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# WALLEYE WORLD

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## HONDA MOTOR RAFFLE

By Ron Sharp

Just want to give everyone a heads up. We only have July and August to sell the tickets for the 8 hp Honda Motor. This motor is brand new and donated to the club by Rose Marina to help us raise the funds we need for the kid's functions and offset some to the clubs expenses needed to operate.

Anyone who can help out selling tickets or who needs more tickets should send me an email at [srdsharp@wowway.com](mailto:srdsharp@wowway.com) or call me at 810-523-5730. In order to make this extra money for the club we need all our club members helping out. You don't have to sell a dozen just two or three will help. Thanks again, Ron.

## JUNE GUEST SPEAKER

by Steve Beasley

At the July meeting we will have our very own Richard and Joann Koch speaking on the Art of Wire Lining. When you have the all-time LSCWA Derby Points Leaders giving a presentation on Wire Lining you know your about to get the best information available on this topic. For the newer club members, bring your pen and paper to take notes as you will not have another opportunity to get some of the best information packed into a 30 minute segment. Richard and JoAnn have created their own custom display board showing all the tackle and components needed to get set up like a Wire Lining Pro. This display is the "Real Deal" when it come to the nuts and

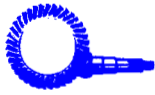
bolts of wire lining. It has taken them many years of fishing for walleye to get their information down to this specific and detailed level. Richard and JoAnn have been Club Members for over 20+ years and have the vast experience and resources to help you with your fishing questions. This will be another great meeting to help us all learn about walleyes and how to land more walleye on your next fishing trip. So bring a friend along to this Wednesday meeting at 7:30 pm and have some fun as we get some great walleye fishing information. Good Fishing!



"Three members went with Keith Krych on a recent trip to Lake Erie for a Walleye fishing experience that is hard to beat. Limit catches of Walleye are very common. This month the Steelhead will become active and combined limits will be possible."

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- Jul. 15 .....General Membership Meeting
- Jul. 17-19 .....LSCWA Derby Professional Fishing Center
- Jun. 20 .....FLW Qualifier in Monroe, MI
- Jul. 26 .....Kids Summer Fishing Outing
- Aug. 19 .....General Membership Meeting
- Aug. 22 .....FLW Qualifier in Au Gres, MI
- August 23.....LSCWA Annual Picnic at the  
 AmVets post in New Haven
- Sept. 15 .....General Membership Meeting
- Sept. 17-19 .....no-entry-fee Walmart FLW  
 Walleye League Finals in Chippewa Falls, WI
- Oct. 21 .....General Membership Meeting
- Nov .....No General Membership Meeting
- Dec. 16 .....General Membership Meeting

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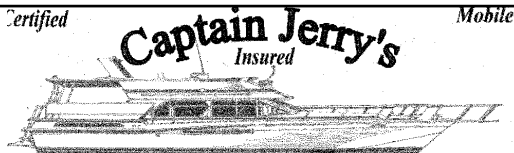
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## DNR'S 'WEAR IT MIGHIGAN!' CAMPAIGN

This summer the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is giving away more than 400 inflatable life jackets to boaters on the Detroit River, Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair who pledge to wear them at all times while boating.

DNR conservation officers and their customized Zodiac patrol vessel are going to be attending the Gold Cup Hydroplane Races, July 9-12 and the Port Huron to Mackinac Race, July 23-26. The complete schedule can be found online at [www.wearitmichigan.com](http://www.wearitmichigan.com).

The DNR's "Wear It Michigan!" campaign is a simple message to promote the value of life jacket wear by recreational boaters. The life jackets have been donated by the National Safe Boating Council and its boating safety partners across the U.S. and Canada.

"This promotion is our way of letting Michigan boaters know that it's important to always wear -- and not just stow -- life jackets on board one's boat," said Lt. Andrew Turner, state boating law administrator for the DNR's Law Enforcement Division. "More than 90 percent of the water fatalities recorded in Michigan could have been prevented if the victims had been wearing a life jacket."

During the DNR's "Wear It Michigan" campaign special teams of state conservation officers will be out on the water in a specially marked "Wear It Michigan" boat asking boaters they meet to take the "Wear It" Pledge. Everyone who signs a pledge card will be entered in a weekly drawing to win a manual inflatable (Type III) life jacket that will have a "Wear It" rubber logo sewn onto the life jacket.

