

2016 MOMC Newsletter 60 years of Sportfishing

August Volume 10 Issue 6



News and events:

Aug 27th and 28th Operation Musk-E-Meet Shore club Apartments (9 Mile Tower)

Captains Meeting at 7pm at Shore Club on the 27th.
If you know of any sponsors who would like to get involved with the Musk-E-Meet, please let Greg Virga or Lenny Baumgarten know.

Sept 10 and 11th Joe Pierce Memorial Derby Tom's Gas Dock @ Miller Marina

2016 Board of Directors

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Check out an archived 1963 Muskie Tales newsletter in this issue!

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SPECIAL OLYMPICS



NOTICE



OLD BUSINESS

Please do your best in bringing in all weighable fish as soon as possible. Please keep the health of the fish in mind. We understand how hectic tournament days are with many fish coming in. Holding a fish works both ways. It could save them a trip in but it could also cause a trip in for a fish that is already beat in your tank. Please use your best judgment in keeping tournament fish healthy.

Please direct all questions regarding CPR to Lynn Baumgartner, Ed Pascua, or Kurt Nowicki. They are your chairmen this year. Kurt will supply all CPR numbers prior to the tournament on Facebook and will announce it ASAP the morning of the tournament.

Please do your best in keeping the mouth closed in all CPR photos. Closed mouth fish will generally get priority over open mouth fish. We understand the dynamics with waves and a jumpy fish.

Make sure all CPR photos are in before 3 pm Sunday for all tournaments. Please do your best in getting the photo on the laptop. Most cords to phone, SD cards, and email (if WIFI is available) will work in getting it to the laptop. Laptop photos will take priority over cell phone photos in very close instances.

The 2016 yearbook is being worked on. We are sorry for the inconvenience. We had some technical difficulties.

New Business

Congratulations to the winners of the 2016 Muskie Bash Off the Hook. We are proud to boast our club members took 1st, 2nd (Big Fish, Tom Loy), and 3rd (Huntress, Matt Mueller). Congratulations to all and thank you for representing our club.



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 60 yr commemorative 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 2016 in your picture.

Join the club online through Paypal

Let um Go, Let um Grow...

MUCC Corner...

Invasive Species | Federal Grant Awarded for Detroit River Invasive Species Removal

By Mikaylah Heffernan, MUCC Resource Policy Assistant

U.S. Senators Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters announced recently that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is awarding \$4.8 million to restore habitats along the Detroit River, part of the Friends of the Detroit River Stony Island Habitat Restoration Project.

The award will go to Friends of the Detroit River, a nonprofit citizen action group, to help complete more acreage of habitat restoration than any previous restoration effort. Stony Island is located in an area that is referred to as the Detroit River Area of Concern. This area of the river serves as an important spawning places in western Lake Erie. Ensuring the health and sustainability of habitats around Stony Island will allow fish and wildlife to flourish once again, making the Detroit River a destination for anglers and all who enjoy Michigan's natural beauty.

This project will focus on invasive species removal alongside the habitat restoration and conservation. An earlier program along the river, funded by the EPA and run by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Friends of the Detroit River, focused on invasive species removal. Completed in January of 2016, this project completed a comprehensive aquatic invasive species control and outreach program on Belle Isle, which is a historic island park and significant recreation area in the Detroit River. The plan was designed to protect the island's diverse ecosystem and the completed habitat restoration projects funded by the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. In its first year, the program had already resulted in the removal of over fifty-three acres of invasive species from the area.

The health of Belle Isle, Stony Island, and the Detroit River is important to the well-being of Michigan's natural resources and waterways, and all three are favored fishing sites for those in the city or nearby. Grants and programs like this will help to support, strengthen, and sustain healthy habitats, so that fish and wildlife can flourish once again, making the Detroit River and all our waterways, a top destination for all who enjoy Michigan's natural beauty.



Club Member News

This is the 60th year of the MOMC's Existence. There have been many friends, families, and memories made through this club and this great lake we live on. Let's continue this great tradition.

We hope Dave Herschelman had a great birthday!!!!

Congratulations Terry Lapanowski on your retirement! Now you have more time to make baits!!!

