

2017 MOMC Newsletter 60 years of Sport Fishing

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News and events:

Spring Walleye Classic Sponsored by Ameriprise Financial

Captains meeting Apr 28 @ DYC 6 pm registration
Tournament Apr 30 @ 6:30 am after boat inspections. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

May 24th General Membership Meeting - 7:00 pm VFW Bruce Post - St. Clair Shores

FOR MONTHLY TOURNAMENTS, THERE WILL BE A 6PM FRIDAY CUT OFF FOR BOATS ENTERING INTO THE SIDE BETS. GUESTS CAN BE ENTERED THROUGH THE WEEKEND. YOU MUST SHOW A COPY OF YOUR RECEIPT TO THE WEIGHMASTER IF YOU ARE A LATE ENTRY OR GUEST. IF THE GUEST HAS NOT PAID, THEY MUST IMMEDIATELY PAY THE WEIGHMASTER BEFORE ANY FISH IS WEIGHED IN.

WE ARE RE-IMPLEMENTING THE 5% CREDIT CARD CONVENIENCE COST.

WE WOULD LIKE ALL YEARBOOK ADS IN BY APR 15 SO THEY CAN BE READY FOR THE MAY MEETING.

All Side BETS will be \$50 in 2017 reverting back to our 2015 costs.

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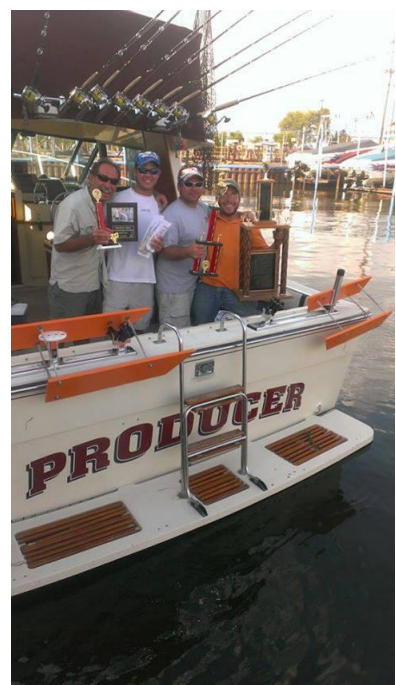
RIP Vic Sr.

CRETU, Viorel, "Vic" April 1, 2017 Age 59. Loving and adored son of Ion and Anuica Cretu. Dearest beloved brother of Stella Mahn. Also survived by his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, niece, nephew, many extended family members, and countless friends.

We lost a good one MOMC members. Vic Cretu was a good man, great captain, and hard fisherman. He taught many eastsiders the art of fishing including his sons, Chris and Vic Jr. He piloted PRODUCER for many years on Lake St Clair.

Vic was a businessman in Detroit for many years. He was one of the original owners of US Auto. He was very active in the community and had a passion for fishing. Many kids from Metro Beach to Ford's Cove learned the art of muskie fishing from this man. He wasn't the most hardcore guy on the lake, but he produced.

Vic was an active participant in our Special Olympics Tournament. He always sponsored his boat for this great cause. When Vic first fell ill, he demanded Steve Bacha captain the Producer for this tournament and Operation Musk-E-Meet. His impact was felt even when he was fighting an awful disease.



NOTICE



Spring Commissioning Advice

- ✓ Check all thru-hull fittings – Look for cracks and deterioration
- ✓ Inspect Hose Clamps
- ✓ Inspect or replace impellers on engine raw water pump
- ✓ Inspect Bilge Pump float switch
- ✓ Check bellows in stern drive
- ✓ Check shore power cords and receptacles
- ✓ Check for Corrosion and clean
- ✓ Check Bad Hoses
- ✓ Check for trailer corrosion
- ✓ Routinely pull dipsticks

MOMC's Response to the DNR proposed changes to the Muskie regulations. (Specifically the Catch Immediate Release For all lakes year around)

Michigan Department of Natural Resources,

As we embark on the 2017 muskellunge season on Lake St Clair our club has been made aware that some proposals to change the regulations of the muskellunge fishery in the State of Michigan have come to the table. As one of the oldest Muskellunge clubs in the country and our state, with over 60 years of history and multiple Fresh Water Hall of Fame members, we believe we should interject with our clubs opinion. We believe some of these proposed changes could be a detriment to the species, the food chain, and the natural production of the muskellunge. We believe the proposed Catch Immediate Release (CIR) of the muskie for the entire year would be during times the muskie needs our help the most, during the pre and post spawn. We also believe that winter catches would be detrimental as these are weak and lethargic times for the species. If we can rewind a few years, Lake St Clair had a muskie die off due to the VHS Virus which started during the winter of 2005 when muskie were at their weakest. We also know that no other state in the US allows pre thru post spawn fishing of muskie in a natural reproduction lake. These are the times of the year these fish need our help.

