

2016 MOMC Newsletter 60 years of Sportfishing

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News and events:

January 25th General Membership meeting at the VFW Bruce Post

WE WILL BE ELECTING YOUR 2017 BOARD AT THAT TIME. If you think you can help the club and donate some time to make our club and our fishery better. Please come and relay your ideas.

Feb 11th Annual MOMC Banquet at Lakeland in St Clair Shores on 9 mile.

WE ARE BRINGING BACK THE BIG RAFFLE PRIZES FOR THE BANQUET!!!!

2016 Board of Directors

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Lance Koester - President
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GROSSE POINTE HARPER WOODS COMMUNITY



SPECIAL OLYMPICS



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



PARTING THOUGHTS:

As we approach the holiday season and the end of 2016 I find myself reflecting on the past . Most notably, my time in the Michigan Ontario Muskie Club. I've been a member for nearly 10 years now, the last 4 years on the board of directors. Over the years I have had the pleasure of meeting some great sportspeople and it has been my priviledge to serve the membership as president for the last 3 years. Over the course of those 3 years we've seen some wonderful changes. The board has worked tirelessly to get all our paperwork in the correct order with the government and also to get all of our financials in order. We've been able to adjust the budget and are now in good financial standing. We have made several repairs and updates to our trailer and equipment. We have embraced technology by adding a Facebook account where we can all share thoughts , pictures , and stories. We also added credit card machines for everyone's convenience. We brought back the newsletter in electronic form. Lastly, we moved the scale to the belle river for 2 tournaments a year .

We've also celebrated some huge milestones. First we celebrated our 20th Special Olympics Charity Derby . This is our flagship event created by a dedicated crew of gentlemen including Tom Jeanette whom we recently lost. Thanks to his vision and dedication this event has charged forward for over 20 years and has generated \$250,000 with countless athletes who have competed.

2016 marks our 60th anniversary. I wonder 60 years ago if that small group of fisherman could have ever dreamed that their simple club could grow and evolve into what it is now. We are one of the biggest muskie clubs in the world dedicated to the preservation of our sport, our lake, and our fellow anglers. Together over the years we have experienced many changes and growing pains. I'm convinced that is what has lead to Lake St Clair becoming a world renowned muskie fishery that frequently produces 30 plus pound fish! Over the years we have had the pleasure of working with the Michigan Department Of Natural Resources to collect data . We have been featured on several outdoor t.v. shows for our Special Olympics derby and our Musk E Meet, and most recently many of our members volunteered to help a University of Michigan grad student, Ms. Ellen Spooner, as she worked on her senior thesis on the diet of muskie. Her work was turned over to the DNR and the have been utilizing that data to educate fellow sportspeople on our fishery .

In closing, I would like to say over the course of 6 decades, we have seen many changes. As the fishery evolves so must we . We must all make a conscious effort to not only conserve our hobby, but to also insure it exists for generations to come. We must also work together to maintain a positive light on our craft. We have celebrated several additions to our next generation of fishermen and women, and we have mourned the loss of many members as well . This club could not exist without the tireless dedication of our board of directors. I can not put into words how thankful I am for the directors I've been blessed with over my tenure . I encourage everyone to shake their hands for a job well done . As we look forward to the next couple months we will celebrate the holiday and the turn of a new year. In january we will gather together to elect a new board where I will turn over the reigns to a new president . I will make myself available to the new board for any help they may need and I may consider a position as a director to ensure a smooth transition. In february we will celebrate our 2016 season with our annual awards banquet. This will be the last event for the old board and the first event for the new board to aid in .

Thank you for the opportunity and the privilege to serve you over these past few years. It has truly been my honor.

Lance Koester
M.O.M.C. president 2014 - 2016

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...

Michigan Corner...Ice fishing tips: important safety equipment for first ice ventures

December 2, 2016

by [Jason Revermann](#)

As the mercury drops, ice is beginning to form. This year we've been getting teased with cooler weather, but it just hasn't stayed cold enough yet to form good ice. That will change soon and ice fishermen will begin to test and venture out on first ice. Ice is never 100 percent safe, but if you think and use proper safety precautions you can expect to stay topside and out of the water.

Think!

Don't Push It!

