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NEWSLETTER

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Homer LeBlanc Derby – July 12th & 13th

The Homer LeBlanc Derby will be held at Shore Club Marina July 12th & 13th. Shore Club Marina is located on Jefferson, south of 9 mile in St. Clair Shores. This derby is in recognition of Kevin Backus's Grandfather, Homer LeBlanc. Kevin will be at the awards banquet Sunday for a brief presentation and to keep the tradition alive that his family supported for so long.

We will be having a fish fry dinner on Sunday along with chicken and barbeque ribs from Chicken Shack. We have the club house @ Shore Club on reserve just in case the weather does not cooperate. There will be plenty of wells available for the M.O.M.C's use. Richard will be giving further information about the location of the trailer and docks available on Channel 80. Weigh in hours are as follows: Sat. 9am-8pm. – Sun. 9am-5pm. Guest memberships are available. Please contact Christine Soulliere @ (586) 634-0296.

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

Joe LePage Classic – June 7th & 8th

The opening weekend tournament was held at MacRay Harbor. The weather was beautiful on Saturday, but on Sunday the wind picked up and the lake was rockin' and rollin'. Just as the weigh in was about to start the storm came in fast and with little warning. While the Board of Directors closed down the trailer the rest of the members made their way into the building for the awards ceremony.

The first fish of the year was registered Saturday morning by Brad Horton and the crew of Yellow Belly. The guys in Yellow Belly got an early start and it was worth it. Their fish ended up taking third place weighing in at 29.30 lbs., 50 3/8" length and 20" girth. Later that day the second fish was brought to the scales by Rocky Richards. His fish bumped Brad's down to second and moved into the first place spot weighing 30.15 lbs, 50" length and 20 1/2" girth. Nice job Ship It IV crew!! Just as the day was coming to an end the last fish of the day was being brought to the scales. Todd Frank fishing aboard My Mistress weighed in a nice fish weighing 31.75 lbs, 51 1/2" length, and 21" girth. This was the fish to beat.

There were no fish brought to the scale on Sunday so the standings remained: 1st Todd Frank, 2nd Rocky Richards, 3rd Brad Horton. There were also two fish that were weighed but did not make it to the top 3. Ron Siewertsen of the Big-R crew registered a 28.75 lber., 50 1/4" length, and 19" girth. Harold Krupsky aboard Blaze of Glory register a 28.60 lber., 51 1/2" girth, and 19 1/2" girth. All of the fish weighed in during this tournament were successfully released!! Way to go guys!!!!

Mitchell Mueller took home the first place Jr. Release trophy with his 46"er caught aboard Huntress. Nice job Mitchell!!! Keep up the good fishing!! A special thank you to Richard for his great Weigh Master work and to the June tourney committee headed by Tony Virga.

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.

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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.

Top Ten Tips From BoatU.S. For Getting The Most From A Tank Of Gas

1. **Leave the extra 'junk' home:** Don't load the boat up with weight you don't need. Do a little spring cleaning - unused equipment that has been collecting mildew in the bottom of lockers for years should be taken home.
2. **Water weight:** At 8.33 pounds per gallon, why keep the water in the tank topped off if you're only going out for the afternoon?
3. **Tune her up:** An engine tune-up is an excellent investment and should easily pay for itself over the summer.
4. **Tune your prop:** If your boat goes 30 mph with a like-new prop and only 27 mph with a prop that's dinged and out of pitch, that's a 10% loss in fuel economy, or, you're wasting one out of every ten gallons you put in your tank.
5. **Paint the boat's bottom:** When boating in salt or brackish waters a fouled bottom is like a dull knife. It takes a lot more fuel to push your boat through the water.
6. **Keep the boat in trim:** Using trim tabs or distributing weight evenly will help move your boat through the water with less effort - and less fuel.
7. **Go with the flow:** Consult tide tables and try to travel with the tide whenever possible.
8. **Install a fuel flow meter:** A fuel flow meter is like a heart monitor; when consumption starts to rise, it's an early warning that something is amiss. A fuel flow meter also allows you to select a comfortable cruising speed that optimizes the amount of fuel being consumed.
9. **Do the math:** If you don't want to spring for a fuel flow meter (about \$300), you can calculate your fuel mileage by dividing distance traveled by gallons at fill-up. Using your logbook, you can then approximate fuel flow using average speeds and time underway.
10. **Get a discount:** Many of the 885 BoatU.S. Cooperating Marinas around the country offer up to 10 cents off a gallon of gas. To get the discount all you have to do is to show your BoatU.S. membership card. If you aren't already a member, join online now for a special rate of \$19.00 by going to BoatUS.com/membership or call 800-395-2628.