We do understand there is a monetary opportunity for our state because of our fish stocking programs and the sale of licenses. We believe disturbing the cycle of life would be of harm to the muskie and harm to the long term revenues muskie could generate if managed properly. You cannot truly fish for Muskie when the ice is up and you would have a limited group who would attempt it. You will have more coast guard and local emergency response calls on Lake St Clair that could offset any revenue from ice fishing for muskie. We also believe this could open the door to spearing later on down the line. With the fish in a weakened state during these times and the lack of table fare for muskie meat, we believe most mortality during the CIR times will go to waste and only hurt muskie populations specifically in reproduction lakes.

Lake St Clair fish numbers balance themselves naturally. There are very few lakes in the United States that you can theoretically catch a trophy fish ranging from the perch all the way to the sturgeon. We got this way with the current muskie season starting in June and ending on December 15th and the Michigan Ontario Muskie Club promoting CR during the season with strict protection guidelines during the winter and pre spawn thru post spawn. We have biologist net survey records showing muskie population levels. We do not believe our muskie numbers are too high or a detriment to other game fish. We worked sides by side with Ellen Spooner, a University of Michigan graduate student, on the muskellunge diet. She found the following;

- **Results**

Overall 167 muskellunge were sampled and 77% of them had empty stomachs. A total of 40 individual prey were found across all muskellunge stomachs sampled, and all were fish. Two muskellunge contained two fish in their stomachs, and one muskellunge contained three fish. Three of the prey were too digested to identify, and two could only be identified to class (Actinopterygii); these were eliminated from diet analyses. The identified prey were from

eight families. White bass (Morone chrysops) was the most commonly found prey species, with 8 out of 35 individuals, and Moronidae was the family most represented in muskellunge stomachs with 9 individuals. Catostomidae and Cyprinidae were the second most frequent families represented in the diet with eight individuals each (Table 1). In Lake St. Clair, Cyprinidae was the most common family and Centrarchidae was second most abundant (Figure 2).

There was a significant difference between prey species relative abundance and frequency of species in the diet (Figure 3) ($p < 0.05$). Moronidae comprised 26% of muskellunge diet but only 1.4% of the fish community in Lake St. Clair. White sucker was the second most common prey item found, but made up only 0.083% of fish community composition. Cyprinidae comprised 23% of the muskellunge diet and they made up 68% of the fish community in Lake St. Clair, while Sciaenidae composed 8% of the diet and only 0.08% of the fish community. Only a single yellow perch (Percidae) was found in a muskellunge, while they comprised 1.7% of the Lake St. Clair fish community. Only a single fish in the Esocidae family, which include northern pike, was found in muskellunge diet. Therefore, a total of 6% of muskellunge diet was comprised of 14

families that contain the main sport fish. Total length of prey consumed was correlated with the total length of muskellunge ($P < 0.05$) (Figure 4). Prey fish ranged in size from 6-43% of muskellunge total length and the average prey items were 25% of the length of a muskellunge.

Excerpt From Ellen Spooners thesis submitted for the degree of Master of Science (Natural Resources and Environment) at the University of Michigan August 2016

Many other clubs that represent other game fish believe perch numbers or bass numbers are down based on the muskellunge. With this evidence, we would disagree. We believe the success of other game fish and the size of these game fish are directly correlated with the success of the muskie population. This success is due to the protection times during winter, pre spawn thru post spawn. We have observed a weak bass season the last few years in Lake St Clair because it has been open to CIR during the spawn.

We believe the correlation in size of game fish helps breed stronger species of game fish in general. As we have observed, as the apex predator grows, its competition grows as well. This is nature's way of breeding strong species from top to bottom. If we look back and reference MOMC statistics in 1987 our top five fish weighed in at; 32lbs 14oz, 32 lbs 7oz, 31lbs 2oz, 29lbs 14oz, and 29lbs 7 oz. In contrast, 2016 results were 37.65 lbs., 37.20lbs, 36.65lbs, 36.45lbs, and 36.4lbs. We believe this success has to do with the current seasons and strict guidelines set by DNR biologists of no fishing in the winter and pre thru post spawn times.

