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## Lake St Clair Walleye Association Kids Ice Fishing Event 2026

By Bob Barnes

Our annual Kids Ice Fishing Event was held on 2/1/26. The weather was cold but that didn't stop the 85 kids that showed up for the event. Lots of smiling faces as fun was had by all. Plenty of hot dogs, bratwurst, with chili, cheese and onions, chips, cookies and hot chocolate with marshmallows and whipped cream.

A special thanks to Lakeside Fishing Shop, Anglers Point and Sportsman Direct for their support and all to the members that helped set up on Saturday and worked the event on Sunday. Also, Lake St Clair Metro Park for clearing the shelter area and a path to the ice.

Fox 2 news was out for our event doing interviews and capture video for their "Good News Only" segment. It will air on February 20, so check it out. Also, Huron Clinton Metro Parks was doing interviews and video for promotion of the parks. This will air in ABC Channel 7, date TBD and on the parks website.

Looking forward to seeing you all at our summer kids outing at Lake St Clair Metro Park on July 26, 2026 9am – 1pm. Watch our Facebook and website LSCWA.NET for more details.



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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
**WINTER 2026**

February 18th.....General Membership Meeting  
February 25th ..... BOD Meeting  
March 18th.....General Membership Meeting  
March 25th ..... BOD Meeting  
April 15th .....General Membership Meeting  
April 17-19th.....April Derby  
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## Treehouse Breakfast

By Richard Koch

Our 12 degree temperature greeted us at Great Lakes dining breakfast. Our group who made it here includes John Dolney, Mark Tews, Ralph Busch, Tim Schwark, Ron Pisarski, Rob Kennedy, Ron Koscielski, Mark Carlson, Dale Billings, Bob Barnes, Curtis Patton, Joann Koch, and Richard Koch. Most topics discussed were the kids annual ice fishing event on Feb. 1st. Our next breakfast will be at the Country Inn 23 mile road 8am February 25th.

Come and enjoy the group.



## 300 CURRENT MEMBERS

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PLEASE SEE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY



## President's Corner

What a winter! It sure seems like Mother Nature is showing us she's still got winter weather for us after all. The good news out of that is we had good, safe ice for the 2026 kids ice fishing outing and we had a nice sunny day at Lake St. Clair Metropark to have it on. I'd like to thank all the

members who pitched in to make the event the success it was and of course to Anglers Point Marina, Lakeside Fishing Shop and Sportsmen's Direct for their donations to the LSCWA. Fox2 and WXYZ tv stations were out interviewing fisherman and club members spotlighting ice fishing and Lake St. Clair. The weather is forecasted to be cold for a bit so try to get out there and get some ice fishing in but always remember to do it safely and always carry a spud.

We had a great speaker in January who educated us on invasive species focusing on vegetation that has been showing up in LSC. Amanda will be contributing more in the future on what we need to look out for on all fronts of invasives from insects to plants to fish & more.

Captain Pete Pasalis from Hook One in Marine City, MI will be February's featured speaker. Pete will be discussing fishing on the St. Clair River, different tactics, areas and times of the year to fish the river successfully.

We will be looking to send a couple of kids to MUCC camp again this year, children & grandchildren of club members are welcome to apply for the fishing camp with ages 9-11 qualifying to go to the camp which runs from Sun-Fri. See Rich or Tim Muir for more info or to nominate your child/grandchild.

I'd like to thank Mike Roush for his work with the Michigan Veterans Home and getting a few of the residents out recently to dinner at the Marine City Fish Company who opened their doors on a Monday (normally closed) to honor our Veterans. Steve Grosso from Grosso Trucking has made significant donations to the MVH and his generosity does not go unnoticed. We will be having a fish fry at the MVH on March 13th with walleye from our Veterans tournament, we may need a few volunteers to help out that day, if you're interested please see Mike Roush. Tim Schwark has also been donating his time to the MVH as well. Thank you gentlemen.

We will have hotdogs at the next meeting, we bought too many for the kids event and now I need to clear space out in my freezer for those upcoming spring walleyes! If any club member wants to share appetizers with the club at any meeting, please feel free to bring them in and let the rest club know, I'll make an announcement when I open the meeting up.

Remember in March we will be having Jon Bondy revisiting the club and sharing his tips and tactics once again and we will be featuring Bondy products once again.

Get outdoors this winter, spring will be here before you know it. This is YOUR club, be part of it!

Rich Benson, President LSCWA

## A Weekend at the LSCWA Booth: More Than Just a Fishing Show

Spending the weekend at the LSCWA booth during the Novi Fishing Show was an absolute blast. The booth was buzzing with great conversations from people stopping by to learn more about our amazing club. Between selling fishing maps, raffle tickets, and hats, there was never a dull moment.

What made the weekend even better was the quality time spent with Rich and JoAnn. Being around those two is invaluable. Sure, I picked up a few new fishing tips and learned about some promising locations — but I also discovered that Rich has a serious love for Funyuns. You never know what you'll learn when you spend time with fellow club members.

And that's really the point: take advantage of everything this club has to offer. Getting involved goes far beyond attending the monthly meetings. It's about showing up at events, connecting with people, and becoming part of the community. Whether it's volunteering at shows, joining outings, or hanging out at Pete Kohnen's shop painting Bandits or making jigs, there's always something happening and always something to learn.

So jump in. Participate. Connect. Get involved!



## Veterans Night Out

By Mike Roush



The picture shows a group of Veterans and volunteers enjoying a night out at The Marine City Fish Company restaurant. The event took place on December 22, 2025. The nine Veterans are from the Michigan Veteran Homes in Chesterfield.

The event was made possible via a generous donation from Steve Grosso and the cooperation of the restaurant that opened for our group on a normally closed Monday.

Steve is seated second on the left in the picture, next to Tim Schwark.

