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# WALLEYE WORLD

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April 2010

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## SWAP 'N SHOP

The annual Swap N' Shop is this month. Bring in your unwanted fishing and hunting equipment and maybe someone else will be interested. This meeting event is one of the most popular of the year and we expect some large crowds.

## KID'S FISHING OUTING

The summer fishing out for the kids is scheduled for August 1st. All children are welcome. Members are invited to bring their children, the kids from down the street, or any children and parents that want an opportunity to try some great fishing fun.

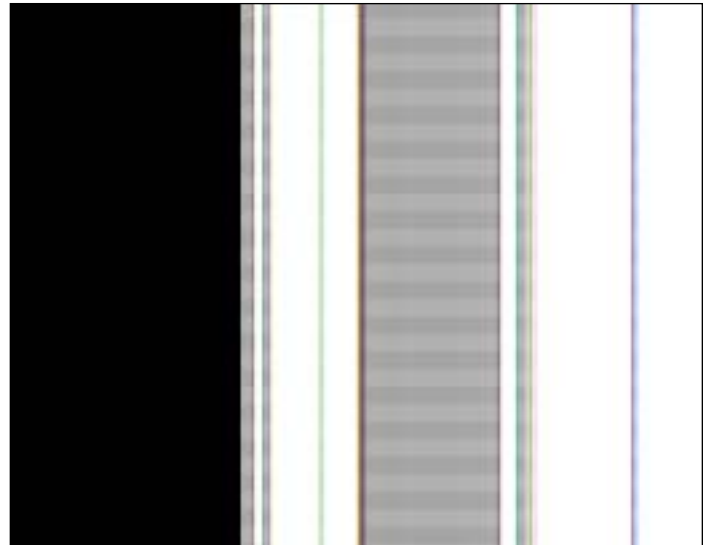
This event will be held at Metro Beach Metropark. The pavilion has been reserved and is the same as last year. The youngsters will be able to fish from early morning till late morning. The cooking crew will then have a picnic lunch for them with hot dogs and more.

Details and more information will be announced in future newsletters.

## FOOD DRIVE

*from Scott Hunt*

Last month we mentioned the up coming food drive to help out the families in the area. This month there will be a box by the front door. Please donate a non-perishable food item for this good cause. Some members brought in a few items last month and those went to the food pantry at St. Marks Church in Warren.



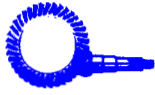
*Curt Kratt Jr on one of the first fishing trips of the season caught, boated and released this large muskie. Curt and his dad Curt Sr were walleye fishing in the upper part of the Detroit River early last spring when Junior hooked into this large muskie.*

## APRIL DERBY

It is time for the first derby of the 2010 season. This month's weigh-in will be held at the St. Jean launch. The weighing in of the member's Walleye will start at 4 pm on Sunday the 25th and the weighing stops at 6 pm. Members can start fishing at 6 pm on Friday. The 2010 derby rules can be found on pages 5 and 6.

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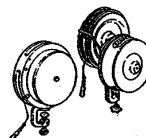
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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
WEDNESDAY ~ 7:30 P.M.  
April 21, 2010**

**Next Meeting May 21, 2010**

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**ALL FISHERMEN WELCOME!**

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 happening in and around the Club  
**www.lscwa.net**

**Walleye World**

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**CALENDER OF EVENTS**

Apr 21 .....General Membership Meeting  
 April 23-25 .....LSCWA Derby weigh-in at St. Jean Ramp  
 May 2 .....Walleye Palozza at Sinbad's Marina  
 May 8.....MUCC District 8 Walleye Tournament  
 Huron Pointe Sportsmen Club (tentative)  
 May 19.....General Membership Meeting  
 May 21-23.....LSCWA Derby weigh-in Blue Water Bait & Tackle  
 May 23 .....3rd Annual Bill Rose Memorial  
 Tournament Rose Marine  
 June 5-6 .....LSCWA & Gilbert's Sportsmans  
 Club Tournament (Tenative)  
 June 6 .....The LSCWA's 1st Annual  
 Harold "Bo" Soulliere Memorial Tournament  
 June 16 .....General Membership Meeting  
 June 18-20....LSCWA Derby weigh-in at Lakeside Fishing Shop  
 June 25-27 .....Detroit Gold Cup Boat Race  
 July 11 .....Cheers' 1st Annual Walleye Tournament  
 July 21 .....General Membership Meeting  
 July 23-25 ....LSCWA Derby weigh-in at Lakeside Fishing Shop  
 August 1 .....Kid's Summer Outing at Metro Beach  
 August 18.....General Membership Meeting  
 August 20-22 .....LSCWA Derby weigh-in at the Annual Picnic  
 Sept. 15 .....General Membership Meeting