In conclusion, we would recommend to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources that they move all lakes that hold muskie to a June through December 15th season. We would suggest that no CIR be enacted at all for the entire state. We would recommend that if any decisions were to be made and exceptions were given, that all natural breeding lakes, such as Lake St Clair and the adjoining rivers (St Clair and Detroit River) are protected with the utmost care during the winter and the pre and post spawn times. We must not only protect this watershed from pollution, but we have to conserve the great fishery of Lake St Clair that our club has worked so hard to protect for the last 61 years.

We thank you for the opportunity to interject our observations and recommendations for the State of Michigan and the Lake St Clair watershed.

President Brad Smith 586-601-8229

Director Eric Woodhouse 586-945-0390

And the entire MOMC Board of Directors

We would like to start a club directory of the businesses our club members own and classifieds. This will be a great service to provide answers to questions you have, services you need, and a name you can recognize. We will include Charters, Lure makers, Landscapers, home builders, electricians, boat repair, marinas, ETC. If you would like your service listed or a classified ad, please send your information to Woody at murdoc9595@comcast.net

CLUB Notes

Please be advised, the club's address is:
21817 Bon Heur St.
St Clair Shores, MI 48081

Please email pictures and label them to be included in yearbook (name, boat, size of fish) DIRECTOR@LSCMOMC.COM

We will have all store inventory on sale at the next meeting. We will be selling new MOMC gear!

Update your email address with us so you get a newsletter by emailing DIRECTOR@LSCMOMC.COM

PLEASE CONTACT A DIRECTOR IF YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE OR EMAIL MURDOC9595@COMCAST.NET

Members with Guests must notify a MOMC board member (President, VP Secretary, Treasurer or weigh master) or Registered on PayPal should be paid (if possible) before 8:00 a.m Saturday for the monthly derby.

You can follow club activities, standings, and photos on the Michigan Ontario Muskie Club Facebook page.

**** No Minimum Length in CPR ****

Please include the number for the weekend and 2017 in your picture. No transfer of fish from boat to boat for measuring purposes.

Join the club online through Paypal

Let um Go, Let um Grow...

Michigan Corner...

AMID PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS, MUCC IS FIGHTING FOR THE GREAT LAKES

A couple weeks ago, a leaked early federal budget draft showed a 97% cut in the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). Today, the official Trump administration budget proposal was released showing a total elimination of funding for the program which has pumped \$2 billion into the Great Lakes region since 2009 for wetland restoration, pollution cleanup and invasive species control, for example. Michigan United Conservation Clubs isn't taking it sitting down, though: our Executive Director Dan Eichinger spoke in front of the U.S. Capitol steps yesterday about why the GLRI is so important for hunting and fishing in the region.

Eichinger is in Washington, DC with Michigan United Conservation Clubs Board of Directors member Greg Peter, from the Chelsea Rod and Gun Club, as part of Great Lakes Day, organized by the Healing Our Waters - Great Lakes Coalition. The coalition is composed of more than 150 organizations from around the Great Lakes region, many of whom sent members to lobby Congress for Great Lakes funding, especially the GLRI. Speaking to the coalition yesterday during a public rally in front of the Capitol, Eichinger said:

"Every human being who lives in Michigan is touched by these waters. The resources that we depend on for our recreation are so culturally significant to those of us who hunt and fish in the Great Lakes State. But beyond that, the Great Lakes represent a huge component of the \$4 billion economy that is driven by hunters and anglers in the State of Michigan. And that story is true not only in our state, but in our sister states all across the Great Lakes region.

Having clean air, having clean water, having healthy and vibrant lakes drove the rebirth of an industrial state like Michigan so that now one of the fastest-growing segments of our economy is our tourism industry, and that's driven by the communities that overlook lakes that have been fully restored. We have abundant and diverse fisheries that are only possible because of programs like the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and we have waterfowl populations that are at record numbers now, more than at any time over the course of the last hundred years because we have diligently restored our marsh and wetland communities.