Keep weigh master Richard Bachran in your prayers as he was in a serious car accident in June. Get well soon!

Congrats to Gregg Virga on 18 yrs of marriage bliss on Sept 18.

Congrats to Tim Schwark on his USCG Captain's license and his new job at Michigan Marine Salvage.

Happy 75th Tom Loy!!!!

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

If you have a traveling trophy and need it updated, please get it to Lance Koester for updating.

Update your email address with the club so you are receiving monthly newsletters!
DIRECTOR@LSCMOMC.COM
Or murdoc9595@comcast.net

Tournament Talk

The Bill Maertens 40lb Derby and Summer Slam is in the books. Good old mother nature turned it on for all the participants this year! We want to thank all of our Canadian friends for participating this year and the Belle River marina for their hospitality.

The winds, rain, heat, and humidity wrecked havoc on all of the fleet Saturday. We had a busy day at the scales with the barometer going crazy! Thank you Lance for being the weigh master for the event. We had 6 fish hitting the scales with the smallest being 31.5 lbs by Liquid Sedation's Denis Andeleon. We also had runner fish by Brad Smith and Harold Herschelman. Great job teams!!!

Thank you Scott Murray for chairing the event this month. Fast Eddies had some BBW ribs and chicken for all to enjoy on Sunday. The sausage and peppers were great additions. Thank you to all you helped in the clean up at the end of the event. We appreciate everyone's hard work.

And now the results:

1st Place Scott D'Eath on Hot Shot 3 - 36.45lbs

2nd Place Matt Morsiglio on Family Tradition – 33.8lbs

3rd place Matt Morsiglio on Family Tradition – 33.7lbs

CPR – Jason Quintano 52 ½"

CONGRALUTIONS!



MORE FROM THE DERBY



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.

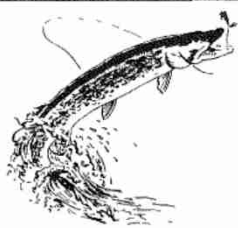
[By Mayo Clinic Staff](#)

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.



MUSKIE TALES



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FOURTEEN OUNCES SHY

by Larry Helin

Just having returned from a fantastic journey to the Arctic Circle, I must admit that I have not been able to get into the swing of local fishing. Instead, I have been busy preparing some 3000 feet of movie film that my partner, John Kohlberg, a Muskies Club member, and I exposed on the trip. I hope to be showing these movies to everyone at one of our general membership meetings.

For those who may be interested, this is the type adventure you would never forget. Bear Lake, the headquarters for our stay, is a plush spot for such a remote part of the world. 21,000 square miles of water, make up this lake bordering the Arctic Circle. (About the same size as Lake Michigan). There are only two camps on the entire lake, which is just teeming with lake trout. With the sun shining brightly almost 22 hours a day, we fished late into the night most of the time. Our first encounter with these fish, just a short time after our arrival, yielded 17 trout. We were casting from the first point, just a short way from camp. They averaged well over ten pounds each. Two of the men at camp bettered the 40 pound mark, which is quite a fish for anyone.

After a fast two hour boat ride, we were catching the famous Arctic Grayling. The White Eagle Falls, emptying into the Camsell River provided the scenic surroundings as we landed countless numbers of these scrappy fish. During our first day of this, we were fortunate in landing six, of about three pounds each. Here is where the ultra-light spinning equipment can be really appreciated. Getting one of these fish hooked in the rapids, with a four pound test line, is the greatest of thrills.

The biggest thrill of all without a doubt, was our side trip for Arctic Char. To describe this fish on paper, as to its fighting qualities or its beauty, would surely be cheating it from its rightful place among fresh water game fish. Words cannot express the fighting heart of these Char, as they almost kill themselves in their efforts to gain their



freedom. The newly discovered Tree River, which empties into the Arctic Ocean, provided the setting for this fishing. A twin engine float plane took us 200 miles north of Bear Lake, where we were smoothly set down in the Coronation Gulf, in the heart of a small Eskimo settlement. A few miles up the river and we were soon casting from the shore, completely across the 100 foot wide river. The supreme moment of our three day stay there, even above the 1000 pounds of Char we caught, were the two big ones I was fortunate in landing. One of the Char I caught was only 14 ounces shy of the world's record, and weighed 23 1/2 pounds. The Char is a brilliantly colored member of the brook trout family, and you should have seen the gaudy red and orange breeding colors of the male Char.

