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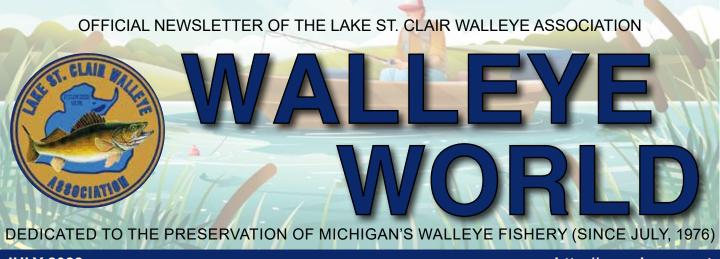
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A very satisfied vet, John, with his first St. Clair River walleye. Picture taken by his vet fishing partner Mike. Five walleye were caught that day. Later they were cleaned so that each vet had fillets to take home. This fishing day was made possible through generous donations from the L.S.C.W.A, Rose Marine Service and numerous other businesses and organizations.

Thank you to all.

Mike Roush





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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 EVENTSSUMMER 2022

July 20thGeneral membership meeting July 22-24July derby. weigh in at anglers point selfidge	
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July 26th BOD meeting	
July 31stKids out at Lake St. Clair Metropark	
Aug 17thGeneral membership meeting (elections)	
Aug 19-21 August derby Weigh in at Lake St. Clair Metropark	
Aug 21st Club picnic at Lake St. Clair Metropark	
Aug 23rd BOD meeting	

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TREEHOUSE BREAKFAST

BY RICHARD KOCH

A number of stories were told about close calls while fishing in your boat in local waters. Story tellers were Francis Gosiewski, John Sulkoski, Bob Barnes, Dale Billings, Curtis Patton, and Richard Koch. Breakfast at Apple Annie's was getting a lot of smiles. Our next breakfast will be at Lake Breeze Restaurant, 35450 Jefferson 8am July 27th. Come and enjoy the other LSCWA seniors.



MEMBERS: DUES MUST BE CURRENT TO FISH ALL DERBIES!

PLEASE SEE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

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

It's officially summertime and the fishing has been absolutely great this season, everywhere you go guys are catching fish and lots of them, whether it be on the river systems or on the main lake our club members are going out and having a blast. Enjoy these times now because we all know when



you're having fun it flies by and it will be wintertime before we know it.

Our club had its biggest event to date, the 2022 Lake St. Clair May Madness walleye tournament in May and what a turn out we had, if you were there and apart of the event I do not have to explain if you were not there you missed out on a good one. Congratulations to the team of Rich and Nicole Benson and Ray Wauters for taking the top honors this year for the monster \$12,000 first place payout. The last few May madness tournaments have been won by club members; we are very proud of that. Thank you goes out to all or our sponsors for the event and most importantly our volunteers that helped through the year and at the event.

All of the information has been updated and posted on our club website for the LSCWA scholarship program. If you have any questions about it please see Bob Barnes at our meeting.

We are very lucky to have such amazing bait and tackle shops in our area. They are spread all over and they carry exactly what you need to be a successful on the rivers or lake. Last month our June club derby weigh in was held at lakeside fishing shop. They welcomed us with open arms, I must say that their shop is stocked up and ready for Business!

Also, if you are in the Marine city area don't forget about hook one bait and tackle. If you are a avid river fisherman they have everything you need. Our July derby weigh in is going to be at Anglers Point Selfridge location they have been a long-time sponsor of our club and are always excited to have us by.

Good times and great things still are coming up for our club, stayed current on your dues and up to date with our events whether it be by the meetings, newsletter, website, or our Facebook page, the LSCWA has always something going on. Remember that this is YOUR club be a part of it.

Thank you and good luck fishing

LSCWA president Jeff VanTorre

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Be a part of it!!

