

MICHIGAN ONTARIO MUSKIE CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

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M.O.M.C Top 5 Registered Fish

- 1.) Mike Pittiglio – Muskie Mania –
41.45 lbs. – 55 ¼” length – 22 ½” girth
(MOMC “Top 5” & “Cash Year End” prizes – NOT eligible – Rule 4.2, Capt./Open – NO)
- 2.) Keith Jones – Impatient
38.75 lbs. – 53 3/8” length – 22” girth
(MOMC “Top 5” – 1st, “Cash Year End” – 1st, Capt./Open – 1st, Largest Registered Release – 1st)
- 3.) Jason Frame – Rock Star
38.35 lbs. – 52” length – 23” girth
(MOMC “Top 5” – 2nd, “Cash Year End” – 2nd)
- 4.) Kevin Wiczorek – Zapped
37.80 lbs. – 53 5/8” length – 23 ¼” girth
(MOMC “Top 5” - 3rd, “Cash Year End” – 3rd)
- 5.) Ed Pascua – Medicine Man
37.40 lbs. – 53 5/8” length – 21 ½” girth
(MOMC “Top 5” – 4th)
- 6.) Mike Hurley – Reel Lucky
37.25 lbs. – 52 7/8” length – 22” girth
(MOMC “Top 5” – 5th)

Ken Valley Memorial Derby

The Ken Valley Memorial Derby was held Oct. 11th & 12th at Michigan Harbor Marina. What a great weekend for the final muskie tournament of the year!! The weather was absolutely perfect!!!

There were 6 fish registered during the tournament and they were all weighed in on Saturday. It was a very busy day for Richard and he was generous enough to stay past the weigh station closing time.

First place went to Jason Frame of Rock Star with his 38.35 lb. whopper, 52” length and 23” girth. His fish was big enough to jump into the top 3 registered fish of the year. Great job!!! Harold W. Herschelmann fishing aboard Medicine Man took second place with his fish weighing in at 34.95lbs., 52” length and 23” girth. Nice one!!! Third place went to Keith Monte fishing on Lochness. His fish weighed in at 34.45 lbs., 49 7/8” length, and 21 ¼” girth. Great way to finish off the season!!

I am happy to announce that ALL of the fish registered this weekend were successfully released!!!!!! David Clark was kind enough to add 2 plastic lids to the trough that fish are weighed in. This provides more security for the fish and reduces the chance of the fish flopping out of the trough. Thank you Dave for all of your time and effort put forth for the conservation of fish in this club. It is GREATLY appreciated!!

We would like to thank Richard for doing an excellent job as being our weigh master and for his additional time put in this weekend! We would also like to thank Fast Eddie for providing an outstanding dinner!! Hopefully he will be able to provide more scrumptious dinners at next years weigh ins.

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.

October General Membership Meeting

Our next General Membership Meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 22nd at the VFW Bruce Post in St. Clair Shores. One of the topics we will be covering is ending our weigh station hours earlier on Sun. during the tournaments.

We will be having a huge blowout sale on club store apparel. Local bait makers will also be selling their baits so bring some extra \$\$ and treat yourself to a few new baits for the last weeks of fishing. Please join us for the last general membership meeting of the year and bring your fishing stories from this season to share with fellow MOMC members.

Please be aware that the trailer is open as a weigh station until the end of the season. If you have a potential "Top 5" fish you would like to register and you plan on releasing the fish, call any director by 8 p.m. and we will try our best to weigh the fish for you. For those of you that are not aware, the club trailer is located at Michigan Harbor and will remain there until Oct. 31st.

MOMC – 2008 Calendar of Events

**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**

BOATU.S. RECOMMENDS LEAVING YOUR BOAT'S GAS TANK FULL THIS WINTER

The Problem with Ethanol Fuel: Phase Separation

Ethanol-laden gasoline, dubbed "E-10" for its 10% ethanol content, is now common place at marina fuel docks across the country. However, as winter approaches and boaters lay up their vessels for the season, Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatU.S.) has some recommendations to ensure that spring commissioning will go smoothly. That's because E-10 can phase separate, or form two separate solutions in the gas tank - water and fuel - over a long winter storage period. Once this happens, the engine may not run and internal damage can occur. BoatU.S. has these recommendations for storing boats fueled with E-10 this winter:

- **Top Off:** For boats with built-in gas tanks, stop at the fuel dock and top off the tank before you haul out, leaving it nearly full with just a little room for expansion. A tank that is almost full limits the flow of air into and out of the vent, which reduces the chance of fluctuating temperatures adding condensation (water) to the fuel, inviting phase separation. Anglers who fish over the winter should also top off their boat's gasoline tanks between outings to prevent condensation. Draining built-in fuel tanks of E-10 gas, while completely eliminating any chances of phase separation, is not practical and potentially dangerous.

