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HANDLINE TROLLING REEL

from Alex Vitek and Curt Kratt

Just in time for the spring Walleye run on the rivers we have a special raffle. The one and only prize is a hand line reel and it will be raffled off before the end of the April meeting.

This is not just any hand line reel. It is an A&S reel that has been customzied by Bill Bell of Bell's Trolling Reel Service in Harrison Township. He has upgraded to a stainless steel fastener kit

and a bearing package. He has improved the reel's operational smoothness, reliability and dependability including micro polishing of critical friction mating components and surfaces. The end cap was powder coated to a high luster black to add to the appearance of this one of a kind reel. Copies of the "build sheet" will be available at the upcoming meeting.

Look for the reel and for tickets at the March meeting and again at the April meeting. Tickets are \$5 each or "Five For Twenty". If you cannot attend the meeting and would like some tickets then call the club phone which is listed on the front of the newsletter. We will get tickets to you.

MARCH GUEST SPEAKER

By Keith Krych

This month's guest speaker is FLW touring pro Jason Kerr. Jason finished in eighth place at the 2007 FLW championship on Lake Erie.

He also has won FLW League events on the Detroit River and on Saginaw Bay. Jason will be speaking on spring river fishing for the Detroit and St Clair Rivers. Come on down and learn his tournament winning techniques.

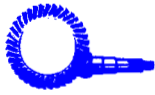
COAST GUARD MATERIAL

By Alex Vitek

The spring season means that it is time to get ready for the upcoming boating season. While at a recent event that the club attended I was able to pick up information pamphlets and other material from the Coast Guard Auxillery. If any one is interested in this information then stop by the membership table. I will have it there.

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Next Meeting April 16, 2008**

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www.lscwa.net

Walleye World

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CALENDER OF EVENTS

March 19General MembershipMeeting
 April 1.....Possession of a 2008
 Fishing License becomes mandatory
 April 12-13 ... MWT Qualifier Detroit River (River Waters Only)
 April 16,General MembershipMeeting
 April 18-20.....LSCWA Derby
 May 3-4Sinbad's Detroit River Tournament
 May 3-4MWT Qualifier Linwood, Saginaw Bay
 May 10.....MUCC District 8 Walleye
 Tournament at Perch Point
 May 21General MembershipMeeting
 May 23-25LSCWA Derby
 June 6-7MWT Qualifier Port Clinton, Lake Erie
 June 7Spring Walleye Classic at
 Gilbert's Sportsmans Club
 June 7 & 8.....Free Fishing Weekend
 June 18.....General MembershipMeeting
 June 20-22LSCWA Derby
 July 12-13.....MWT Qualifier Au Gres, Saginaw Bay
 July 16General MembershipMeeting
 July 18-20.....:LSCWA Derby
 Aug. 14-16.....MWT State Championship Sault St. Marie
 Aug. 22-24LSCWA Derby

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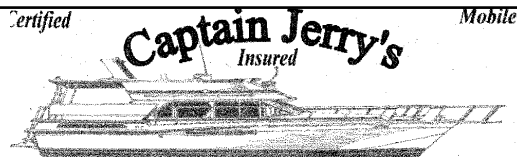
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SUGGESTION FOR TRADE-A-TRIP

by David A. Wilemski

Before we go to Benton Harbor the last weekend in June I suggest that those going this year talk to the others about having more car pooling to save gas. There is no reason we cannot eliminate 20-25% of the vehicles driving there if we plan it out better. With the savings in travel you will have more money to help pay the big increase in boat gas that the Steelheaders will be burning up to take us out. Please do NOT leave short change on the gas money for their boats.

NEXUS CARD

Some members have been asking questions about the NEXUS card. It had been hoped that the individual from the Border Patrol would have been able to make the meeting last month to explain just what this option was. In the meantime we have found the following information.

What Are The Benefits Of NEXUS?

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Currently, the processing fee for a 5-year membership is \$50 US or \$50 Canadian.

Application forms and a listing of regional CPCs are available on the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) website. (The website URL/address is very long and to complicated to put here. It is best to go to the website for the Customs and Border Protection website at <http://www.cbp.gov/> and do a search for more information on NEXUS.) For NEXUS toll-free information (U.S and Canada) call 1-866-NEXUS 26 (1-866-639-8726).



Despite the poor weather conditions kids of all ages showed up to the LSCWA Annual Kid's Ice Fishing Event. Hot dogs, Chili and Soup kept everyone warm. It was a fun event for all that attended.