To say the least, it was one of the greatest fishing thrills I had ever experienced, and a trip I will never forget. In case you are interested, the cost was \$7000.00 from Winnipeg, Manitoba. Anyone wanting to go, let me know, as I may organize a group trip for next year.

MUSKIE - MARES

by Ted Baker

The thrill of Muskies fishing begins the evening before. True Muskies fishermen dream of a 40 or 50 pounder. Mental pictures begin to take shape, and your dream becomes a reality. Suddenly, some unimportant event happens in the house that shatters your dream. You can't wait to get back to where you left off. Time begins to drag. You decide to retire early so you are fully rested for the next day. You are sure everything is laid out and ready for an early start, but you go mentally over and over the list. You don't want to forget anything. Finally you are convinced, and crawl into bed.

Now, my friends, trying times begin. Sleep is beyond you. You roll and toss, look at the clock, get up and have a cigarette, look out the window, and then, back to bed you go. Bedtime becomes a nightmare. You realize tomorrow you will be sleepy, but who cares. While waiting for the alarm, you doze off and sleep overtakes you. Holy smokes! The alarm goes off and you jump up. It's daylight and for some unknown reason, you're wide awake. You dress hurriedly, grab a cup of coffee, gather your gear, pack it in your car, and away you go.

The boat comes into view, then soon, you are on board. Fever pitch begins to mount as the boat leaves for open water. Lines are rigged and placed, and fishing now becomes a serious business. Time begins to pass, and you get groggy from lack of sleep the night before. Your head starts to bob, then you look up—finally stand up, and look for other boats. You see the pack, steer into the

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PARTY TIME

Don't forget our Annual Party—December 7, 1963 at 5:30 p.m. at Roma Hall—10 Mile and Gratiot. Have you got enough tickets? If not, mail a check to the Club's post office box and we will send them to you.

Many thanks to Kay Ladig, who is our Club's representative in the Keep Detroit Clean Program.



LOU MALINAK, President
—Photo by Joe LaPage

Lou's Lines

by Lou Malinak

The use of markers to mark the area where a Muskie had struck has been a controversial subject among Members in the Club. Some fishermen refuse to use them because they act like a magnet, drawing all the boats in the Lake. They feel they are giving away their favorite fishing hole. A marker will certainly attract other fishermen, but I believe this is an advantage. The more activity in an area will attract more Muskies too. One Saturday, recently, acting like an educated donkey, I threw a marker overboard in an area that I had trolled carefully for two hours to see what would happen. It drew fourteen boats into the area almost immediately. In the next hour, much to my amazement, 5 Muskies were boated within a half mile radius of the marker. What caused the Muskie to hit in an area which I had covered without success? It had to be the whirling of the many props and lures in a concentrated area. This theory was put to use by Joe LaPage, past President, to inaugurate the first

Muskie Derby on Lake St. Clair, and from this Derby, our present Club was formed. If a Muskie Strikes, throw out a marker and troll the area within a mile of it. You definitely have the advantage over the other boats, as you know what color lure to use and what depth to fish it at. The rules of boating should be observed when converging on a marker. Circling to the starboard will prevent boats from crossing in front of each other. Do not troll right next to the marker, unless it is yours, because of the danger of snagging it. Another advantage to trolling around a marker is that the boats are turning more often, causing different lure actions. The average Muskie fisherman gets in the habit of trolling in a straight course. The experts claim that turning your boat will drop your lures down, and when you straighten out, it brings them up. If a Muskie is following, it will strike.

After observing so many gayly decorated markers, I think we should have a contest for the most original one. An empty plastic bleach container, (no commercials), sprayed with orange or yellow illuminated paint, 35 feet of line, and a 24 ounce sinker makes an inexpensive marker.