MOMC – 2008 Calendar of Events

- June 23rd Captains Meeting for SOM Derby
Grosse Pointe Yacht Club
- June 24th 13th Annual SOM Charity Derby
Grosse Pointe Yacht Club
- July 12th & 13th Homer LeBlanc Derby
Shore Club Marina
St. Clair Shores
- Aug. 9th & 10th Bill Maertens 40lb. Derby &
Summer Slam
Belle River Marina
Belle River, ONT
- Sept. 13th & 14th Joe Pierce Memorial Derby
Len's Gas Dock
Emerald City Marina – S.C.S.
- Oct. 11th & 12th Ken Valley Memorial Derby
Michigan Harbor
St. Clair Shores
- Oct. 19th M.O.M.C. 5th Annual Perch Derby
Michigan Harbor
St. Clair Shores
- Oct. 22nd General Membership Meeting
7:30 PM @ VFW Bruce Post
St. Clair Shores
- Jan. 24TH 2009 Annual Awards Banquet
MacRay Harbor & Banquet Center
Harrison Twp.
- Jan. 28th, 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!!!**

13th Annual Special Olympics Michigan Charity Derby

The 13th Annual SOM Charity Derby will be held on June 24th, 2008, @ the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club. The MOMC is once again teaming up with members of the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Detroit Yacht Club, and Detroit Athletic Club. Our goal this year is to raise \$10,000 for Special Olympics Michigan. The MOMC is looking for as many participants as possible. Any members who would like to donate their boat for the day, but do not have a sponsor, please contact Scott D'Eath @ (810) 650-2818 or Brad Horton @ (586) 634-9459, as we have several sponsors that are in need of a Captain/Boat to fish the derby. Jimmy Greztinger with MUCC TV will be covering this event as they have for the past several years. This event has become one of the largest charity events on LSC. With this years donation, the MOMC will exceed over \$100,000 donated to SOM.

Some useful information to remember about your lines.....

- A line that is two times the diameter of another has four times its strength.
- A knot tying two lines together reduces the strength of the unit to half that of the weaker line.
- Never use two lines of different material together. Only the more rigid rope will work under the strain.
- Always dry your line before coiling and storing.
- If your lines start to get crusty and dry, try soaking them in a bucket of water with some liquid fabric softener.

Fireworks Along the Water

- New Baltimore: June 26
- St. Clair Shores: June 27
- Mount Clemens: June 27
- Grosse Pointe: www.ci.grosse-pointe-farms.mi.us
- Belle Maer & MacRay Harbor: July 4
- Algonac: July 4
- St. Clair: July 4
- Detroit-Windsor: www.theparade.org

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

- 2005 Artic Cat 400cc. - 4x4 ATV - Mossy Oak - Plow - Winch - Windshield - Garmin GPS - 600 miles - Contact Rocky @ (586) 243-8168

- 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 Crosswell for sale - \$65,000 - Contact Jared Frank (586) 215-1905 or (305) 743-3385

- 1994 Tiara - 29' Open - "LOKE" - Fully Loaded - Ready to Fish - \$92,000 - Contact John "Loke Jr." - lokelures@lokelures.com

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.

YOUR LIFE JACKET PHOTO COULD WIN YOU A MUSTANG INFLATABLE LIFE VEST

"Get Hooked on Safety" Photo Contest From BoatU.S. Angler

From now until September 30, anglers can submit photos of themselves, friends or family fishing while wearing a lifejacket to enter the "Get Hooked on Safety" contest at <http://www.BoatUSAngler.com>

One winner each, selected from four categories, will receive a Mustang inflatable life vest valued at \$150. The categories include: fishing photos; holding a catch; family photos; and the best fishing story that accompanies a photo. Everyone in a photo must be wearing a life jacket.

"A life jacket helps ensure you'll make it back home safely," said Mike Pellerin, director of BoatU.S. Angler. "Over two-thirds of all fatal boating accident victims drowned, and of those, 87% were not wearing their life jacket. You just never know when wind, weather, waves or other factors will conspire against you." Pellerin said the biggest complaint from anglers about wearing a life jacket is that they are uncomfortable. "But if you haven't taken a look at the new inflatable or sports-style vests, you're missing out. You can bait a hook, cast with ease and stay cool and comfortable all day long," he added.

No purchase is necessary to enter the contest. For complete details and contest photos, go to <http://www.BoatUSAngler.com>

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Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth	Location	Released
Todd Frank	My Mistress	31.75	51 ½"	21"	Stoney Point	YES
Rocky Richards	Ship It IV	30.15	50"	20 ½"	Thames	YES
Brad Horton	Yellow Belly	29.30	50 3/8"	20"	Dumps	YES

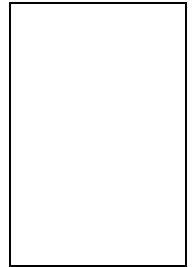
Joe LePage - Junior Release

Name	Boat	Length	Lure	Color	Set Up	Location
Mitchell Mueller	Huntress	46"	Loke	Olive Frog	Long rod – 15' 4 oz.	Huron Pointe

Joe LePage – Adult Release

Name	Boat	Length	Lure	Color	Set Up	Location
Ron Siewertsen	Big-R	50 ¼"	Loke	Pike Scale	Slider – 40' 2 oz.	Belle River
Todd Frank	My Mistress	48"	Wiley	\$9 Bass	Board – 23' 2 oz.	Beacon Cove

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