

# MICHIGAN ONTARIO MUSKIE CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

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## Joe Pierce Memorial Derby

The Board of Directors has changed the Past Presidents Derby to the Joe Pierce Memorial Derby. Joe was on the Board of Directors for many years. He was a great fisherman and was very dedicated to the M.O.M.C.

The Joe Pierce Memorial Derby will be held at Len's Gas Dock @ Emerald City Marina in the nautical mile. The marina is the first one south of Jefferson Beach when coming by boat. Len has offered to give M.O.M.C. members an additional \$.05 gas discount off of the \$.10 he already offers members. For this weekend only M.O.M.C. members can receive \$.15 off per gallon of gas. Thanks Len!! The MOMC trailer will be set up right at the gas dock. To enter by car you will need to go in towards Jack's Waterfront Restaurant. We will have signs posted to get you back to the gas dock area.

The weigh station hours will be 9a.m.-8p.m. on Saturday and 9a.m.-5p.m. on Sunday. Announcements will be given @ the top of each hour on Channel 80. The awards ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday. After the awards we have a great dinner planned with Eddie from Fast Eddies in Mt. Clemens. He is going to grill b.b.q. ribs, chicken, & italian sausage & their will also be mostacholi, salad, rolls and a variety of desserts. Everyone should try to make it.

## Bill Maertens 40 lb. Derby & Summer Slam

The Bill Maertens 40lb Derby & Summer Slam was held @ Belle River Marina on August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. The weather played a big part throughout this tournament. High winds and cooler temperatures made the fishing tough. There were 3 fish registered over the weekend. The first to come to the scale was from Lars Hierta aboard Almost Paradise. He weighed in a 33.90 lber that was 51 ½" long and had a 22 ½" girth. Lars managed to hang onto 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Derby and 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Slam. A little later Saturday morning Dave Clark and the crew of Liquid Sedation brought in a nice fish weighing in at 34.70 lbs. with a 21 ½" girth and 54 ¼" length. They took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Derby & 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Slam. The rest of the day was quiet for Richard.

Sunday brought in the winning fish. Frank Murphy, Capt. of Murphy's Law, registered a fish that weighed 35 lbs. It had a 21" girth and a length of 52 ¾". Murphy's Law won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Derby!! Great Job Guys!!

A big "**Thank You**" goes out to Helen at Belle River Marina!!! Helen allowed us to store the club trailer there between the Big Dog and our MOMC tournament and saved us a lot of road time and hassle through customs. We would like to thank Richard for his weigh master skills and for giving the "awards presentation" on Sunday. Last but not least, we would like to thank Gayle Kozak for all of her help Sat. at the lunch. It was greatly appreciated!!

## Directors Meeting:

**Director's meetings are held at Gilbert's Lodge on the second Tuesday of each month. They start at 7:30 pm and are open to the general membership.**

- 1 Joe Pierce Memorial Derby
- Bill Maertens 40 lb. Derby & Summer Slam
- 2 Boat US Info/ Rule Reminder / Release Tips
- Calendar of Events / General Membership Mtg.
- 3 Boat Maintenance Tips from Boat U.S.
- MOMC Classifieds/Take a Veteran Fishing
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## **Boat US Discount**

We are once again an affiliate with Boat US this season. If you are an MOMC member and would like to join Boat US you will receive a 50% discount on your yearly membership dues. The regular cost is \$25 and for MOMC members it is \$12.50. Our Cooperating Group Profile is: GA83799B. Please take advantage of this great offer.

## **Rule Reminder**

Please remember the new rules:

2.3.2 – When M.O.M.C. Tournament Headquarters are closed, during scheduled tournament fishing hours, a current MOMC Board of Director or Derby Committee member **IS** permitted to perform Weigh Master duties for a MOMC member in good standing, at their discretion. This is done as a courtesy, in an effort to help those releasing their muskie for another day. A Board of Director is **NOT** allowed to register his/her own muskie, without another MOMC Board of Director present, who is **NOT** fishing on their team.