When heading out on first ice, have the proper gear to check ice thickness as you venture out. You'll also want to have the appropriate safety gear available in case of emergency.

Items I consider essential when heading out on first ice include:

- Floating suit or life vest – cold water can leave you in shock and unable to get yourself out.
- Ice chisel or spud bar to test ice conditions.
- Measuring device to determine accurate ice thickness.
- Ice picks. Keep these around your neck just in case you find yourself in the water.
- Ice cleats for your boots to keep yourself upright.
- Cell phone (in a waterproof case or bag) to call for help.
- Floating throwable to assist someone else.
- Rope to assist someone else.
- A plan. Let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return.

The most important item I carry is an ice chisel, which allows me to chisel holes and check ice thickness as I proceed. I also carry something that will give me an accurate ice-thickness reading. I have marked 1-inch increments on the handle of my ice scoop to check ice thickness in the holes I chop.

I also use the chisel to strike the ice as I walk to make sure that I'm continuing on safe ice. A sharp chisel will chop through nearly 3 inches of ice with a solid blow. If my chisel doesn't go through, then neither should I. Check this for yourself to see how deep your chisel penetrates into the ice on a solid strike.

Determine what is safe for you, and never let others push you into unsafe conditions!

Often a lake won't freeze over at one time. Pay close attention to freeze lines where the lake froze at different times. This gets more difficult after snow cover, and you have to check as you go. You should be doing this anyway because not all ice is created equal.

Ice conditions can deteriorate rapidly if warmer weather, rain, or heavy snow arrives during the first few weeks of fresh ice. Think. Be careful. And stay dry!

Good luck fishing when ice arrives!

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.



Congrats Capt Craig on a nice buck



Congrats Joey Viga on a great MI buck.

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

Congratulations to our 2016 anglers.

Dave Herschelmann

Chris Ardanowski

Ray Testori

Scott D'Eath

Jerry Zabal

Spencer Berman

Please see results page for final specifics.



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

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.

*We will attach the full thesis on the MOMC website
It sure looks like Silver Bass, Chad, Suckers, and carp are the food of choice*

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

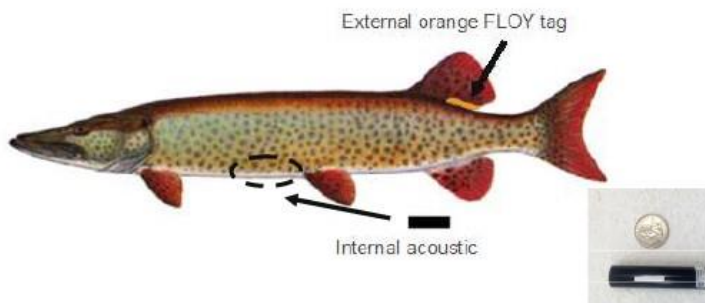
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A close up of FLOY tag attached under the dorsal fin of tagged individuals



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

Don't be a poacher...





Tug's Tales

Tug Orr muskiestud60@hotmail.com 248-568-4310

Tug is currently on tour with Buddy Guy, in his place we want to highlight Pure Michigan

Michigan is home to world-class fishing with 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, more than 11,000 inland lakes, and tens of thousands of miles and rivers and streams. With all these opportunities you're never very far from a fun-filled day on the water.

Grab a rod and head out to your spot to land a big one. Panfish, walleye, northern pike, bass, trout and salmon are popular species to target during the open water season with numerous techniques to do so.

First time anglers can take advantage of [Free Fishing Weekend](#), February 18-19, 2017 and June 10-11, 2017. All fishing license fees will be waived for these two days and residents and out-of-state visitors alike can enjoy fishing for all species of fish. The DNR also offers how-to information (including videos) and [weekly fishing reports](#) online.

Take a day, or better yet - a weekend, to head outdoors and experience the finest fishing that's Pure Michigan.

Michigan's existing state record for smallmouth bass was broken by Robert Bruce Kraemer of Treasure Island, Florida. Using night crawlers for bait, Kraemer landed a 9.98-pound, 23.10-inch smallmouth bass while out on the Indian River.