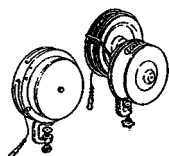
YEAST COULD BE THE KEY TO ENDING LAKE INVADERS

(summarized from Detroit Free Press, 2/11/2008)

A Michigan company says it thinks it may have a promising solution to fight a huge Great Lakes problem -- invasive species dumped from the ballast of oceangoing ships. EcologiQ, a Troy firm, hopes a tiny form of yeast it has patented can rid ships of dangerous invasive organisms that lurk in their ballast tanks by starving them of oxygen.

Ballast water often contains bacteria, viruses and the adult and larval stages of plants and animals that can wreak havoc on our native aquatic ecosystems, as we have learned from the introduction of zebra and quagga mussels and numerous other invasive, non-native species.

The new product, BallaClean, works by removing the oxygen in a closed space or body of water and suffocating live organisms that could turn into unwanted invaders once released into the Great Lakes. The company is testing the product in hopes of getting it certified in various countries. The firm says it offers a smaller, simpler and cheaper solution for shippers than other methods on the market. Environment Canada has tested BallaClean and found that it does not harm the environment.



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MEAT OR PLASTIC?

By Keith Krych

For jiggers on the river this very question is being asked more and more often.

The all time walleye catching combo on the Detroit River for years has been a jig with a chartreuse twister tail and an emerald shiner, but this is changing. More anglers are going to plastic only presentations and seeing their catch rates staying the same or even going up.

The reason for the switch is the influx of new plastic baits for walleyes that have come on the market in the last several years. The fishing industry finally realized about five years ago that plastic baits used for bass are not the best ones for walleye. These new baits are softer and smaller to more closely imitate what a walleye feeds on.

Most local anglers have heard of the Wyandotte wonder worm, the Lakeside worm or the brown rubber worm. They are all the same plastic four inch brown worm that has won tournaments and filled livewells for several years. The magic of the wonder worm is it is the right size and length to turn walleyes on. The four inch length is just long enough to wave around in the water with the slightest twitch. Plastic worms for bass are too long and stiff for the proper action. The same goes for plastic minnows. The Fin-S minnow, Zoom Fluke and Berkley Gulp all come in a size that walleyes will bite.

A lot of anglers still believe that a minnow will out fish plastic any day of the week. If you think about what is going on at the bottom of the river, it will make a lot of sense why plastics work. Your jig is traveling just off bottom at the same speed of the current, about 4mph to 5mph on the Detroit River. A walleye has only a few seconds to decide to eat the jig after it sees it, or to let it pass. It doesn't have time to examine and smell it, she just reacts to it. I think the jiggling motion you impart on the jig/bait combo has much more influence in making the fish strike than if it's a real minnow or a plastic imitator.

Next time forget the minnows and try just plastic. You may be in for a pleasant surprise.

KID'S ICE FISHING REPORT

By Mark Tews

The Lake St. Clair Walleye Association had their annual kids outing on Sunday February 17th at Jiggers Bar and Grill. It was a huge success despite the bad weather. Over 125 kids and their parents participated in the free fishing weekend. They traveled as far as from Detroit and Port Huron. This event would not have been possible without the support of our volunteers. We would like to thank the Tom Sommers family, Dolores Pulinko, Don and Darla McCulla, Sue Yax, members of the L.S.C.W.A. who worked the kitchen area. Speaking of the kitchen we have to thank the members who made soup, chili and gumbo. Let's not forget all the volunteers that donated four wheelers for taxi service on and off the ice.

A special thank you to all the business that donated prizes for our raffle such as Capt. Steve Lambs, Bass

Pro Shop, Chuck Meldrum, K & E Tackle, Harry from Ficious Jigs, Battle Creek Steelheaders, Coastline Power and Lighting and Captain Dan at Lakeside Tackle.

The following also contributed to making the kids fish outing a success: MUCC for the tents, Gil and Lucia Dysarczyk for the heater, Cindy Babisz from Downriver Recreation, Morley Candy, Blue Water Bait and Steve Sharon for the compasses.

On behalf of the L.S.C.W.A. we would like to thank Chantel Clark, owner of Jiggers Bar and Grill, and her crew for once again doing an outstanding job hosting our annual kid's ice fishing outing. Another big thank you goes to Steve Grosso, owner of Grosso Trucking, for providing the fishing poles that were given to the kids and the hot dogs and buns.

It was apparent that a good time was had by all. Once again we would like to say a big thank you to everyone that participated and volunteered their time. Hope to see you next year.

FISH & KIDS IN PHOTOS

by Alex Vitek

The kids are invited to submit photos of themselves while fishing or holding a fish, while on family camping trips, or while hunting or trapping. In other words, while enjoying the outdoor activities that we all enjoy. If we get some photos like this we will print them in future issues of the newsletter and show them at membership meetings.