2.4.1 – The MOMC Tournament Scale **IS** an official MOMC Authorized weigh-In Station, and is recognized as such, at the discretion of any MOMC Board of Director, for the entire MOMC fishing season.

As an active member of the MOMC it is your duty to know and comply with the MOMC Rules and Regulations. This will make for enjoyable and satisfying fishing experiences.

## **A Fisherman's Quote**

"In every species I've angled for, it is the ones that have got away that thrill me the most, the ones that keep fresh in my memory. So I say it is good to lose fish. If we didn't, much of the thrill of angling would be gone." – Ray Bergman

## **Release Tips**

- Begin to fill live well/ fish box as soon as you realize you have a big fish on
- Once fish is boarded, transfer into live well as soon as possible
- Allow fish to calm down: use this time to quickly clean up boat & prepare for pictures
- Hold fish horizontally & take pictures quickly; place fish back into well
- When the fish is ready, lay it in the lake horizontally while gently holding its tail
- Allow the fish to swim off when it is ready

## **MOMC – 2008 Calendar of Events**

**Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Joe Pierce Memorial Derby  
Len's Gas Dock  
Emerald City Marina – S.C.S.**

**Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Ken Valley Memorial Derby  
Michigan Harbor  
St. Clair Shores**

**Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> M.O.M.C. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Perch Derby  
Michigan Harbor  
St. Clair Shores**

**Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> General Membership Meeting  
7:30 PM @ VFW Bruce Post  
St. Clair Shores**

**Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> 2009 Annual Awards Banquet  
MacRay Harbor & Banquet Center  
Harrison Twp.**

**Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 General Membership Meeting  
7:30 PM @ VFW Bruce Post  
St. Clair Shores-Elections**

**Reminder from the Muskies:  
If I'm too small for the top 3,  
Please release me!!!**

## **October General Membership Meeting**

At our last board of directors meeting a few issues arose that will need to be further discussed at the next General Membership Meeting:  
One of the issues was about changing the ending fishing time for the Spring Walleye Classic. A few people have suggested to the board of directors to make that time earlier. The times for the tournament this year were 6:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Another topic up for discussion concerns our Annual Perch Derby. Since we can no longer bring live bait into Canadian waters, do we need to make some changes to our tournament? Is it still worth holding this tournament?

Please e-mail your suggestions to [director@lscmomc.com](mailto:director@lscmomc.com) or come to the next General Membership Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. @ the V.F.W. Bruce Post in St. Clair Shores on Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We would be happy to hear your ideas.

## **MIDSUMMER BOAT MAINTENANCE TIPS FROM BOATU.S.**

- **Through-hulls:** Make a thorough check around any below-the-waterline hole or opening. Check all through-hulls for leaks and cycle seacocks to ensure they close properly. Any hose clamps should be tight and hose ends secure. A bilge pump cycle counter is a simple upgrade and the best early warning system that unwanted water is coming aboard.
- **Engine belts:** For inboard engines, look in areas near the belts checking for evidence of black dust - a sure sign that engine pulleys need to be realigned and the belt replaced. Push on the longest run of the belt - it should not deflect more than one half inch.
- **Engine hoses:** Squeeze coolant and fuel hoses with your hands, looking for softness, cracks or bulges. Replace any that are suspect. Wiggle the ends to ensure they are secure and inspect for any possible chafing issues in the engine compartment.
- **Sterndrives:** Inspect the folds in the bellows and replace if they show signs of cracking.
- **Sacrificial zincs and anodes:** A wasted zinc is a sure sign of trouble, possibly stray current at the dock. Ensure all zincs are no less than half gone - and replace them now if they are.
- **Control cables:** Look for chafe, splits or swelling of the plastic jacket - a sure sign the cable needs replacement.
- **Outboard engine mounts:** Smaller engines can sometimes vibrate loose, so re-tighten clamps and ensure the cut-off switch is operable.
- **Hydraulic steering system and trim tabs:** Ensure reservoirs are full. If you have to add fluid, there is leak that must be fixed immediately.
- **Batteries and electrical system:** Dead batteries are often nothing more than corroded connections - sandpaper can easily clean them up. With conventional batteries check water levels and add if necessary. Inspect cables and wiring for chafe, especially wherever they may pass through a bulkhead.
- **Shorepower cable:** Look for burn marks on the plug ends and the connection to the boat. Replace both the plug and receptacle immediately if you find any.
- **Head:** If your boat has a flushing toilet and its handle is getting hard to operate, you've likely got calcium buildup. Pour a cup of vinegar into bowl pumping only once or twice. Let it sit for one night before flushing with one-fourth cup of mineral oil.
- **On deck:** Old, stiff, or chafed dock lines should be replaced. Also check anchor line and chain shackles and any splices.
- **Trailers:** Inspect bearings and ensure they are well packed with grease. Hydraulic brake reservoirs should be full. Lastly, check the tires for wear and ensure lugs are tight.

