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## April Derby *By Tim Muir*



First derby of the year was held at Sinbad's on the Detroit River. As usual some really nice fish were brought to the scales. Being a river bite this time of year hand lining and jigging were the fishing methods of choice. Having the April weigh in on the Detroit River was appropriate given the river's status as a world class fishery in April.

Winning the Masters division was Jake O'Hara with a 9.6lb walleye which is also currently big fish of the year so far. Second was Ken Vanarsdale with a 9.14lb fish. Rounding out the top three was Brandy Vanarsdale with a fish weighing 4.51lbs.

Over in the open division top fish goes to Matt Orlando with a 6.40lb fish. Second was Josh O. with a 4.53lb fish and was slightly longer than third place's Michael Boyce's 4.53lb fish.



In the new angler of the year category. Jake is in first place with 5 points, Ken is second with 4 points, Matt Orlando 3 points, Josh O 2 points, and Michael Boyce is 5th with 1 point.

Thank you to Sinbad's for hosting our derby. It was a nice day on the river.

A list of complete results will be available soon on our website.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 16.....General Membership Meeting

May 19.....May Madness Tournament

May 18-20.....May Derby  
Weigh in Anglers Point 3-4pm

May 22.....Board of Directors Meeting

June 2-3.....Bo Soulliere Tournament

June 20.....General Membership Meeting

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June 26 Board of Directors Meeting

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## May Meeting Presentation

Our guest speaker in May will be Todd Wills, a research biologist with the DNR. Here is a brief bio:

I've been a fisheries research biologist with the DNR Fisheries Division since 2003...I spent the first 8 years of my career working on river and stream fisheries research at the Hunt Creek Fisheries Research Station in Lewiston. In 2011 I transferred to the Lake St. Clair Fisheries Research Station, and became involved with Great Lakes fisheries research throughout Southeast Michigan. I started my current position as Lake Huron-Lake Erie Area Research Manager in 2015, where I manage both the Alpena and Lake St. Clair fisheries research stations. We are responsible for fisheries assessments and science in Michigan's waters of the Great Lakes from the St. Marys River to the Ohio-Michigan border. In my free time I hunt, fish, or dream of hunting and fishing.

Title of my presentation will be "What's new with Walleye and Perch on the East Side of the mitten?"



## 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.***

## President's Corner

by Richard Benson



WOW!.....that's all you can say about the walleye fishing so far this year! From big pre-spawn fish in all the rivers and lakes to the amazing spring run in the Detroit River, fishing has been out of sight. Personally I've reeled in more walleye in the last three trips out on the river than I have in any year before and there's a couple of weeks left yet before they disperse to their summer areas. We expect the good fishing to continue all year long as well, with good year-class returns as reported by Todd Wills and the MDNR.

Speaking of hatching walleyed, the LSCWA rearing ponds were filled and we took delivery of our 300,000 fry right around the 20th of April. They will spend the next 6-8 developing into inch long fry before being collected by the DNR for planting in local lakes. Thanks to Jim Lease, Richard & Joanne Koch and all the rest of the ponds crew who helped prepare the ponds for our fry.

The first tournament we participated in was Walleye Fest at Sinbad's on the Detroit River on April 21st. The LSCWA handled the weigh-in for the event with some of our members placing in the top standings earning a few bucks along the way. The big fish was caught by none other than our own Jake O'hara with a 9.77lb beast! Jake's team also won 5th place as well, good job guys! The management at Sinbad's was very impressed with the professionalism of the LSCWA and has expressed their interest in us returning for future events. Thanks to Dick Benson, Richard & Joanne Koch, Tim Muir, Paul Imbrunone, Rob and Bob Barnes and Brad Smyth. Brad was also the tournament director who donated \$500 to the LSCWA for our activities throughout the year.

We have enjoyed continued success at our Sunday night bingo fundraiser so the Board has decided that we will see to the completion to the repairs at the MUCC summer camp facilities with the help of other clubs at the June convention. Also, the board has chosen to once again send 12 more lucky kids to camp this year, have fun building memories! Thank you to club members Tim Muir, Don Murray, Keith & Marilyn Krych, Dave Harms, Theresa Shue, Tim Covert, Don Murray, Al McMurray, Dave Goodfellow, Curtis Patton, John Sulkowski, Linda Elliot, Charles Henderson and any that I may have missed. Most of all, a huge THANK YOU to all of the players at Rosemack Bingo Hall.

With all that's going on in this club and all the volunteers we have, we can always use more help! Even if you can only help an hour or two, talk to any board member or myself to see where you might be able to fit in.

