

MICHIGAN ONTARIO MUSKIE CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

July-2010

15th Annual SOM Charity Muskie Derby June 21-22, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

The 15th Annual SOM Charity Muskie Derby was a great event. The weather was perfect and the fishing was phenomenal. Over twenty, 50" class fish were caught and released on this day and over \$10,000 was presented to the Special Olympics of Michigan.

There were some monster fish caught, here are the top three:

1) Captain Tom Richards (M.O.M.C.)

Team: Jacks R Wild

Sponsor: Nautical Mile BP (Jackie Fisher)

54 ¼" length, successfully released.

2) Captain Michael Meda (G.P.Y.C., M.O.M.C.)

Team: Elizabeth Anne

Sponsor: Mike Meda and Friends

53 ½" length, successfully released.

3) Captain Ron Welsch (M.O.M.C.)

Team: Sundown

Sponsor: RP2 Rods/Team Sundown

52 ¾" length, successfully released.

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This was also the first year that we had some Special Olympians that were able to get out and fish. We would like to thank Captain Vince Brennan on the "Mary Megan" and Captain Brian Gierlach on the "Solid Ground" for making this possible.

Last, but not least, we would like to thank the G.P.Y.C. for being such a gracious host; the D.A.C. and D.Y.C. for co-chairing and all the captain's, volunteers, crew members and committee members for supporting the Derby and the SOM this year!

2nd Annual Operation Musk-E-Meet

Sunday, August 29th, 2010.

The Detroit Yacht Club

This year, The Detroit Yacht Club will be hosting our 2nd Annual Operation Musk-E-Meet. The M.O.M.C. is truly looking forward to this year's event and is thrilled to be hosted by such a prestigious club!

As always, we are looking for captains to donate their time and their vessels to provide a veteran with a day of muskie fishing.

If you have any questions, please contact Ron Welsch at: (586) 419-5063.

1st Annual John Mullett "Big Dog" Classic and Ken Valley Memorial Derby. October 9-10, 2010, Michigan Harbor, St. Clair Shores

2010 brings about a new M.O.M.C. club tournament, honoring our friend, the late John Mullett. For those who don't know, John was the founder of Loke lures and a huge reason the M.O.M.C. is such a success today.

The details are still in the works, but, the date is set in stone, so mark your calendars. This is a tournament you won't want to miss.

If you have any questions regarding this tournament, please contact Doug Felster (586) 413-0313 or Scott D'Eath (810) 650-2818.

Joe LePage Classic
June 5-6, 2010
Sun-Up Marina

The 2010 Joe LePage Classic is in the books and what an impressive tournament it was! Many members posted 30, 40 even 50 fish days on Saturday as the muskie were snapping at everything!

The first fish to the scales was a 30.75#, 53" fish caught on the "Yellow Belly" by Joel Piatek. Next, Dave Helzer aboard the "Miss Megan", brought a 32.15#, 51 3/4" hog to the scales. Then, the "Cathy Sue" crew brought in a nice 51", 31.15# fish to the scales, the angler was Jimmy Trebilcock. The "Premonition" came rolling in at 1:45 with a 32.55#, 51 1/2" fish caught by Tony Ranella.

Then, 3:00 rolled around and the real hogs started eating. Kevin Wiczorek aboard "Zapped" brought in a 53 3/4", 34.70# fish that was good for second place in the derby. Right on Kevin's tail was Tony Virga aboard "Liquid Sedation". Tony's fish was an awesome 51 1/2", 35.05# beast. Tony's fish was the eventual derby winner!

Last, but not least, Team Bandit limped in on one motor with their 33.30#, 51 1/4" fish, caught by Russ Pilette. Russ' fish hung on for third place.

There were 9, True Trophy Release fish, with 5 of those being in the junior division.

In the junior division, Jimmy Trebilcock had a 50 1/2" fish, Alec Pascua also had a 50 1/2". Ray Williams had a 48" fish followed by Brendan Budzeak and Thomas Monte with bookend 42 inchers. Nice job guys!

In the adult division, Joel Piatek had a 53" hog, followed by Greg Virga with a 52" fish. David Clark had a 51 3/4" and Adam Heinrich had a 50 1/2" fish.

