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TRADE-A-TRIP 2007

by Dave Wilemski and Bob Barnes

This event is only half complete at this writing. (Saturday Night July 7th.) It looks like we have fewer participants from the Battle Creek Steel Headers this year compared to last year.

We, never the less, are having a great time with all those who did participate. Great weather!

Thank you to the seven LSCWA Captains who stepped up to take the Steel Headers out Walleye Fishing: Mark Tews, Tony Kozlinski, Jim Milioto, Don Murray, Keith Krych, Karl Sauner and Gary Fox.

Also- A BIG "Thank You" to LSCWA President Jeff Regulski for overseeing the delicious Fish Fry and also Chantel - owner of Jiggers for Hosting this Event again.

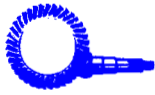
Tony Kozlinski and I took out John Jasper of Woodstock, IL and his brother James Jasper of Augusta, MI. We fished the shipping channel around marker 20; 5-hours Saturday morning with poor success.

Mark & Sam Tews took out Kurt Stark with better success: 4- Walleye from the South Channel with the largest Saturday at 22".

Steel Header Dave Bunch fished with Dennis Strobeck Friday Evening to Midnight and landed two walleye, the largest 4 pounds.



"James Jasper, Tony Kozlinski, and John Jasper with a couple of fine eater Walleye. The Jasper brothers were the guests on Tony Kozlinski's boat. The group included Dave Wilemski and they were trolling the North Channel pulling crawler harnesses and going up river. The lure that started to produce fish was a red crawler harness including red beads."



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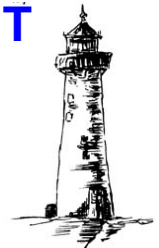
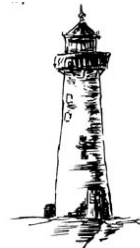
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JULY 18, 2007

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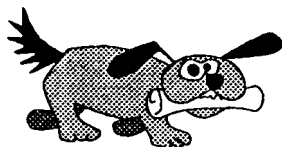
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Walleye World

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AUGUST 15, 2007GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
AUGUST 17 - 19, 2007DERBY 5 WEIGH IN AT AMVET'S
AUGUST 19, 2007LSCWA'S SUMMER PICNIC - AMVETS'S
SEPTEMBER 19, 2007GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
OCTOBER 3-6, 2007.....MWC WALLEYE WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP, DUNDEE, MI
OCTOBER 17, 2007.....GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
NO NOVEMBER MEETING
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JUNE DERBY RESULTS

What a great weekend for a derby. Very warm and pleasant but not unbearably hot. On the down side it was the start of the summer season when our Walleye tend to become a bit harder to find. Yet, many members did get out there fishing and found some Walleye to bring to the weigh-in.

We have to give a big round of thanks to Capt. Dan Chimelak and his staff at Lakeside Fishing Shop. They provided a large area for us to set up and also brought in pizza and soft drinks.

The top 5 in each division are listed below with the weights and then length listed. By the way, congratulations to Dan Austin who this past month has entered the largest Walleye so far this season. He will be hard to beat with only two more derbies to go. And, congratulations go to Marilyn Krych, who not only took 1st place in the Open Division but now will be moving up to the Master's Division starting with the first derby of 2008.

MASTER'S DIVISION

1st	Keith Krych	7.10	26 "
2nd	Dennis Strohbeck	5.90	26 1/8 "
3rd	Jo Ann Koch	5.30	25 "
4th	Richard Koch	4.65	25 "
5th	Dan Austin	2.60	19 "

OPEN DIVISION

1st	Marilyn Krych	6.70	27 "
2nd	Mike Morris	5.75	23 7/8 "
3rd	Dan Keehn	3.90	25 3/8 "
4th	Marshall Baker	3.80	23 "
5th	Steve Beasley	3.70	21 "

SUPER SIX DIVISION

1st	Keith Krych / Marilyn Krych	31.40
2nd	Joann Koch / Richard Koch	20.75
3rd	Mike Morris / Brian Manasterski	14.75
4th	Mike McCabe / Ron Sharp	13.20
5th	Jerry Formella / Joe Northrup	12.60

YOUTH DIVISION

1st	Nicole Austin	3.05	20 7/8 "
2nd	Izac Davidson	1.70	16 "
3rd	Zach Champine	1.55	16 "
4th	Derek Austin	1.25	16 "

PUBLIC ACCESS CRISIS

by Alex Vitek

One of the ideas that the Lake St. Clair Walleye Association has pushed for has been the ability to access the lakes and rivers. In late May our club Secretary Marshall Baker was launching at the St. Jean Ramp when a crew started to fence off approximately 82 parking spaces. Within a matter of hours the fishermen of southeast Michigan had lost half of the available parking spots at one of the busiest ramps on the Detroit River.

