

2017 MOMC Newsletter 60 years of Sportfishing February Volume 11 Issue 1



News and events:

March General Membership
Wed Mar 22 and Lure Swap

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

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Miller Marina
FUEL DOCK

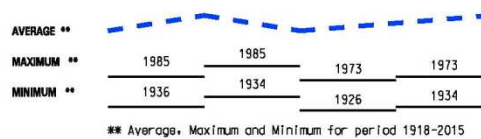
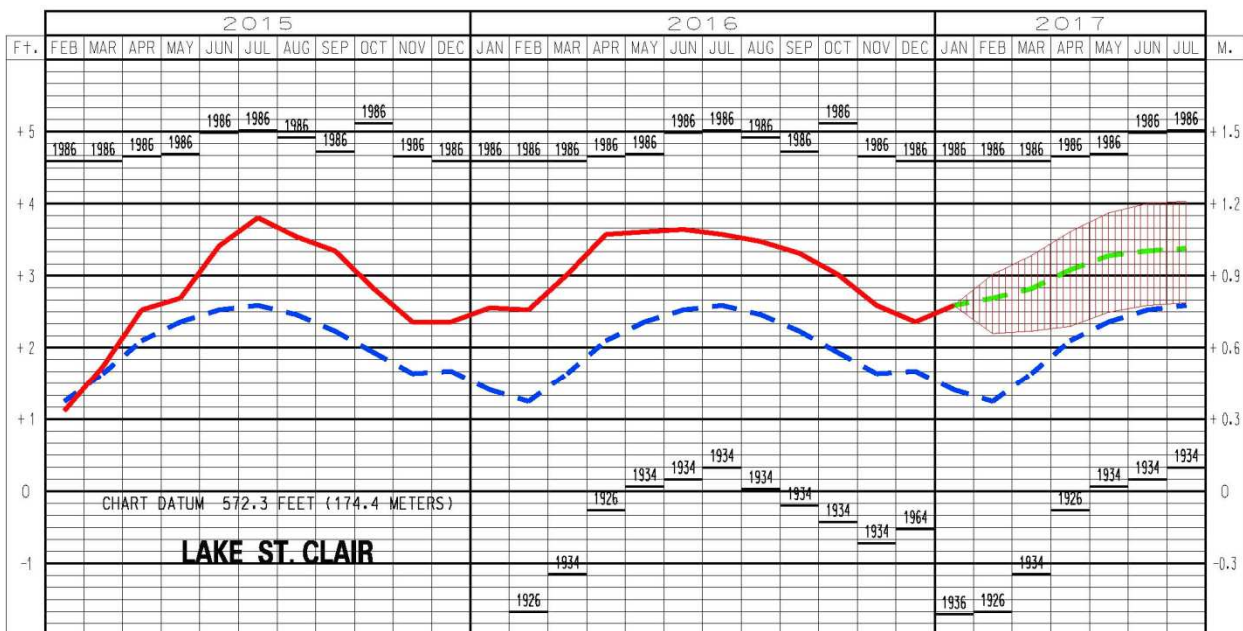
Some of the items you can find at our Gas Dock include: Cold Beer, Cold & Hot Subs, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Chili & Ice Cream. Our 91 oct fuel has no ethanol, we also have 87 oct and diesel.



NOTICE



LAKE ST. CLAIR WATER LEVELS - FEBRUARY 2017



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... From the MUCC

Congressman Dan Kildee (MI-05), flanked by sports fishermen and conservationists at Red Fox Outfitters in Fenton, today announced that he has introduced new legislation in Congress to ban harmful aquaculture practices in both the Great Lakes and federally designated "Wild and Scenic Rivers," which includes the Au Sable River. The new bills are part of Congressman Kildee's continued efforts to protect the Great Lakes and Michigan's rivers from pollution, disease and invasive species.

Aquaculture is the commercial raising of fish in ponds, rivers or lakes. If not done correctly, it has been shown to increase pollution, destroy sensitive fish habitats, spread disease and introduce non-native species. Sadly, other states have seen polluted waterways that have crippled local economies as a result of bad aquaculture practices. A commercial fish farm facility in Pennsylvania on Big Spring Creek – once a famous trout stream – [collapsed the region's fishing industry](#) in the 1970s.

"Like many Michiganders, I have fond memories spending time up north on the lakes or fishing in the river with my family. For everyone in our state, our water is precious, and that's why we have to always protect it from harm. Whether it is invasive species like Asian Carp, Canada's plan to store nuclear waste on the shore of the Great Lakes or commercial fish farming, I will always fight to protect Michigan's freshwater and the vital jobs that depend on it," said Congressman Kildee.

Currently, a commercial aquaculture facility near Grayling has a state-issued permit, through the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, to expand its fish farming operation by 15 times its current size. The expansion will pollute the "Holy Waters" of the Au Sable River, one of Michigan's 16 rivers designated a ["Wild and Scenic River"](#) by the federal government based on its unique ecosystems and pristine scenery.