MEMBERS ATTENTION

Due to a typographical error, the name of Lou Michalski was left out of the August issue of MUSKIE TALES. The names under the photograph of our Board of Directors, should have read: "Top row, l. to r., Lou Michalski, George Kochanic, Bob Capala, Ray Cobbeldick - Editor, Paul Mobly, Al Calvin, Harlan Kieling. Front row, l. to r., Art Duprey, Jerry Antaya, Ed McCan, Ted Baker, Joe LaPage."



Dr. Williams, Mert Van and a Muskie with a bad wisdom tooth.

Muskie Tales

Muskie Tales is the official voice of the Michigan Ontario Muskie Club and is a bi-monthly publication. All current members of the M. O. M. C. receive Muskie Tales free of charge.

Editor.....Ray Cobbeldick
Editorial Assistant.....Kay Keating
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.....Joe LaPage, George Kochaniak

Muskie Tales would appreciate club member's stories and, if possible, photographs for use in Muskie Tales. All stories and photographs are submitted at the author's risk, therefore, the Club will not assume any responsibility for such articles if lost.

Congratulations To Mr. Flatfish



Thirty years ago, September 12, 1933, Charley Helin, perfected the Flatfish. His invention has resulted in countless hours of pleasure for you, and I, as fishermen. Mr. Flatfish has been more than kind to our Club as well; and we wish to take this opportunity to belatedly congratulate him on the thirtieth anniversary of his invention of the Flatfish, and to say "Thank You," for providing the general membership with an excellent meeting place.

RETURN OF LAKE ERIE WALLEYE

A good word from Lake Erie, is that the Walleyes are again being caught by the commercial fishermen in good numbers. They are only in the 13 inch to 14 inch group, but it is a good sign for the future. The most mysterious part of all, is that no one seems to know where they suddenly came from. Oh well, that's nature for you! Let's just hope they save a few for us anglers to catch with an old fashioned rod and reel.

Hats Off To...

Kay Ladig who is our clubs official representative for the MAYORS Keep DETROIT BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE.

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GEORGIAN BAY ADVENTURE

by Marie Kielsing

Tobermory, Killarney, Collins Inlet and Birch Island, were the ports of call for five Muskie Club members and their families, during a ten day Georgian Bay Cruise, the first week of August.

Hap and Ginny Aalto and family, Ken and Sandra Black, with guest, Joe Isabel, of Action Rod, Harlan and Marie Kielsing and family, Bob and Kay Ladig and family, and Ed and Jean Rowe, departed from Pointe Rosa in their respective boats. Each boat was loaded with gear and all were determined to bring back the 'big ones'.

The scenic wonders of Georgian Bay, proved to be a fairyland, with thousands of islands beautifully arrayed in pink and white rock, out of which evergreens and wild flowers grew at every crack. The numerous bays and inlets with their rock ledges and shoals provided numerous challenges for the navigators - especially, the lead boat.

Swimming was delightful in the cool water, so clear that fossils could be seen on the rocks twenty feet below. After dark, a pool was available at Killarney, where the water was heated to 72 degrees for those delightful evening dips.

Perch and bass were in abundance at every dock, and the children kept their fathers busy cleaning fish. Kay Ladig, was kept busy cooking on the grille.

A 40 pound Muskie, 30 pound Muskie, and 12 pound Pickerel were caught by the Blacks and Kielsing, down at the bottom of Collins Inlet. That day proved to be a lively one! It also produced two small Muskies, another good strike, and a visit from the ever popular game warden.

Time ran out, and everyone's departing words echoed the same thought: "Next year, two weeks for sure!"

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EDITOR'S KORNER

by

RAY COBBELDICK



Our Club needs some volunteer workers. We cannot predict what particular job needs doing right now, but we can assure you of a good time (and companionship), doing whatever is requested of you. Your Editor is aware of the diversified talent within our membership. Take, for example, the Emblem on our paper, MUSKIE TALES. This was done by Bob Reay, one of our club's members. You do not have to be artistic to help out; the only pre-requisite is the desire to give a few hours of your time to help your officers and directors - and most of all YOUR CLUB.