All that work is possible because of GLRI. The sportsmen's community supports this work, supports this program, and we support our brother and sister organizations in fighting this fight with you."

This morning members of Michigan's Congressional delegation including Congressman Jack Berman (R-MI), Congressman Bill Huizinga (R-MI), Congressman Sandy Levin (D-MI), Congressman Dan Kildee (D-MI), Congresswoman Debbie Dingell (D-MI) and Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence (D-MI) spoke in support of the GLRI at a congressional breakfast. Members of both parties from the Congressional Great Lakes Task Force sent a letter to President Trump in February asking for full \$300 million funding for the GLRI.

Congress must approve any final budget, so we will work with Michigan's bipartisan Congressional delegation to see that the final budget fully funds the GLRI.

Find contact information for your Congressman or Congresswoman here to let them know that Great Lakes restoration is a priority to you!

Club Member News

Both Tim Schwark and Brian Werthmann are looking for **FISH T'HANKS**. If you have one to sell, contact Tim @ 586-322-2647 or Brian @ 313-806-4812 Let um Go Let um Grow

Get well soon Tim Schwark

Happy Birthday Woody (This one is a little self serving LOL)

PLEASE, if you have news to share about club members, let a director know or email Woody @ murdoc9595@comcast.net

Update your email address with the club so you are receiving monthly newsletters!

DIRECTOR@LSCMOMC.COM

Or murdoc9595@comcast.net

Tournament Talk

SEE FLYER FOR WALLEYE CLASSIC ON NEXT PAGE. THANK YOU AMERIPRISE FINANCIAL's Eric Woodhouse FOR BEING OUR SPONSOR.



10th Annual Michigan Ontario Muskie Club

Spring Walleye Classic

Sponsored by Ameriprise Financial
Sunday – Apr 30, 2017



Heaviest Five (5) Walleye Combined - per Team

Fishing Hours – 6:30am to 1:30pm (*Shotgun Start @ 6:30am from DYC)

Weigh-In Time - 2:00pm @ Detroit Yacht Club

Awards Ceremony & Catered Lunch @ 3pm

Cash Prize Money - 1st, 2nd & 3rd

Entry Cost \$50/Angler - 4 Angler Max per Boat

Heaviest Walleye Side Bet - \$20/Boat

Entry Open to the Public – Capped @ 75 Boats (so mail yours in early)

Mandatory Captain's Meeting Friday April 28, 2017 @ DYC

6- 6:30 pm Registration *** 6:30-7pm Captain's Meeting**

See Reverse Side for Rules

For Additional Information check us out at www.lscmomc.com

Contact Information - director@lscmomc.com

ALL PAYMENTS TO BE MADE IN CASH AT CAPTAIN'S MEETING.

Boat/Team Name: _____ Total Anglers @\$50/ea: _____

Captain's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Angler 2: _____

Angler 3: _____

Angler 4: _____

Largest Walleye Side Bet @\$20: Yes No (Please Circle One)

All Entries Must Be Received by April 30, 2017
10th Annual MOMC – Spring Walleye Classic

