

2015 MOMC Newsletter

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News and events:

Please make sure you have your number placards for your cpr board . You must have them in the picture .

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

July 11-12

Homer LeBlanc Muskie Derby
Shore Club Marina -SCS

After a great opening month of the muskie season, come on out and show us what you got. We will have a great dinner and raffle for you and your family. We hope to see you on the shores of Lake St Clair honoring one of our past members.

Turn the page and read about one of the MOMC's founding Fathers.

2015 Board of Directors

Executive Board

Lance Koester	President
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Kurt Nowicki	Mark Nowicki	Ed Pascua
Tim Schwark	Greg Virga	Joey Virga
Tony Virga		

Weighmaster

Richard Bachran

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.



Homer LeBlanc

"Mr Muskie"



Homer LeBlanc was born Aug 3, 1901 in Stoney Point, Ontario. He was self educated due to his mothers death when he was 10 years old. He and his wife, Alma, had one daughter. Homer resided on the waters edge in St Clair Shores, MI. Homer was a guide, lure designer, manufacturer, author, and lecturer in the muskie business. Without a doubt, Homer has the reputation of being the greatest all-time Muskie fisherman in America.

It is said the Homer Le Blanc caught his first legal muskie at age 5 in 1906. Since that time estimations are he had taken between 3,500 and 4,000 legal muskie, some weighing up to 56 lbs. Known as the "Father of Muksie Fishing," Homer has become a legendary figure along the shores of Lake St Clair. In the mid 1950's, Homer designed and tested a number of his own creations. In 1958 he hit upon a classic creation, which became the Swim Whizz. He manufactured lures until 1969 when he sold his business to Best Tackle Co. His charter service thrived for many years and is still active today in name through his grand son Kevin Backus. <http://www.mrmuskiecharters.com/>

His book, Muskie Fishing: Fact and Fancy Lore and Lures, should be required reading for any muskie novice. The home spun humor and lighthearted seriousness of his book make it as entertaining as it is factual.

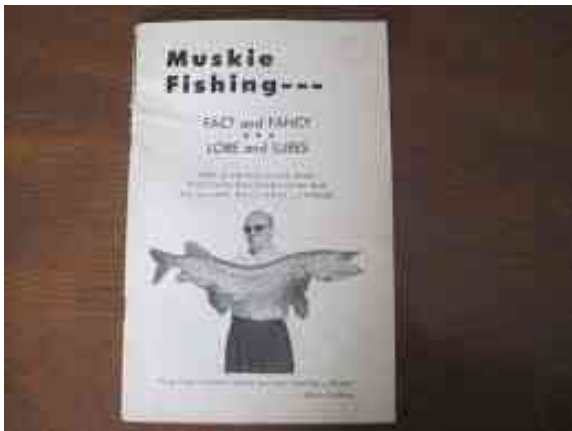
Homer was one of the founders of the M.O.M.C. He was also a member of the Ontario Walleye Club and the National Fishing Lure Collectors Club. Homer preached C&R to help build the strength of the muskie we have today. He was elected to the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame on September 11, 1986.

Homer always said to not throw things away as they could be made into a lure! He was a seasoned wood worker and carved his own duck decoys. He has many paintings still in circulation. He owned a dance hall called Graceland in Lexington, MI that he later sold to The Purple Gang. He was an amateur boxer from 1924-28. He made a living as a tailor before fishing and owned a pool hall.

We lost Homer in 1993. He gave his life to the sport we know and love. He was instrumental in developing our trolling patterns we use today. Thank you Mr. Muskie.



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MUSKY HUNTING WITH A LAKE ST. CLAIR LEGEND

By Homer LeBlanc

For more information on musky fishing, visit the website www.muskyfishing.com.

Author's Bio: Homer LeBlanc is a well-known musky fishing expert and author. He has written several books on musky fishing, including 'Musky Fishing' and 'Musky Hunting with a Lake St. Clair Legend'. He is also a frequent speaker at fishing seminars and has been featured in numerous fishing magazines and newspapers.



INDUCTED LEGENDARY GUIDE
HOMER LeBLANC
 1986 - Michigan

Homer was a legendary musky guide on Michigan's famed Lake St. Clair. Homer was an author, a lure developer and maker and a teacher. Homer's famous saying was, "To catch a musky, you must think like a musky."

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 new address is: 21817 Bon Heur St. St Clair Shores, MI 48081

If you are looking to join a crew or you need a crew, please go to our Facebook page and post a message. We always have boats looking to fill spots and members looking for a ride.