## **MOMC Classifieds**

- 1988 28' Wellcraft Costal - 10' beam - Twin 350 Crusader Inboards - Fully equipped - 1100 hours – Asking \$12,950 – Contact Mike McMonigle @ (586) 954-9328
- Moved out of state – Approx. 400 new & used muskie baits – also other misc. equipment (rods, reels, other baits) – For all you hunters: 10 acres of prime hunting land in thumb near Croswell for sale - \$65,000 – Contact Jared Frank (586) 215-1905 or (305) 743-3385
- 1991 Four Winns 220 Horizon – Professionally maintained – Excellent for fishing, cruising, skiing, & camping – Set up for muskie trolling - \$4,900 – Contact Harry Krupsky @ (586) 540-7766

If you would like to place an add in the MOMC Classified section you can contact any director or call Christine Soulliere @ (586) 634-0296 with your info.

## **Take a U.S. Veteran Fishing**

A few of our MOMC members have teamed up with area U.S. Veteran groups to take returning veterans out muskie fishing. Most of the veterans are returning from tours in Iraq or Afghanistan, but could include Vietnam, and other foreign wars, and do not have much opportunity to experience muskie fishing. There seems to be good interest on part of the veterans, and anyone in the MOMC interested in taking a veteran out, is welcome to do so. If you are interested in paying respects to our U.S. armed forces, by taking out one or a few U.S. Veterans, for a day of fishing, please contact Tug Orr (248) 568-4310 or Greg Virga (586) 634-0217 for more details.

## **Congratulations!!!**

A special congratulation goes out to Capt. Mike Pittigilo and the crew of Muskie Mania for catching and releasing a HUGE fish on July 20<sup>th</sup>!!! The HOG weighed in at 41.45 lbs., was 55 ¼” long, and had a girth of 22 ½”. Releasing that fish was a great step toward conserving our Great Lakes Fishery. That was definitely a fish of a lifetime and these guys chose to let him go and let him grow. AWESOME!!!!

**Bill Maertens 40 lb. Derby – Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>**

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth	Location	Released	
Frank Murphy	Murphy's Law	35.0	52 ¾"	21"	Huron Pte.	NO	
Dave Clark	Liquid Sedation	34.70	54 ¼"	21 ½"	Mid-Lake	NO	1 <sup>st</sup> in Slam
Lars Hierta	Almost Paradise	33.90	51 ½"	22 ½"	Mid-Lake	YES	2 <sup>nd</sup> in Slam

**Bill Maertens - Junior Release**

Name	Boat	Length	Lure	Color	Set Up	Location
Danny Brennan	Mary Megan	41"	Buck Tail	Black	Board – 45' & 2 oz.	Weather Buoy

**Bill Meartens – Adult Release**

Name	Boat	Length	Lure	Color	Set Up	Location
Dave Clark	Liquid Sedation	51 5/8"	Dave Clark	Olive Frog	Board – 30' & 2 oz.	Mid-Lake
Steve Hammond	Passin' Gas	50"	Loke	\$9 Bass	Board – 30' & 4 oz.	Mid-Lake
Denis Andelean	Liquid Sedation	48 ½"	Buck Tail		Board – 60' & 2 oz.	Mid-Lake

**Captains Open**

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Lure	Location	Released
Ed Pascua	Medicine Man	37.40	53 5/8"	Loke	Mid-Lake	No

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