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## Annual Kids Ice Fishing Event

By Bob Barnes

The Lake St Clair Walleye Association's annual kid's ice fishing event is February 1, 2026 at Lake St Clair The location is TBD. The time is from 9 am – 1 pm, check our website for updates (LSCWA.NET).

The LSCWA Kids Ice Fishing Event is a free (park entry fee is required) and open to all children, prizes for all the kids, food and soft drinks too. Children must be accompanied by a parent. Fishing poles and bait will be supplied. So dress warmly and bring your children and grandchildren out for a day of fun in the winter sun.

Event is contingent on safe ice conditions. Please check our website LSCWA.NET and Facebook for updates on ice conditions.

## 2025 Christmas Party Lure Tree

Once again we are going to bring out our little Christmas tree for the annual lure tree. Members are asked to donate a new or gently used lure, fishing or outdoors item to the tree and we sell raffle tickets to the tree. Quite a few budding lure makers should be donating this year!

Thanks, Rich

## ICE SAFETY

By: Tim Muir

It won't be long now(hopefully). The hard water season will be here soon. First ice can be some of the best ice fishing of the winter. First ice can also be very dangerous. Extra caution needs to be used early in the season. Ice may not be the same thickness from one spot to the next. NO FISH IS WORTH YOUR LIFE. Check with one of the local bait shops in the area. They normally will have some info on ice conditions. Use that spud in front of you often. Don't go alone. Its bad enough to get in trouble out there or go thru but if you are alone it can be worse. Get a set of ice picks, Wear a life jacket, keep a dry set of clothes in a waterproof bag, have a throw rope, pull your gear on a sled to spread out the weight. Its small things like that that may save your life. Be safe this winter and good luck. Hopefully Mother Nature will provide us with some decent fishable ice

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is happening in and around the Club  
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## CONSERVATION PLEDGE

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS WINTER 2025-26

December 17th.....General Membership Meeting  
December 25th ..... MERRY CHRISTMAS  
January 1st .....HAPPY NEW YEAR  
January 8-11 ..... Ultimate Fishing Show  
January 21st .....General Membership meeting  
January 28th..... BOD meeting  
February 1st.....Kids ice outing

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## Treehouse Breakfast

By Dan Schmidt

Missing from the breakfast was Joann and Richard because Richard was in the hospital having surgery. The breakfast was at Lake Breeze restaurant on Jefferson.

Attending were Dale Billings, Bob Barnes, Ron Pisarski, Curtis Patton, Ron Koscielski, Francis Gosiewski, and Dan Schmidt.

Topics discussed were dogs launching boats, Dan falling in the St. Clair river and how the bad weather is getting. Next breakfast is Dec. 29th at Travis restaurant 34400 Harper.



## 300 CURRENT MEMBERS

### MISSION STATEMENT

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### MEMBERS:

DUES MUST BE CURRENT  
TO FISH ALL DERBIES!

PLEASE SEE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

## President's Corner



Waking up this morning to snow out my window makes me sad, not because I have to get dressed and go shovel, no....the real reason is that winter might be here and the boat might not see water again for a while! Fall fishing this year just seemed different, low water levels, scarcity of good bait at times, late weed growth and breakup, warm water late and then a dramatic drop off...lots of factors.

Recapping back to September we held three perch tournaments back to back, weather hampered the first one a little but the next two had great turnouts. Don Murray ended up catching the largest perch of the three tournaments and we will be awarding him a custom replica of his fish from St. Clair Flats Taxidermy.

November 15th found us at Dick Huvaere's Buck Pole once again for an annual tradition. Some great deer were brought in and the LSCWA once again made a donation to the PATH Foundation providing hunting opportunities for those hunters with challenges in the outdoors.

November 22nd brought us the 2nd Veteran's Classic tournament. The weather was a factor at first with stiff winds and rough seas that settled down around 11 am, some boats reported slow fishing while others had great action. When the weigh in was done team Bottom Feeder took top honors in overall weight, big fish and Veteran's big fish. Hardscapes was right behind them in 2nd and team Oh Kay! was third.

I would like to thank Sandra Kozloff of Health Plan & Medicare Choices for her generous donation along with other sponsors Dick Benson, Mark Buckman, Mike "IGGY" Ignatowski of American Legion S.A.L. 326 and Rich Benson. With their generous donations the tournament not only raised \$325 for the Michigan Veterans Home fish fry but we were able to pay out 150%+ of the entry fees along with 66 pounds of walleye fillets for the dinner. Furthermore \$1,000 of prize money was donated back to the MVH. Thank you to the sportsmen & women who made this all possible.

Coming up at our December 17th meeting remember it's our annual pot luck & awards night. We're asking club members to bring side dishes, appetizers and desserts. There is a cash bar available, 50/50 raffle in addition to a raffle table of assorted prizes. The meeting starts at 7:30 but please arrive early to help organize & set up.

Don't forget to sign up to help out at the Ultimate Fishing Show with Don Murray at the December meeting. The club jackets that were ordered will be delivered at this meeting as well (see me).

We once again will be supporting a needy family through the Richmond Police Department this Christmas. We have done this many years now and I have to say it's a very nice gesture on the clubs behalf.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and remember, this is YOUR club, be part of it!

Rich Benson, President LSCWA



## Late Season Success



I've had a difficult time this fall, my time was stretched thin not only by work, outside obligations and losing one of my beloved basset hounds but also

the fishing I wasn't doing, seemed difficult. I say seemed difficult because I wasn't out there for over a month!