A few examples of where we need help is during Derbys, or going to a weigh-in station and check out the scales or, building a three-sided box with a ruler in it to measure Muskies for each of our weigh-in stations. (Any carpenters around?)

To help out all you have to do is give your name and phone number to one of the officers or directors. We will be more than happy to have you aboard. Just remember, it was the excellent job the members did during the M.U.C.C. drive, that helped put our Club's treasury in the excellent position it is now.

Canadian One Rod Law To Stay

by Larry Helin

A letter was received from the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests in answer to a request from our Muskie Club, to allow 2 rods per person or 6 per boat. They were sympathetic, but in effect, stated that 2 rods took away from the true sport of angling for Muskies. In addition, it would give the Department an impossible law enforcement problem with a one rod rule on all other types of angling. We have in the past, including myself, been able to use a liberal amount of lines, but each year, Lake St. Clair, is becoming the home for more and more Muskie anglers. With this increase, it is inevitable that some concessions will have to be made by the fishermen. I have

yet to meet any real Muskie fisherman in Lake St. Clair, who would knowingly do anything to hurt the population of these fish in the lake. It is extremely doubtful that two lines would hurt Muskie fishing. Until research proves this, however, we are all going to have to abide closer to these regulations. To say the least, too many of our members have caught with an unreasonable amount of lines out. I know for a fact, that not one has been ticketed for just using two. From now on, when you are tempted to use more lines, take along more fishermen - or, as a last resort, have more kids!

DON'T FORGET our Annual Party
December 7 at 5:30 p.m. at Roma
Hall-10 Mile and Gratiot!

MUSKIE TALES
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Jack Virga
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Detroit 5, Mich.

MUSKIE-MARES

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pack, ask a few questions like, "Any luck?" You leave the pack, and return to your own special spot. You're convinced this is the place. After all, the pack has had no luck either.

The constant rock of the boat and waiting becomes monotonous. You sip some coffee, chain smoke, and get just downright disgusted. Then it happens! The reel literally sings, you jump to your feet. You find out that you're all hands, and your feet are too big. You shake like a leaf, but you break the rod loose from the holder. You give one firm pull and set the hook. The dream of the night before is a reality! Is it a big one! The pull on the line feels good! By now, you are a little more relaxed and you really feel good. The expression on your face is all concentration. The Muskies surface and you get your first look. You're a little disappointed -- or else he looks bigger than you expected. Your fish is now beginning to tire and he comes along side. He is gaffed aboard. Now, my friends, believe me - big or just legal size, you are one happy Muskies fisherman!

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SEASON'S FINAL DERBY



At our last Muskies Derby, which was held at Sam Lico's, Lou Malinak caught a 49 inch, 18 pound 4 ounce Muskies, with a head so large that when Lou saw it in the water, he said to himself, "Here is the world's record for Lake St. Clair." Unfortunately, the body was extremely thin. Doctor Williams of the Michigan Conservation Department, examined the fish and stated that the Muskies had not eaten for at least three months. (A Muskies can go as high as six months without eating.) This Muskies should have weighed in excess of 30 pounds, but unfortunately for the Muskies, it started eating again by chewing on a wooden L.S. Flatfish. Doc also pointed out the build up of spawn in the Muskies caught at this Derby. He also requested that Club Members send in their Creel Census reports. It is important that gas pipe trips are reported as well as productive trips. Without both reports, the Census is useless. Help the Department by sending them in, and you will be helping yourself for the future.



1st
2nd
3rd

SEASON SCOREBOARD

Tom McGowan	34-1/2 lbs.
Ernie Chiesa	32 lbs.
Buck Duroucher	32 lbs.

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Thank you to the Virga family for sharing these lost treasures of the MOMC. Take a look at some of the names in this newsletter. This proves the vast history of this club and validates you as fishermen. Their accomplishments are what we are built on.

