

# 2015 MOMC Newsletter

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### News and events:

The May General Membership Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 27, 2015 7:30 P.M.** at the Bruce Post in S.C.S. The May meeting will give members an opportunity to register for the 2015 season. Tom Loy and Jim Flemming will be speaking about Muskie tactics. We will also have a special guest, Emily, who is a biologist doing research on Muskie and is looking for Volunteers.

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.

### 2015 Board of Directors

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<b>Tony Virga</b>		

**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.



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](mailto: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.**

Look out for the 2015 Muskie Gear Raffle. We will be raffling off all the gear you need. Ask a director how to get one! **\$2000 worth of gear or \$1500 in cash.**

Wednesday June 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

Miller Marina Fuel Dock (Tom Joyse) and Ken's Marine Fuel Dock are currently open with spring hours (approx 8 am to 5 pm). They will extend hours weather permitting. These were the only two fuel docks that replied to our requests for store hours and information.

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](http://www.mucc.org)**

### **Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act Effective Today!**

March 31, 2015

Think of where you were a year ago. I know where I was: Sweating every signature, wondering if we'd get enough to submit the Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act to the Legislature. Even though we ended up with over 375,000 raw signatures, it was a slow build – a crescendo – and at about this time last year it was just starting to pick up, but was by no means certain.

The Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act grants the Natural Resources Commission authority to name game species using sound science, meaning that radical anti-hunting groups cannot overturn that decision through referendum, grants them the same authority on fisheries orders using sound science and supports that authority with a \$1 million appropriation to help fight aquatic invasive species, and keeps hunting and fishing licenses free for active military members.

Volunteers from every corner of the state stepped up and collected signatures from their neighbors, at big outdoor trade shows and retailers like Jay's Sporting Goods, Cabela's, Bass Pro Shops, Frank's Great Outdoors and Gander Mountain, and small local gun shows. The Michigan Bear Hunters Association (MBHA) donated \$100,000 and sent petitions to each of their members. We sent three to each of ours. The Michigan chapters of Safari Club International (SCI) raised over \$400,000 collectively for the effort, and between volunteer and contracted signature collectors we got it done.

The coalition was huge, including SCI, MUCC, MBHA, the Michigan Hunting Dog Federation, Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers Association, U.P. Bear Houndsmen, the Upper Peninsula Sportsmens Alliance, U.P. Whitetails, U.P. Whitetails of Marquette County, the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, the National Wild Turkey Federation, Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermens Association, Ducks Unlimited and dozens of local conservation clubs around the state. It was endorsed by people like Steven Rinella, a Michigan native who hosts MeatEater on the Sportsmans Channel, and Mike Avery of Outdoor Magazine Radio.

On May 27, we submitted over 375,000 signatures to the Secretary of State, and the Board of State Canvassers certified that just under 300,000 of them were valid and filled out correctly, a typical average and well more than the 258,000 that we needed.

The Humane Society of the United States put on a strong push to try to thwart this initiative in the Legislature, because they knew that if it passed it would render their November referendum campaigns on two earlier bills allowing wolf hunting completely meaningless. But Matt Evans, our Legislative Affairs Manager, orchestrated an even stronger push to get the bills passed. The Senate passed the bills on August 13, and the House passed them on August 27. And they did render those November referendum campaigns meaningless.

Unless bills get immediate effect, they take effect on the 91st day after the Legislative session ends, which was December 30. Thus the Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act takes effect today!

In December, a federal judge, Beryl Howell, placed wolves in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan back on the endangered species list in what we believe is a clearly erroneous ruling. Along with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Michigan DNR, and several other state and national conservation organizations in the Hunter Coalition, we are appealing that ruling. Even if successful, an appeal could take years, though, so we are also supporting narrow federal legislation – H.R. 884 – to delist recovered wolf populations in those states, including Michigan, where even at their lowest point in the yearly cycle, their population is more than three times the minimum recovery limit that it has exceeded for fifteen years. And just this weekend, the National Wildlife Federation passed our resolution to support that legislative approach.

Once that federal legislation is passed, due to the Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act and the efforts of every person and group that made it happen, we will have the law in place here in Michigan to allow a scientifically-supported wolf hunt, which is just a small, but significant, part of the larger idea that we manage fish and wildlife populations in our state with sound science, biological data, and input both from the biologists we've tasked with managing fish and wildlife and goal-setting from the public and hunters, anglers and trappers like you.

