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AOY STANDINGS AFTER JUNE DERBY

Standing	Points
Mike Doetsch	5
Rich Benson	5
Nick Markowski	5
Charlie Boyce	4
Jeff Regulski	4
Joann Koch	4
Pete Aleccia	4
Bob Devine	3
Ron Koscielski	3
Ted Stehney	3
Richard Koch	2
Stephan Velte	2
Marty Perlini	1

MASTERS STANDINGS AFTER JUNE DERBY

Angler	Total
Joann Koch	6
Nick Markowski	6
Ted Stehney	5
Charlie Boyce	5
Rich Benson	5
Richard Koch	4
Don Murray	4
Pete Aleccia	4
Dr. Kirk	3
Nicole Benson	2
Bob Barnes	1

OPEN STANDINGS AFTER JUNE DERBY

Angler	Total
Mike Doetsch	8
Jeff Rugalski	5
Ron Koscielski	5
Tom Arlington	4
Bob Devine	4
Pete Kohnen	4
Joe DiSanto	4
Stephan Velte	3
Brandon Stanton	2
Marty Perlini	2
Coni DiSanto	2
Shantell Moore	1
Jeff Kozloff	1

LAKE ST. CLAIR WALLEYE ASSOCIATION					
JUNE MASTERS					
NAME	WEIGHT	LENGTH	POSITION	POINTS	
JOANN KOCH	4	4.00	22 1/2		
RICHARD KOCH		2.81	20 1/2		
DON MURRAY		3.10	20 1/2		
RAY WATERS		2.39	18 3/4		
TIM MARK		1.46	17 1/4		
CHARLIE BOYCE		2.58	20.0		
TED STEHNEY	3	4.20	24 1/2		
BOB BARNES	5	3.12	22.0		
RICH BENSON		1.90	18.0		
NICOLE BENSON		1.77	17 3/4		
PEPE ALMEIDA	2	4.28	24 1/2		
DAN COONROD		2.37	23 1/2		
N.A. MARKOWSKI	1	3.07	24 1/2		
SUPER SIX					
A. DARTMAN			13.75		
BOB/STANLEY			14.80		
ALMEIDA/STANLEY			22.42		
H.A. MARKOWSKI			15.36		

LAKE ST. CLAIR WALLEYE ASSOCIATION					
JUNE OPEN					
NAME	WEIGHT	LENGTH	POSITION	POINTS	
CONI DI SANTO	3.10	21 1/2	4	2	
RON KOSCIELSKI	4.25	25 1/2	1	5	
JOE DI SANTO	3.49	22	2	4	
TOM ARLINGTON	2.10	19 1/2			
MIKE DOETSCH	3.14	21 3/4	3	3	
PETE KOHNEN	2.73	20 1/2	5	1	
DICK BARNES	1.50	17.0			
JEFF KOZLOFF	1.98	19 3/4			
HUNTER MARKOWSKI	2.62	20 1/2			
YOUTH					
EVERETT GARDNER	2.70	21.0			

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS

**July 15th, 2026
at 7:30**

**American Legion Post 4
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CONSERVATION PLEDGE

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS SUMMER 2026

July 15th.....July General Membership meeting
July 17th-19th.....July Derby Sportsman Direct
July 22nd.....BOD meeting
July 26th.....Kids outing at Lake St. Clair Metropark
July 30th.....Macomb 4H outing LSCMP
Aug 19th.....General Membership Meeting
Aug 21-23.....August Derby
Aug 23rd.....Club Picnic
Aug 26th.....BOD meeting

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President's Corner

Happy Birthday to the United States of America, as well as to the LSCWA. We were founded in July of 1976 by a group of sportsmen & women concerned with preserving the natural resources of Lake St. Clair. Some of the issues at the time were commercial netting on the Canadian side of LSC, pollution and

the overall wellbeing of the lake. Along with groups in the USA, Canada and help from our politicians and MUCC, the nets were banned. Huge strides have been made in fighting pollution on our Great Lakes and with many years of hard work, Michigan once again is a top destination for fishing for anglers not only across America, but from around the world.