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:

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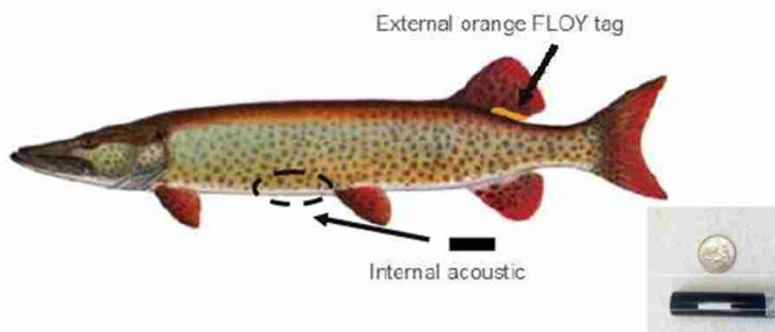
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A close up of FLOY tag attached under the dorsal fin of tagged individuals



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

Reminder, all “year end” bets are closed as of June 1st. Only monthly tournaments are available for entry at this time.

Section III – Conduct of MOMC Members

- 3.9 - During any MOMC function, all members shall conduct themselves in an appropriate SPORTSMAN like manner, so as to bring a favorable impression on the MOMC. **Failure to do so may result in penalties determined by the MOMC Board of Directors.**

We would like to remind our members that they are always, especially at an MOMC event, representing the MOMC flag. We will not tolerate cheating, unsportsmanlike behavior, intimidation, or coercion.

Sportsmanship is an aspiration or ethos that a sport or activity will be enjoyed for its own sake, with proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect, and a sense of fellowship with one's competitors.

Thank You,
2016 Board of Directors



Tug's Tales

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Greetings fellow muskie jihadists and all the ships at sea! As an aside to last months article on night fishing, my good buddy Roy and I went for a night run by the South Channel 2 weeks ago. We got 2 nice fish, which, ironically, was the exact same number as the amount of funnel clouds that formed above us. Needless to say, it was time to retreat! Always better to be safe than sorry. Just ask General Custer! haha

This month's article is a re-print of articles I wrote for North American Fisherman and Coastal Angler Miami magazines, it's just abbreviated. It shows how to go on fishing trips you didn't think you can afford. I've gone many times to Miami for a full month tarpon fishing without spending one dime on rooms, so these trips can be available to anyone willing to try my methods, although most don't take it to the extreme that I do. Hope you like the article!! Tight lines/screaming reels to you all! Tug

Recession-Proof Fishing

I have certainly spent enough time on the water to qualify as a hard-core "fishing bum". The difference between myself and most other hard fishing people is the amount of money siphoned from my possession as opposed to others. For 10 years I've taken one to three overnight fishing trips per week in my home state of Michigan for a fraction of the usual cost. The last three years I've taken month-long trips to Florida without spending one dime on rooms. How do I do it? Keep reading and I'll show you how to safely and comfortably recession-proof your fishing trips, or in other words, help you to go on trips you may not have been able to afford in the past. My methods are inexpensive and will save you a fortune over a lifetime of fishing. Whether or not you carry this to extremes like I do, these ideas work fine for just a few days in your home fishing range as well. Please be advised that not all of what you learn here is wife-friendly, so to speak. Unfortunately for me the concept of catch and release has applied to my marriages as well as my fishing!

Let's get started

Since I usually fish for muskies seventy days a year, I very quickly grew tired of the one hour drive each way to the lake and all the expense that came with it. It was then I realized by getting a cap for the truck and a mattress for the back I could stay comfortably overnight on trips to marinas and boat launches all over the state. I saved money on rooms and a fortune in fuel bills from driving back and forth constantly. Since most of us who fish a lot have a truck or van to tow their boat, you're most of the way there already. I started in a pickup but learned years ago that vans are much better suited for this application. First off you can lock yourself in a van within easy reach of your phone while it's charging, unlike a truck. That makes a van safer though I've never had a problem safety-wise in either. *Remember to always stay in a well-lit area you know to be safe.* Another advantage to a van is you can run the air or heat when need for your added comfort. It's also a much more bug-free environment. If you use a truck, be sure to spray bug spray around the tailgate cracks and seal them up from the inside with old sheets or towels. *Continued on next page*

Where to go

We all have preferred species of fish we chase and areas we go year after year. The trick is to match these areas to marinas and boat launches that have bathroom facilities or more preferably, showers. Best are marinas with showers and a boat launch. You can rent a slip for your stay and park and sleep by your boat in many instances or launch your boat each day. Either way, be nice, get to know the locals and you won't have a problem using the facilities. I don't. Many public boat launches have bathrooms with running water where you can at least wash up on your trips with shorter stays. I've spent many nights at launches and I'm sure nobody even knows I'm sleeping in the van. Be discreet and you shouldn't have a problem. One important point is to get tinted windows in either your truck or van. They make sleeping more comfortable and the privacy is well worth the cost and keeps people from seeing inside.