Congressman Kildee's two bills include:

The Ban Aquaculture in the Great Lakes Act, which would ban aquaculture facilities in the Great Lakes, ending the current patchwork of state laws that attempt to regulate such commercial fishing.

The Preserving Fishing on Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, which would ban aquaculture facilities on Wild and Scenic Rivers and its tributaries, such as the Au Sable River, unless such facilities are shown not to discharge pollutants into the river.

Banning aquaculture has support from a vast majority of Michiganders, as well as lawmakers and conservation groups. According to a [recent poll](#), 68 percent of Michiganders oppose aquaculture in the Great Lakes. Additionally, this issue is not a partisan one; Republicans in the Michigan Legislature have previously introduced legislation to ban aquaculture in the Great Lakes and in Michigan waterways

Congressman Kildee's legislation also has support from the Anglers of the Au Sable, Michigan Trout Unlimited, Michigan United Conservation Clubs, Michigan Salmon and Steelhead Association and For the Love of Water (FLOW).

"Anglers of the Au Sable applauds Congressman Kildee for addressing an overlooked Great Lakes water issue, the introduction of pollutants by fish farms into the Lakes and connecting waterways," said Tom Baird, president of the organization that focuses on improving fishing on the Au Sable River. "It is vital that fish farms be operated in a way that protects the cleanliness of our rivers and lakes, which are in a delicate balance easily tipped by addition of wastes from aquaculture done improperly. Flow through systems that use rivers as virtually open sewers are of particular concern to those of us who fish for trout, which need clean, cold water to thrive. This legislation would ensure only properly regulated fish farms which don't pollute are allowed on designated rivers."

"The Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermen's Association is one of the largest sport fishing organizations in the Great Lakes Basin. Our mission is to protect, promote and enhance sport fishing in the Great Lakes and connecting water ways. We are proud to support legislation to prohibit aquaculture in the Great Lakes and to prohibit aquaculture operations that contribute to pollution of wild and scenic rivers," said Dennis Eade, Executive Director of the Michigan Steelhead & Salmon Fishermen's Association.

"We appreciate Congressman Kildee's leadership on this very important sportsmen's issue. Aquaculture facilities across the globe that are connected to public water bodies have proven to be disastrous for water quality and fish health. Our \$4 billion fishery in Michigan drives local economies, creates jobs, and connects millions of Michigan citizens to our long and storied heritage as the premier fishing destination in North America," said Dan Eichinger, Executive Director of Michigan United Conservation Clubs, in a statement.

Club Member News

Prayers to Richard the Weigh Master with his recent surgery

Happy Birthday past President Scott D'Eath.

Tim Schwark is looking for a Fish T'hanks for sale.



We received a nice pic from our friends at the HW/GP SOM at one of their events we helped fund

We send our condolences to Dave Clark and his family on the loss of his mother Rowena

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!
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Tournament Talk

Congratulations to our 2016 anglers.

Dave Herschelmann

Chris Ardanowski

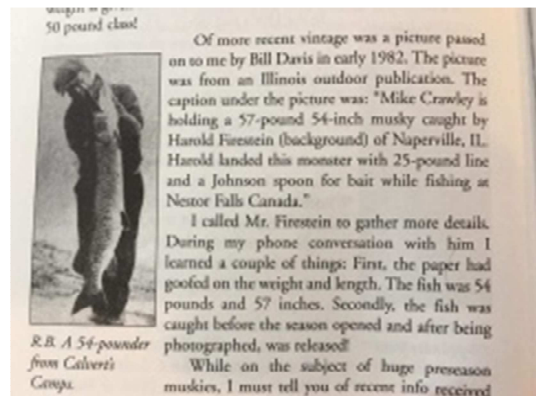
Ray Testori

Scott D'Eath

Jerry Zobal

Spencer Berman

RIP to Harold Firestein. Harold is the uncle of Matt Catfish Firestein. You can see where Matt gets his hunger for Muskie. The club sends their best to the Firestein Family.



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

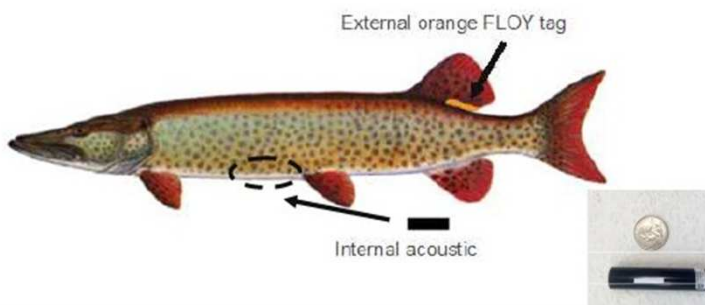
Michigan DNR

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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

Yachtsman's Creed

You will kindly observe the following rules. It will be a hell of a lot easier and more comfortable for the crew. After all, who's boat is this?

