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NOVEMBER DERBY By: Rich Benson

We had derby #3 of the fall series and it was a good 24 hours to be out on the water! Club members concentrated their efforts in the southern end of Lake St. Clair, most trolling crankbaits and a few boats jigging. Trolling seemed to produce the most fish once you found active schools.

Nick Markowski was one of those guys trolling and he was on the water Friday night and early Saturday morning and it paid off for him with a first place finish with a walleye that went 6.01lbs. VP Eric Lenz also hit the water Friday & Saturday earning him a second place finish with a 5.77lb fish and Greg Milbreath finished in 3rd place with 5.36 lbs for his fish.

Nick Markowski pulled ahead in the points race to lead the club after 3 events and with the new point system we have for the fall series, it's still open for quite a few people to become overall winner!

THE COMPLETE RESULTS FROM NOVEMBER: 1) Nick Markowski 2) Eric Lenz 3) Greg Milbreath 4) Mike Momany 5) Joe Hulian 6) Jason Milbreath 7) Rich Benson 8) Dick Benson 9) Tim Muir 10) Rob Barnes 11) Jeff VanTorre

Jared Roe
 Richard Koch
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 Lee Gould
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 Joann Koch

A special thanks to Chris and Su Wroblewski, the owners of Angler's Point Marina, for hosting our inaugural fall series, you rock!





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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

As of now we are planning on a January membership meeting. If it is not possible to hold an in person meeting then we will be doing a virtual meeting on our Facebook page. We all are looking forward to getting back to having meetings and getting together. Hopefully it will be sooner rather than later. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for updates.

Log onto our website to find out what is happening in and around the Club www.lscwa.net

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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 Winter 2020

Dec 18thFacebooklive Derby Awards	5
Dec 22ndBoard of Directors Meeting]
Dec 25th Merry Christmas	!
Jan 20thGeneral Membership meeting (TBD)
Jan 26th Board of Directors Meeting]
Jan 31st (TBD)

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Prizes are mounting every week. Come on out give it a try and support your club. Prizes total **\$2200** every night or more!

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Doors open at 4PM • Play at 6PM We are always looking for volunteers. See Rich at our meetings or events.

JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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ANNUAL KIDS ICE OUTING

As of now we are planning to have our annual kids ice outing on Sunday January 31st 9am to 2pm at Lake St. Clair Metropark. Obviously we will need to have both good ice and be able to have an outing with all the COVID restrictions for us to have an event. Updates will be provided on our Facebook page as more info becomes available.

DERBY AWARDS

We will be doing a Face book live stream of the end of year derby awards on Friday December 18th at 7:30 PM on our Face book page.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

2020....my gosh, will it ever end? Shutdowns, closures & restrictions. These are trying times for us all, but we must all try to do our best to combat and defeat this pandemic. As of this writing, we are



in a partial shutdown again as CoVid 19 cases are on the rise. The BoD has made the decision to not have our annual Christmas party this year out of concern for everyone's health & well being. We were going to attempt a meeting but with the recent closure and a possible extension, we are planning on no meeting but holding a Facebook live event for end of year awards for the derby winners and angler of the year.

The inaugural Fall Derby Series has been challenging so far but the recent November event held on 11/21 had much better results for the members who got out and there and fished. With one event to go, Nick Markowski has pulled ahead and he's going to be the man to beat! The final fall derby will be held on December 11th starting at 4pm and concluding on the 12th at 4pm. The weigh-in will be at Anglers Point once again and the scales open at 4 pm and close at 4:30pm, no exceptions! I would like to extend a huge thank you to Anglers Point for hosting our fall series this year.

I wish I had more good news to report, but it seems the hits keep coming. The annual Ultimate Fishing Show has been postponed from January until March, hopefully by then we have a handle on the situation. Also, our Bingo has been shutdown until the CoVid restrictions are once again lifted. Please folks, be careful of what you do and where you go, I would rather see you later than not at all.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Rich Benson, President

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.

291 CURRENT MEMBERS

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY FOR ICE FISHING

By: Cpt. Brandon Stanton

It's that time of the year again to start thinking about hard water, and if you're an avid ice angler such as I you love new tech.

