

MICHIGAN ONTARIO MUSKIE CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

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M.O.M.C 2008 Year End Results

- 1.) Mike Pittiglio – Muskie Mania –
41.45 lbs. – 55 ¼” length – 22 ½” girth
(MOMC “Top 5” & “Cash Year End” prizes – NOT eligible – Rule 4.2, Capt./Open – NO)
- 2.) Keith Jones – Impatient
38.75 lbs. – 53 3/8” length – 22” girth
(MOMC “Top 5” – 1st, “Cash Year End” – 1st, Capt./Open – 1st, Largest Registered Release – 1st)
- 3.) Jason Frame – Rock Star
38.35 lbs. – 52” length – 23” girth
(MOMC “Top 5” – 2nd, “Cash Year End” – 2nd)
- 4.) Kevin Wieczorek – Zapped
37.80 lbs. – 53 5/8” length – 23 ¼” girth
(MOMC “Top 5” - 3rd, “Cash Year End” – 3rd)
- 5.) Ed Pascua – Medicine Man
37.40 lbs. – 53 5/8” length – 21 ½” girth
(MOMC “Top 5” – 4th)
- 6.) Mike Hurley – Reel Lucky
37.25 lbs. – 52 7/8” length – 22” girth
(MOMC “Top 5” – 5th)

2008 Annual Awards Banquet

The 2008 MOMC Annual Awards Banquet will be held January 24th at the Italian American Cultural Society. The IACS is located at 43843 Romeo Plank Rd., Clinton Twp., 48038 - just behind Partridge Creek Mall. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served family style at 7:30 p.m.

The menu for this years awards banquet is an antipasto table, rolls and butter, house salad, penne pasta with meat sauce, garden medley vegetables, oven roasted potatoes, chicken marsala, roast sirloin with mushroom sauce and chocolate mousse for dessert.

You can purchase tickets by mail or by contacting any director. They will cost \$40 in advance or \$45 at the door. All senior citizens can purchase their ticket for \$35. We are looking forward to having this year's event at the IACS. Please join us for a great night out full of dancing, prizes and fishing stories!!

If you or you employer would like to donate a prize for the banquet, please contact any director for information. Contact numbers are listed in the yearbook or you can send an e-mail to the MOMC website - www.lscmomc.com. Any donations would be greatly appreciated.

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Directors Meeting:

Director's meetings are held at Gilbert's Lodge on the second Tuesday of each month. They start at 7:30 pm and are open to the general membership.

TEN TIPS FOR A WINTER TACKLEBOX "OVERHAUL"

After a spring, summer and fall of hard use, your tackle is showing some wear and tear. Now with winter approaching, BoatU.S. has these ten tips for a winter tacklebox "overhaul" that will get you ready for next season, and keep you focused on fishing while the waters are frozen over.

1. Take a look at all of your lures. There are likely a few you never got wet. Here's an idea: Get some lure paint from a fishing craft store such as Jann's Netcraft and change the color of the lure to match up closer to ones that produce. If you don't want to do that, just give them to a kid to use or another fishing buddy.
2. Next, examine the hooks on your crankbaits and topwaters and replace them or sharpen. With spinnerbaits, sharpen hooks and take a look at the rubber skirts. Replace them if necessary. A tip: Tying some nylon thread above the rubber collar on the skirt will keep it in place.
3. Organize. Inventory. Stocking tackle over the winter gives you a great running start in the spring.
4. If you're a bit more organized, you can take your reels apart to clean, grease and oil.
5. If you decide to remove the line completely from a reel, you don't want to re-spool until you go fishing again next spring as line memory makes it harder to cast. Another school of thought that may save a little time and money is to not remove all of the line, leaving some "backing," or a permanent length of line on the reel. This way, you don't have to replace all of the line every year. To leave the correct length of backing, make one long cast and then cut the line. Then tie the lure or weight on and make a second long cast, cut the line, and repeat this process one more time. Now that you've gotten about three cast-lengths of line removed from the reel, you're ready to tie your new line onto the end of the backing line. No matter which route you go, try to recycle your discarded fishing line.
6. Back to the reel. After you clean the exterior, pay attention to areas where line passes. On baitcasting reels, it's the line guide. Use a Q-Tip or pipecleaner dipped in WD-40. For spinning reels, it's the line roller. To lubricate, put a drop of oil or grease on the worm gear, on the spinning reel line roller, and on the bail pivot points. It's also a good idea to clean the handles and oil the axles.

TEN TIPS FOR A WINTER TACKLEBOX "OVERHAUL" cont.

7. For rods, check the guides and wraps. If a guide has a scratch, nick, or groove, replace it. If the guide wraps are loose or exposed, repair this area.
8. Winter is also a good time to take a hard look at what you're carrying in your tacklebox. Is there something in there you don't use? Something you've needed? Winter allows you the time to research new lures, or even a new tacklebox.
9. Beyond tackle, there are a few other items you may want to think about having in your tacklebox: basic first-aid items, an extra mini-flashlight, spare knife, a small bottle of bug repellent, an emergency space blanket, and perhaps some extra cordage.
10. This last tip isn't for your tacklebox, but it's an important one and should be done every year. If you use inflatable life jackets, test and replace re-arm kits in the fall when we revert back to Standard Time. That way, it helps to remember to change smoke detector batteries and re-arm life jackets at the same time.