Well, with the Veterans tournament coming up I took a few days off to pre fish and prepare, I wanted to give us our best chance possible. I called trusted friends up, scoured my friend's facebook pages, looked at satellite images and more. Why weren't the areas that traditionally gave up good catches producing? Where were the fish?

Night fishing was working for many people, so that led me to believe that maybe it was a clarity problem. Some days the water is just too clear and it seems the walleye just won't cooperate, so I turned to satellite imagery looking for stained water.... I found it way over there on the Kings side. It was then that it hit me, we fished the area I'm referring to for perch but only caught bass, gar and walleye.

Time to burn some gas and seek them out. Teaming up with two other club members on the Friday before the tournament we made a run over to the area I suspected held fish. We trolled all day, bass, musky and few walleyes but the sonar was loaded with fish all day in addition to active weedbeds. I must have sounded like a madman, I kept muttering the whole way in, the fish are there, they gotta eat sometime, blah blah blah.

Saturday morning I'm still thinking maybe the mouth might be best, maybe jig the river, maybe the Delphine, maybe the yacht club...but then I'm thinking back to the day before and that loaded screen. I'm sticking to my plan, the fish are there, they gotta eat sometime. We headed east with a stiff NNE wind creating a very rough ride in 2-3' waves. We got approximately 2 miles north of the area we perished and the water looked great...

that ghostly green opaque that seems to produce a great bite. More importantly, we were on top of fish suspended 2-5' off the bottom.

Deploying my electric trolling motor to steer the boat and two trolling bags to slow the boat down (wind was 15+) we set lines, running out baits at 12' down. We didn't wait long for our first bite, which then turned into a double. We followed that up with a triple and tangled with a 50"+ musky which my dad fought all the way to the boat ultimately losing it to too small of a net. We picked up two more fish and pulled lines headed back into the waves to set up for another pass.

We passed our original starting spot by a mile, turned the boat back south and set lines again. 11 walleye and a few bass were caught on this pass and as the wind died the bite started to slow so we pulled lines and headed north again. One more pass and we decided on the safe time of 12:45 to pull lines and headed north again for the weigh in. Two more walleye and a couple more bass were pulled in before it was time to pull lines.

Our total for the day was 20 walleye all over 3lbs. My wife Nicole caught the largest once again on "Wild Thing". We ended up placing 4th in the Veterans Classic, missing 3rd by .08 lbs! We donated all 20 of our fish to the MVH fish fry.

Two days later "Fly Rod John" and I returned to the same area and fished it all day, landing 11 walleye averaging well over 4lbs each with a bonus musky measuring 46 1/2" with a very thick girth, estimated the fish to be 30-32lbs!

Trust your electronics and your instincts when you're on the water, you can't catch them if you don't get out there!





# Veteran Fishing

Mike Roush

On Saturday, November 22nd, the L.S.C.W.A. hosted our second annual "Take A Vet Fishing Day" to benefit the Michigan Veteran Homes at Chesterfield. Each boat contained a Veteran and monetary prizes were awarded for various categories of their catches. The Walleye were cleaned, bagged and frozen and will be donated and cooked by L.S.C.W.A. personnel at the Michigan Veteran Homes on a date to be determined later. Pictured is US. Air Force Vet Don Butler holding his catch of the day....a nice 3.3 pound Walleye, caught while fishing with Capt. Pete Aleccia and fellow Vet Mike Roush.

After the awards were handed out, two boat captains came over to me and gave me their award money, totaling \$1,060, to be donated to the Michigan Veteran Homes at Chesterfield. This generous demonstration of sharing only goes to show how caring the people that participate in our (L.S.C.W.A.) events are. Thank you to all that made this event happen. The Vets at M.V.H. are grateful.



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1-AUT-ICOLE	14.45	(4)	L-25 1/2	6.41
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ESSENTIAL	7.3			
JIP RIPPER	3.33		L-22 V	3.33
BODBUSTER	12.73	(5)	L-25 1/2	5.49
BUSCH BLAST	2.58		19	2.58
BOTTOM FEEDER	16.79	(1)	27 1/2	7.10 V
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Chad Beardslee	NEW 2026		4	4	4	4	3	19
Charlie Boyce	NEW 2026	3		3	1	3		7
Dan Schmidt	NEW 2026	3			5			5
Don Murray		6	3				1	4
Glen Marohn		12					5	5
Jeff Regulski		5						0
Joann Koch		11	2	2		5		9
John Tancredi		11						0
Kirk Cleland		10	3		4			7
Mike McCabe		13			2			2
Nick Markowski		13		5	1	3	4	13
Nicloe Benson		4						0
Pete Aleccia		9				2	3	5
Ray Wauters		2	1					1
Rich Benson		11						0
Rich Koch		5	5	4		4		13
Ted Stehney				3	5	1		9
Tim Muir	NEW 2026	4				2	2	4

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- 1 cup chopped carrots - thin
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup light cream
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- 4 slices bacon
- 1 lb of walleye cheeks (cut smaller if desired)
- Fry bacon & keep drippings
- Cook potatoes, carrots & celery in 2-3 cups of water until almost tender
- Cook onions in bacon drippings
- Add onions, cheeks & crumbled bacon to vegetables and water and simmer 10 minutes, add salt & pepper
- Stir in milk & cream
- Bring back to simmer for 30 minutes stirring occasion



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