As a club, we must make a concerted effort to keep our lake clean. We should collaborate with the DNR, EPA, and local governments to end pollution. We have to do a better job educating our club on ways to keep the lake clean. We have to be accountable for club actions in keeping Lake St Clair clean, safe, and fishable. When out fishing, please look out for trash and net it. We use this great lake, we must maintain it.

Wednesday June 24th is this years date for The Special Olympics Charity Derby. Please see attached participation letter for more info.

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

Ellen Spooner from U of M is in the 2nd year of her masters program studying freshwater fisheries. She has worked with the MI DNR and US Fish and Wildlife. She is specifically studying the food habits of the Muskellunge. She would appreciate if she could ride along with any of our fishermen to help in her studies and better our lake. She can be reached at ellspoon@umich.edu

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Join the club online through Paypal

Let um Go, Let um Grow...

MUCC Corner...

Every month we will highlight some of the actions in Lansing regarding our great state. You can follow more at www.mucc.org

- Invasive Species – Killer Shrimp
- May 29, 2015 / [MUCC Staff](#) / [0 Comments](#) / [Blog](#), [Ecological Threats](#), [Emerging Issues](#)

Unless you're allergic to shrimp, I bet you've never thought of shrimp as killers, and especially not in the Great Lakes.

Killer shrimp (*Dikerogammarus villosus*) was added to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources banned species list in November 2014. They have not yet been found in Michigan; however there are many worries that they will begin invading Lake Michigan and work their way through the Great Lakes. Killer shrimp are native to eastern Europe, but are considered invasive in western Europe.

These tiny killers are an inch long full grown and, according to Nick Popoff of the DNR, "have really big mouth and claws, and they literally shred their prey. They are very aggressive in any of the ecosystems that they get into". Killer shrimp will eat any invertebrate their size or smaller, including other shrimp species. These shrimp in our lakes would highly threaten the entire aquatic food chain. Since they feed on invertebrates they take food away from small fish causing a decrease in population which then limits the food source of larger fish, again causing a decrease in population.

Killer shrimp are believed to be transported into the US by means of ballast water in ships coming from Europe. Ships take on water to help stabilize them when they unload cargo, passengers, waste, etc.; the water is then released from the ballast tank into the body of water. These shrimp can survive varying water temperatures, pH's, and salinities so they can make it in the ship ballast tank for long periods of time. It is estimated that they can survive approximately 24 hours in ocean salt water. Ballast water is also responsible for the introduction of zebra mussels and gobies into the Great Lakes; ballast water protocols are now in place to help prevent such introductions.

This project was funded in part with funds from the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program through the Departments of Natural Resources, Environmental Quality, and Agriculture and Rural Development

Club Member News

Joe LePage was a founding member of the MOMC. He was instrumental in creating a club of ALL skill levels who can come out and enjoy the great fishery we have.

We hope you had a Happy Birthday Brad Horton (former MOMC President)

Congrats to Capt Ed Pascua who bagged his first blond bear in Saskatchewan Canada.

It is great to see and swap stories with Russ Pillette, Dale Bartlett, Brad Horton, and Denis Andean at our general membership meeting. They all had untimely trips to the Dr's office this off season. All these guys are doing great and fishing per usual.

Get well soon Chuck Smith Jr, Mark Nowicki, and Tod Stanton (past President). We have your backs fellas.

Great to hear Mark Keitz's mom is doing great! A warrior was an adjective that came up. Mark's mom was the sole survivor in the horrible boat accident last summer that took the lives of her husband and friend. Mark said she cooked Christmas dinner and would have it no other way.

Tournament Talk

The Joe LePage Classic was a great opening day event. The north winds started things off pretty interesting, but when the captain's of the MOMC got their baring's, the fishing was on!

There was a ton of activity on the docks of Miller Marina. Tom Joyce, MOMC member and owner of the gas dock, hosted the classic. We thank his crew for making us feel at home. Richard had many runner fish in the tank and some great local crowds to see some of these monsters weighed in. We closed the event with some great food by Stahl's Market. Thank you Winfield Tackle and Maison Baits for your raffle donations.

The standings ended as follows:

- 1st place club - Scott Smith , aboard the "Family Tradition" . 36.45 pounds 51 inch length 23 1/2 inch girth .
- ...2nd place club - Roy Julien , aboard the "Lena Rose" . 35.90 pounds , 51 1/2 inch length , 22 inch girth
- 3rd place club - Steve Bacha, aboard "Primetime" . 34.35 pounds , 51 1/2 inch length , 22 inch girth .