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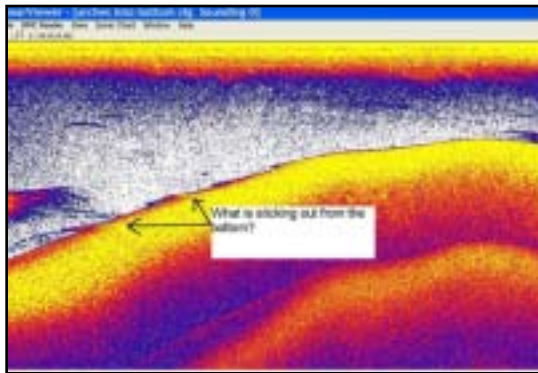
- a. All fish must be caught by the member whose name it's being registered for.
  - b. A proxy may weigh-in a member's fish in his/her absence.
  - c. Super Six teams must be comprised of ONE BOAT containing up to, but not more than, four (4) members. The team must weigh-in a total of six (6) fish.
  - 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:
    - First place= 5 points
    - Second place= 4 points
    - Third place = 3 points
    - Fourth place= 2 points
    - 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. (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.)
6. All walleyes entered in the derbies will be considered under the following conditions:
- a. Minimum size will be thirteen (13) inches.
  - 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. Each walleye entered will have the tail fin clipped. Walleyes which are being considered for taxidermy work will be marked in another way 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 a 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. 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.
9. These rules are in effect until the end of the 2011 derby season.



## DEAD ZONE FISH....

by Keith Krych

You rarely see fish on drop-offs because the closest "bottom" to the transducer is the drop-off so the fish are not seen. All sonar displays is echo strength of the target and the distance the target is from the transducer. The first example has the fish a farther distance from the transducer than the bottom so the fish echo is added to the "bottom" echo and not seen. The "bottom" under the transducer is 25 ft, fish at 23 ft, and the drop off "bottom" is 20 ft. Now visualize what the sonar will show you. The picture is my rough drawing so it is not to scale; it is just to get you thinking.



I have only captured one recording like this so the conditions have to be perfect.

I am drifting very, very slowly on a sharp drop-off. Notice how flat the fish arch is. The drop-off is a fast taper and not a ledge. I think the reason you can see the fish in the dead zone is because of the sharp drop which causes less return from the bottom so it displays the bottom as red for echo strength. The fish echo is added to the bottom so the fish arch becomes yellow when it is in the dead zone. On a slower drop-off, the "bottom" would return stronger echoes so it would be yellow and the fish would not be seen in the dead zone. The bottom is sand and I have never seen fish on the side before. The top was loaded with fish. I just think there were a lot of fish so I got lucky capturing this recording.

## GOLDEN MINNOW BUCKET

by Don Murray

The Golden Minnow Bucket smack-down is a club event, scheduled for 7 AUG 2010 in Erieau, Canada, for club honors. Last year was the first year for this event against the Downriver Walleye Federation. Both clubs hope to make this a yearly contest. The winning club will claim the Golden bucket for the year and defend it the following year. So come and help your club bring the Golden Bucket home, and have fun doing it.

## 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 you.

**Jeff Jolly • Donato Mongelli • James Bruss**

## LSCWA Charity Poker Fundraiser

By Bob Barnes

The next Charity Poker Fundraiser will be June 12 – 15, 2010 located at Snookers on Hall Road just east of the Van Dyke expressway (by Dick's Sporting Goods). We raised \$4400 on the last event and this one should do the about the same.

We use the money for our kid's outings, scholarship fund as well as club functions. We could use some help.....It is so easy a cave man or woman could do it; we sell chips and collect the money. Please contact the club hotline or contact me through the club's website lscwa.net to sign up and help out. Two to three hours of your time would be greatly appreciated. We will have two more Poker Fundraisers this year with one planned for October and one for December. The information will be posted when the dates are firmed up.....Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

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Sunday, June 6, 2010

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### Cheers' 1st Annual Walleye Tournament

Cheers Bar

Sunday, July 11, 2010

Weigh-in: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

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## Lake St. Clair Walleye Association

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### 2010-2011 Derby Rules

1. There will be four divisions.
  - a. Open division
  - b. Masters division
  - c. Youth division
  - d. Super Six division
  
2. Patches will be awarded in all divisions for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each division. Certificates will be awarded to the 4th and 5th place in each division.
  - a. Two patches will be presented to the winning Super Six teams for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
  - 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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. All will have MASTERS DIVISION embroidered on the front of the jacket opposite of the club insignia. 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 place, with OPEN division on the front of the jacket opposite of the club insignia, and a gold walleye embroidered on the back. Second and Third place for the Open division end of year awards will be plaques.
  - e. The member who weighs-in the largest walleye entered during the derbies for each year 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. The fish will be judged by weight and then length.
  - f. The end of year award presentations will be made at the December membership meeting.
  - g. Divisional winners will be awarded only one jacket every three years unless they win a higher placement within a division or win a different division. Any member who repeats a division win will be awarded a LSCWA hat with the appropriate division and placement embroidered on it.
  
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 at 6:00 p.m. on the Friday before the weigh-in. All walleyes must be weighed in between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 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 division 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.
  - b. 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 AND 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.