By the end of the day Geoff Regulski, club President, had informed several other members. The quickly formed committee went to work on this. And, just as quickly ran into a stone wall. No one seemed to know what was really going on. Rumor was that the city had sold off the piece of the parking lot to a developer of residential housing. Another was that the developer had fenced off the piece of the parking lot after a survey was completed.

On Saturday, July 7, 2007 a page one article appeared in the Detroit Free Press. It reviewed the situation since the fence went up and included some of the history of the ramp. A link to the article will be found in a thread discussing the ramps. This thread is on the club Message Board or Forums and can be accessed through the club web site.

At the July membership meeting on the 18th Mr. Jason Fleming of the Michigan DNR is scheduled to speak on this subject. He is a Departmental Analyst and has been looking into what state monies were used to fund the ramp or contributed to the funding. He is also looking into what agreements were reached between the City of Detroit and the DNR and Michigan regarding the ramps.

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.

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HEAT IS ON

by Alex Vitek

The dog days of summer are almost here. July is a hot month but wait until August. The first half of that month can be just as hot. None of this will stop most of us from going fishing for awhile. But, what to do to keep the fish fresh.

Years ago many people would put the fish on a stringer and hang them along side the boat. Many probably thought that this was OK since some of the fish would stay alive for a short time. Think about it, though. The water temperature is usually the highest at the surface this time of year and on an 80 plus degree day it is likely that the surface water is just as warm. What to do?

If the boat does not have a live well (which still draws in surface water but does create it) then invest in a decent cooler. Look for one that has a lid that is just as thick as the sides. Most of the inexpensive coolers have little insulation and rely on the hollow space between the inside and outside to prevent rapid heat loss. For an hour or two of fishing this should be more than enough as long as some ice is provided. A cooler of approximately 36

quarts in size will be enough for most of us.

This size cooler will let a bag of ice last up to one day if the cooler is kept in the shade most of the time and not opened. Adding several walleye and maybe a few containers of something to drink and that ice will start to melt quickly. Keep this in mind if you are going to have to keep the fish for a day, or even two, before it is cleaned. A couple of bags of ice can last a long time.

It is important to drain any water from the cooler. Open the drain plug every couple of hours and let the excess water run out. If the water is allowed to accumulate as the ice melts it will cause the ice to melt faster. And, the warm water will also keep any fish from being cooled down the way we want. Keep the fish in between bags of ice, if possible, and definitely keep the fish out of the water that accumulates at the bottom of the cooler.

Bagged ice is the quickest way to cool down the cooler. It is also the quickest way to cool down beverage or fish. To help keep the bagged ice from melting quick consider putting some containers of water that have been in the freezer for a day or so. My experience has been that 2 of the 1/2 gallon milk jugs work better than one of the plastic gallon containers.



"The staff at Professional Fishing and Archer Center. The club will be having its July derby weigh-in at the store on the 22nd of the month."

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PROBLEM SOLVED (FOR NOW)

By your V.P. Dave Wilemski

We have five club members who stepped up to take over the 3- digit Lotto from Marilyn Krych, one raffle month each.

We only have our 3- digit raffles four times each year. Now if every club member would please take four or five tickets each raffle to buy and or sell we will be home free with this important fund-raiser. (No one is a salesperson like Marilyn).

We all thank these five gentlemen for helping out. They are:

John Rooddeen • Curt Kratt • Rick Okerhjelm
Ted Stehney • Les Pressel

SELFRIDGE WALLEYE PONDS

by Dave Wilemski

The Our club set up a large tent, 20 tables and fired up the fryers Wednesday morning last month to feed fifty or so base service personnel one of our famous fish fry luncheons at our expense. This was a thank you to the base for continuing the Walleye rearing ponds, a joint effort between the DNR, Selfridge AFB & our club. This took place on June 13Th, 2007.

FISH 7 ON

PIG & PERCH FEST

Perch fishing has been a long standing tradition on Lake St. Clair. It is now a popular event, especially in late summer and early fall as the schools become larger, along with the size of the fish. With that, the LSCWA is going to have a Perch fishing event this year. The big event will September 15th, of '07 starting at 2 pm.

Boundaries are from the end of the Detroit River to the top of the St. Clair River and include all of Lake St. Clair. We will be having the weigh-in at the Sugarbush Inn. The entry fee will cover not only the Perch fishing part but will include a Pig Roast for those who entered. A brochure and entry form should be ready by the July membership meeting.



"Bob Barnes gets the word out about the LSCWA when he presented a club hat to Senator Carl Levin. The senator was in the area recently and Bob saw this excellent opportunity to help promote the organization."

JULY DEBRY

The July derby will be held at Professional Fishing and Archery Center. They are located on Jefferson between Crocker Rd and the Clinton River Spillway. Just a reminder to the members that the derby is open to all. And, even if you do not go fishing plan on stopping by on Sunday, July 22nd to take part in the fun. And, fun it is. Pick up fishing tips, hot-spots, and information on general methods of fishing. Fishermen do tend to brag about their success and might even brag when they do not do good. Stop on by.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

by Alex Vitek

We took nominations last month as part of the election process. More nominations will be taken this month and finally at the August meeting. The elections will also be held at the August meeting.

