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OPEN DIVISION RECAP, MY FIRST DERBY SEASON



The LSCWA derby season was a fun and exciting. My first season with the club started in May with a 5th place finish and getting one point. I will tell you right now that one point was well earned that weekend. After that moment I knew I had my work cut out for me this season. I decided to dig in and give it my best shot to win the open division for the year. To my surprise, in June I caught a beautiful 6.70lb walleye in Lake st Clair. That fish ended up being the biggest fish in the club for the season. I could only fish a partial weekend for the July event, but I gave it my best shot. I ended up boating a real nice fish that put me in 2nd place for that derby. After the July derby, it was on to the Lake St Clair Classic in August. At that point I was leading the open division for the year and it was mine to lose. One last time I buckled down and fished my hardest the entire weekend and left it all out on the lake. I ended up placing 1st for the August derby with a nice 4.53lb walleye that was netted by my wife and lifelong fishing partner Trina. (Who also deserves round of applause for supporting me in my first season with the club). Don't know where I would have ended up this season without her. I would also like to congratulate Gary Lenz on a fantastic season and the AOY Trophy. It was a tight race between him and I. It came down to the final weight at Metro Beach in August where I finished second to him by .3oz.

Can't wait for next year in the masters division to give it my best shot again and see what that derby season has in store for myself and all the Anglers in the Club. See you all next season

By: Jared Roe

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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 EVENTS Fall 2020

Oct 10thPerch tourney		
Oct 21stGeneral Membership Meeting		
Oct 23rd-24thFall derby #2 weigh in TBD		
Oct 27thBOD meeting		
No Meeting in Nov. Happy Hunting		
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We are still going strong with our line up of club apparel, you are seeing the LSCWA brand more and more out on the water and around our communities, we would like to thank everyone that has purchased it and that is continuing on purchasing our clubs clothing.

As you are reading this article we are pleased to announce that we are in the stages of starting a Facebook store that way our clubs branding will be available to everyone outside of our meetings and events for purchase.

NEW ITEM ADDED:

We have added a new item to our lineup of merchandise and that is an all black sunshirt with a hood on it, sporting our bone walleye logo on the ribs with a huge LSCWA brand across the chest, and of course an American flag on the sleeve.



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

October is here, the leaves are changing and the water is cooling. What's a sportsman to do? Perch or eyes? Ducks or bucks? Maybe a Canadian goose hunt or a musky of a lifetime. This is the dilemma for many of as fall



arrives every year, so much to do and shorter days to do it. Well, perch have been showing up all year for us while trolling for walleyes near the channel. One day we had 8 over 8" on harnesses with the biggest going 12 3/4"..... not targeting them! Hopefully the fall fishing for perch will continue to be good. Walleye slowed in September for most of us but, as of this writing they have picked up significantly in the past week. Fall fishing for walleye can be just as good as or better than spring fishing. The past few years on LSC have been amazing to say the least. The most difficult thing we have to deal with on Lake St. Clair, the SCR and Detroit River this year has been dealing with the border closure which, as of now, is still in effect.

As we are all well still aware of CoVid 19 and the restrictions imposed on all of us, meetings will be still affected. Recently Governor Whitmer eased the restrictions on indoor meetings but we may still be restricted to a small meeting or going back to the virtual meeting format we held in the spring. The board of directors has agreed an outdoor meeting in October will not be possible. Please refer to either the LSCWA web page or Facebook as we get closer to October 21 for the decision to be announced.

I would like to congratulate past president Tim Muir on his recent election as MUCC's Vice President. There is not a doubt in my mind that he will be as much of an asset to MUCC as he's been to our club. Thank you Tim and good luck in your next endeavor.

We have a busy October planned for the LSCWA, first the annual Perch 'n Pig will be held at Anglers' Point on October 10th. \$100 per boat with up to 4 anglers, entry forms available online, off of Facebook and at Anglers' Point. The weigh in starts at 3, must be in line by 4 or your fish will not be weighed, followed by a delicious pulled pork meal. 4 dinner tickets per team, additional meal tickets are available for a \$10 (each) donation to the LSCWA. Then two weeks later we will have our second fall derby on October 24 with a chili cook off going down along with the weigh-in. Derby's are club members only, your dues must be current at the meeting before a derby to be eligible for entry.

I would like to close by saying that if there are any questions, comments or concerns that I am always looking for improvements for our club, please let me know. This is YOUR club, be part of it!

Rich Benson, President LSCWA

339 CURRENT MEMBERS

TROLLING TIP: SAY NO TO FLOATING WEEDS

By Rob Barnes

During autumn Lake St. Clair experiences a major turnover of weeds in the lake. This can make trolling with crankbaits and spinners incredibly difficult as you are constantly managing your baits to keep them fishing clean. Occasionally checking baits for weeds will always be required during this time of year but one way to mitigate some fouling is to attach a red Off Shore Tackle OR-16 release to your main line several feet above your bait.