Rules & Regulations

1. All participants agree to accept **ALL** decisions made by a three judge panel.
2. All boats must pass inspection, prior to tournament start. Boats will be inspected in the water, at the Detroit Yacht Club, from 5:00 – 6:15am. After inspection, the captain **IS** required to sign in for their crew, with the MOMC inspector, and pick up your fish tags. Teams **NOT** signed in or have **NOT** tagged their fish, will **NOT** be eligible to register their catch.
3. Shotgun start at 6:30am from DYC. Fishing hours are from tournament start until 1:30pm, May 1, 2016. All captains must be in line **AT** the official MOMC Weigh Station (DYC), no later than 2:00pm, with your five (5) tagged heaviest fish. Late arrivals will **NOT** be eligible to register their fish. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
4. All fish must be caught between 6:30am and 1:30pm on April 30, 2017 in order to be eligible. Your fish must be fresh and tagged with the tags provided during inspection, in order to be entered. (Alive and breathing would be helpful!!) The three judge panel will determine the freshness of all fish turned in. We are promoting catch and release of any walleyes entered, if you are able to ensure a safe release please help grow the population.
5. Only one (1) angler limit of five (**5**) walleye will count towards your team's official registered catch. Culling **IS** permitted during fishing hours. Walleye must be 15" or longer to be eligible, in the interest of conservation & preservation.
6. All waters of the Detroit River are open for fishing, during the MOMC Spring Walleye Classic. Specific boundaries are waters West of the Lake St Clair 35ft Racon Light, and North of the Green D33 Channel Marker at the mouth of Lake Erie. (Yes – Sturgeon Hole is open to fishing!!!)
7. The amount of cash prize is dependent on the total number of entries, minus the total expense of the derby. The heaviest registered catch wins the grand prize. Pay outs for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places will be awarded. The heaviest single walleye will be used as tie breaker for heaviest registered catch.
8. The Calcutta for the largest single walleye will be determined by WEIGHT. Tie breaker for the Calcutta will be determined by the longest length of the heaviest walleye.
9. Only legal means of angling may be used to harvest walleye, as identified by the MDNR & OMNR.
10. The tournament committee reserves the right to inspect and/or dissect any walleye which is suspected to have been fraudulently enhanced, by any method. Enhanced fish **WILL** result in immediate team disqualification, and loss of all entry fees.
11. **ALL** tournament participants must conduct themselves in an appropriate sportsmanlike manner, so as to bring a favorable impression on the MOMC & DYC. Failure to do so could result in disqualification from the tournament.
12. Protests must be written, signed and presented by the Team Captain, along with a \$100 "No BS" retainer. Protests received must be submitted no later than 15 minutes after closing of the scales. Retainer will be returned **IF** the protest is found to be valid. Otherwise, retainer becomes property of the MOMC general fund.
13. Any tournament participants found in violation of the above rules can be disqualified from the tournament.

NOTES:

MOMC Derby Control will monitor VHF – Channel 80.

Participants **ARE** allowed to have their legal limit of walleye, per angler, in possession. Please keep these separate from the five (5) fish you plan to enter.

All registered walleye will be fin clipped, after being weighed, to prevent trade offs.

In keeping with an era gone by, we believe and you agree, to accept all liability for everything concerning you. Your crew accepts liability for themselves and the organizers accept responsibilities for nothing.

Thanks for participating and good luck fishing!!!

Heart Attack: First Aid

We are in the beginning stages of organizing a certified CPR and First Aid class that is American Heart Assoc. approved this Spring. We will keep you abreast of the time and date. This will count for USCG captain requirements and healthcare worker requirements.

[By Mayo Clinic Staff](#)

Someone having a heart attack may experience any or all of the following:

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness or squeezing pain in the center of the chest
- Discomfort or pain spreading beyond the chest to the shoulders, neck, jaw, teeth, or one or both arms, or occasionally upper abdomen
- Shortness of breath
- Lightheadedness, dizziness, fainting
- Sweating
- Nausea
- A heart attack generally causes chest pain for more than 15 minutes, but it can also have no symptoms at all. Many people who experience a heart attack have warning signs hours, days or weeks in advance.

What to do if you or someone else may be having a heart attack

- **Call 911 or your local medical emergency number.** Don't ignore or attempt to tough out the symptoms of a heart attack for more than five minutes. If you don't have access to emergency medical services, have a neighbor or a friend drive you to the nearest hospital. Drive yourself only as a last resort, and realize that it places you and others at risk when you drive under these circumstances.
- **Chew and swallow an aspirin,** unless you are allergic to aspirin or have been told by your doctor never to take aspirin. But seek emergency help first, such as calling 911.
- **Take nitroglycerin,** if prescribed. If you think you're having a heart attack and your doctor has previously prescribed nitroglycerin for you, take it as directed. Do not take anyone else's nitroglycerin, because that could put you in more danger.
- **Begin CPR if the person is unconscious.** If you're with a person who might be having a heart attack and he or she is unconscious, tell the 911 dispatcher or another emergency medical specialist. You may be advised to begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). If you haven't received CPR training, doctors recommend skipping mouth-to-mouth rescue breathing and performing only chest compressions (about 100 per minute). The dispatcher can instruct you in the proper procedures until help arrives.
- **If an automated external defibrillator (AED) is available** and the person is unconscious, begin CPR while the device is retrieved and set up. Attach the device and follow instructions that will be provided by the AED after it has evaluated the person's condition.