Ice fishing has evolved as the age of tech has evolved, it's by far as simple as it was when grandpa and dad did it. We are now in the age of lithium electric, and it's awesome!

Let's start with batteries, the new lithium batteries

have allowed us to run our electronics such as sonars, flashers, and underwater cameras for 14 hours plus out on the ice. With the added run hour lithium allows we are also charging our cell phones, tablets, and running interior lights in our fish house at the same time. That's doing something you could only get about 3 hours out of a lead acid battery.



Marcum Technologies

has developed their own lithium batteries now, with four different models in their lineup. Marcum is the foremost leader in the tech world of ice fishing, no other brand has the advanced technology that Marcum has brought to the hardwater. With their flashers, sonars, and cameras being so far ahead of the rest in the industry would you expect anything less than the best in their batteries? I'm running the Brute line of batteries this year for my business. They are a 12V 10 amp hr lithium that I can get over 2000 charges out of. They make bigger ones yet such as the King and the Max but the brute will do everything and more than what I need on the ice.

Now let's switch gears a little bit to a different type of lithium. I want to talk a little about lithium ice augers. The new lithium augers are such an upgrade from the gas augers of the past. Some of the best ice auger companies are not even making gas augers anymore. Let's take Strikemaster for instance, a company that's been leading the ice auger game for 65 years. Let's look at some of the benefits of lithium powered ice augers.

1. I never have to deal with gas and oil again,

2. It always starts, I haven't pull started an auger in 5 years,

3. This is the biggest issue for me, No noise! Everyone

has been out there when the guy sets up 10 feet from you and starts pulling on his old jiffy 30 for 30 minutes and when it does start it sounds like a 1970 ski doo snowmobile. Noise on the ice effects those fish drastically, even in deeper water such as 40 feet of water. Fish have lateral lines that are super sensitive to any vibration on the ice or in the water. I've been running the Strike-master lithium 40V for 4 years now, and this year I'm going to switch to the 20V. Now that the lithium game is in full swing, the game has changed to who can make the lightest auger.

The new 20V by Strikemaster is weighing in at a mere 14 pounds, and drilling 50 holes through 16 inches of ice on a single charge. The new lithium batteries are only taking 2 hours to recharge also, unheard of 4 years ago. I know some of this tech talk will greatly improve your catch rate in the ice if you decide to upgrade to the new technology these companies are offering. I'm not really big on change either but since I've made the change and got rid of gas my experience on the ice has become a lot more enjoyable, and fruitful. Good fishing and good luck.

Capt. Brandon Stanton

Team Gunsmoke Sportfishing



IMPORTANCE OF AN ICE SUIT By: Capt Brandon Stanton

The fall season is finally upon us and like a lot of people, I am anxiously awaiting the arrival of the ice fishing season. Anyone who knows me, knows ice fishing is my true fishing passion. So I am already putting all my new gear together, and getting reels strung up for this upcoming ice season. This also means going through all of my safety gear as well.

One of my highest priority pieces of safety gear is my ice suit. I believe your suit is more important than a GPS, shanty, heater, and even boots and I will tell you why.

A really good suit will be what saves your life in a survival situation. A good ice suit will keep wind out and your body heat in. A good suit will fit like a glove and let you move freely without being extremely bulky in case you have to walk any distance. Most importantly, a good ice suit will float you if by chance, you go through the ice.

If I asked you to tell me what a well-equipped ice fisherman's main source of heat is, what would be your answer? Most would answer "heater", while some may say "shanty". My answer would be "a good ice fishing suit". Heaters will only last as long as your supply of gas. Also, in extreme cold conditions propane gas freezes which could leave you in a dire situation if not prepared in other ways. If a heater is run too high in a thermal shanty, it creates condensation and excessive moisture. Once the fuel runs dry and the heater goes out, that excessive moisture will cause you to get cold rapidly. Shanties can be very expensive, some in excess of \$1,300.00 and that excess heat and moisture can also ruin



the canvas. So, sitting in a shanty in a tee shirt and the Buddy Heater on high is not ideal. You're supposed to just be comfy in there with your suit on. I've owned and worn every brand and make of floating ice suit on the market since the inception of the Arctic Armor Float Suit in the late 90's to the U.S. Coast Guard approved Mustang Suit. By far, the suit that rises above all the rest for me is the Striker Ice Hardwater Suit.