If you are a great lakes troller you probably already have a bunch of these in your arsenal as they are commonly used add snap weights



onto your main line. By adding an OR-16 release to your mainline you create a catch point for floating weeds to consolidate before reaching your baits. This simple trick enables the angler to fish clean longer without checking their baits

When floating weeds are frequent and dense I will sometimes reduce my personal spread to from 3 to 2 rods so that I can better focus my energy on keeping lines fishing. Clean baits are key to ensuring presentations are working properly and triggering potential bites. Next time you're out on Lake St. Clair and are in the midst of floating weeds give these tips a try and see if it will help your baits fish clean for a longer period of time.

MUCC By Tim Muir

Back this summer I made the decision not to run again for president of OUR great club. The reason for not running was that I was asked to and nominated for the position of Vice-President of MUCC. After much deliberation I decided to accept the nominations and as of September I became the VP of MUCC. Not only did I become VP in June of 2022 I will become president of MUCC.

MUCC has a long history dating back to 1937 and I consider it an honor to be thought of and elected to its leadership team. Its mission is to unite citizens to conserve, protect and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage.

Currently some of the topics being worked on are the commercial fishing regulations which you have heard me talk about. Proposal 1 which will be on the ballot in November which will restructure the Michigan Natural Resources Trust fund to remove its cap and change the way its monies can be spent and best utilized. Please vote yes on prop 1! And many more issues. I will be keeping everyone updated with short articles

I am excited and looking forward to my new responsibilities. I will make the LSCWA proud.

FALL DERBY SERIES

We held the first fall derby on September 18-19th with the weigh-in at Angler's Point on Saturday the 19th. It was a tough weekend to fish, they seemed to be in a very negative feeding pattern both Friday and Saturday. If it's any indication of how slow the bite was, only 8 anglers weighed fish out of 12 that fished! The fall series is using a different scoring method for points, all anglers fishing will receive points as long as they make the weigh-in. First place will always be 10 points, as second will always be guaranteed 9..... then it gets interesting from there as points are awarded as to how many fish and come to the weigh in. We had an excellent fish fry at the weigh-in with fish provided from previous derbies, cleaned by the Richard & Joann Koch and cooked by Bob Barnes, Don Murray and Rich Benson. Special thanks to Anglers Point owners Chris & Sue Wroblewski, Dick Benson and Nicole Benson for helping set up & clean up.

The standings so far;

1st Jeff VanTorre	10 points
2nd Lee Gould	9 points
3rd Jared Roe	
4th Eric Lenz	
5th Gary Lenz	6 points
6th Eric Gabreyl	
7th Nick Markowski	
8th Rich Benson	

Fished, showed at weigh-in, did not weigh Bob Barnes, Nicole Benson, Don Murray &

Hunter Markowski- 1 Point each.

October's derby will start on Friday 10/23 at 4 pm and end on Saturday 10/24 at 4 pm with the weigh-in again at Anglers Point starting at 4 pm, you must be in line no later than 4:50 pm or your fish will not be weighed. We will be having a chili cook off as well at the event....if you fish please bring a small pot of chili that you've prepared the day before to participate, there will be a small prize pack for the pot chosen as the best. All regular season derby rules pertaining to sizes and boundaries remain in effect for the fall series as well. Hope to see more anglers in October participate!

THANK YOU By Mike Roush

Thank you to the following L.S.C.W.A. members for making our recent veterans fishing day a huge success:

Jerry Comfort, John Sulkowski, Dan Ferdinande, Pat Lawson, Richard Larry, Dan Schmidt, Larry McMillan, Don Murray, Bob Barnes, Rod Redlawsk, Greg Milbreath (fish cleaner).

A big thank you to Chris, Sue and Vickie at Anglers Point.

And in remembrance of Mitch Vermander and Keith Krych, R.I.P.

Thank you all.

FALL FISHING By Rich Benson

I think fall is one of the best times to be out fishing. The change of seasons gets a lot of different fish moving around, schooling up or heading to wintering areas to hunker down. Finding and fishing these areas can payoff with days of non-stop action.

Lake St. Clair is a very large lake, it's main source is the St. Clair River and main outlet the Detroit River. Enough water volume flows in and out of it to literally refill it in less than 4 days. Then there are the other rivers feeding into it, the Thames, Belle, Clinton River, Salt and more smaller tribes as well as drains. This current flow continually brings nutrients, oxygen and food sources for predator and prey alike, find where the prey fish are and the predators are nearby keeping an eye on dinner. So it's no surprise the past few years of weak ice or shortened winters that anglers have been getting out in their boats and trolling for walleyes in near shore areas with high concentrations of baitfish, primarily shad but a lot of walleyes are caught on perch colored baits as well.



Tim Muir and Ray Wauters with a beautiful LSC early winter walleye caught aboard Rich Benson's boat.

The past few years the American shoreline from the Detroit River all the way to the Clinton River has held fish, finding them some days might take some searching, but usually depths of 13'-17' worked well. Baits were typically Bandit Walleye deep Or Rapala Deep Husky Jerks trolled 28'-45' behind inline boards at speeds ranging from 1.2-1.7 mph. A few of my personal favorites have been Bandits in stock colors of Coconut Candy & Brown Back Khaki, I'm thinking the white or gray colors resemble the shad in the water. Custom colors work very well too, JT Customs Seyka Perch has been my got to for many years now as well as John Latham's custom "Cookies Trout" (or black

With the cool temps of late and the windy days we've been having I can only assume the fall turn over might be early this year. So in the next few weeks if you're not out looking for perch or hunting you might want to get out and try the fall fishing that's about to start up.

back). Those 4 colors have put hundreds of fish in the boat the past 3 years in the fall for me.