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5th Annual M.O.M.C. Perch Tournament

The perch tournament was cancelled for Oct. 19 and was rescheduled for Oct. 26 due to lack of boats participating. We are delaying the tournament in hopes that within the next week we will receive more applications. Please spread the word to fellow fishermen. We would really like to see more MOMC members participate in this tournament.

The same rules will apply in this year's tournament. The tournament will be held @ Michigan Harbor on Sunday, October 19, 2008. A signup sheet will be available at www.lscmomc.com regarding this tournament.

If you have any questions regarding this upcoming event, call Dave Rybicki @ (586) 483-1200.

MOMC Classifieds

- 1988 28' Wellcraft Coastal - 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 Crosswell for sale - \$65,000 – Contact Jared Frank (586) 215-1905 or (305) 743-3385

- 1989 Tiara Pursuit – 25.5' – Center console cuddy – Twin outboard – Trailer - \$29,900 – see craigslist: sale-818934488@craigslist.org

- Homer LeBlanc memorabilia Hand carved and painted autographed lures, paintings, carvings, etc. for more info call Kevin 586-771-8817.

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.

Veteran Fishing Event

A special "Thank You" goes out to all of the captains that volunteered their time to take Marines from Selfridge Air Base out fishing. We would like to make this an on going event so please consider participating next year. Thanks to: Tug Oar, Bob Wyffels, Jason Frame, Randy Schmitt, Frank Beels and Greg Virga!

BOATU.S. RECOMMENDS LEAVING YOUR BOAT'S GAS TANK FULL THIS WINTER

The Problem with Ethanol Fuel: Phase Separation Cont.

- **Freshening doesn't work:** Midwest marina owners, who have dealt with E-10 for many years, report that phase separation typically occurs when boats are stored with tanks only one-quarter to one-half full, which cannot be remedied by adding fresh gasoline in the spring. Once E-10 phase separates, the water will remain at the bottom of the tank.
- **Additive issues:** With any fuel that sits in a tank for a long time, it's important to add a stabilizer. But stabilizers do not prevent phase separation. Once it occurs, additives and water separators can't help. The only remedy is to have the gas and ethanol/water professionally removed from the tank.
- **Fiberglass tanks beware:** Ethanol is known to chemically react with many fiberglass fuel tanks, which can cause them to deteriorate and potentially fail. Unfortunately, unless your boat's manufacturer can confirm that your fiberglass tank was built to withstand ethanol, your only remedy may be to replace the tank with a non-reactive material such as aluminum.
- **Let it breathe:** While ethanol does attract moisture, never try to plug up a fuel tank vent to prevent moist air from entering a tank. Without room to expand, the additional pressure could rupture fuel system components.
- **Portable gas tanks:** Any un-mixed gas (without 2-cycle oil) remaining in portable tanks may be carefully poured into your automobile gas tank. However, if you do have to store gas over the winter in a portable tank, keep the tank out of the sun and in a well-ventilated area away from ignition sources, keeping in mind that gasoline fumes are heavier than air. Recent BoatU.S. Foundation tests of portable jerry jugs confirmed that over time, gasoline can evaporate through the walls of some plastic containers.
- **The good news:** Next spring when you start the boating season you will already have a tank full of last year's gas, likely saving yourself some money on a fill up.

Ken Valley Memorial Derby – Oct. 11th & 12th

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth	Location	Released
Jason Frame	Rock Star	38.35	52"	23"	Dumps	YES
Harold W. Herschelmann	Medicine Man	34.95	52"	23"	Dumps	YES
Keith Monte	Lochness	34.45	49 7/8"	21 1/4"	Dumps	YES

Ken Valley Memorial – Junior Releases

Name	Boat	Length	Lure	Color	Set Up	Location
Tyler Cleveland	Miss Megan	36"		Sheep Head	Out Rod	North Channel

Ken Valley Memorial – Adult Releases

Name	Boat	Length	Lure	Color	Set Up	Location
Don Hurley	Lochness	51"	Jake	Shad	Board – 30 ft. & 1 oz.	Dumps
Mike Hurley	Lochness	50"	Jake	Black Perch	Board – 25 ft. & 2 oz.	Dumps

Captains Open

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Lure	Location	Released
Keith Jones	Impatient	38.75	53 3/8"	Loke	Mid-Lake	Yes

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