The DNR's report on the 2008 boating season in Michigan shows 36 fatalities in 31 fatal accidents statewide. Of those, 28 people drowned. Only two of those boaters were wearing life jackets.

To learn more about the "Wear It Michigan" campaign, visit the DNR Web site at [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr) and click on the "Wear It Michigan" button on the front page.

## LSCWA RECEIVES 501(C)(3) FROM THE IRS

*by Bob Barnes - Vice President LSCWA*

I am pleased to officially announce that as of June 3, 2009 The Lake St. Clair Walleye Association is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) (tax-exempt) nonprofit organization. Some questions you may ask:

What does being a 501(c)(3), tax-exempt organization mean? The term "tax-exempt," when used in reference to nonprofit organizations, generally refers to the net profits (proceeds over and above expenses) of an organization being exempt from federal and/or state income tax. While a nonprofit organization can be established by incorporating, the entity is not automatically tax-exempt upon creation with the state. Tax-exemption can be achieved only through applying for and receiving Internal Revenue Service (IRS) approval.

What benefit does being 501(c)(3) offer my nonprofit and its contributors? One of the primary benefits of being considered tax-exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) is the ability to accept contributions and donations that are tax-deductible to the donor. Additional benefits include, but are not limited to:

- Exemption from federal and/or state corporate income taxes;
- Possible exemption from state sales and property taxes
- Ability to apply for grants and other public or private allocations available only to IRS-recognized, 501(c)(3) org.
- Potentially higher thresholds before incurring federal and/or state unemployment tax liabilities;
- The public legitimacy of IRS recognition; and
- Discounts on US Postal bulk-mail rates and other services.

We have come a long way from those first meetings over 30 years ago at the high school and we are becoming a world class organization. Be proud that you are involved with a club that is making a difference. The Lake St. Clair Walleye Association - Hook on to a winner.

## MUCC ANNUAL CONVENTION

MUCC's Annual Convention took place June 20-21 in Mount Pleasant with nearly 200 delegates attending. The Convention was a productive and successful event with guest speakers including Lieutenant Governor John Cherry, DNR Director Rebecca Humphries and Fred Myers of the Union Sportsman's Alliance.

The MUCC delegates approved nine resolutions to guide MUCC policy in the coming year, adding to the list of policy initiatives MUCC will work on to continue its mission of conservation and preservation of our outdoor heritage.

To view the nine resolutions as passed at this year's convention visit <http://www.mucc.org/convention09/09approvedresolutions.pdf>



*"MUCC Executive Director Dennis Muchmore, representative from the Big Bay Sportsmen's Club and MUCC President Bill Krepps - The Big Bay Sportsmen's Club was honored as the 2009 Conservation Organization of the Year"*



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## JUNE DERBY RESULTS

by Alex Vitek

The weather was perfect when Lakeside Fishing Shop hosted last month's derby weigh-in and we have to give them a big thank you. They not only provided us with an area to set up the tables and chairs but they provided pizza and pop for all of those who were there.

The attendance was lower than expected. There were 24 fish entered in the different divisions. Hopefully more members will get out fishing with their family and friends this coming month.

### OPEN DIVISION

1st	Frank Malicki	6.90	27.25
2nd	Tom Arczynski	4.65	24.00
3rd	Sue Beasley	4.15	23.75
4th	Steve Beasley	3.60	22.75
5th	Alex Vitek	3.60	22.50

### MASTER'S DIVISION

1st	Richard Koch	6.20	25.50
2nd	Mike McCabe	4.15	22.00
3rd	Joann Koch	3.70	21.75
4th	Bob Barnes	3.70	21.50
5th	Ron Sharp	3.35	21.00

### TEAM DIVISION

1st	Joann Koch; Richard Koch	24.80
2nd	Mike McCabe; Ron Sharp	17.50
3rd	Bob Barnes; Don Murray	14.70
4th	Jim St. Aubin	8.45
5th	Dan Austin; Derek Austin; Brian Feurer; Dan Forhand	8.40

### YOUTH DIVISION

1st	Derek Austin	1.90	18.25
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## ELECTIONS

This August will be election month and this makes for a busy meeting. All 5 positions on the Executive Board will be filled. Of the 10 Board of Directors we will be voting to fill 5 of these positions. The Board serves for two years and half of the positions are filled each year.

