

# MICHIGAN ONTARIO MUSKIE CLUB

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## Webpage Updates

For all of you big hog hunters, a new feature was added to the webpage this week. Members can now access the "Results & Standings" page which highlights the big fish in each of the M.O.M.C.'s trophy categories. As of the printing of this newsletter, there were some server problems. However, this problem will be rectified soon. This page is updated as soon as possible after a change in the standings. With the addition of this page, we hope to avoid running fish to the weigh station unnecessarily.

Also, be sure to check out the 2009 photos page in the "Multimedia" section. This page is updated frequently. If you have any photos you would like to add to this page, simply forward them to: [director@lscmomc.com](mailto:director@lscmomc.com).

## Homer LeBlanc Derby July 11-12

This year's Homer LeBlanc Derby was a huge success. The Shore Club, again, proved to be a wonderful host for this popular club tournament. The weather cooperated with the fishermen and, as a result, many nice fish were caught. The club would like to especially thank Tim and Amy Adams, Greg and Cindy Sultana, Dave and Jane Guy, Donna Soulliere and Chuck Dill for preparing the wonderful fish dinner and to the Koch's for donating all the fish.

Saturday morning started out with a bang with Eric Woodhouse, aboard the "Bonafide", bringing in a nice 53" fish weighing around 32#. The rest of the day was a little slow. Then, the afternoon rolled around and the bite kicked in again. Don Hurley, aboard the "Lochness" brought in a beautiful 51.5", 33.75# hog that would be good enough for second place overall in the derby. The final fish of the day was brought in aboard the "Whopper Stopper". William Barbiar wrestled this 51 3/8", 33.45# hog into the boat. This fish would be good enough for third overall.

Sunday morning saw Paul Bennett running to the scales aboard the "Just One More". Paul brought in a beautiful 53", 34.05# beauty that would be the derby winner. All fish, with the exception of the winner, were released to be caught again. Congratulations to the winners!

## In Memoriam

Tragedy has struck the M.O.M.C. yet again. Josh Siebenrock was killed, along with two of his friends, in a tragic car accident on Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>.

Josh is the Son of Ken Siebenrock, the maker of B&K Muskie Lures. Many of our members and board members are friends of Ken and Josh and use B&K's to catch a lot of muskies.

Please keep Ken and his family in your thoughts and prayers during this extremely difficult time.

Ed Pascua has offered to head up a memorial fund in honor of Josh. His contact information is:

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## **Catch and Release**

There are a lot of new members in the club this year. It looks as though muskie fishing is really gaining popularity in this area. Because of this, it seems like a good time to go over some catch and release basics. Our muskie fishery is as good as it is because of us and we intend to keep it that way!

When you have a big fish on, slow your boat down or stop it if possible. This decreases the likelihood you will play the fish to a point of exhaustion. If you think you have a big fish on, begin to fill your live well with fresh water. David Clark "Liquid Sedation" builds a beautiful tank call the "Fish ThANKS" system. This is probably the greatest muskie fishing tool ever invented. If you don't have one, it is worth every penny you will spend on it.

Make sure you have a good net that is large enough to handle a muskie. Frabill and Beckmann make great nets with large, treated netting for this purpose.

Once the fish is in the boat quickly remove or cut the hooks. Knipex makes a great set of Mini Bolt Cutters designed for this. Get the fish in the live well and make sure to keep it upright while the cooler water helps resuscitate the fish. NO ICE, this may shock the fish. Remove the fish, supporting it horizontally as to prevent stress on the internal organs and the spine of the fish. Snap a quick photo and get the fish back in the water. If the surface temperature is very warm, assist the fish to deeper water either by swimming it down or gently "Torpedoing" it to deeper water.

## **Operation Musk-E-Meet**

Please join the M.O.M.C. in supporting our returning veterans for the first annual "Operation Musk-E-Meet, August 30, 2009. The club is looking for Captains to volunteer their time and their boats to take a group of veterans fishing.

Ken's Gas dock at Michigan Harbor has graciously offered to host and cater the event. The club is hoping to host 40 veterans for this event which would require approximately 10 boats.

If you are able to assist the club in making this event a success, please contact Greg Virga at (586) 634-0217 or the club at: [director@lscmomc.com](mailto:director@lscmomc.com).