I also, at times, go to public places with 24 hour businesses for the night. They can provide access to restaurants, drug stores, groceries and emergency bathroom facilities, and take it from me, only rookies use a Gatorade bottle in EXTREME emergencies. Get a 35 oz. coffee creamer bottle, the top is much wider. Believe me, I'm not bragging, but wider is much more "target-friendly".

If your travels take you to where there's no shower facilities, that's where my Bally's membership comes in handy. I use it on my extended Florida trips for showering as well as working out, and for showering on my shorter localized trips too. Most health clubs will let you in on a day pass for a nominal fee. Try a trial membership if you're planning extended stays. Their introductory fees pale in comparison to the \$150 a night you'll spend in Florida for a room, just to sleep for 6 or seven hours. Local YMCA's can work too, as well as beach showers and even truck stops.

Amenities you'll need

I don't think I'm "roughing it" at all on my trips. I have a digital 12 volt color T.V. you can get at Radio Shack. A laptop is great for days you're not fishing. Get a T.V. dinner lap tray; I eat many meals in the van while I'm watching T.V. A remote start for the van allows me to start the motor and run the air or heat right from my bed. It automatically shuts the engine off after 15 minutes if I fall back asleep. A jump-pack battery booster allows me to run a 12 volt fan when needed and will start your boat or van in a pinch. I use shooter's ear protection for sleeping at times. They block out all the noise that makes it hard to sleep. A sleep mask is a good idea too.

Now you've completed "fishing bum 101" and should be ready to save a bundle of money on your future trips, whether they are short jaunts overnight, or extended trips the length of an elephant's gestational period. I only ask you take some of what I've saved you and help someone in need. Also, if you see a silver Ford van with Michigan plates, stop by and say hello. I'll be in room E 150. :))



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March 23rd	General Membership Meeting - 7:30pm VFW Bruce Post - St. Clair Shores	
April 29th, May 1	8th Annual MOMC Spring Walleye Classic Detroit Yacht Club - Detroit, Michigan	Captains Meeting 6p.m. on the 29th, tournament may 1 at the DYC
May 25th	General Membership Meeting - 7:30pm VFW Bruce Post - St. Clair Shores	
June 4th- 5th	Joe LePage Classic Tom's Gas Dock @ Miller Marina	
June 20th & 21st	20th annual Special Olympics Muskie Derby Grosse Pointe Yacht Club	Captains Meeting 7 P.M. on the 20th At the GPYC
July 9th & 10th	Homer LeBlanc Muskie Derby Shore Club South, St Clair Shores	
July 17th	Tod Stanton Youth Derby Shore Club South, St. Clair Shores , Mi	CANCELLED
August 13th & 14th	Bill Maertens 40lb Derby & Summer Slam Belle River Marina - Belle River, Ontario /	Dinner at Tom's Gas Dock
August 27th & 28th	7th Annual Operation Musk E Meet Shore Club South , St. Clair Shores, Mi	Captains Meeting 7 P.M. on the 27th At the shore club south
Sept 10th & 11th	Joe Pierce Memorial Derby Tom's Gas Dock @ Miller Marina - SCS	
October 5th	Big dog captains meeting & General Membership Meeting - 7:30pm VFW Bruce Post - St Clair Shores	Captain's mtg 6:00pm
October 8th & 9th	John Mullett "Big Dog" and Ken Valley Memorial Belle River Marina - Belle River Ont. - Dinner at Tom's Gas Dock	
Janurary, 25th 2017	General Membership Meeting & election - 7:30pm VFW Bruce Post - St. Clair Shores	
February 11th 2017	Annual Awards Banquet Lakeland Banquet Center , St. Clair Shores , Mi	

Food for thought

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Lake Erie Perch Chowder

This is a pretty standard fish chowder with some Polish flair tossed in. I of course used Lake Erie yellow perch, but any firm fish will do. Use a good chowder fish like perch, tautog, tilefish, sturgeon, cobia, California white seabass, grouper — the key is firm and white.