Any member in good standing can run for any of the offices. The member is nominated by another member and that nomination must be seconded and accepted by the person.

There is a lot of responsibility that goes with being elected to any of these positions. Serving on the Board of Directors involves responsibilities that will make the position seem like a part time job. The Executive Board members and the Board itself will meet once a month on the Wednesday following the general membership meeting and everyone elected is expected to attend.

These are the people that run many of the committees and handle the events that the club provides for the members. But, there is a lot of enjoyment there also as we all work together to help the club move forward.

## JULY DERBY COMING UP

This month's weigh-in will be at Professional Fishing and Archery on Jefferson. They are between Crocker and the Clinton River Spillway. The weighing will start at 4 pm and ends promptly at 6 pm.

All members are invited to attend the weigh-ins even if they did not have a chance to fish that day. These are a couple of relaxing hours spent with other fishermen and women who are more than happy to pass on tips, theories and stories. Don't forget to take your kids or grandchildren out fishing and then have them enter their Walleye catch in the Youth Division. Hope to see all of you there.

## KID'S SUMMER FISHIN

## OUTING AT METRO BEACH

by Geoff Regulski

Hello L.S.C.W.A. it is once again time for our kids summer fishing outing. This year the outing will be held at Metro Beach Metropark, on July 26th at 9:00 a.m. running till 2:00 p.m. For those of you who might not know where Metro Beach Metropark is, take 16 Mile Rd. east past Jefferson where then 16 Mile Rd. turns into Metro Parkway. Follow to the toll booth, there will be a \$4.00 admission into the park. Once inside the park, get on the train and take it to picnic site number 2. There is a \$.50 fee for adults, children 15 and under ride free. Park hours are 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. on Sunday.

There will be prizes awarded to the children (ages two years-old through sixteen years-old) for many different categories. Also, besides fishing the park offers many other activities such as swimming, put-put golf, and playground area.

Lunch will be served throughout the day, starting at 10:00 a.m. food and beverages are available at no charge. This includes delicious hot dogs, bags of chips, cold pop, and what would a fish outing be without some breaded deep fried fish, all served by our gracious club members.

Keep this date marked on the calendar so you can grab those fishing poles out from the corner (bait will be supplied, please provide your own fishing pole and tackle), and bring the family over to take pleasure in some amusing fun out-of-doors with lots of sunshine and fresh air. Besides, this is a great opportunity to introduce our future generation to a basic knowledge of fishing.

If you plan on attending this event, please contact Geoff Regulski at (586) 872-1916 or Mark Tews at (586) 557-3767. Or see Geoff Regulski at the the upcoming general membership meeting in July. We ask for your cooperation in this area because it is important to have an accurate count when purchasing food and beverages.

Thank you once again, Geoff Regulski and Mark Tews.

## THE GOLDEN BUCKET TOURNAMENT

by Don Murray

The first ever walleye club to walleye club fishing challenge is coming! What do I mean by all this challenge talk? The down river walleye federation DWF (WWW.dwfonline.com) developed a great idea for a fishing contest with our club and called it The Golden Minnow Bucket Tournament. Mike Barkley from the DWF has a gold minnow bucket for a traveling trophy to the winning club.

The rules are simple, all you need is for one member on your boat to be a dues paying member and the rest of the crew can fish. The date is 1 AUG 2009 fishing out of Port Erieau on Lake Erie. It's a one day event with walleye and steelhead counting for the combined weight. All the details and entry forms are on the DWF web page, under Erieau Tournament.

Our club can meet this challenge with the high degree of skills our members have. We can win this and have fun at the same time. What we need from the club members is a willingness to commit to this event and bring home the Golden Bucket! Anybody that wants to fish this event and doesn't have a boat, contact me, Don (cell number 586 556 2454) and I will try to match you with a boat. Any Capt. looking for a crew member, can also contact me for a crew member.

I heard the the DWF has about 6 to 7 boats from their club, let's try to do the same.

