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20th Annual Kids Summer Fishing Event

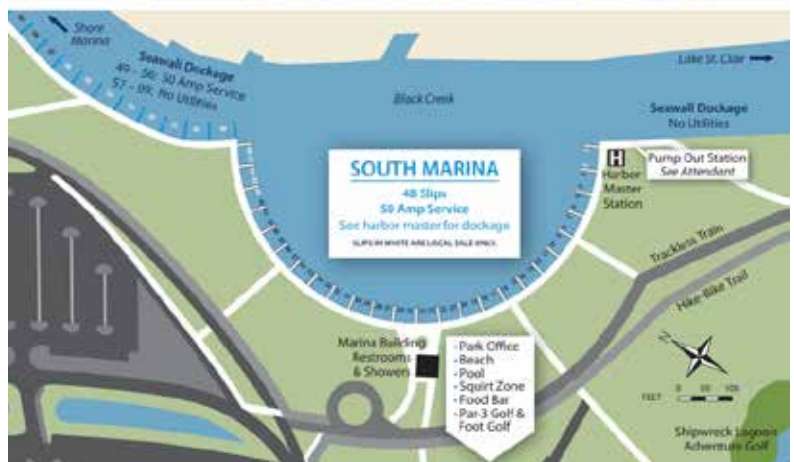
By Bob Barnes

Our 20th annual kids fishing outing is July 30, 2023 at Lake St Clair Metro Park Seawall Picnic Site from 9 am – 2 pm. Look for the Walleye Club trailer. This is a free event open to all children ages 6 - 16, prizes for all the kids, food and soft drinks too.

This year we are collaborating with Lake St Clair Metro Park to make this the biggest and best LSCWA kids outing ever. Free new rod and reel combo for all kids. Stay tuned to Facebook and your Walleye World for additional information. Registration will be required on the Lake St Clair Metro Park and or the LSCWA websites.

As in years past the child who catches the biggest fish will get in mounted free by St Clair Flats Taxidermy. Children that have previously won and had a fish mounted are not eligible. The child must be 6 years old minimum. Fishing is limited to the Black Creek area.

Bring your children out for a day of fun in the sun. Please call the club hotline if you have any questions 586.778.0480.



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ALTERNATES

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS
SPRING 2023**

Mar 15thGeneral membership meeting

Mar 21st..... BOD meeting

Apr 19thGeneral membership meeting

April 21st-23rd April derby weigh in at lakeside

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING IS
March 15 at 7:30**

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

www.lscwa.net

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*We are always looking for volunteers.
See Rich at our meetings or events.*

Treehouse Breakfast

By Richard Koch

Ice storm was approaching but the seniors got to enjoy their delicious food. Those present were Dale Billings, Doug Batty, Dan Schmidt, Dave Wilemski, John Sulkowski, Curtis Patton, Bob Peterson, Richard Koch, and Joann Koch. Topic discussed were on real estate buying and selling, how fishing was around the Great Lakes and they talked about whitetail deer hunting. Our next breakfast will be at Strawberry Fields Restaurant March 22nd. 51070 S. Foster rd. Chesterfield M-29 or 23 mile. 8am Hope to see you there.



MEMBERS:

**DUES MUST BE CURRENT
TO FISH ALL DERBIES!**

PLEASE SEE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

350 CURRENT MEMBERS

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



Watching the winter fade away with a few final outbursts from Mother Nature, we prepare ourselves for the coming year and the changes in store for the LSCWA.

The first change that will be here next month is the

LSCWA Swap Shop. Usually held in April, the board decided to move it up to March this year. We figured the change would be welcome as maybe some of our members might be more in a gearing up/cleaning out mode before the open water season begins in earnest.

Our derby schedule is being finalized, most likely going to be held at Lakeside Fishing Shop and Anglers Point Marina. Please see Don Murray if you have any questions about your dues & eligibility or even what division you are in.

As April will be fast upon us, we are looking at bringing a chef in to share some recipes & ideas, possibly even suggestions as to sides and pairings to change up what we do with our catch.

Finally, as we announced, the LSCWA is no longer affiliated with the May Madness tournament. The responses were surprise for some, anger for others and even more people stepped forward wanting to leave the past behind and start anew. Your board of directors for the most part, are ready to move forward with new ideas & beginnings. The driving force behind what this club does, is for its members & children, first and foremost.

"There are far better things ahead than any we leave behind."

~ C.S. Lewis

This is YOUR club, be part of it!

Rich Benson
President, LSCWA

2023 DERBY SEASON

The 2023 LSCWA Spring & Summer Derby season dates and sites have been set! We will start the season off with our first derby at our oldest sponsor, Lakeside Fishing Shop at 10 Mile & Jefferson on April 23rd. There is no Super Six for this event, one fish entry per club member who chooses to enter.

May 21st we will head to the north end of Lake St. Clair to Anglers Blue Water bait & tackle, 8089 Dixie Hwy, Fairhaven MI. June 25th will see us returning to Lakeside Fishing Shop followed up with July's Derby on the 23rd at Anglers Point Marina, 28955 William P. Rosso Hwy, New Baltimore MI.

All derby weigh-ins will be held 3-4 pm on the final day of the derby, you must be in line before 4 to have your fish weighed. Derbies are open to members only, with dues paid by the meeting before the derby.

Please see the club's web page for complete rules.

