private between you and your friends. Each tournament has different rules and species but the variety challenges you to top the charts!

VETERANS FISHING DAY

BY: MIKE ROUSH

The date for this year's Veteran Fishing is Thursday, August 12th. I am still in need of a couple of boat captains to help. If you would like to help, please see me at a meeting, or call me at 810-765-8158.

MEMBERS: Dues must be current

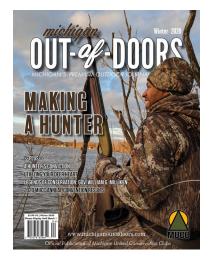
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MICHIGAN OUT-OF-DOORS MAGAZINE

BY: TIM MUIR



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L.S.C.W.A 2021-2022

SUMMER DERBY

APRIL, MAY, JUNE, JULY, AUGUST

- 1. There will be four divisions.
 - a. Masters division
 - b. Open division
 - c. Youth division
 - d. Super Six division
- 2. Patches will be awarded in all divisions for 1^{st} , 2^{nd} , and 3^{rd} places in each division.
 - a. Two patches will be presented to the winning Super Six teams for 1^{st} , 2^{nd} , and 3^{rd} .
 - b. Trophies will be awarded for 1st , 2nd, and 3rd places in the Youth Division.
 - c. Masters division end of year awards will be Jackets for 1^{st} , $2^{\text{nd}},$ and 3^{rd} 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.
 - d. 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.
 - e. The member who weighs-in the largest walleye entered during the derbies for each year will have his/her fish mounted and be

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BY: DON

The other day I needed a part for my Yamaha outboard. I go to Lands' End Marine located at 32895 South River Rd. I talked to Scott at the service counter, and Scott tells me, they are a authorized Mercury and Yamaha center with new management.

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presented at the December meeting. The fish will be judged by weight and then length.

- f. Angler who receives the most points will be awarded Angler of the year 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.
- g. 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. Boats may be under power, however, no lines are to be set before 4pm. 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.
 - a. 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 members.
 Participants can fish less a member, however, members cannot be substituted during derby weekend.
- c. 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.
- d. 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.
 - a. All fish must be caught by the member whose name it's being registered for.
 - b. 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) members. 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, 13 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. These rules are in effect until changed by the board. To protect, preserve, and promote walleye fishing in Michigan through conservation, education, and enhancing fishing opportunities for all; celebrating our tradition since 1976.

PARMESAN-CRUSTED WALLEYE

INGREDIENTS

1/2 cup all-purpose flour

1 tablespoon seafood seasoning

2 large eggs

1 cup Panko bread crumbs

3 oz Nordic Creamery Parmesan Cheese, finely shredded (1 cup)

1/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

4 walleye or whitefish fillets (6 ounces each)

1/2 cup canola oil

Lemon wedges and Tartar Sauce

INSTRUCTIONS

Combine flour and seafood seasoning in a shallow, large bowl. Lightly beat eggs in separate, large shallow bowl.

Combine the bread crumbs, parmesan, salt and pepper in another shallow, large bowl. Pat fillets dry with paper towels. Coat fish in flour mixture.

Dip fillets in eggs; then coat with parmesan mixture, shaking off any extra coating between steps.

Place on baking sheet and set aside.

Warm Canola oil in a heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add two fillets, cooking for 4-5 minutes on each side or until fish flakes easily. Repeat with remaining fillets

Serve with lemon wedges and tartar sauce.











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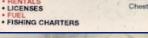


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