For the Lepage

- 1st place - Scott Smith
- 2nd place - Roy Julien
- 3rd place - Steve Bacha

For the C.P.R.

- Chuck Smith aboard the "Premonition" . 55 inch length

More from the LePage

MOMC MONSTERS



Charter Captain's Corner

IF YOU ARE A CHARTER CAPTAIN AND WOULD LIKE TO ADD SOME KNOWLEDGE PLEASE TELL LANCE OR WOODY

Medicine Man– Capt Ed Pascua– 734-709-2766



Be very conscious of the depth you are fishing in Lake St Clair. We fish a relatively shallow lake as compared to the Great Lakes (18 foot of water on average). Body baits will run deeper than bucktails. Use less weight when running these body baits as their lips will make them dive. Understand that if you are fishing a ridge, as shown above, make the proper adjustments to the depths you are fishing. Good Luck and tight lines.

20th Annual MOMC Charity Derby

Well, it's that time of the year and we are preparing for the 20th Annual Special Olympics Derby out of Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. Last year you participated in this Great event and I'm sending you this letter to see if you are still aboard for this year.

The 20th Annual Michigan Ontario Muskie Club Charity Derby, which will benefit the Harper Woods - Grosse Pointe Chapters of the Michigan Special Olympics, will be held on Wednesday June 24, 2015 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. This event is a joint effort of the Michigan Ontario Muskie Club, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Detroit Yacht Club and the Detroit Athletic Club.

We will have all the great raffles as prior years along with the ever popular Golden Rod Call-in and the Call-in for Detroit Tiger Tickets. After fishing we will have the Awards presentation along with the buffet dinner. If you know someone that wants to attend the dinner only; tickets are \$55 a person for a reservation.

Tuesday night we will have a Captains Bar-B-Q sponsored by a local business & Dragon Mead Beer for the Captains that bring their boat Tuesday night. Please RSVP if you plan to attend. We need to give Alex Turner (GPYC Harbor Master) a heads up on who to expect. We also need a head count for the Captain's dinner.

We have more sponsors available than we have Captains and boats. So if you know a Captain that would like to participate that has not participated in the past, please have them contact me.

The cost is as follows:

Bring your own boat and equipment, 6 people, \$700.00 per boat

Sponsor a boat with Captain, mate, equipment, 4 guests, for \$800.00 per boat

(Additional anglers - \$125.00 per adult, 18 & under \$60.00, 12 and under free)

Dinner only - \$55.00 per person

Please RSVP and send in the enclosed entry form before May 27th.

Thanks,

Eric Woodhouse and Ed Pascua

2015 MOMC Calendar of Events

March 25th

General Membership Meeting & Enrollment - 7:30 PM
VFW Bruce Post – SCS

April 26th

8th. Annual M.O.M.C Spring Walleye Classic
Detroit Yacht Club

May 27th

General Membership Meeting & Enrollment - 7:30 PM
VFW Bruce Post – SCS

June 6-7

Joe LePage Classic
Tom's Gas Dock @ Miller Marina

June 24th

20th Annual SOM Charity Derby
Grosse Point Yacht Club

July 11-12

Homer LeBlanc Muskie Derby
Shore Club Marina -SCS

July 19th

Tod Stanton Youth Derby
Shore Club Marina - SCS

Aug. 8-9

Bill Maertens 40lb Derby & Summer Slam - Corn Roast
Belle River Marina
Miller Marina

Aug. 30th

6th. Annual Operation Musk-E-Meet
Detroit Yacht Club

Sept. 12-13

Joe Pierce Memorial Derby
Miller Marina

Oct. 7th

General Membership Meeting & Big Dog Capt. Meeting - 6:00 PM
VFW Bruce Post - SCS

Oct. 10-11

Ken Valley Memorial Derby And John Muliatt "Big Dog" Classic
Miller Marina

Jan. 27th, 2015

General Membership Meeting - 7:30 PM
VFW Bruce Post - SCS

Recipe of the Month

Smoked Salmon

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

- Purchase a 3-4 pound King or Sockeye salmon fillet.
- Remove the pin bones.
- Apply the dry rub and refrigerate for 2-3 hours.
- Rinse off the dry rub and pat dry. Allow the fillet to air-dry for 30 minutes.
- Apply the finishing rub to taste.
- Cook at 225-250°F to a final internal temperature of 140-155°F.
- Cover loosely with aluminum foil and let rest for 5-10 minutes before serving.
- Smoke for 3 hrs