Safety and survival on the ice is the most important concern for me during the ice fishing season. Generally I am fishing 6 to 15 miles off shore, so a good safety plan is vital. To me, my safety plan is incomplete without a dependable, high-quality float suit. In a situation where you fall through the ice, initially your body will go into shock and your body will "lock up". Almost immediately your body will acclimate slightly to the cold water and allow you to move within the water. You will have just minutes to get yourself out, within 15 minutes you will most likely be unconscious from hypothermia. It is vitally important to stay as calm as possible and exert minimal energy. It is easier to float than swim. A float suit will do the floating for you, whereas a Carhartt type suit will absorb water and take you down.

The extra time afforded to you by not having to struggle to stay afloat could be the time you need to use your ice picks to get yourself out of the water.

A QUICK RECAP OF THE 2020 PERCH N PIG.

ONCE AGAIN PERCH N PIG WAS A BLAST! Congratulations to Anthony Capicchioni and team 2013 Lund Alaskan for taking 1st place with 12.01 lbs. Keeping team Fishin Addiction in second place with 11.98 lbs. Finishing strong in 3rd was Don Murray and Team Sweet Water.

Once again the majority of our fish came on fly rigs with pink being the hot color this year. My daughter Makayla was using the pink fly ring that slammed the big fish of the Tournament. Measuring 12 7/8' weighing 1.01 lbs. This was her first catch of the morning followed by a 12" perch. What a start to a good day. Ali Beydoun saved the day by catching the fish I couldn't. One side of the boat was hot and the other side not so hot. That's fishing for you. Overall fishing was good with a total of 80 fish for the day. The best advice I can give for a perch tournament is dont sit to long in one spot. If you go



15 minutes without a bite it's time to move. You may only have to move 50 feet but it can be a game changer.

ICE SAFETY By: Tim Muir

It won't be long now(hopefully). The hard water season will be here soon. First ice can be some of the best ice fishing of the winter. First ice can also be very dangerous. Extra caution needs to be used early in the season. Ice may not be the same thickness from one spot to the next. NO FISH IS WORTH YOUR LIFE. Check with one of the local bait shops in the area. They normally will have some info on ice conditions. Use that spud in front of you often. Don't go alone. Its bad enough to get in trouble out there or go thru but if you are alone it can be worse. Get a set of ice picks, Wear a life jacket, keep a dry set of clothes in a waterproof bag, have a throw rope, pull your gear on a sled to spread out the weight. Its small things like that that may save your life.

Be safe this winter and good luck. Hopefully Mother Nature will provide us with some decent fishable ice.



Treading water

Do not panic and thrash about. Resist the urge to gasp, slowly tread water or grasp the edge of the ice to keep your head above the water.

Kick and pull

Keep your hands and arms on the ice and kick your feet. This brings your body to a horizontal position, parallel to the ice surface.

Horizontal kick and pull

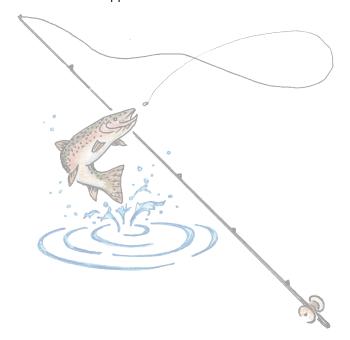
Once horizontal, continue to kick your feet while pulling with your hands. Draw yourself up onto the ice.

Roll onto the ice

Keep your weight spread out as you roll, crawl, and slide across the ice until it will support your weight.

VISIT OUR SPONSORS

2020 has been a real difficult year for most of us. Especially business owners. This holiday season it is more important than ever to visit those who support the Lake St. Clair Walleye Association. Without their support we couldn't do all that we are able to. Now is the time to return the favor and make sure our sponsors are taken care. I am certain they will appreciate the business and can continue to support our club.



BRAGGIN' BOARD

Anyone get a good deer this year? I did not but my son was able to get this great 9 point Thanksgiving weekend. Send in a picture with a story if you have a story to tell.