## THE SELFRIDGE FISH FRY

by Dave Marcelewski

Every year we have a fish fry at Selfridge Air National Guard base. This fish fry is our club's way of saying Thank You to all the people that work there that help us out. Often they help us out on their own time and at their own expense. By these people helping us out, our ponds run trouble free. If a problem ever does occur these guys and gals will help us straighten it out.

This year the fish fry took place on June 16th. We fed over 50 people. Some were grounds maintenance workers. They cut the grass and brush and keep our ponds tidy. They also help us fill the ponds every year. Some other lunch guests were the Navy Sea Bees. They make sure our ramp for the tractor is always in good shape. There are numerous other Selfridge people that help us out also.

The lunch was a huge success and all our helpers went back to work with a belly full of fresh walleyes.

I would like to thank the following people for helping make this fish fry happen. Without all these people helping, we could not have put over 1 Million walleyes into our state waters. Here are the names of the people that put this years event on: Bob and Shelby Brethauer, Steve Drobek, Bill Furtaw, Roger Yonkoski, Tony Kozinski, Joann Koch, Richard Koch, Larry Adamek, Calvin Sherwood, Mark Tews, Bill Hess, Bob Barnes, Dave Wilemski, Don Murry, Richard Bevins, Marilyn Krytch, Keith Kritch, Mark King, Dan Austin, and Geoff Regulski.

Thanks for all the support to make this committee successful.

## HOW TO TRUST YOUR SONAR (PART ONE)

By Keith Krych

Several members have stated to me that they "don't trust" their sonar units. What they really meant to say is they don't know how to set their units up properly to maximize their unit's performance.

First let's define what a sonar unit, a.k.a. fish finder, is. SONAR is an abbreviation for SOund NAVigation and Ranging. It was developed by the US Navy to find and track submarines during WWII. Sonar does only one thing; it measures the DISTANCE from the transducer to objects in the water and/or the bottom by using sound waves.

A sonar unit can tell you what depth you're in, the bottom type, if there are weeds present, if there are fish and bait present, how big the fish are and it can show a thermocline in deeper water. It can not tell you what type of fish you're looking at or make them bite your lure.

The first step to setting up your unit to see all it can do is to turn the unit from automatic to manual mode. The biggest mistake most fishermen make is using their sonar unit in automatic mode. Automatic mode is quick and easy



"Bob Bretheaur is an active member who steps up to help out with many of our fish fries that we have. He helped out once again at the recent event for the DNR and Selfridge ANG Base people who do so much to assist us in our fish rearing ponds."

to use, but it will also guarantee that most of the information you need to see won't be showing up on your screen.

Automatic mode sets the depth ranges, sensitivity level, grayline/colorline and chart speed of the unit based on factors such as depth, speed, bottom composition etc. The problem with these automatic settings is that they are not set high enough to see all the information fishermen need to see.

The first setting to adjust is the depth range. By manually setting the depth range you can maximize the entire screen to read the water column. The problem with the automatic setting is the units are programmed to think you're always going or moving to deeper water. If you're in the river and your depth is 32 feet of water, most sonar units automatically jump to a deeper depth range, say 60 feet. You're losing the ability to see objects (fish) because half your screen is below the bottom of the river. Set the depth range yourself and get all the definition you paid for.

Next is to set the sensitivity of your unit. Most fishermen like to look at a nice clear screen with perfect fish hooks. This is not going to happen in the real world. You need proper sensitivity settings to determine bottom type, see small targets, and separate targets (fish) from the bottom. To properly adjust the sensitivity while the unit is in the manual mode, first change the range to double its current setting. For example, if the range is 0 - 40 feet, change it to 0 - 80 feet. Now increase the sensitivity until a second bottom echo appears at twice the depth of the actual bottom signal. This "second echo" is caused by the echo returning from the bottom reflecting off the surface of the water, making a second trip to the bottom and returning. Since it takes

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Since it takes twice as long for this echo to make two trips to the bottom and back, it shows at twice the depth of the actual bottom. Now change the range back to the original scale and the sensitivity is properly set.