ATTENTION ANGLERS: NEW MUSKELLUNGE STUDY



DNR Lake St. Clair Fisheries Research Station and Lake Erie Management Unit

May 2016

Help needed for Muskellunge tagging study

In order to understand the movements and behavior of Muskellunge and their associated fishery within the St. Clair-Detroit River System the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is launching a new study. The first step for this study begins this spring when a small number of Muskies (~20) will be tagged during the DNR's annual spring egg take in the Detroit River. Each fish will receive an internal acoustic tag which is automatically detected by listening stations deployed throughout the region. An **ORANGE** external FLOY tag will also be attached below the dorsal fin (see photos below). If you catch a tagged Muskie and plan to release it: please **DO NOT** remove the tag. Please record the tag number and contact Jan-Michael Hessenauer at (586) 465-4771 ext 35 or email: hessenauerj1@michigan.gov. If you harvest a tagged Muskie please remove the acoustic tag (approximate location shown below) and report the tag as per above. Reporting of tagged fish is greatly appreciated and will maximize the benefit of this study to the management of fisheries in the St. Clair-Detroit River System. Thank you!

If you catch a tagged Muskie

and plan to release it:

-Please DO NOT remove the tag

Please Record:

-The tag number

-Location of capture

-Time of capture

Call / Email:

Jan-Michael Hessenauer

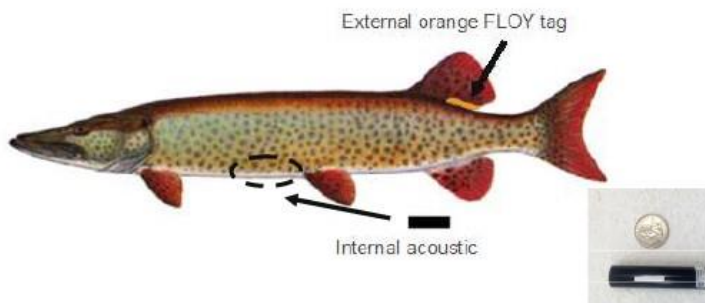
Michigan DNR

(586) 465-4771 ext 35

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A close up of FLOY tag attached under the dorsal fin of tagged individuals



Approximate location of internal acoustic tag (insert) and external FLOY tag of tagged fish



A close up of FLOY tag attached below dorsal fin

Rules and Regulations

A reminder for all in the CPR division, you must measure your fish with your board on your boat. Sharing of boards or transfer of fish to other boats is not permitted. The CPR rules are not their own separate rules. They are additions to the MOMC general rule book. The transfer of fish can only happen in extenuating circumstances approved by a third party director who is not the fisherman or 2nd boat. Extenuating circumstances include medical emergencies and boat mechanical troubles.



MOMC Tales

"Name the boat," the captain said
"Please name the boat before I'm dead!"
I always do what he commands
So here I am with pen in hand

"Give her a name we've never heard
But don't confuse us with your words
Make it clever, but fairly plain
How hard can it be to find a name
To suit this boat, this saucy lass
Who's sleek and trim and rather fast?"

I think of places we have been:
Cape Ann, Mystic, and Fairhaven
We've had two Knots, do we want a third?
(Though it can be a clever word)
Forget Me Knot once graced our transom
Certainly Knot might look as handsome
Knot Again and Knot This Time
Are just two more that fit my rhyme

I could name her for some fowl
We've had a Sparrow, but not an owl
A reference to age might work best
Heaven Can Wait or Eternal Rest

Perhaps a name with salty flair:
Sea Chanty, Sea Saw, Mermaid's Chair
There's Two By Two of Noah's fame
Two If By Sea was once our name
Blessed Event, Never Ending Story
Come from our days of youthful glory

As we travel west and north
Trouble seems to dog our course
If we survive and still are sane
I'll vote to name her Calamity Jane

My head is now spinning, my hand's growing weak
Where is the Perfection that I seek?
Please give me Patience, a little Endurance
I think I just need some self-assurance

I know that a boat name can't say it all
It just has to work as a radio call
Something to put on our documentation
That speaks rather well of our reputation
Could somebody famous lend us his name?
Maybe not Cap'n Crunch, but
There's always Mark Twain

Through every porthole the sun has now risen
Please find me a cure for my indecision
Another day, another list
Will there be no end to this?

What would please my jolly skipper?
Sun Salutation or Big Dipper
River Dance, Yonder, Fare Thee Well
Would Happiness Project ring his bell?
What would look good with our port of call?
How about nothing — nothing at all?