There is no magic bullet to keep the Humane Society of the United States from trying to attack hunting rights in Michigan. Even though they outspent us by millions of dollars, though, we defeated them in our state with this initiative, and we made their next attack harder for them. If HSUS feels like spending their money to attack hunting rights in our state, they can. They have a lot of money, and like a bully, they try to use it to attack hunting rights state by state, species by species, method by method when they think they can outspend hunters and anglers in the state. But with the Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, we didn't have to outspend them. We outworked and outsmarted them, and did what you do with any bully. We punched them in the nose and let them know that there is no easy fight for them in Michigan, because we will fight back even harder. And win.

Today, your work becomes the law in Michigan. Congratulations!

# Club Member News

Congrats to Tim Schwark and family welcoming a new grandchild. This is Wyatt's first kiss to sister Olivia Monroe Schwark born 3/4/15.



Congrats to Tony Virga and family for welcoming 2 new additions to the Virga Clan and future members to the MOMC.

Tom Joyse was seen at the Walleye Classic and is doing great after his heart procedure. **His Miller Marina Gas Dock is open for business!**

## Spring Walleye Classic Leader Board

1 RIVER JIGGERS 7.40 (3.55) BF	12 RIMESCU 6.85 (6.85) BF	23 CERCA 1 (BF)	34 DUF (BF)	45
2 LIVE ACTION 24.40 (7.20) BF	13 BOHICA 24.45 (7.70) BF	24 VERDE LIFE 13.10 (3.35) BF	35 STINK FINGER 16.70 (7.75) BF	46
3 16 TICKERS (BF)	14 CRAY BAT (BF)	25 HOOK-A-FAMILY 16.75 (4.35) BF	36	47
4 F.V. WALLEYE.COM 14.95 (5.90) BF	15 WICKED WALLEYE 13.50 (3.60) BF	26 PERCH ADDICT 10.75 (2.65) BF	37	48
5 DIRTY E 16.40 (4.90) BF	16 HEATWAVE 13.75 (BF)	27 FLATS MAN 14.50 (3.75) BF	38	49
6 TEAM COCK 13.55 (3.70) BF	17 WORM KILLAZ 23.75 (7.55) BF	28 MEDIUM MAN 14.85 (5.90) BF	39	50
7 GP HUNGRY AWIES 19.70 (5.55) BF	18 GOOD N TIME 14.00 (3.75) BF	29 WALLEYE TIME (BF)	40	51
8 B&I 4.45 (BF)	19 FISH HEADZ 23.50 (7.15) BF	30 SWEET WATERS 17.05 (5.25) BF	41	52
9 FINN 25 (6.00) BF	20 BELLYS UP (7.70) BF	31 TARE (BF)	42	53

# Tournament Talk

The Spring Walleye Classic was held on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the DYC. It was a tougher bite than years past due to the cold front. This made for some competitive fishing and a lot of moving to find the big ones.

We had a 35 boat field this year with max teams of four. The teams ranged from club teams, charter captains, non member teams, to jiggers, and hand liners. This made for some great action and many new fishermen exposed to the MOMC and what it offers.

We finished it up with a great lunch from the DYC and Awards. Bill Shrader of the DYC Rod and Gun club, welcomed us at the awards luncheon. We presented him with an Ameriprise Financial Custom Filet Board for all of his support with the Walleye Classic, Special Olympics Derby, and Operation Musk-E-Meet for Injured and Retired Soldiers. Thank you Bill.

The awards to the winners were presented and as follows;

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Team Bohica 24.45 lbs
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Team Live Action 24.40 lbs
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Team Worm Killaz 23.75 lbs

Big Fish Sponsored by [www.DetroitRiverOutdoors.com](http://www.DetroitRiverOutdoors.com)



Team Live Action 7.70 lbs

We had a tie and it went to a measure off.

Live Action won by ¼ inch at 27 ¼"

Thank you to Eric Woodhouse who Chaired the event. He was assisted by Ed Pascua and Joel Piatek. Inspectors Tim Schwark, Tim Ardanowski, Greg Virga, and Lenny Baumgarten. Weigh Masters Jim Flemming and Jim Schiller. Trailer Duty Frank.

# More From The Spring Walleye Classic





# Charter Captain's Corner

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

## Heatwave Charters – Capt Craig Miller – 586-242-1032

<b>Pressure Trends</b>	<b>Typical Weather</b>	<b>Fishing Trends</b>	<b>Suggested Tactics</b>
High	Clear skies	Fish slow down, find cover or go to deeper waters.	Slow down lures and use baits more attractive to fish. Fish in cover and in deeper waters.
Rising	Clearing or improving.	Fish tend to become slightly more active.	Fish with brighter lures, and near cover. Also, fish at intermediate and deeper depths.
Normal and stable	Fair	Normal fishing.	Experiment with your favorite lures and baits.
Falling	Degrading	Most active fishing	Speed up lures. Surface and shallow running lures may work well.
Slightly lower	Usually cloudy	Many fish will head away from cover, and seek shallower waters. Some fish will become more aggressive.	Use shallow running lures at a moderate speed.
Low	Rainy and stormy.	Fish will tend to become less active the longer this period remains.	As the action subsides, try fishing at deeper depths.

