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LSCWA's 22nd Annual Kids Summer Fishing Event

Bob Barnes

The Lake St Clair Walleye Association's 22nd annual Kids Summer Fishing Event, scheduled to take place on July 27 2025, at the Lake St Clair Metro Park Boat Launch Area. The event will run from 9 am to 1 pm, children aged 5 to 16 will have the opportunity to participate in this event.

This year's event promises to be the most memorable yet, as all 300 available spots are expected to be filled. So register early so you don't miss out.

We would like to extend our appreciation to everyone at The Lake St Clair Metro Park for your help and support.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS July 16, 2025 at 7:30

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS SUMMER 2025

July 16th General Membership Meeting

July 18-20 July Derby Hook One 3-4pm

July 25th Treehouse breakfast
at Gus's Coney Island

July 23th May BOD meeting

July 27th Kids summer outing
at Lake St. Clair Metropark

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Treehouse Breakfast

By Richard Koch

Dan's Diner breakfast was a quiet get together until someone mentioned fishing. Then all the stories went around the table a number of times. Our group consisted of Dan Schmidt, Curtis Patton, Rob Kennedy, Dale Billings, Jacob Wisneski, Mark Carlson, Bob Peterson, Ron Pisarski, Ron Koscielski, Joann Koch, and Richard Koch. Our next breakfast will be at Gus's Coney Island 50899 Gratiot 8am on July 23rd. We also welcomed our first young attendee Jacob!



350 CURRENT MEMBERS

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.*

MEMBERS:

DUES MUST BE CURRENT
TO FISH ALL DERBIES!

PLEASE SEE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

June 2025 President's Corner



"Life without fishing is an empty life" George Washington (probably)... I just made that up, his actual quote was more along the lines of Life without Liberty isn't worth living. I hope you had a happy Fourth of July, this year seems to be flying past, we're past the halfway point and

there's still so much ahead.

Election nominations will continue at July's meeting, if you want change, now is the time to step forward! We have nominations open for all positions on the executive and board of directors. July's speaker is yet to be determined as of this writing, but new gear will be coming in anticipation of our 50th anniversary. I would like to thank Dr. Kirk for the interesting and informative forwarded faxing sonar demonstration at last months meeting, it was very well done!

July's derby will be held out at Hook One in Marine City, it's been too long since we've held a derby up off the SCR and Pete and the crew at Hook One are ready to welcome the LSCWA on July 20th. The following weekend on July 27th we will be holding our annual kids summer in conjunction with the Lake St. Clair Metropark from 9am-1pm. We need volunteers to help this year with a crowd of kids expected to be near 300!

Please contact Bob Barnes or any board member for more info.

Our annual picnic is scheduled for August 24th, also at LSC Metropark which also ends the 2025 derby season with the annual blind draw tournament/derby. This is a fun derby and picnic, be sure to bring those kids out for it.

Moving onto September and October, our ever popular Perch 'n Pig tournament is going to be expanded to three weekends with two smaller events planned on September 20th & 27th and the grand finale son October 4th. We are hashing out the details right now and expect to see entry forms soon!

The 2025 Veterans Classic is scheduled for November 22nd, watch for details as we build this event up.

This is YOUR club, be part of it!

Rich Benson, President LSCWA

A Well Deserved Award

Mike Roush



Pictured is L.S.C.W.A. Member Dan Schmidt with Veteran's Treatment Court District Judge Carrie Fuca. Dan is holding his award for dedicated service to helping veterans

through our veteran's fishing program. Dan and I take the V.T.C. personnel fishing to show appreciation for their service and his assistance to me is greatly appreciated.

Keep up the good work, Dan!



MUCC Dividend Program

As part of MUCC's dues restructure, a new program is being launched to give back to the clubs for their support. MUCC is beginning a membership drive in an effort to increase membership. Individual membership comes with the magazine delivered to your house quarterly, discounts at MUCC's sponsors and other benefits. The biggest benefit is knowing that MUCC is working on the behalf of all hunters, fishers, shooters, trappers, to conserve protect and enhance our natural resources and outdoor heritage.

For every member of the LSCWA that signs up to also be an individual member of MUCC using the discount code LSCWA on the 5th step of the join process (in the discount code field) MUCC will donate \$7 back to LSCWA. Please consider signing up as an IM to help not only MUCC keep up the important work of protecting our natural resources and our rights as outdoors people but also helps out the LSCWA by returning \$7 to our club.

Emerson James Barnes and her first walleye!

Proud dad on father's day!



STANDINGS AFTER JUNE DERBY

MASTERS	
Richard Koch	9
Dr. Kirk	8
Ted Stehney	8
Nick Markowski	6
Joann Koch	4
Bob Barnes	4
OPEN	
Chad Beardslee	12
Tom Arlington	5
Joe Gimpert	5
Dan Schmidt	5
Charlie Boyce	4
John Dolney	3
Greg Milbreath	3
AOY	
Richard Koch	8
Ted Stehney	8
Dr. Kirk	6
Joe Gimpert	5
Nick Markowski	4
Tom Arlington	4
Dan Schmidt	4
Don Murray	2
Chad Beardslee	2
Bob Barnes	2
Joan Koch	2
Mike McCabe	1

Lake St Clair Fish Cleaning Foundation Raffle 2025

By Bob Barnes

Fishing for some help. The Lake St Clair Fish Cleaning Foundation will be having a raffle to raise money to build a fish cleaning station at the DNR launch in Harrison TWP Michigan. We have half the funds needed as we have a matching \$100,529.00 grant from the Great Lake's Fisheries Trust.