Aweigh We Go in morning mist
Naming boats is hit or miss
I swear before we end this day
I'll choose a name, Come What May

Good Captain, sit down, tie yourself to the mast
I've chosen a name for this vessel at last
I christen her Moondance; that is her name
If people don't like it, I'll take the blame

Choosing this name did not come with ease
You haven't exactly been easy to please
But "Moon" as a nickname gives us a way
To honor your sister, that rag bagger Kay
Whose face was round and full of light
Especially when sailing the waters so bright
And when you're ready to sell her come some future June
You can announce to your broker "I'm over the Moon!"

By: Cheryl Culshaw

2017 - M.O.M.C. Calendar of Events

March 22nd	General Membership Meeting - 7:00 pm VFW Bruce Post - St. Clair Shores
April 30th	10th Annual MOMC Spring Walleye Classic Detroit Yacht Club - Detroit, Michigan Captain's Meeting 6pm April 28th at 7PM D.Y.C.
May 24th	General Membership Meeting - 7:00 pm VFW Bruce Post - St. Clair Shores
June 3rd & 4th	Joe LePage Classic Scale & Dinner Tom's Gas Dock @ Miller Marina
June 20th	22nd Annual - Special Olympics Charity Derby Grosse Pointe Yacht Club Capt. Meeting 7pm on 19th at G.P.Y.C.
July 8th & 9th	Homer Lablanc Muskies Derby Scale & Dinner @ Shore Club South
TBD	Tod Stanton Youth Derby Shore Club- St. Clair Shores
August 12th & 13th	Bill Maertens 40lb Derby & Summer Slam Scale @ Belle River Marina - Belle River Ontario Dinner @ Toms Gas Dock Miller Marina for awards
August 27th	8th Annual Operation Musk-E-Meet Shore Club- St. Clair Shores
September 9th & 10th	Joe Pierce Memorial Derby Scale & Dinner @ Tom's Gas Dock Miller Marina
October 13th	General Membership Meeting - 7:00 pm Big Dog Captain's meeting 7:00 pm VFW Bruce Post - St. Clair Shores
October 14th & 15th	John Mullett "Big Dog" and Ken Valley Memorial Scale @ Belle River and Dinner @Tom's Gas Dock at Miller Marina - SCS
January 24th, 2018	General Membership Meeting & election - 7:00 pm VFW Bruce Post - St. Clair Shores
Feb 10th 2018	Annual Awards Banquet Lakeland Banquet Center - St. Clair Shores <i>* Tournament location and menu items subject to change by the MOMC Board of Directors</i>

Monthly Derby Weigh In times are:

9:00 am to 8:00 pm Saturday / 8:00 am to 2:00 pm Sunday

Awards Presentation 3:00 pm Sunday at Tournament Headquarters

Monthly Tournament standings are announced on Ch. 80 on the hour and updated when Muskies is registered
Show Radio courtesy near and during announcements

Keep the Lake Clean

Be a part of
the solution!

Eurasian Watermilfoil

Silver Carp

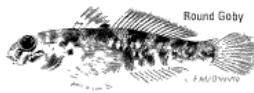
Aquatic Hitchhikers



Volunteer cleaning boat propeller
Ann Arbor

Invasive aquatic animals and plants are spreading at alarming rates by hitching rides with anglers and boaters. Whenever boaters leave a body of water without cleaning their recreational equipment, they may be transporting one of these harmful creatures from one lake or stream to another. A few invasive species are highlighted in this brochure.

ROUND GOBIES are bottom-dwelling fish that compete with native fish, like sculpins and log perch. They're also aggressive egg predators – feeding on the eggs of other fish, such as smallmouth bass and walleye, contributing to the potential decline of many valuable sport fish populations.



Round Goby

ASIAN CARP, including the high-jumping silver carp and the voracious bighead carp, pose a serious threat to native species.

Canals and other connections to the Mississippi River Basin could allow Asian carp into the Great Lakes. Boaters and anglers can do their part to avoid accidentally transporting carp eggs, larvae, and young in bilge water, livewells or bait buckets.



Silver Carp

ZEBRA and QUAGGA MUSSELS feed extensively on algae and plankton, thereby disrupting the delicate balance of the entire aquatic ecosystem.