I know talk of legislation, calling your representatives and activism gets boring, seems repetitive and might not be what some members of the club joined the LSCWA for, that's fair but if no one takes a stand your fishing and hunting rights and opportunities will be impacted in very short order. It was no surprise that the week MUCC announced they were folding due to bankruptcy that commercial netting bills for Michigan gamefish were introduced. Thanks to public & private outrage it seems these bills are dead in the water. But what is next and how do we prepare & prevent what we have from being attacked by these special interest groups? We will have to remain vigilant, use social media platforms to spread the word and not give in, we can't look to someone else to carry the fight, we have to do it now or lose what we have. More to come.

For our August picnic at Brandenburg Park you must sign-up beforehand. Board member Pete Kohnen will be taking reservations at the July meeting and at the July Derby at Sportsmen's Direct on Sunday, July 19th. We need to know how many will be attending to better plan our food amounts. Soft drinks & water will be available, BYOB.

We are going to be implementing a few changes at our meetings, more fishing info and reports. This is where we're asking YOU to be part of the club. Been out fishing lately, got a bite, a tactic or even a heads up. We want you to share that with our members.

Our July derby will be held at Sportsmen's Direct on Sunday, July 19th, 3-4 pm located at ; 38989 Jefferson Avenue, Harrison Twp. It's been a great derby season so far, seeing new faces at the derbies is very nice as well, keep it up!

This is YOUR club, be part of it.
Rich Benson, President LSCWA

Treehouse Breakfast

By Richard Koch

Breakfast at Dan's Diner was enjoyed by these happy and smiling faces. Dale Billings, Rob Kennedy, Mark Carlson, Pete Aleccia, John Scamphorn, Dan Schmidt, Rich Larry, Tom Moreschini, Ron Koscielski, Curtis Patton, Bob Peterson, Joann Koch and Richard Koch. Topics of discussion were on proper safe handling of boats and also on MUCC outcome.

**Our next breakfast will be at Gus's Coney Island
50889 Gratiot on July 22nd 8am**

'Fishflies and moths are back.



2026 TREEHOUSE BREAKFAST SCHEDULE

Dan's Diner.....	24820 Hoover 8am June 24th
Gus's Coney Island	50899 Gratiot 8am July 22nd
Leo's Coney Island.....	23815 Jefferson & 9 Mile 8am Aug 26th
Copper Penny	24975 Harper 8am Sept 23rd
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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Reel Into Fishing Camp

By Bob Barnes

On July 30, 2026 we will be fishing Lake St Clair. I am currently looking for six boats (have four) to take the three kids and one adult on each boat out from 8am to noon. Boats will launch from the LSCMP boat launch. Please contact me or the club hotline 586.778.0480 if you can help.

Getting kids involved in fishing and the great outdoors is the best thing we can do for the future of our sport.



Perch 'n Perch 'n Perch 'n Pig!

Back by popular demand, the LSCWA is going to hold our 3 perch derbies again this year, with the first two being individual angler contests and the last one our annual Perch 'n Pig at Anglers Point. Save the dates of September 19th, 26th and October 3rd. We will award weekly prizes based on angler entries with \$5 of every entry going to the weekly big fish prize, and cash prizes for the top entries every week.

Look out for more to come soon!



The 2026 August Picnic

This year we're going to be at Brandenburg Park on August 23rd for our annual picnic and blind draw tournament. This year you will need to register in advance with how many people you will be attending with. If you do not pre register at the July Meeting or Derby, you will not have a place reserved for you. Please see Pete Kohnen or contact Rich Benson to register.



Where Am I Gonna Fish?

April, May and June are almost no brainers for me, but in the heat of the summer, especially given the heat wave we just went through, where am I gonna fish for July's derby?