The tickets will be \$20 each, Need not be present to win. We will be raffling for the following:

- **First Prize:** American Bolt Action 22" Barrel 450 Bushmaster
- **Second Prize:** 75th Anniversary Ruger LCP Max 380
- **Third Prize:** Mossberg Model 88 12 Gauge Shotgun
- **Fourth Prize:** Lake ST Clair Charter – Sweetwater Charters (Don Murray) – 3 person – 5 Hours

Drawing will be held at Gilbert's Sportsman Club 60125 Omo Rd New Haven, Michigan, 48048, USA at 4 pm August 23, 2025. License # R81269 Please help out by buying and selling tickets. Thank you for your support



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YOUTH JUNE DERBY				
NAME	WEIGHT	LENGTH	POSITION	POINTS
HUNTER MARKOWSKI	3.02	21 1/4	1	
NICOLAS FILARSKI	2.89	20 3/4	2	
JACOB FILARSKI	1.23	16	3	
SUPER SIX				
DON MURRAY				14.22
BENSON				9.51
BAGGINS				23.24
CLELAND				21.93
WATERS				18.79
STEADY				17.56

LAKE ST. CLAIR WALLEYE ASSOCIATION				
OPEN JUNE Derby				
NAME	WEIGHT	LENGTH	POSITION	POINTS
TIM MUIR	1.95	18 7/8		
DAN SCHMIDT	4.62	25	1	5
DICK BENSON	1.25	18 1/2		
GREG MURPHY	2.96	20 1/2	3	3
CHAD BEARDSLEE	3.52	22 1/8	2	4
DAVID FILARSKI	2.84	21	4	2
CHARLIE BOYLE	2.64	20 5/8	5	1

LAKE ST. CLAIR WALLEYE ASSOCIATION				
MASTERS JUNE Derby				
NAME	WEIGHT	LENGTH	POSITION	POINTS
DON MURRAY	2.72	20 1/2		
RAY WATERS	1.87	18 1/2		
STEVEN KOEL	1.77	17 7/8		
RICHARD KOCH	2.67	20 1/2		
RICH BENSON	1.36	18 1/2		
NICOLE BENSON	1.51	17		
MIKE MCCABE	4.24	25 1/4	4	2
BOB BARNES	4.42	25 3/8	3	3
KIRK CLELAND	4.52	23 3/8	2	4
NICK MARKOWSKI	3.55	22 5/8	5	1
TED STEHNEY	6.11	27 1/2	1	5

Introducing A New Angler To The Sport



Recently my wife Nicole and I had a friend of hers ask if we would take her fishing with us on Lake St. Clair, she had never “caught a I could eat before”...her own words exactly so the expectation was high. So on a breezy Saturday morning we headed out, Nicole, Nicole and I (yes, two Nicole’s, lots of confusion that morning when I called out Nicole!) for a day of fishing.

Hoping for lots of action we headed out to a spot near the main shipping channel of Lake St. Clair, it was a bit cold with a SSE wind blowing. I had chosen to troll bottom bouncers and crawler harnesses off of the planer boards this morning. My wife and I proceeded to set lines with Nicole watching and wondering just what she was getting into, she was a fast learner though and before long we had our first fish on!

Handing her the rod and talking her through it, she quickly learned to reel up with a few feet to go to the board, unhook the board and continue to catch her first fish from LSC, a beautiful 13” yellow perch. A few minutes after, her first walleye joined that perch in the livewell. For the next 3 hours we kept her busy reeling fish in, baiting harnesses and talking about fishing in general.

The freighter traffic that day seemed heavy but for someone that hasn’t been out there up close before it was an added bonus. The action was nearly continuous, at one point Nicole said, “wow, I can’t believe how much work this is!” We fished just until after noon, landing over two dozen walleye, keeping 12 and nearly as many perch. We have a fish feast planned one day soon with Nicole and she’s ready to head out on the pond with us again in the near future.



There are some key points to successfully introducing new anglers to the sport. First and foremost, let them know what to expect, how to dress is important. That morning it was chilly 56 degrees as we left the dock and it warmed up to around 80. Nicole came dressed in a good rain jacket and we let her use an extra pair of pull over rain pants which kept her comfortable for the run out. Second, refreshments and snacks are huge....especially for young anglers! If there’s a lull in the action, break out the “snackle box”...it soon becomes the favorite box on any boat.

Third, and this is the tough one at times, plenty of action is important! Try to plan a day when the bite is on or maybe switch it up, you might not think catching 4” bluegills isn’t much fun but they usually provide plenty of action to keep a kids attention for a while. Finally, know when it’s time to call it quits for the day.

Your day doesn’t have to end there though, maybe take a little sight seeing ride up the channels or around the islands or possibly pull up to one the restaurants on the shore. Then the last thing you should do, share the catch sitting around that night or soon after and make plans to do it all over again!

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