This is not a contest so there are not any rules. But, I do have a few suggestions based on what works for photos in past issues of the club newsletter. Many of the suggestions were given during the photo seminar at last year's March meeting.

Photos should be taken in bright conditions but it is not necessary to be standing in full sunlight. The photos should have the people in them lit up and not in heavy shadows.

Move hats back so that the brim does not shade the eyes. People seem to have an instinct to look at the eyes so have them show. It often helps to take off dark sunglasses.

Watch the background and avoid having a lot of different things behind the people in the picture. Simple backgrounds work the best.

If the child or person in the picture is holding a fish then they should hold it out from them. This helps highlight the fish and makes it look bigger. But, do not hold the fish out so far away that the person is straining. An exception is when small children are holding real large fish and the staining that shows on their face sometimes adds to the picture.

The pictures can be either film prints or digital. If any member is interested then they can see me at the membership meeting or call me at (586) 808-4548 and leave a message.

MARCH MINI-WORKSHOPS

by Keith Krych

Back by Popular Demand! The March meeting will be a real educational experience. To help get ready for the upcoming season the following "Mini-workshops" will be available. They will be going on continuously around the room during the extended break.

Making Crawler Harnesses - the Prez Dave Wilemski

Inline trolling board modifications - Jerry Fox Jr.

Whipping tips - Ron Sharp

Handlining tips - Richard and Joann Koch

Rigging the "Hotwired Worm" - Curt Kratt

Powder Coat painting Jigs - Kevin "Houghton Laker"
Dwyer and Ryan "RJT" Terzaghi

Jigging tips - Jeff Regulski

Sonar and GPS tips - Keith Krych

MEETING OBSERVATIONS

by David A. Wilemski

It is very apparent to the LSCWA Board that many of our members come to the General Membership meetings to meet with their close friends and fishing partners and to catch up on personal events during the past month. We all do this. It is expected. However, we all must control our conversations and noise levels so as not to disrupt the meeting for others. Every adult in our club is educated and will be expected to act like a responsible ADULT.

The eleven meetings we attend each year are to learn new things about fishing and boating, keep up with club activities and to have fun doing it.

It is the duty of the President to maintain order; I will do just that. In the process I may not make everyone 100% happy. If you are not happy - "See me during a break or after the meeting".

3RD BOWLING FUNDRAISER

By Dave Wilemski

Like last year, this event was a financial success. However it was a great deal of work for Dave Champine and me, yet everyone enjoyed themselves including us.

We filled all 20 lanes and had 112 bowlers out of a maximum 120. My wife Linda sold tickets for 4 lanes. Dave Champine sold tickets for 3 1/2 lanes. Dan Austin and Tony Kozlinski each filled 2 lanes. Geoff Regulski, Mark Tews, Don Murray, Bob Barnes, Alex Vitek and Jim Burgess each filled a lane.

Also, the following volunteers helped in making this another success: Joanne and Richard Koch who sold enough 50/50 event tickets for three separate drawings for the club. They also sold the other raffle tickets and helped with the prize table raffles. Keith and Marylyn Krych sold the Strike Ball tickets, took pictures and helped with the prize table raffles. My sister Chris Kareta, Joy Roark and my wife Linda helped me at the sign-in tables. It is to these dedicated individuals and others that the club should thank for helping to keep the dues from increasing.

Finally, we must thank the generous companies and individuals who donated time and money for the many prizes we raffled off that night. They are: Dave Champine, Linda Wilemski, Richard Koch, Keith Krych, Terry Davidson, Lakeside Fishing on Jefferson, Mich-I-Gun on Harper, Anchor Bay Outfitters, member Richard W. (fishing rods), Selfridge Bait and Tackle, Global Appliance, Beacon Light Home Inspections, Tractor Supply Co (Gratiot & 26-Mile), Buddy's Pizza, Joe's Trailer Sales (Harper at 10-Mile), Mike's Marine Supply on Jefferson and the LSCWA.

The lucky 50/50 winners were Jane Gillespie, Greg Swieczkowski and Pam Cunha.

The next bowling fundraiser will be on a Saturday, start earlier and be for the whole family. Again, I wish to thank everyone who helped out.

DERBY RULES

The Derby Committee went over the rules and made no changes. The rules will be the same as the past two years. The members will be mailed a copy next month along with their newsletter.

MERCURY RE-LISTED AS A POLLUTANT

The United States Court of Appeals overturned a controversial plan from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that would have failed to protect Michigan's citizens from the dangers posed by mercury emissions. In State of New Jersey v. U.S. EPA, the court decided that the federal government was wrong in delisting mercury as a hazardous air pollutant.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) had joined 14 other states in challenging the mercury rule and is currently developing a rule to reduce mercury emissions by 90 percent by 2015 from Michigan's coal-fired plants.