Most good Polish kielbasa sausage is smoked, and while you can use whatever sausage you want, make sure it is smoked. You want that flavor with the mild fish. The dill really adds something to the stew, but if you hate it, use parsley instead.

As for the sour cream, put it in a bowl at the table and let people add it to their liking; start with a heaping tablespoon. This is also a good way to make sure that the chowder has cooled enough so that the sour cream won't break. If it does break, the chowder will still taste fine, but will look ugly.

Incidentally, if you are looking for a chowder that works well with Great Lakes salmon and lake trout, try my Salmon Chowder.

Serves 8 to 10.

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cook Time: 30 minutes

- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 1 large yellow or white onion, chopped (about 2 cups)
- 1 1/2 pounds Yukon Gold or other waxy potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 quart fish or clam stock
- 2 cups water
- 1/2 teaspoon marjoram
- Salt and black pepper
- 1 1/2 pounds skinless yellow perch fillets, cut into chunks
- 6 to 8 ounces Polish kielbasa, sliced
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh dill or parsley
- 1 cup sour cream, served tableside



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1. Melt the butter in a Dutch oven or other heavy pot over medium heat. When it stops frothing, add the chopped onion and cook gently until its soft and translucent. Do not let it brown.
 2. Add the potatoes and coat with the butter. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes to let the butter absorb a bit. Sprinkle everything with salt. Pour in the fish stock, water and marjoram and add salt and pepper to taste. Simmer gently for about 20 minutes, or until the potatoes are tender.
 3. Once the potatoes are tender, add the perch and the kielbasa and simmer another 10 minutes. Turn off the heat and add the dill.
 4. Ladle into bowls and let everyone add sour cream to taste at the table. Serve with lots of beer. and some crusty bread.

Keep the Lake Clean

Be a part of the solution!

Eurasian Watermilfoil

Silver Carp

Aquatic Hitchhikers



Volunteer cleaning boat propeller
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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.



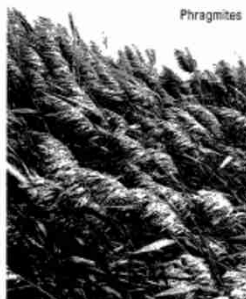
Quagga mussel



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:
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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.



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- ✓ **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.

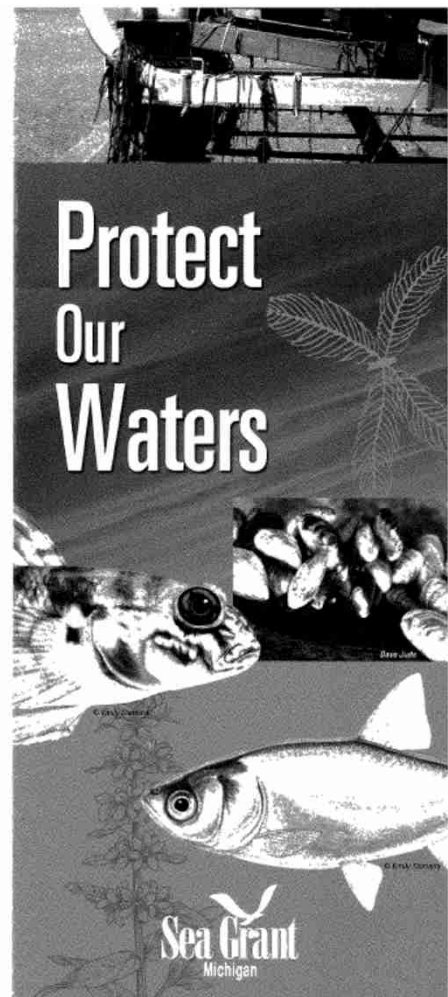
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