Dry Rub

- 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 cup non-iodized salt
- 3 tbs garlic powder
- 3 tbs dry onion
- 1 tbs dried dill weed
- 1 tbs dried savory
- 2 teaspoon dried tarragon



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/ and 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

Classifieds

- 1990 31ft tiara twin 454 merc inboards 1900 hrs radar, auto pilot, furuno fishfinder gps/chartplotter flowscan, knot meter, vhf stereo / cd player.... electric head, stove, frig, microwave
Call Mike O'Hara at 586- 944- 0246 \$32,500
- 1992 Hydra-Sport 2100 Walk Around w 8'6" Beam and 17" Draft. 1992 E-Z LOAD trailer
 - 1992 225 HP Johnson Ocean Runner 2-stroke low hours
 - 10 HP Evinrude 4-stroke kicker on spring loaded lift bracket, tied to main tank
 - 85 gallon gas tank, ¾ full - Hand laid Kevlar/Fiberglass Hull
 - Transom Extension Motor Mount - Bow Pulpit with Anchor passthru & line storage
 - Like new Cabin Canvas - Flat footed floor about water level
 - Ship to Shore Radio w/Antenna - Drafts only 17" perfect for low water levels
 - Appx 3100 lbs less engines and fuel
 - Stainless Steel Railing, Canopy Frame & Hardware, Cleats, Rod Holders and more
 - Navigation, Cabin and Deck Lighting
 - 4 Fish Boxes - Fresh Water Washdown - Live Baitwell
 - Swim Platform with Stainless Steel Ladder - Portable in cabin Head
 - Hydraulic Steering - Built-in Rod Holders
 - Comes with new gallon of bottom paint and wiper motor
 - No carpet or vinyl...entire boat cleans easily with a pole brush586-925-1977
- 1993 Crownline 210ccr
 - 5.0 lm mercruiser power steering, alpha drive, trailer and tires good,Call Bacha 586-943-1581 \$5600
- 1994 Rinker Fiesta Vee 265/EC
 - 8'6" Beam
 - Engine 266-300HP (5.7L) Fuel Injection, Fresh Water Cooling System, Starter less than 1yr. old
 - Bimini Top, Bridge Enclosure, Cockpit Cover
 - Battery Charger - Dual 10 amp, Batteries - Dual w/Switch
 - Depth Sounder
 - Radio / 25 watt VHF fixed mount
 - Fish Finder/GPS - Less than 1 yr. old
 - Stereo - AM/FM/CD/Bluetooth player w/4 speakers less than 1 yr. old
 - Pressure Water System, Water Heater - 6 Gallon
 - Range - C.N.G., Refrigerator - AC/DC - 6 cu. ft., Microwave Oven
 - Fire Ext. 75 - 100 cu. ft.
 - Propeller / Stainless Steel (3-Blade) + extra prop
 - Spotlight - Remote Control
 - Swim Step w/Fold Down Ladder
 - Trim Tabs / Hydraulic, Trim Indicator
 - Forward and aft sleeping, Bathroom with shower
 - Life Jackets, ropes and anchor, flares, many extras
 - Smart Armor Performance coating on hull
 - Trailer: 1994 Tandem 28 Feet
 - Dewinterized and launched on 4/23
 - Started right up and running smooth.
 - Missing port trim tab.
 - Mechanic guesses between 300-400 hours

11,000 FIRM!! Call Frank 586-850-7503

2015 Current Standings

#	Weight	Angler	Boat	Date	Length	Girth	Color	Lure	Location
1	36.45	Scott Smith	Family Tradition	06/7/2015	51"	23 1/2"	Yellow	Hogan	Fingers
2	35.90	Roy Julien	Lena Rose	6/6/2015	51 1/2"	22"	Hulk	Lapper	Thames
3	34.35	Steve Bacha	Primetime	06/7/2015	51 1/2"	22"	Yellow	Lapper	Dumps

Catch, Picture, Release (CPR) Division

1	-NA	Chuck Smith	Premonition		55"				
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Adult True Trophy Release

1		Cooper Smith	Somethin Fishy	06/7/2015	50"	21"	Hulk Hogan	Bucktail	Red Barn
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