# 20<sup>th</sup> Annual MOMC Charity Derby

Well, it's that time of the year and we are preparing for the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Mullett "Big Dog" Classic  
Miller Marina

Jan. 27th, 2015

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

# Recipe of the Month

## Salmon Bisque

To enter a recipe, email it to [murdoc9595@comcast.net](mailto:murdoc9595@comcast.net) with "RECIPE" in the title

Salmon Bisque

Yields: 4 servings

2 tablespoons butter

1 tablespoon canola oil

1 onion, chopped

2 carrots, chopped

2 stalks celery, chopped

3 garlic cloves, minced

1 tablespoon minced fresh thyme leaves (or 1 teaspoon dried thyme)

2 bay leaves

2 tablespoons tomato paste

1 teaspoon sweet paprika

1/2 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon black pepper

1/4 cup white wine

5 cups chicken broth

1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce

1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

1/4 cup heavy cream

1 lb salmon (I used wild sockeye), seasoned with salt and pepper, cooked and flaked

2 tablespoons fresh chives, finely chopped, for serving



To a large pot over medium heat, add the butter and oil. Add the onion, carrots, celery, cooking about 5-7 minutes. Stir in the garlic, thyme, bay, tomato paste, paprika, salt and pepper. Cook another 1 minute. Turn the heat up to high and stir in the wine, followed by the broth and Worcestershire. Bring to a simmer, turn down the heat, cover and cook 20 minutes or until the vegetables are very soft, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and discard bay leaves.

Using a hand immersion blender, blend the soup until very smooth. Stir in the lemon juice and heavy cream. Ladle the soup into bowls and top with flaked salmon and chives, with lemon wedges on the side.

# CLUB BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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## BODY SHOPS/Auto Parts

Cass Collision – Brent Wojcik [www.casscollision.com](http://www.casscollision.com)

(586)-463-3601

US Auto – Brad Horton [www.usautosterlingheights.com/](http://www.usautosterlingheights.com/) and [www.usautosterlingheights.com/](http://www.usautosterlingheights.com/)

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

## PHARMACY

Bloomfield Pharmacy – Ed Pascua [www.bloomfieldpharmacypontiac.com/](http://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/](http://www.ameripriseadvisors.com/eric.a.woodhouse/)

(248)-925-4357

## Charter Captains

Fish HeadZ – Joel Piatek [www.fishheadz.com/Fish\\_Headz.html](http://www.fishheadz.com/Fish_Headz.html)

(586)-243-0914

Heatwave Charters – Craig Miller [www.heatwavecharters.com/](http://www.heatwavecharters.com/)

(586)-242-1032

Medicine Man Charters – Ed Pascua [www.medicinemancharters.com/](http://www.medicinemancharters.com/)

(734)-709-2766

Muskie Mania Sportfishing – Mike Pittiglio [www.muskiemaniacharters.com/](http://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

## 2014 Big Fish Standings

Top 5 Registered Fish				
Weight	Length	Girth	Angler	Boat
37.85	52 7/8	24	Joey Virga	Liquid Sedation
37.7	53 1/2	23	Frank Manzo	Shoot Out
34.7	51 1/2	22 1/2	Scott Smith	Family Tradition
34.2	52	21	Carl Reams	Cali Cole
33.7	49 1/2	24 1/4	Jason Frame	Rockstar

Top 3 Fish Year End Side Bet				
Weight	Length	Girth	Angler	Boat
37.85	52 7/8	24	Joey Virga	Liquid Sedation
37.7	53 1/2	23	Frank Manzo	Shoot Out
34.7	51 1/2	22 1/1	Scott Smith	Family Tradition

Captain's Open Side Bet - 38# Minimum				
Weight	Length	Girth	Captain	Boat

Largest Registered Release				
Weight	Length	Girth	Angler	Boat
37.85	52 7/8	24	Joey Virga	Liquid Sedation

Catch-Picture-Release (CPR) - Length				
	Length	Girth	Captain	Boat
- - - -	55 5/8	-----	Matt "Catfish" Firestein	



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