I look back and in years past and I see that I did my best most years on crawlers, but then another couple years crankbaits were the hot bait. In 2019 Tim Muir and myself went out on a 100 degree day and landed 6 lb fish five minutes apart on Bandits, American side about a mile west of the shipping channel.

Weedbeds are well established now and with stable wind patterns targeting them is really where you will find the fish. The old "Fishing Hot Spots" map is a great source of info along with using your electronics, waypoints from years past and sometimes just dogged persistence will put fish in the livewell.

Past President Keith Krych loved trolling the Canadian side over weedbeds north of Stony Point. He mapped them out on his GPS and we would troll crawler harnesses just above the weeds looking for deep pockets and that's where the walleye we're waiting in ambush.

Typically we were trolling with 3/8 or 1/2 oz inline or keel sinkers 27 to 42 ft back at 1.3-1.5 mph. That's approximately 5-6 down on the shallow end and maybe 8-9 on the deep end. We used mostly gold blades, sometime with perch or orange colors and always at least half the beads seemed to be gold.

Fishing cranks in the summer follow the same program, run them above the higher weeds otherwise most of your day will be spent clearing lines. Good colors for LSC always seem to be gold baits with orange, perch and shad mimicking colors and on bright days as well as cloudy days chartreuse. Bump your speeds up a bit, 2.2-2.5 is usually where I'm at in the summer-time. Anglers use Bandits, Flicker Minnows, Deadeyes and Deep Husky Jerks with good success. A couple of tips: flicker minnows will still have more action at lower speeds (think crawler harnesses speeds) than the other cranks will, maybe because of its narrower profile or lighter weight, who knows? Then my favorite slow day bait, a jointed deep husky jerk in perch running out to the side as far as I dare run the board out.

Deeper water will hold more fish in the heat of the summer especially in the middle of the day under an intense summer sun. Look for the area west of the shipping channel for 17-19 fow, deep water off of the Belle, Ruscom & Stony Pt. and the dumping grounds can be hit or miss.

This months derby weigh in will be held at Sportsmen's Direct on July 19th from 3-4pm, I'm really hoping to see new faces there as well as our regulars.

Friday Night

By Pete Aleccia



What do you do on a summer night when you're not out chasing walleyes? For me, the answer was simple: head over to a good buddy's place and spend the evening painting custom lures. This past Friday night, I had the chance to visit PK Lures, owned by Pete Kohnen, where we painted custom Flicker Shads together.

For a while now, I had been asking Pete about a specific color scheme I had in mind, one I like to call "the Benson." Pete stepped up to the plate and not only helped bring that color to life, but also took the time to show me how he preps, sands, paints, and finishes each custom lure. Watching the process from start to finish gave me a whole new appreciation for the work and care that goes into making something truly your own.

There is something special about creating your own gear, whether it is tying crawler harnesses or painting custom lures, and then taking those same creations out on the water to catch fish. After sanding, painting, adding the clear coat, and letting the lures dry for a few days, we headed out to Anchor Bay to put them to the test.

The custom Flicker Shads did exactly what we hoped they would do. The Benson, along with another color I like to call "the Kohnen," helped put a few walleyes in the live well. Catching fish is always a good time, but catching them on lures we made together made the experience even better. In the end, that is really what this story is about.

Fishing is far more than just catching a few fish. It is about the memories made along the way, the time spent with good friends, and the connections we build through the LSCWA. I am grateful for nights like this, for friends like Pete, and for the chance to share a passion that continues to bring people together.

Lake St. Clair Fish Cleaning Foundation 6/1/26

We have been accepted into the Public Spaces Community Places Program provided by the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). Our fundraising goal over the next 60 days, until July 31st, is \$45,000. Upon reaching this goal the MEDC will provide a matching grant. This will provide the balance needed to fully fund our fish cleaning station project. Please donate today. No matter how large or small, every donation counts. You can make a donation here: patronicity.com/fish or scan the QR code below.

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