LSCWA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS 2023

By Bob Barnes

I am pleased to announce that the Lake St Clair Walleye Association will be awarding college scholarships again this year. 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 will be available soon on our website LSCWA.NET. Applications are due October 1, 2023 and will be awarded at the October 18, 2023 general membership meeting.

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

LICENSE RENEWAL

Here's that reminder to get those licenses renewed. Your Michigan license expires on 3/31/23, your Ontario license needed to be renewed on 1/1/23! For those that also fish Ohio waters, their license expires on Feb 28. Now is a good time to get all the ones you need renewed, visit those baits stores and maybe check out the boat ramps or access points ahead of spring fishing.

Attention L.S.C.W.A. Raffle...Our on-going raffle needs your help to buy/sell tickets. They are a bargain at only \$5.00 a piece with a chance to win a fishing charter PLUS a cash payout up to \$400 with the charter.

See Mike Roush or Dan Schmidt to get your tickets.

MEMBERSHIP DUES FOR LSCWA

As your club membership person I'm writing this article to help members keep current with your dues. We are starting the 2023 year derbies with the April derby. You have to be a current member per derby rules to enter a fish. Before the start of a derby.

At the top of your monthly newsletter is an arrow pointing to your expiration of dues. The message of the arrow is a two prong notice of expiration for derbies, and membership. The derbies notice is a reminder to be paid before the derby in that month, per derby rules. The second part of the notice is for general club dues expiring at the end of the month.

An example of the expiration information under the arrow is month, year, type of membership such as 04,2023, S. This translates to April 2023 Single membership that will expire in that month.

You can renew a few different ways. One way is face to face meetings now that we have regular meetings. Second, the club web page, third, mailing a check to the post office. The club address is Lake St Clair Walleye Association PO BOX 130 St Clair Shores MI 48080. Hopefully this reminder will help members stay current with dues.

SWAP MEET CHANGE!

That's right, we are going to change the month of our swap meet to March's general membership meeting on March 15th. Members are encouraged to bring items in that they may no longer use, need or quite possibly have custom made at home. We will be using both floors at the American Legion's hall this month, members are encouraged to show up early to set up and sell, shop or swap. Please be mindful of when a speaker is at the mic, thank you!

APRIL SEMINARS

In years past we held seminars in March, this year we are bringing them back but in April. We will be looking for people to share techniques or skills they've acquired over the years with other members. Board members will be conducting a few, hopefully some members might have something they're like to share too?...Rod or reel repair perhaps? Maintenance tip for the boat, rigging? Please see me at March's meeting if you would like to step up!

Thanks, Rich.

MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RAFFLE TABLE



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 on the March General Membership Meeting Raffle Table in addition to all the other great prizes. This pass would cost

\$100 if you were to purchase it; daily fee to launch is \$15. Please get to the raffle table and 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.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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- **There will be a swap shop at the March meeting. Bring any missing related items you would like to sell.**
- **Large 12 Qt. Coleman Cooler In Good Condition \$35.00**
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- **Salt Water Jigs Make An Offer If Interested Call Pete**



FISH CLEANING STATIONS

Fish cleaning stations are becoming more popular. They are widely used in cities and towns around the great lakes. Unless you have extra space in your freezer to store fish entrails and waste until garbage day, disposal can be a problem. What if you are an out of town tourist staying in some local hotel? Carcasses can be buried in gardens like we did as children. More commonly they are dumped back into the waterways, along roads and ditches or in the dumpster at a local business. This attracts insects. It also creates a health hazard and smelly stench. This is especially true during the boating season. Fish cleaning stations provide a solution to these problems.

Fish cleaning stations are not commonly found at Michigan DNR boating access sites. Michigan DNR boating access sites are paid for from the waterways fund. Some of your recreation passport dollars are funneled through that fund. However the disbursements are limited to those that increase, create or enhance access by boats. That money is also used to maintain harbors of refuge around the Great Lakes. It is not available to support the building or management and maintenance of a fish cleaning station. Most fish cleaning stations that exist today in Michigan have been built by grassroots sporting groups in cooperation with local municipalities.

No public fish cleaning stations exist on Lake St. Clair. According to creel information from 2021 angling intensity on Lake St. Clair is 14 times that of Lakes Huron, Michigan and Superior combined. The catch rate is 2 times as high. There is also a very high level of harvest. A local fish cleaning station is much needed and will be a great asset to the community.

The recently created Lake St. Clair Fish Cleaning Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization formed for the purpose of financing and overseeing the construction of a fish cleaning station at the Clinton River Cutoff Boating access site in Harrison Township on Jefferson south of Crocker Blvd. Once completed the facility will be donated to the DNR for free use by anybody with a recreation passport. The Michigan DNR have been great partners to work with on this venture. They have included a site for the fish cleaning station in the redesigned launch. They have stubbed in the underground utilities for the fish cleaning station. They have also found an alternative funding source for ongoing operation and maintenance. The anticipated budget for the project is slightly over \$200,000. Fund raising should take about 2 years with construction starting in 2025.

You can help make this a reality. Volunteers are needed for fundraising. Letters of community support are vital obtaining grants. You can also make a donation. Every penny counts.

You can donate here: https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=4AL7GVNZE5394&source=qr

Follow Lake St. Clair Fish Cleaning Foundation on facebook <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100090220158386>

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FISHIN' FUNNY

A man went into a fish market and asked the man behind the counter to throw him the largest salmon he had. The man behind the counter asked how do you want it cleaned the customer said don't clean it just throw it to me so I can take it to my friends and say that I caught it.

From: The Benny Hill Show





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