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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
WINTER/SPRING 2026**

March 18th.....General Membership Meeting
March 25th BOD meeting
April 5th Happy Easter
April 15thGeneral Membership Meeting
April 17-19th..... April derby.
Lakeside weigh in 3-4pm Sunday
April 22nd BOD meeting

MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS

**March 18, 2026
at 7:30**

**American Legion Post 4
401 N Groesbeck Hwy, Mt Clemens, MI 48043**

**Log onto our website to find out what
is happening in and around the Club
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Treehouse Breakfast

By Richard Koch

Country inn breakfast group are John Dolney, Jim Lease, Curtis Patton, Dan Schmidt, Ron Pisarski, Ralph Busch, Dale Billings, Pete Aleccia, Mark Carlson, Bob Barnes, Joann Koch, and Richard Koch. Our plates were filled with a lot of delicious food that was disappearing quickly. Topics of discussion most talked about was ice fishing and how to be rescued off bad ice conditions. Our next breakfast will be at Strawberry Fields 51070 foster rd and 23 mile. 8am March 25th.

Spring fishing is now.



300 CURRENT MEMBERS

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MEMBERS:

DUES MUST BE CURRENT
TO FISH ALL DERBIES!

PLEASE SEE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY



President's Corner

Winter's grasp has started loosening the past few days and as a walleye fisherman I couldn't be happier, sorry ice guys! For a lot of us spring means jigging the rivers for spawning eyes but if the weather is right we might be able to

catch them pre-spawn as well. It's time to prepare for them and what better way than to come to our March meeting for a great seminar from Jon Bondy.

Jon is a local charter captain, bait manufacturer & innovator as well as a wealth of local knowledge. Jon last visited us a couple of years ago and I thought he delivered one of the best seminars in a long time. We will be featuring Bondy products throughout the night and encourage you to attend and participate, maybe we can all learn something new. There will be hot dogs provided by the club once again, all we ask is that everyone takes care of their seating area before leaving.

Our first derby of 2026 is set for April 17th-19th with Lakeside Fishing Shop hosting the weigh-in from 3-4 pm on the 19th. Don Murray will talk briefly about changes and requirements to fish the derby's with the LSCWA.

I'd like to remind our members about the MUCC kids camp this summer. It's open to all kids and we would like to send a couple of our members kids or grandchildren to fishing camp. Camp is from June 21-26 and is open to ages 9-15. Please see any board member or myself for more information. We are also taking applications for our scholarship program, once again for members children or grandchildren. Applications are available on the LSCWA website or please see Bob Barnes for more information.

The Lake St. Clair Fish Cleaning Station Foundation is holding weekly Jack of Spades drawings on Tuesday evenings at Biggs Bar, 48265 Gratiot Avenue, Chesterfield Twp. Tickets are \$5 each, please see Bob Barnes for more information.

I would like to thank the board of directors for their hard work and dedication to club, along with the club members who donate their time to make everything we do possible.

This is YOUR club, be part of it!

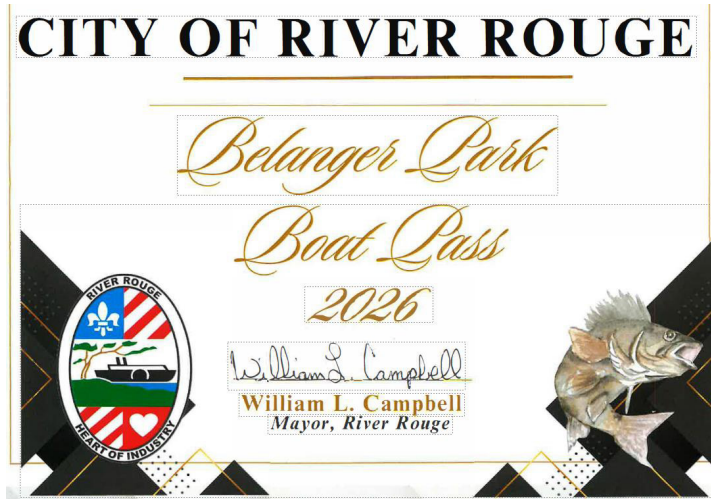
Rich Benson, President LSCWA

Belanger Boat Launch Pass Raffle

Bob Barnes

Spring is in the air and April in the D is almost upon us. The city of River Rouge has once again donated an annual launch pass for Belanger Park. This pass will be raffled off at our March General Membership meeting. This pass would cost \$100 if you were to purchase it; daily fee to launch is \$15. Please buy some extra tickets for a better chance to win.

Thank you to the city of River Rouge for your generous contributions to the LSCWA



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.

Tackle tip

I have one tool in my boat that I try to never leave the dock without, and while there's many different versions available I've found one that I've had for years now and to me it's the best one I've found for using the smaller snap rings on the lures I run. Available from Barlow's tackle this narrow opening snap ring plier is very handy in replacing hooks or split rings in a hurry. It's beak-like nose gets into the smallest gaps and can also be used to clean paint and sealers out of hook eyes.

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2026 Licenses

Remember to renew your Michigan fishing license before March 31, while you can renew your licenses online why not visit one of our many sponsoring bait & tackle shops and retailers and pick up some new products while you're there. Let them know you're in the LSCWA and say hi. Remember those Ontario & Ohio licenses for those who venture out to our neighbors waters as w

2026 TREEHOUSE BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

Strawberry Fields.....	51070 Foster And 23 Mile 8am March 25th
Bob Evans.....	45140 Corners Ct Hall Road 8am April 22nd
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Charlie's.....	22315 Harper 8am Oct 28th
Lake Breeze.....	35450 Jefferson 8am Nov 25th
Travis Restaurant.....	34400 Harper 8am Dec 28th

Jack of Spades Progressive Raffle

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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2026 Open Water Fishing Preparation

The warmup is here, the ice broke up last week and blew over to the east side and down river and late winter, early spring prespawn fishing will be in full swing soon. I can't wait to get out there myself but I've learned some lessons over the years on pre checking, not just my fishing tackle, but my boat and safety gear. You know, it was good when I put it away last fall, it should be good now.....absolutely not.

First, pfd's....for inflatables you need to check the inspection/warning sight. Look to see that it's green, red means your bobbin degraded and possibly fired off your CO2 cylinder. Standard foam jackets, give them a good rub down looking for foam degradation. If it's feeling rounded off, crunchy or breaking down at all it's time for a new one. Straps and all exterior surfaces should all be in good shape, tears or breaks need to either be repaired or replace the jacket. Although not required, I highly suggest you equip all of your jackets with whistles and water activated lights. A whistle will last a lot longer than your voice and lights make you much more visible in the water, especially with reflective vests.

Next, boat gear...

check flare dates, check the electronic beacons, flags and smoke flares too. That throwable in the bin, find a place it's quickly accessible and check it like you checked your life jackets. Throwing lines are not required yet highly recommended. A handheld airhorn is also highly recommended, most horns installed by boat manufacturers are meager at best. Flashlights, first aid kits, extra batteries, tool kits, extra nuts bolts etc...yeah, there's more to being prepared than your fishing gear!

I know I go on about safety, I've been that guy that's been in a predicament though and through a little luck and having gear & training I'm still here to talk about it. I'd also like to add that over the years I've had quite a few guys come up and thank me because they went home, inspected the gear they always assumed was safe and found out that it needed attention.



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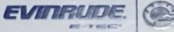
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