The Grayline/Colorline setting allows us to determine if the bottom is hard or soft and find changes in the bottom from hard to soft. It also lets us see if an object that is close to the bottom is actually connected to the bottom (structure) or not connected (fish). It also can help us determine the size of a fish, more grayline/colorline = bigger fish. To properly set the grayline/colorline take your boat to 10-12 feet of water with a clean sand bottom. After getting the proper sensitivity setting make sure the grayline/colorline is turned all the way off. Now set the bottom depth range to be 6 feet lower than the lake bottom. Begin turning grayline/colorline up until you see grayline/colorline (it looks like a light colored checkerboard) under the lake bottom. Keep increasing grayline/colorline until you have 3 feet of gray under the lake bottom. You will now be able to see the difference in hardness from sand to rock or muck. Larger fish will also have a grayline/colorline too.

Two other settings to change are the chart speed and ping rate. You will need to change these to the maximum setting. This will allow you to see fish above trolling speeds.

If you are still not getting good signals on your sonar screen then the transducer may be mounted poorly. If the transducer is mounted on the transom, adjust it until its face is pointing straight down and level when the boat is in the water. If it is angled, the arch won't appear on the screen properly. If the arch slopes up but not down, then the front of the transducer is too high and needs to be lowered. If only the back half of the arch is printed, the nose of the transducer is angled too low and needs to be raised. If you're not getting any bottom signal when on plane your transducer may be getting interference from rivets or the strakes on the hull. You may have to move the transducer from these areas.

In the next article we'll discuss how to properly interpret the information you are able to see on your sonar unit.

## DNR CONTINUES INVESTIGATION OF FISH KILL

The Department of Natural Resources is actively investigating a fish kill on Lake St. Clair. The fish kill was reported to the DNR on June 2 and is concentrated in the area of 9 Mile and 11 Mile Road in St. Clair Shores.

"The fish kill appears to be a few thousand smallmouth bass and low numbers of a few other species, including yellow perch, northern pike and carp based on the observations DNR staff at the Lake St. Clair Research Station." states Steve Hewett, DNR Fisheries Division's Lake Erie Basin coordinator. "It is not unusual to have fish

kills like this one right after spawning when the fish are in poorer physical condition. It has been a while since we have had a smallmouth bass die-off like this one, but it is not unique."

"It is likely that these fish have been concentrated along the St. Clair Shores shoreline by an abnormal weather pattern with sustained east winds," said Bob Haas, manager of the DNR Fish Research Station in Mt. Clemens.

DNR Fisheries Division staff collected 14 smallmouth bass and 1 northern pike on June 4 for further analysis at the Michigan State University Aquatic Animal Health Laboratory.

Preliminary results have detected heavy *Flavobacterium columnare* infection, a common fish bacterial pathogen in Michigan's waters that usually causes mortalities when fish are stressed.

"Typical stressors that allow this bacterium to cause fish kills are spawning stress when fish do not feed normally, abnormal water temperatures, and extra human handling such as catch and release fishing," said Gary Whelan, DNR fish production manager. "We are awaiting additional results from the lab, including viral analyses. It should be noted that there are no practical treatments for diseased wild fish."

"As additional information is available, we will ensure the public is informed on this fish kill," Dr. Kelley Smith, chief of the DNR Fisheries Division.

For more information on fish in Michigan, including how to report a fish kill, visit the DNR Fisheries Division Web site at [www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing).

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR TROUT REGS EXTENDED

Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division officials have extended the period for taking comments on proposed changes to the state's trout fishing regulations on inland streams until Sept. 1, 2009.

"We want to make sure everyone has a chance to be heard as this is the first significant change we've proposed to trout regulations in a decade," said Todd Grischke, who oversees recreational fishing regulations for Fisheries Division.

The proposal is an attempt to further simplify regulations, reducing the current seven stream categories to four. The proposal also calls for standard minimum size limits of 7 inches for brook trout and 8 inches for brown trout statewide. Previously, size limits for both species differed by peninsula.

In addition, the proposal suggests eliminating the current Type 2 category. All streams in the Type 2 category will be temporarily reclassified into other categories. Further review of an appropriate category for these Type 2 streams will commence in early 2010.

Fisheries Division also will begin a review of streams currently in the Gear Restricted Waters category, as well as those proposed for addition to that category, again commencing in early 2010.

To read the proposal, or see proposed new designations for streams currently classified as Type 2, visit the DNR Web site at [www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing).

Comments on the proposals can be sent to DNR-InlandTrout@michigan.gov.

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