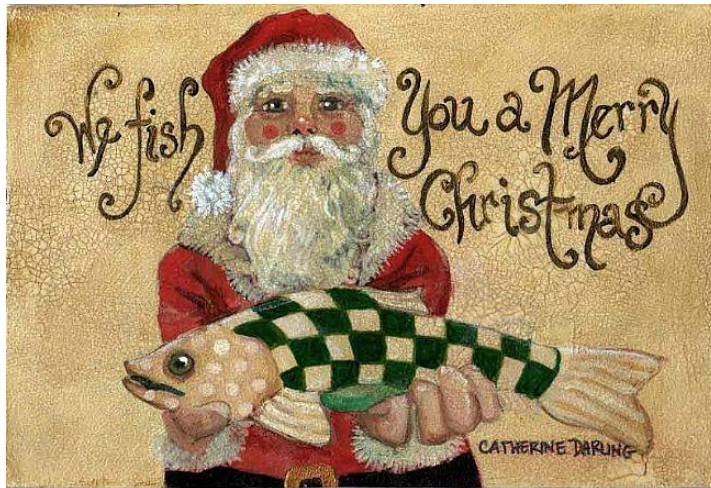
2016 calendar of events

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	
January, 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

To enter a recipe, email it to murdoc9595@comcast.net with "RECIPE" in the title

Eat Ham



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.

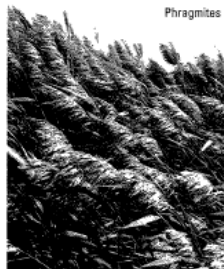


Quagga mussel



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
- National Protect Your Waters:
www.ProtectYourWaters.net



CLUB BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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(586)-731-1616 Sterling Hts
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(248)-334-7700

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(248)-925-4357

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Heatwave Charters – Craig Miller www.heatwavecharters.com/

(586)-242-1032

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

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(586)-260-4068

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(810)-580-9252



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:

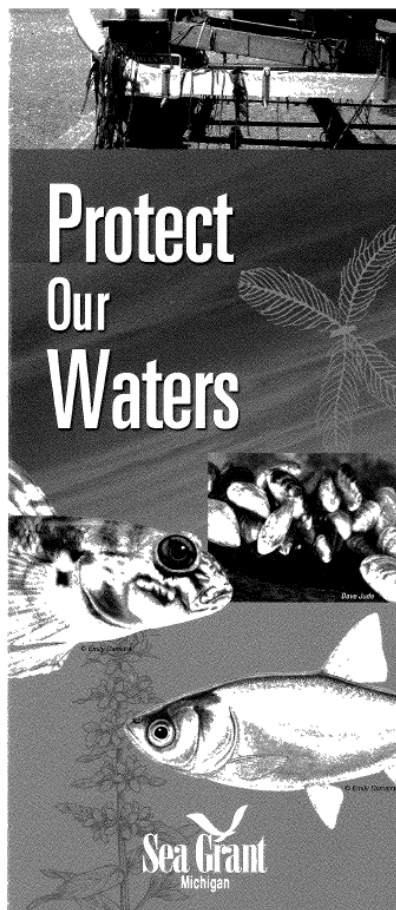
- ✓ **INSPECT** watercraft, trailer and other equipment.
- ✓ **REMOVE** visible aquatic plants, zebra mussels other animals, and mud before leaving any water access.
- ✓ **DRAIN** water from boat, bilge and livewell by removing drain plug and opening all water draining devices. Regulations require this 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.



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.

Adapted with permission, University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute

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Classifieds

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

Final 2016 Standings

1st 37.65 lbs Dave Herschermann Down Time
2nd 37.20 lbs Christian Ardanowski Trophy Hunter
3rd 36.65lbs Ray Testori YOLO
4th 36.45lbs Scott D'Eath Hot Shot 3
5th 36.4 lbs Jerry Zobal Shootout

Side Bet

37.65 lbs Dave Herschermann Down Time
36.65lbs Ray Testori YOLO
36.45lbs Scott D'Eath Hot Shot 3
36.4 lbs Jerry Zobal Shootout
36.3 lbs Paul Bennett Rocket

CPR

Spencer Berman – 55 7/8” verified 7/14/16

Captain's Open

Spencer Berman 39.25 lbs

Congratulations!



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