Any member in good standing is eligible and can be nominated by any other member in good standing. Dues must be current as of the election meeting.

The officers, both the Executive Board and the regular Board of Directors will still need the help of the general membership. The first step is the elections and then to help out the committees that will be formed.

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MY OPINION OF... "AN OUTSTANDING CLUB MEMBER"

By Dave Wilemski

1. Fish the Derbies and weigh-in your fish no matter how small. (You can learn a great deal of info at our Sunday weigh-in's.)
2. Attend the meetings; bring a friend as a guest now & then.
3. Buy and / or sell at least (4) - 3-digit Lotto tickets four times a year.
4. Help out on at least one committee, one month, each year.
5. Bring your (or other) children (grand children) to the three kids' events we have each year.

FISH 7 ON

DNR ANNOUNCES IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY FOR FISH DISEASE CONTROL ORDER

A series of regulations designed to help slow the spread of fish diseases in Michigan, in particular Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS), began being implemented on Thursday, June 28, according to Department of Natural Resources fisheries officials. The regulations provide a set of best management practices for anglers, boaters and the bait industry, and will be phased in over time.

"The DNR recognizes that these regulations are complex and will take time for our anglers, boaters and the supporting bait industry to fully understand them," said DNR Director Rebecca Humphries. "To fully involve our angling community, we intend to implement this order in a set of steps over the next few months."

The DNR will focus on educating the angling and boating communities and bait industry over the next two to three months - focusing on prevention and education efforts, not enforcement. The following steps that directly affect anglers and boaters were initiated on June 28:

* Anglers and boaters should empty live wells and bilge water upon removing a boat from the water.

* Anglers are asked to start using bait only on a hook and to dispose of all bait when leaving a body of water. Anglers should keep in mind that the regulations only apply to the fish species listed in the Fish Disease Control Order, which is posted on the DNR Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr-fishing.

* Anglers should be sure to release fish that are from catch and release angling either in that water or in connected waters where fish could directly swim.

* Anglers are asked to start learning the Fish Disease Management Areas and where baitfish can be used. If the bait shop receipt indicates the management area where the bait is from, anglers are asked to start using the bait in the appropriate area.

The following steps were initiated on June 28 with the wholesale and retail bait industry to start informing anglers where they can use bait and to start getting certi-

fied bait:

* Wholesale bait dealers are asked to start informing purchasers of whether their bait is certified disease-free or if it is not yet certified, and what Fish Disease Management Area it came from so the retail bait shops can start informing anglers.

* For bait species on the Prohibited Species List, retail bait shops are asked to start informing anglers whether the bait is certified or uncertified. If the bait is known to be uncertified and the Fish Disease Management Area where it was collected is known, bait shops are asked to inform anglers on where it can be used. Initially, it just needs to be noted on the receipt or attached to the receipt from the store. The full receipt will not be required initially.

* Licensed bait businesses that wish to certify their bait can start the certification process according to the instructions that will be posted on the DNR Web site (www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing) and sent in the U.S. Mail to all licensed bait businesses on June 25.

* Licensed bait businesses that have previously certified bait in stock can move ahead to have those supplies certified by sending the appropriate fish disease inspection information along with a request for certification to the Michigan DNR Fisheries Division, P.O. Box 30446, Lansing, MI 48909, Attention: Bait Certification.

"The DNR is not requesting that wholesalers or retail bait shops to dispose of the bait they currently have in their inventories. If they know where it came from, we ask them to simply start informing anglers of what Fish Disease Management Area it came from so anglers can start making informed decisions," said DNR Fisheries Division Chief Kelley Smith.

During the weeks of July 16 and 23, the DNR will be reviewing all applications for certifying facilities to hold baitfish listed in the order. After receiving needed information from wholesale and retail bait shops that wish to have baitfish certified in their facilities, the DNR will conduct necessary facility inspections or conduct telephone interviews to complete the certification review process. Once the application reviews are complete, the DNR will send out facility certification letters and will provide recommended fish disease certification strategies for each facility. As fish disease inspections results are submitted, the DNR will be issuing baitfish certifications for those lots that are tested and shown to be disease-free.

By Aug. 17, licensed wholesale bait businesses and retail bait shops are requested to start providing customers complete receipts that show all the needed information to inform anglers on where they can use their bait and to allow for the tracking of any fish disease problems in their bait supply. By this time, it is expected that certified disease-free bait should start being widely available for retail bait shops.

The DNR expects to fully implement the Fish Disease Control Order by Sept. 15 and will be placing information on the DNR Fisheries Division Web site (www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing) to assist the public in understanding these regulations.