Just because they make the water clearer by eating plankton doesn't mean they're good for lakes! In addition to changing the food web, the filter-feeding invasives build up contaminants in their bodies, which in turn, exposes other animals to higher levels of contaminants. They have been known to attach onto and kill native species of mussels. While zebra mussels can colonize any hard object, quagga mussels are far more versatile. They can live in colder, deeper water and thrive on a sandy lake bottom.

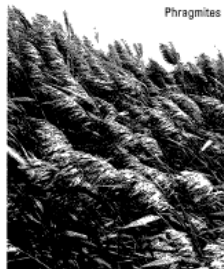


Quagga mussel



Zebra mussel

EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL, PHRAGMITES AUSTRALIS and PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE are invasive aquatic plants that also endanger our waters and wetlands. While they may look harmless, these plants can crowd out native plants and take over large areas quickly. Milfoil, a submerged plant, often gets wrapped around boat propellers. It's important to clean plants like Eurasian watermilfoil off of your boat and trailer because they can reproduce in new areas from a strand as little as two inches long.



Phragmites

Found Something Strange?

The Great Lakes Aquatic Non-indigenous Species Information System (GLANSIS) website is your one-stop portal for Great Lakes invaders. If you find an invasive species while boating or fishing, check GLANSIS first for:

- Identification information to verify if it is a native or non-native species.
- Fact sheets about invasive species impacts.
- Collection details: has this species been documented before in this body of water?
- Link to a reporting form to help scientists track the spread of aquatic non-native species.
- GLANSIS:
www.glerl.noaa.gov/res/Programs/glansis

Additional Information

- Michigan Sea Grant:
www.miseagrant.umich.edu/ais
- Department of Environmental Quality:
www.michigan.gov/deq
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A Precious Way of Life.

For many of us, fishing, swimming and boating in cool, clear waters is one of life's pleasures. Today, these waters are under attack by invasive fishes, mussels and plants. Native to places like Europe and Asia, many non-native species came to the Great Lakes in the ballast waters of large ships. These "aquatic hitchhikers" have done irreparable harm to lakes, rivers and wetlands throughout the Great Lakes region.

If you have been cruising across your favorite lake and tangled your propeller in milfoil, you know how annoying invasive species can be. But their impact goes way beyond annoying — they put our native species and ecosystems in serious jeopardy.

Sometimes it's not what you see, but what you don't that counts.

The larvae of many invasive species, like zebra and quagga mussels, are often microscopic and, therefore, easy to overlook. These tiny organisms can live for days in moist environments and can be easily spread without knowing it. Anglers, boaters, birders, hikers and anyone who enjoys our Great Lakes can play a part in keeping our waters healthy by following the Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers recommendations, see back panel.



**STOP AQUATIC
HITCHHIKERS!**

www.ProtectYourWaters.net

**Prevent transport of aquatic invasive species.
Clean ALL recreational equipment.**

BEFORE launching... BEFORE leaving:

- ✓ **INSPECT** watercraft, trailer and other equipment.
- ✓ **REMOVE** visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels other animals, and mud before leaving any water access.
- ✓ **DRAIN** water from boat, bilge and livewell by removing drain plug and opening all water draining devices. Regulations require this when leaving any body of water in Michigan.
- ✓ **DISPOSE** of unwanted bait (including minnows, fish parts, worms, and roe) in the trash.
- ✓ **SPRAY/RINSE** recreational equipment with high pressure and/or hot water (120°F/50°C or higher), OR
- ✓ **DRY** everything at least five days before going to other waters.

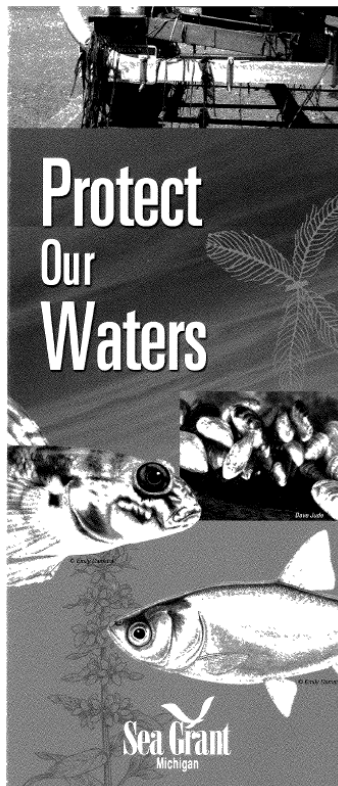
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