## **2009 Calendar of Events**

- May 27<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting 7:30PM**  
**Bruce Post, St. Clair Shores**
- June 6-7 Joe Lepage Classic**  
**Mac Ray Harbor, Harrison Twp.**
- June 23 14<sup>th</sup> Annual SOM Derby**  
**Grosse Pointe Yacht Club**
- July 11-12 Homer LeBlanc Muskie Derby**  
**Shore Club Marina, SCS**
- Aug. 8-9 Bill Maertens 40lb. Derby and Summer Slam**  
**Belle River Marina**
- Aug. 30 Operation Musk-E-Meet**  
**Ken's Gas Dock-Michigan Harbor**
- Sept. 12-13 Joe Pierce Memorial Derby**  
**Len's Gas Dock-Jefferson Beach**
- Oct. 10-11 Ken Valley Memorial Derby**  
**Michigan Harbor-SCS**
- Oct. 17 6<sup>th</sup> Annual M.O.M.C. Perch Derby**  
**Michigan Harbor SCS**
- Oct. 21 General Membership Meeting**  
**Bruce Post, St. Clair Shores**

***"The fisherman's greatest fear is that after he dies, his wife will sell his fishing equipment for what he told her he paid for it."***

## **MOMC Classifieds**

- 1994 29" Tiara Open "Loke" – fully loaded – ready to fish \$79,900 – Contact John at (586) 725-5911

- 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](mailto:sale-818934488@craigslist.org)

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

- 1988 Tiara 27 Open. This boat is ready for the Salmon season. Twin 270 Crusaders. 1993 aluminum slide-on, tri-axle trailer. Lowrance X-135, Lowrance Global Map 4800 GPS, Ship to Shore, 4 Cannon electric downriggers (Mag 20 DT/HS). Bert's rod holders and newer canvas. Call Bruce (810) 542-2698

- 1974 30' Sea Ray Weekender. Almost everything either rebuilt or redone. \$18,500 OBO (586) 484-2274.

If you would like to place an ad in the MOMC Classified section you can contact any director with your information.

## **Bill Maerten's 40# Derby and Summer Slam**

The 2009 Bill Maerten's Derby and Summer Slam will be held August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at the Belle River Marina. This event is sure to be a good time as some of those bigger fish should be showing their faces!

Richard will function as the M.O.M.C. weighmaster, with the tank and scale, at the Belle River Marina on Saturday and Sunday. However, the official awards ceremony and cookout will be held at 5:00 PM at Michigan Harbor. For those anglers choosing to stay at the Belle River on Sunday, there will be food available at Captain Nikolas' Restaurant on the second floor of the marina building. Members need only to produce their card, and they are entitled to a lunch item and a soft-drink courtesy of the club.

This year, the club will not be serving a mid-day lunch on Saturday. Due to newly implemented immigration laws and fuel and food costs, the board of directors has chosen to cancel this portion of the festivities.

There will be plenty of boat wells available for the membership at both marinas so please come join us for a great picnic after the fishing ends.

As always, you must produce a valid membership card or guest membership in order to eat at the weigh-in. We are looking forward to this event.

On a side note, all proceeds from this tournament's 50/50 raffle will be donated the Siebenrock family, in memory of Josh, on behalf of the members of the M.O.M.C.

## **Boat US Discount**

The MOMC is an affiliate with Boat US. 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.

## **2009 - Top 5 Registered Fish**

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth	Location	Released
Matt Mueller	Huntress	38.15 lbs	52 ¾"	23 ½"	Weather Buoy	YES
Keith Jones	Impatient	36.70 lbs	51 ¾"	22 ¼"	Weather Buoy	YES
Dino Fortin	Flying Tiger	36.10	52 ¼"		Bassett	NO
Bill Finch	Hog Wild	35.5 lbs	50 7/8"	24"	Thames	YES
Brad Horton	Yellow Belly	35.45 lbs	52 ¼"		Bassett	NO

### 2009 - MOMC Year End / Side Bet

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth	Lure	Color
Keith Jones	Impatient	36.7 lbs	51 ¾"	22 ¼"	Bucktail	
Bill Finch	Hog Wild	35.5 lbs	50 7/8"	24"	Artifact	Gar Pike
Brad Horton	Yellow Belly	35.45 lbs	52 ¼"		Loke	

### 2009 - Captain / Open Side Bet

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth
Matt Mueller	Huntress	38.15 lbs	52 ¾"	23 ½"

### 2009 - Largest Registered Release

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth
Matt Mueller	Huntress	38.15 lbs	52 ¾"	23 ½"

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