ABOUT MI PROPOSAL 1

This November, Michigan voters will be given a historic opportunity to expand the work of the Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) and help protect our drinking water sources, wildlife habitats, and parks for future generations by voting yes on Proposal 1. The amendment will safeguard a constitutionally protected revenue source for conservation and recreation for future generations, keeping it insulated from partisan gridlock.

What Prop 1 would change:

- Allow the MNRTF to receive revenues from the royalties on oil, gas, and mining operations on state-owned land once the State Park Endowment Fund (SPEF) reaches its asset cap.
- Require at least 25% of Trust Fund disbursements be made available for development, renovation and redevelopment of public recreation facilities, and at least 25% for land acquisition and protection.
- Allow up to 50% of Trust Fund annual revenue, plus interest and earnings, to be expended each fiscal year.
- Require at least 20% of the money expended from the State Parks Endowment Fund go towards capital improvements at state parks

What it means:

- This amendment will ensure all future royalties are dedicated to conservation and recreation removing the cap for good.
- Allow the flexibility needed to fund and update trails, playgrounds, accessible boat launches, and more in communities across the state, while continuing to prioritize land conservation and protection.
- Safeguard a stream of conservation and recreation funding granted to our communities every year, while putting enough aside to save for future generations.
- Ensure a funding stream dedicated to improving the cherished outdoor places Michiganders use to support our mental and physical health especially during these challenging times.

FALL PREPARATIONS FOR TROPHY WALLEYE By Jeff Van Torre

As the temp cools and the summer turns to fall that can only mean one thing, fall trophy walleyes. We have a great body of water in our own backyard, Lake St. Clair, And the past couple of years there has been a great fall walleye bite along the American shoreline that I'm sure a few of our club members have partaken in. Take the time now to go through all your equipment and make sure it's in tip top shape so you don't miss out on that trophy fish this fall. Below are 5 quick equipment items that I make sure that I go through.

- 1. LINE: re-calibrate all your line counter reels to make sure that you are running a true 100 feet that way you can make sure that your line is putting your baits in the right zone. Precision trolling data app bases all of its dive curves off of trilene XT 10 pound line diameter of .014. There are other line companies out there that offer a higher breaking strength with the same line diameter as 10 pound, just make sure the line diameter matches that of the 10 pound line and you will be set.
- 2. TERMINAL TACKLE: Take a small box and put items in it that include replacement hooks for the style baits you will be using the most of this fall, Swivels, Snaps, Split rings, Spare planer board parts. Be ORGANIZED the quicker than you can get to replacements items and fix them on the fly, the more time you can keep your baits in the water
- 3. PLANER BOARD MAINTENANCE: Look over your Off Shore Planer Boards, this is a great time to replace all your clips, springs and adjust your tattle flags. Look for bent tow arms as well. If your Off Shore Boards are in need of a "tune up" please get a hold of myself, Eric Lenz or Rob Barnes we will make sure that your planer boards are in tip top shape.
- 4. BAITS: If you are like me and pull crankbaits a majority of the time you know that they can take a beating, look for blown out split rings and bent hooks, replace as needed. Also a HUGE part of running a consistent and productive crankbait program is making sure that your baits run in tune straight through the water. Off Shore tackle offers a "tuning tool" that is great in making sure you are getting optimal performance in your crankbaits.
- 5: NETS: Without a net it's pretty hard to land those walleyes, This is simple but overlooked by many. Examine your netting and look for larger holes where it might have broke, If your net manufacturer offers a replacement bag for your net get a new one. If you have an extendable handle on your net, make sure it's in working order and locked in place correctly.

These are 5 simple things that take a short amount of time that could make a difference in landing that fish of lifetime. Good luck this fall.





This year's motor raffle winner is none other than Rick "Rico" Okerhjelm! Rico is a club member and the recording secretary. He's a very active member and a pleasure to be around Big congratulations to YOU Rico. Thank you for all that you do.

Rose Marine Sales and Service goes above and beyond each year to donate a motor to our club to be raffled off at the last derby of the season (the Lake St. Clair Classic), Rose marine is a family owned and operated marina, service center and dealership located on LSC, They have been a sponsor of our organization for as long as I can remember. We thank them for their continued support throughout the year and we look forward to working together in the future.

As a club we sell raffle tickets at special events, club meetings, local bait shops, and through members as well. This year our top prize of a brand new Minn Kota Ultera Trolling motor, 2nd prize was a Charter aboard the Jerry Comforts "comfort zone" charter service, and 3rd prize was a Ice Fishing Charter with captain Brandon Stanton of "Team Gunsmoke sport fishing charters". Thank you to all of our sponsors for the 2020 LSCWA motor raffle.











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