The number of quality fish caught during the weekend was just unreal. The club would like to thank Sun Up Marina for hosting us and Fast Eddie and his crew for the great chow!

2010 M.O.M.C. Events Calendar

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| MARCH 24 | General Membership Meeting
VFW-Bruce Post 7:30 PM |
| APRIL 18 | 3rd Annual Walleye Tournament
Detroit Yacht Club |
| May 26 | General Membership Meeting
VFW-Bruce Post 7:30 PM |
| June 5-6 | Joe LePage Classic
Sun-Up Marina-Anchor Bay |
| June 22 | 15th Annual SOM Charity Derby
Grosse Pointe Yacht Club |
| July 10-11 | Homer LeBlanc Muskie Derby
Shore Club Marina, SCS |
| Aug. 14-15 | Bill Maerten's 40LB Derby and
Summer Slam
Belle River Marina/Miller Marina |
| Aug. 29 | 2nd Annual Operation Muskie Meet
Detroit Yacht Club |
| Sept. 11-12 | Joe Pierce Memorial Derby
TBD |
| Oct. 9-10 | Ken Valley Memorial Derby
John Mullett Big Dog Classic
Michigan Harbor, SCS |
| October TBD | General Membership Meeting
VFW-Bruce Post 7:30 PM |
| January TBD | General Membership Meeting
VFW-Bruce Post 7:30 PM |
| January TBD | Annual Awards Banquet |

Rules Changes

At the January general membership meeting, two rules changes were introduced and voted into action:

3.1. M.O.M.C. shall not fish for Muskie for any reason out of season.

3.3. During the (5) monthly M.O.M.C. tournaments, each participating M.O.M.C. boat is restricted to a maximum of Eight (8) rods.

3.3.1. M.O.M.C. members must abide by Ontario, and Michigan law in regards to rod count.

MOMC Classifieds

- 1994 29" Tiara Open "Loke" – fully loaded – ready to fish. \$69,600 – Contact Rose at (586) 725-5911.

- 1974 30' Sea Ray Weekender. Almost everything redone. \$14,500. (586) 484-2274.

- 1997 33' Sea Ray EC (Amberjack). 1100 hours on 7.4 MPI's. 5 kW generator (75 hours), Raymarine C120, 48 mile radar, new drop curtain, Air/Heat, ready to Muskie fish. \$77,000 – Contact Adam at (586) 557-6838.

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

Summer Release Tips

July is here, and, with its arrival, come the increased water temperatures that can make it hard to release muskie.

Make sure you have all your release equipment ready when boating a fish. Knipex mini bolt-cutters, jaw spreaders, long needle-nose pliers, Boga Grips and channel locks are all great tools. Have your cameras ready for a quick shot and try to keep the fish off of the boat floor.

If you don't have one already, a Fish ThANKS revival system is a vital piece of equipment. It has undoubtedly saved thousands of muskie since its invention by David Clark.

Remember, **Catch Photo Release!**

Boat U.S. 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.

2010 - Top 5 Registered Fish

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth	Location	Released
Tony Virga	Liquid Sedation	35.05 LBS	51 ½"	22"	Thames	YES
Kevin Wieczorek	Zapped	34.70 LBS	53 ¾"	21 ¼"	Stoney Pointe	NO
Russ Pilette	Bandit	33.30 LBS	51 ¼"	20 ¾"	Red Barn	YES
Tony Ranella	Premonition	32.55 LBS	51 ½"	21"	Stoney Pointe	YES
Dave Helzer	Miss Megan	32.15#	51 ¾"	20 ½"	Clinton River	YES

2009 - MOMC Year End / Side Bet

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth	Lure	Color
Tony Virga	Liquid Sedation	35.05 LBS	51 ½"	22"	Bucktail	Blue/Black
Kevin Wieczorek	Zapped	34.70 LBS	53 ¾"	21 ¼"	Loke	Frog
Russ Pilette	Bandit	33.30 LBS	51 ¼"	20 ¾"	Bucktail	Black

2009 - Captain / Open Side Bet

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth

2009 - Largest Registered Release

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth
Tony Virga	Liquid Sedation	35.05 LBS	51 ½"	22"

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