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

***271 CURRENT MEMBERS***



# TRADE-A-TRIP WRAP UP

LSCWA hosted the Battle Creek Steelheaders on April 28th and 29th for the 25 anniversary of our trade a trip between the two clubs. The weather was cool but the fishing was HOT. On my boat we caught limits both days. On the other boats it was the same. Fishing was so good I had a first on my boat. As we were reeling in a fish we had a couple of walleye follow the hooked one up to the boat and we actually netted a fish that had not been hooked! In the process the fish that was on the hook got knocked off and hilarity ensued. We had an absolute blast for two days of fishing. Once again we put on a fish fry for the guys and that too was pretty dang good. None of this would be possible without people stepping up and helping. A BIG thank you to the kitchen crew for the fish fry. You guys rocked it. Same goes for those of you who volunteered to take guys out. Without you this would not be possible. I would like to see more guys step up next year and volunteer. It was a bit depressing to have to struggle to find boaters for such a cool thing.





# My Weekend

by Tim Muir

My trade a trip weekend was a great one. Started out on Friday with a little recon/intel mission to find some fish for the steelheaders. Caught fish every spot we fished. Nothing big, but a lot of fish. Saturday, Day 1 of trade a trip started bright and early. We got to St. Jean at 5am and was the 5 truck in the lot. Took a leisurely boat ride down past the A bridge and started to fish as soon as I could see my line in the water. Fishing was fast and furious with lots of fish caught including multiple double. We made the decision early not to keep anything smaller than 16" so we threw a lot of legal and sublegal fish back. Pimp daddy and Arkansas shiner fin-s were our best baits but every color we tried caught fish. We had our 4 man limit and was back at the dock by noon.

Sunday was more of the same. We fished Chene park to the Ren cen and it was nonstop. And then I had a first for my boat. As I was reeling in a fish a pod of 3-4 walleyes were coming up with the hooked fish. Greg from the steelheaders actually netted one of the non-hooked walleye! Unfortunately while one fish was in the net the fish on my line was knocked off by the net. A bit of good natured ribbing unused. All in all it was one of the best weekends I have had on the river.



## First Annual Orange Jacket Award

by Tim Muir

As part of the trade a trip I thought it would be fun to have a small award for the biggest fish caught. In addition to a 10\$ buy in for big fish I had an idea. Have a small "trophy" we can hand out for big fish. I came up with the orange jacket. An old school orange life jacket with the name of the winner and stats from the fish. The winner gets to keep it until next trade a trip and then he defends the jacket in a similar way the Stanley Cup is won. If someone else wins then they assume possession until the following year.

This year the first ever winner of the jacket was Keith Krych. His fish measured 25 1/4" and weighed 5 lbs. on my official unofficial hand help scale. Everyone liked the idea and hopefully we can start this new tradition for many years to come. CONGRATS Keith!



## QUICK 'N EASY WALLEYE

Nothing beats fresh fish, especially the evening of a successful day of fishing. I myself love a nice quick meal or snack right after cleaning them up but don't want to make another mess to clean up so I look to my microwave,.....yeah, my microwave!

I was a cook in high school and one of the favorite dishes at the restaurant I worked at was "baked" cod.... but that cod never seen an oven, but it did hit the microwave for 2:35. In fact, talking with others who have cooked at both high and low end restaurants, a remarkable amount of others used the microwave to cook their fish as well. The high water content of fish makes it very receptive to the heat produced in a microwave, with proper attention given to your fish dishes they will come out very good.

One quick dish I love is Old Bay 'n butter. Put a couple portions of fish in a microwaveable dish, a few pats of butter and season with Old Bay. Cover with either the lid or a paper towel and microwave at 30-45 second intervals, rearranging the fish between each cycle. After 2 minutes or so, check the fillet for doneness by flaking it with a fork or knife. Add additional time as necessary.

Walleye cheeks.....the fillet mignon of the fish. I just treated a few of the Battle Creek Steelheaders to my quick recipe of cheeks and it disappeared almost instantly! I took the cheeks from 15 walleyes, a squirt of lemon juice, pinch of garlic powder and threw it all in a small covered bowl. 1 minute in the microwave and our taste buds were treated to an excellent appetizer before we went to the fish fry at the American Legion.

I know some people are screaming blasphemy! at me right now as they read this, but really, you need to try this yourself. Most other recipes that call for baking can easily be adapted for the old radar-range!



Bruce Turnage wins the Balenger park boat launch pass donated by the city of River Rouge, mayor's office.



## TREE HOUSE GET TOGETHER

April 25th tree house get together. Another fine breakfast at Copper Penny Restaurant. Discussions on past walleye tournaments and the amount of walleye in the Detroit River. Pictured are Dale Billings, John Sulkowski, Curtis Patton, Dan Schmidt, Joann Koch, Richard Koch. See you next month at Rose family Dining. Richard Koch.

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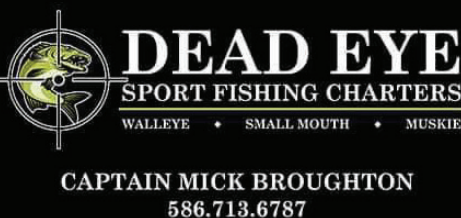
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