350 CURRENT MEMBERS

ANNUAL KIDS SUMMER FISHING EVENT

BY BOB BARNES

Our annual kids fishing outing is July 31, 2022 at Lake St Clair Metro Park Voyageur Site from 9 am – 2 pm. Ride the trolley to the end of the point and look for the Walleye Club trailer. Train fee: \$2.00 person (ages 15 and under free). This is a free event open to all children, prizes for all the kids, food and soft drinks too. As in years past the child who catches the biggest fish will get in mounted free by St Clair Flats Taxidermy. The child must be 8 years old minimum, the child under 8 with the biggest fish will receive a rod and reel combination. So bring your children out for an afternoon of fun in the sun.



LSCWA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

BY BOB BARNES

Just a reminder the Lake St Clair Walleye Association will be awarding college scholarships again this year. The club believes in giving back to the community and there is no better way than to help our young adults pursue higher education. Plans are to award a scholarship(s) for fishing and wildlife studies and for general education.

Applications are now available on our website LSCWA.NET. Applications are due August 17, 2022.

This is one of many reasons I am proud to be a member of the Lake St Clair Walleye Association.

85TH MUCC ANNUAL CONVENTION

BY RICK OKERHJELM

This year was my first attendance to a MUCC convention, last year I was unable to attend because of health reasons. My wife Pat and I attended a barbecue on Friday evening and met some genuinely nice people. The conference was interesting, and I learned quite a bit about the history of the MUCC. We voted on nine proposed resolutions and an interim resolution, only one resolution was opposed of the ten resolutions presented.

Elections were held for the Executive Board and the Conservation Policy Board which I was elected to in region 8. I am incredibly grateful for this opportunity to represent the LSCWA in the best manner I can. Tim Muir is the new President of the MUCC for the next two years, congratulations Tim.

TIPS FOR HANDLINERS TO CATCH MORE WALLEYE

BY RICHARD AND JOANN KOCH

- 1. Put large emerald shiners on the tail hook of #7, #9, #11 rapalas or any bait that you are using.
- 2. Take off hooks of #7,#9, and #11 rapalas and replace with one size larger treble hook or #1 salmon hook. You can now run 3 leads in Canadian waters.
- 3. Instead of using 6'-20'-40' leads use 5'-15'-30' leads to fish faster with less tangles.
- When we find a school of walleye we handline up thru the school and jig back down thru the school.
- 5. Make a shank to fish rapalas and spoons by making one end shorter and the other end longer by 4" then reverse the shank.
- When trolling bandits, rapala husky jerks, or flicker minnows, put on a large emerald shiner minnow on the tail hooks.

VERSATILITY FOR CATCHING WALLEYE ON LSC

When is a good time to hunt walleye, with crawlers or cranks?? Honestly, I don't really have an answer to the question. Walleye will do different things at different times, so an angler needs a few options for success. From my experience you better be ready to apply different strategies any time you go fishing for walleye, or any fish species.

For example, Al McMurray and I along with other May Madness and June derby anglers, headed for the east side of LSC. I was looking for warmer, off color water and weed beds. Club members for the May Madness derby did well pulling cranks in this area for May, Rich Benson will attest to pulling cranks at that time.

Then conditions changed for the June Derby the weeds were higher, thicker, and in deeper water. I decided to pull meat with harness, they seem to go through the weeds with less problems, and they get food to the walleye in the weeds. These walleyes might not want to chase a crank bait, but will take an easy meal coming through the weeds.

I mostly used in line harness to tickle the tops of the weeds that grew bigger than then were in May. Al was mostly near the bottom with 3 ways and 4 oz lead. Al got more hits and fish than I, but a couple of mine were bigger. The two methods worked but there was a difference in results. Maybe on a different day the results could be reversed.

Other club members in the area were using cranks and catching a bunch of bass that day. I think it shows how different methods can have different results. Hopefully this article helps to show you that the walleye can change their limited thought process they just relate to their environment and act accordingly. I wish I knew the exact method to use each time I go hunting walleye, but I don't. You have to be versatile and open to the walleyes environment.

LAWRENCE SAWICKI OBITUARY

Well, we lost "The Fisherman's Friend" last night. Lawrence Sawicki aka "Big Larr" passed away painless and peaceful in Greenville, Mich. Larry was a conservationist, philanthropist, inventor, humanitarian, writer etc.