MOMC – 2008 Calendar of Events

- Oct. 22nd General Membership Meeting
7:30 PM @ VFW Bruce Post
St. Clair Shores**
- Jan. 24th, 2009 Annual Awards Banquet
Italian American Cultural Society
Clinton Twp.**
- Jan. 28th, 2009 General Membership Meeting
7:30 PM @ VFW Bruce Post
St. Clair Shores-Elections**

January Elections Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held at the VFW Bruce Post on January 28, 2009 @ 7:30 pm. We will be covering issues that were discussed @ the October General Membership meeting and bringing some of the issues to a close along with discussing some new topics.

Also, during this meeting, we will be holding our elections for the Board of Directors. There will be several positions available for the coming year. We need some great people to continue the awesome progress of the MOMC. Your vote counts – please be there.

MOMC Classifieds

- 1988 28' Wellcraft Coastal - 10' beam - Twin 350 Crusader Inboards - Fully equipped - 1100 hours – Asking \$12,950 – Contact Mike McMonigle @ (586) 954-9328

- Moved out of state – Approx. 400 new & used muskie baits – also other misc. equipment (rods, reels, other baits) – For all you hunters: 10 acres of prime hunting land in thumb near Crosswell for sale - \$65,000 – Contact Jared Frank (586) 215-1905 or (305) 743-3385

- 1989 Tiara Pursuit – 25.5' – Center console cuddy – Twin outboard – Trailer - \$29,900 – see craigslist: sale-818934488@craigslist.org

- Homer LeBlanc memorabilia Hand carved and painted autographed lures, paintings, carvings, etc. for more info call Kevin 586-771-8817.

If you would like to place an add in the MOMC Classified section you can contact any director or call Christine Soulliere @ (586) 634-0296 with your info.

2008 Yearbook

The MOMC has already started to put the annual Year Book together. If you have “Good” photos, please send them to the MOMC P.O. Box – P.O. Box 361, St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. On the back of the photo please write your name, address, size of fish, where it was caught, etc. The Board of Directors will be working hard the next few months putting together the 2008 Year Book so please help out & send in your pictures!!

If you would like to renew your add or place a new add in the yearbook please contact any director.

Boat US Discount

The MOMC is an affiliate with Boat US. If you are an MOMC member and would like to join Boat US you will receive a 50% discount on your yearly membership dues. The regular cost is \$25 and for MOMC members it is \$12.50. Our Cooperating Group Profile is: GA83799B. Please take advantage of this great offer.

HOW TO AVOID THE SIX MOST COMMON BOAT WINTERIZING MISTAKES FROM BOAT US

1. Failure to winterize the engine: Freezing temperatures occur in all 50 states and while they are taken seriously up north, it's the balmy states of California, Florida, Texas, Alabama and Georgia where boaters are most likely to have freeze-related damage to engine blocks. It routinely occurs to boats stored ashore here. Boats left in a slip are less susceptible to sudden freezing as the surrounding water retains heat longer than air.

2. Failure to drain water from sea strainer: If your winterizing plan calls for draining the engine, the seawater strainer must be winterized or residual water could freeze and rupture the watertight seal. Sometimes you won't know it's damaged until spring launching and water begins to trickle in.

3. Failure to close seacocks: For boats left in the water, leaving seacocks open over the winter is like going on extended vacation without locking the house. If a thru-hull cannot be closed, the vessel must be stored ashore - the sole exception is cockpit drains. Heavy snow loads can also force your boat under, allowing water to enter thru-hulls that are normally well above the water line.

4. Clogged petcocks: Engine cooling system petcocks clogged by rust or other debris can prevent water from fully draining. If one is plugged, try using a coat hanger to clear the blockage or use the engine's intake hose to flush anti-freeze through the system.

5. Leaving open boats in the water over winter: Boats with large open cockpits or low freeboard can easily be pushed underwater by the weight of accumulated ice and snow. Always store them ashore.

6. Using biminis or dodgers as winter storage covers: A cover that protects the crew from the sun does a lousy job protecting the boat from freezing rain and snow. Unlike a bonafide winter cover, biminis and dodgers tend to rip apart and age prematurely by the effects of winter weather.

To get a free copy of the BoatU.S. Winterizing Guide full of tips to help you prepare your vessel for the winter, go to <http://www.BoatUS.com/seaworthy/winter>, or call 800-283-2883.

2008 - Top 6 Registered Fish

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth	Location	Released
Mike Pittigilio	Muskie Mania	41.45 lbs	55 ¼"	22 ½"	Weather Buoy	YES
Keith Jones	Impatient	38.75 lbs	53 3/8"	22"	Mid-Lake	YES
Jason Frame	Rock Star	38.35 lbs	52"	23"	Dumps	YES
Kevin Wieczorek	Zapped	37.80 lbs	53 5/8"	23 ¼"	Ruscom	NO
Ed Pascua	Medicine Man	37.40 lbs	53 5/8"	21 ½"	Mid-Lake	NO
Mike Hurley	Reel Lucky	37.25 lbs	52 7/8"	22"		NO

2008 - MOMC Year End / Side Bet

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth	Lure	Color
Keith Jones	Impatient	38.75 lbs	53 3/8"	22"	Loke	St. Lawrence
Jason Frame	Rock Star	38.35 lbs	52"	23"	Loke	WB Perch
Kevin Wieczorek	Zapped	37.80 lbs	53 5/8"	23 ¼"	Nils	007

2008 - Captain / Open Side Bet

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth
Keith Jones	Impatient	38.75 lbs	53 3/8"	22"

2008 - Largest Registered Release

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth
Keith Jones	Impatient	38.75 lbs	53 3/8"	22"

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