1. Keep your feet of the teak.
2. Don't smoke while the crew gasses up. It can get hot in here fast.
3. Don't Panic, your skipper is a pro and is more capable than you.
4. Use the head, not over the rail. You are not an animal.
5. Watch the gel coat.
6. Don't piss on my floor. Hit the head.
7. If someone gets too noisy, don't hesitate to hit him with a whiskey bottle
8. No cigarette butts in the water, you are housebroken.
9. No loose hooks in the cockpit.
10. Don't ask the following;
 - Where are we?
 - What time do we eat?
 - What time do we dock?
 - Does the Radio work?
 - How's the weather looking? (HELL, THEY DON'T KNOW)
11. No mixed company in the head. Men only or women only
12. Watch the God Damn gel coat
13. If you don't like the food, the hell with you. Captain's choice.
14. Don't put anything in the head you haven't already swallowed.
15. Watch the God damn gel coat.
16. Be thankful if you arrive anywhere. The boat ride is enough.
17. The crew exits first and always ask to come aboard.
18. Shut up
19. If your feet get wet, don't fear. If you ain't wet you ain't fishin
20. Don't get sea sick
21. Don't use all the water, it is in a tank.
22. Don't expect the beer to be cold. Bring ice.
23. Watch the gel coat.

Captain Harold Mink
The Reel Mink
1978

(Found in a garage in St Clair Shores and reprinted)

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 Muskie 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 Muskie 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
Aeri Housh

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.

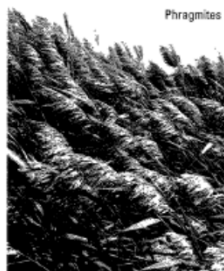


Quagga mussel



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
- National Protect Your Waters:
www.ProtectYourWaters.net



CLUB BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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EMAIL murdoc9595@comcast.net to add your info

BODY SHOPS/Auto Parts

Cass Collision – Brent Wojcik www.casscollision.com

(586)-463-3601

US Auto – Brad Horton www.usautosterlingheights.com/

(586)-731-1616 Sterling Hts
(313)-894-1194 Detroit Location

PHARMACY

Bloomfield Pharmacy – Ed Pascua www.bloomfieldpharmacypontiac.com/

(248)-334-7700

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. – Eric Woodhouse, MBA Associate Vice President Financial Advisor
101 W Big Beaver Ste 425 Troy, MI 48084 www.ameripriseadvisors.com/eric.a.woodhouse/

(248)-925-4357

Charter Captains

Fish HeadZ – Joel Piatek www.fishheadz.com/Fish_Headz.html

(586)-243-0914

Heatwave Charters – Craig Miller www.heatwavecharters.com/

(586)-242-1032

Medicine Man Charters – Ed Pascua www.medicinemancharters.com/


(734)-709-2766

Muskie Mania Sportfishing – Mike Pittiglio www.muskiemaniacharters.com/

(586)-260-4068

BigFish Charter Services – Tom Loy www.bigfishes2@gmail.com

(810)-580-9252




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 found 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.**

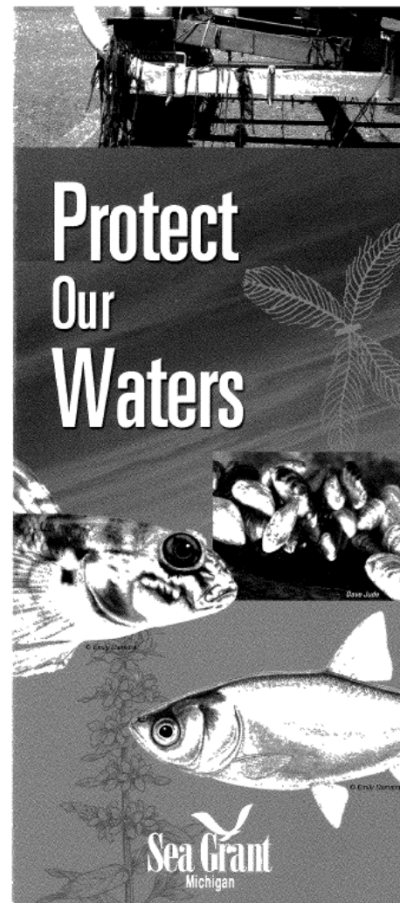
BEFORE launching... BEFORE leaving:

- ✓ **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.

Great Lakes RESTORATION

Sea Grant
Michigan

Michigan Sea Grant helps to foster economic growth and protect Michigan's coastal, Great Lakes resources through education, research and outreach. A collaborative effort of the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, Michigan Sea Grant is part of the NOAA-National Sea Grant network of 32 university-based programs.
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Protect Our Waters

Sea Grant
Michigan

Classifieds

If you would like to add a FREE classified contact Eric "Woody" Woodhouse 586- 945-0390 or MURDOC9595@comcast.net

2017 Standings

Side Bet

CPR

Captain's Open



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