Coal-fired power plants are the largest source of mercury in the United States. Mercury from power plants settles in waterways and accumulates in fish. The Michigan Department of Community Health has a special health advisory in place for all inland lakes in Michigan due to mercury contamination. Mercury is known to cause neurological and developmental problems, particularly in unborn babies.

TRADE A TRIP 2008 UPDATE

by Ron Sharp

The Jiggers Bar and Grill is going to have a fishing tournament the weekend of May 3rd and 4th. That is when the Battle Creek Steelheaders will be here as part of the Annual Trade-A-Trip. This Jiggers' tournament is done on that weekend so they will be able to enter. The information on the tournament will be at our next meeting.

There is also going to be a fish fry on the Saturday and Sunday when they are here. We will need some help with this. If you are able to help out then please let me know. Also, we can still use a few more boat Captains to take some guys out.

Keep smiling, warm fishing weather is just around the corner.

JUST A REMINDER

From the Board of Directors

We are reminded that WE CANNOT BRING BEVERAGES INTO OUR MEETING HALL. The K of C Hall has a Michigan Liquor Control license to sell alcohol. It has been brought to our attention that no one can bring outside beverages into an establishment that is licensed to sell alcohol. This includes soda pop and water.

Drinks at the hall are very reasonably priced anyway. There is no reason to bring in outside beverages.

We are an elite club that always shows class. We certainly do not need to cause trouble between the hall and the liquor commission. So, please support the K of C and purchase your beverages at the meetings.

NEW MEMBERS

These are the new members to the club who joined over the past several months. Hopefully, we did not forget anyone. A very warm and heartfelt welcome is extended to all of them.

Chris Sementkowski • Paul Morris • John Yothers
Mairan Perlinski • Mike Eichbrecht • Brian Powers
Mark W. Gillman • Jerry Pavlat • Rich Beary
Joe Stemmer • Dennis Powers • Ryan "RJT" Terzaghi
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SECOND ANNUAL HOG HUNT - PORT CLINTON, OHIO

By Keith Krych

Mark your calendars for the second annual LSCWA Hog hunt out of Port Clinton, Ohio. The dates are April 25th, 26th and 27th. This is the weekend after the clubs April derby so you'll have no excuse not to attend.

Last year we had several captains and non-boaters go down to Port Clinton and fish. This year I'd like to see even more participation from the club. Ask anyone who went on last year's trip and they will tell you they had a great time.

The way this will work is you sign up as a boater or a non-boater. The boaters tell me how many available

spots they have for non-boaters or who they are taking out. I will try to match up the non-boaters with a captain.

The morning of the 25th we'll all meet at a designated spot to caravan down to Port Clinton together. We'll all launch together and motor out to the fishing ground. We'll all share info and GPS# to get on the fish.

I'll have motel info at the March meeting so you can make your reservations. If we all stay at the same motel it makes for an even more enjoyable trip.

P.S.; Don't forget to bring a BIG cooler.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by David A. Wilemski

Your club's Executive Board and Board of Directors made a few to the agenda for general membership meetings. We will try these out to see how they work.

During the first (business) part of the meeting the bar will be closed. This portion of the meeting takes about 10 minutes.

Then we will have the first of two breaks. This is when we will be setting up for the fishing and outdoor information part of the meeting and the bar will be reopened. This portion of the meeting includes the fishing report, possibly a video and/or a guest speaker. During the summer months the Derby results and awards will take place during this period. This is the most popular parts of the membership meetings and that is why we have moved them to an earlier time in the evening. We will close the bar during special guest speakers out of courtesy to the person speaking in front of the group.

After the fishing information part of the meeting we will have another break while setting up for the last portion of the meeting. This will be for the Membership Raffle, any old or new business, the 50/50 raffle and the table raffles.

We hope that this will make the meetings go in a more orderly manner and that those who have to leave early will still be able to hear all of the fishing information parts. As a reminder these are Lake St. Clair Walleye Association meetings and NOT "meet and greet" get-togethers.

Many members will also notice that there has been a minor change to the arrangement of the tables. This re-arrangement will create a bit more room.

The Board thanks you for your cooperation.

PICKING THE CLUB'S BRAINS

from Dave Wilemski

The children's summer fishing outing will soon be here. We are looking for a NEW place to hold this event. It would probably be best for the majority of members who would be attending and helping out if it was within 25 miles of the I-696 & I-94 interchange.

If anyone has a friend or relative that has a large stocked fish pond that we could use for this 'catch & release' event please contact one of the board members ASAP. Thank you.