He was one of the pioneers making Lake St Clair the wonderful recreational fishery we so much enjoy today. He fought toxic companies, commercial fisherman to protect lake St Clair and Saginaw Bay. He donated to many charities and we would give a smelt give away that would gander national attention. He started the "Lake St. Clair Walleye Association" which until this day still promotes and preserves the walleye fishery on this great lake. His fishing techniques he invented are used on the lake until this day! So next time you on lake St Clair, look up on sky and say a small "thank you Larry" Popsie, truly you are "The Fisherman's Friend"!

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MAY MADNESS 2022, TEAM N-AUT-ICOLE



Waking up Sunday morning I walked into my kitchen, the plaques were still there on the table, we didn't dream it and it was true...we had just won May Madness 2022!

Let's go back 24 hours earlier...

throttle down, making our way across the lake at 40+mph I had my waypoint in the crosshairs all the way from Harley Ensign launch to our final destination, an area a few miles off the south shore of Lake St. Clair. We had prefished this area Thursday and we were counting on the roving schools of baitfish to still be there. We pre fished 12 hours and found plenty of eyes and suspended bait in an area almost devoid of structure and not a weed to be found.

As soon as we slowed the boat my wife Nicole and Ray Wauters got up and jumped into action. Within minutes the rods were set and we had our first eye in the box. We were trolling custom Bandits painted by my buddy Joe Conklin, 45'-55' behind Offshore boards and the fish were hungry! Water clarity was 5'+ and they wanted bright & shiny orange baits today trolled from 2.1 to 2.5 mph. We were picking away at them when word of approaching storms came across the radio, phones started chiming as texts came, take cover its on its way! It was then we got our largest fish of the day, a beauty just under six pounds, I reset the line and manned the steering wheel just minutes before the storm hit. From calm seas and a slight breeze to full on 40 mph winds, this storm was intense! I was caught in trough waves initially, but turned the boat west to head into the building seas. We had all donned rain gear and were hunkered under my Authority's sport top for the initial onslaught. Nicole said "hey, we got fish on!". They would have to wait...driving rain, high winds with almost no visibility and 3-4 foot waves made for a few

treacherous minutes. The rain slowed after about 10 minutes, Ray & Nicole proceeded to reel in the two fish we had on for the initial outburst of the storm and landed 4 more after that. I don't know what happened other than there were nets and fish flying all over the place. So as the storm died down a while later I turned the boat back east, we had traveled about 3/4 of a mile west during the storm and I wanted to get back on my marks. As we approached our gps tracks we got another good walleye. Today was getting to be one of those epic days of fishing.

We got back to the tracks we had been fishing all morning and made another south to north & back pass. We were now picking fish up on slow, outside turns....time to speed the boat up. Bumping my kicker up a bit, we were now averaging 2.5+ mph, we knew we had a chance at placing in the tournament, we just could feel it. I decided to do a Facebook live video on my phone, just a "hey, having a good time" type of thing.....then it happened. First a board on the port side got pulled under, followed 30 seconds later by one on the starboard side. Ray fought one fish, Nicole had the other while I continued shooting the video. I netted both fish with one hand, they were both dandy's too. They would both figure into the weight bag! We reset lines, looked at the clock and decided to pull our lines and head in at 2. The ride back seemed to fly by, we were all in high spirits- we knew we had a good bag, just how good was it going to be. The weigh in line was long but the volunteers we had were working like a well oiled machine. The leader had a weight of 25 something, we knew we were close, we were thinking 26-ish. As our fish hit the scale and the readout read 27.40 Ed Beckley said wow, we have a new leader! It was almost surreal....NEW LEADER! What? Shut the front door! We checked a few times during the weigh in, expecting any time to get knocked down a spot.

Ray sat on our fish watching the rest of the weigh in, Nicole and I wandered around, as the last team weighed in Ed announced the scales were now closed. I walked up and just stared...R. Benson, N. Benson, R. Wauters... 27.4lbs.

We won...holy smokes, WE WON!



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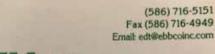
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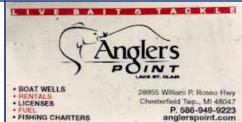
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