A big thank you to all that made the event happen, especially Carter, the manager of the restaurant.

## LSCWA College Scholarships 2026

By Bob Barnes

I am pleased to announce that the Lake St Clair Walleye Association will be awarding college scholarships again this year. This will be the eleventh year for the scholarships.

Two \$500 scholarships will be awarded. The club believes in giving back to the community and there is no better way than to help our young adults pursue higher education. Plans are to award a scholarship for fishing and wildlife studies and for general education.

Applications are available on our website LSCWA.NET. Applications are due August 1, 2026 and will be awarded at the August 19, 2026 general membership meeting.

This is one of many reasons I am proud to be a member of the Lake St Clair Walleye Association.

# Ford Cove Restoration Project

I previously wrote an article for the May 2024 edition of the Walleye World newsletter regarding the Ford Cove Restoration Project. I encourage anyone interested in this initiative to review that piece, but I would like to share some key takeaways and current updates.

The Ford House shares the same values as the LSCWA, demonstrating a strong commitment to sustainability, environmental stewardship, and education. This restoration project involves returning nearly one mile of shoreline to its natural state. To provide perspective, of the 31.5 miles of Lake Saint Clair shoreline in Macomb County, only about half a mile currently remains in a natural state.

Key aspects of the project include:

- Shoreline Restoration: Removing broken concrete to eliminate negative impacts on native plants, amphibians, reptiles, and fish spawning.
- Habitat Creation: Developing wetlands and reintroducing native plants to provide food and nesting sites for various wildlife.
- Erosion Control: Establishing emergent wetland buffers to protect the shoreline and provide spawning habitats for game fish.

While the project has experienced some delays, the wetlands portion is now underway as of 2025. Non-native trees have been removed, a boardwalk has been installed, and over 15,000 native perennials and 500 trees and shrubs have been planted.

All required permits have been issued, and a contractor has been selected to begin the main phase of the project shortly. Please note that Bird Island, located on the north side of Ford Cove, is currently closed to pedestrian access in anticipation of this work.

While the final completion date is currently unknown, the success of this project will benefit Lake Saint Clair and serve as a model for future collaborative environmental efforts.



By Bob Barnes

**The Lake St Clair Fish Cleaning Foundation is having a Jack of Spades Progressive Raffle to raise money to build the fish cleaning station at the DNR launch in Harrison Twp. Please buy some tickets and help us build the fish cleaning station. It will be finished in 2026. Tickets will be available at the meetings. Please see me, Let's build this together!**

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# What Does a LSCWA Walleye Fishermen Do All Winter?

Preparing for open water while the lakes are frozen over.

When the temperatures drop and the lakes lock up, most people assume walleye anglers spend the winter sitting on a bucket over a hole in the ice. But some walleye fishermen know the offseason is anything but “off.” Winter is the perfect time to get ahead, get organized, and make sure the gear is dialed in for that first warmweather launch. Here’s what a dedicated walleye fisherman does while waiting for the thaw:

## 1. Respools All the Jigging and Trolling Rods

Winter is linemaintenance season. Old, worn, memoryfilled line gets stripped off, and fresh line goes on every spool. Jigging rods get finetuned with braid, more sensitive choices, while trolling setups get a full refresh with the right 10lb pound test and get calibrated. There’s nothing worse than losing a big fish because of old line — and winter is the best time to make sure it never happens.

## 2. DeepClean and ReSort the Crankbaits

Crankbait collections have a funny habit of multiplying throughout the year. Winter is the time to open every box, spread them out, and take stock.

Remove old grass, sand, and dried slime

Clean the bodies so the colors pop again

Sort them by depth, color pattern, and season

Replace split rings or bent eyelets

It’s part organization, part treasure hunt — discovering baits you forgot you had and getting them ready for spring strikes.

## 3. Replace Hooks on Favorites That Have Seen Better Days

Hooks take a beating during a long season of trolling and casting.

Winter is the perfect moment to retire the dull ones and upgrade with sharp, highquality trebles. A fresh hook can turn a missed swipe into a solid hookup — and it only takes a few minutes per bait. Some fishermen even take the time to tune crankbaits while they’re at it, adjusting split rings or hook sizes to make sure each lure swims perfectly straight.

## 4. Dream, Plan, and Prep for Open Water Season

Of course, winter isn’t just about maintenance. It’s the season of:

Reviewing last year’s fishing logs

Planning next season’s derby dates

Checking new gear releases

Tying jigs while watching fishing shows

Swapping stories with other anglers

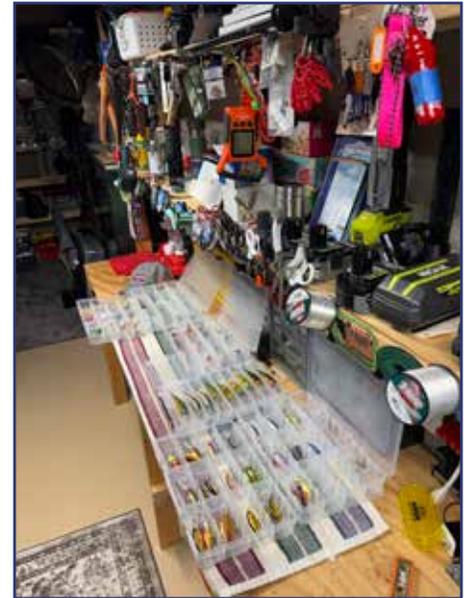
Because even during the coldest months, the mind of a walleye angler is already out on the water.

## The Bottom Line

For a walleye fisherman, winter is more than downtime — it’s preparation time. Respooled reels, tuned crankbaits, and sharpened hooks mean one thing: when the ice melts and the boat ramps open, everything will be ready for those first hungry walleyes of spring.

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