

# MICHIGAN ONTARIO MUSKIE CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

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## Bill Maerten's 40# Derby and Summer Slam – August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

The 2012 Bill Maerten's Derby and Summer Slam will be held August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at Michigan Harbor and the Belle River Marina. This is a great tourney as some of the biggest fish as members encounter some of the biggest fish of the year!

Richard will function as the M.O.M.C. weighmaster, with the tank and scale at Belle River Marina on Saturday and Sunday. The official awards ceremony and cookout will be held at 3:30 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.

### 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

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## Homer LeBlanc Derby July 14-15

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 Jim Schiller, Greg Sultana, Greg Virga, Tristan Spindler and Tim and Chris Ardanowski, who combined for the fish fry preparation work Friday evening, Sunday afternoon fish frying, and Sunday evening clean-up. Thanks also to Rich Wolicki for preparing the wonderful fish dinner. A special thanks to the crew of Bait Runner for their help too!

Saturday started out with Anthony Ceerle aboard **Yellow Belly** bringing in a nice 50" fish weighing around 32.90 lbs. This set the pace for the rest of the day, with only one more fish being weighed at 8 pm Sat. evening. Steve Bacha fishing on **Another Day** brought in a 51 ¼" fish weighing 32.95 lbs. How close is that! Sunday morning the scales opened up at 8 am with Chris Michayluk of **Teeko** registering a 51 1/4" musky at 35.40 lbs. These fish held up for the top three in the registered division and all were also in the Homer LaBlanc side bet.

This tournament also proved to be spectacular for the True Trophy Release category. Seven fish were registered and all over 51" long! In many previous years 51" would have won the TTR category. It was a weekend of boats releasing multiple big fish! **Another Day's** Jason Gaca caught a 54" fish (1<sup>st</sup> place Adult) and Steve Bacha caught a 51 ½" fish. **Premonition's** Anthony Adams caught a 52 ¼" fish (2<sup>nd</sup> place Adult). **Impatient's** Kelly Jones caught a 52" and Blake Jones (1<sup>st</sup> place Junior) caught a 51 ½" fish. **Medicine Man's** Ed Pascua and Alec Pascua (2<sup>nd</sup> Place Junior) each caught 51" fish. Congratulations to the winners!

In addition to club recognition, the anglers of the first, second and third place registered muskie received memorabilia from Homer Lablanc's family. Kevin Bachus attended the fish fry and brought three items which President Rich Stoodly distributed. They were an original print of a musky, a hand carved lure and a copy of Homer LaBlanc's book. Thank you, Kevin!

**Director's Meetings: are held at Gilbert's Lodge on the first Tuesday of each month. They start at 7:00 pm and are open to the general membership.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Musky Derby**  
**Metro Beach Marina**  
**August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012**  
**Chairman = Keith Jones**  
**8:00 am to 2:00 PM**

**Contact Information = (586) 615-2727**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** exists to provide a forum for Muskie fisherman of all skill levels to come together to enjoy Muskie fishing. The M.O.M.C. develops and supports activities in education, competition, recognition, conservation, fellowship and community service. It is the clubs goal to provide members and there family's with the opportunity for a fun and rewarding experience. The M.O.M.C. is a club that members are proud to belong to, and that sets the standard by which fishing organizations measure themselves against.

Derby rules, (1) open to all youth from the ages of 1 to 17. (2) 3 divisions, minor division 1 to 6, junior division 7 to 12, senior division 13 to 17. (3) length will determine 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place for each division, (tie breaker will be first fish called in to the weigh master) (4) all fish caught should be called into the weigh master monitoring channel 80 as follows, **name of boat, time, name of angler & length of fish**. (5) **All entrants must comply with the M.O.M.C. rules & regulations.**

The derby will be held at Metro Beach pavilion #1 along the Black Creek, there will be plenty of docking along the Black Creek wall if you come by boat (\$6.00), or you can catch the train and it will bring you back to the pavilion at no charge.

**BBQ Dinner, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Salad, Chips, Pop, Water.**

**Raffles, Prizes,**

**Trophy's awarded to the top 3 places in each division.**

**Tournament Trophies for 2012**

New for 2012, the MOMC tournament Trophy presentations at the awards ceremonies after each monthly tournament will use a photo-only trophy which MOMC will keep. If you would like to keep a trophy, MOMC will make you a custom trophy with your name on it upon request.

**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Operation Musk-E-Meet**  
**Detroit Yacht Club**  
**August 26, 2012**  
**Chairman = Greg Virga**

**Contact Information = (586) 634-0217**

**The M.O.M.C. board of directors is currently looking for captains to donate their time, boat, and professional experience to take out some of Americas finest people, our armed forces veterans, wounded warriors, active & non active soldiers. Let's all get involved with this great event, and take a soldier out for a relaxing day on the water.**

This year the Michigan Ontario Muskie Club will be holding its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Operation Musk-E-Meet Charity fishing derby on Lake St. Clair. As we all know, these brave men and women are fighting for our freedom. The Michigan Ontario Muskie Club and it's board of directors decided it's time to give a little something back in return. On August 26, 2012 Captains from the club will be taking out soldiers for a day of Muskie fishing. This will be the time our men and women from our armed forces will be able to sit back and relax and enjoy a special day just for them, but we need your help. Many of our soldiers have left behind families, lost their jobs, lost their homes, lost everything they have worked for, and too many have paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The Michigan Ontario Muskie Club has joined together with three wonderful organizations - Kiwanis International ( Kiwanis local post ), Operation Injured Soldiers ( New Hudson Michigan) and the Detroit Yacht Club. The Kiwanis have formed a Military Family Relief Fund in conjunction with Selfridge Air Force Base that assists families in need of food, clothing and money while their loved ones are serving our country. Operation Injured Soldiers has a different approach - their goal is to help wounded heroes get back to enjoying the sports and hobbies they enjoyed before being deployed. Our host will be the historic Detroit Yacht Club founded in 1868, this is one of the oldest and most prestigious private clubs in north America. There our soldiers will sit down to a wonderful dinner and awards in one of the clubs many ball rooms. None of this will be possible without sponsorships and donations.

## 2012 M.O.M.C. Events Calendar

- July 14, 15 Homer LaBlanc Derby  
Shore Club Marina – COMPLETE!
- Aug. 5 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Youth Muskie Derby  
Metro Beach Marina
- Aug. 11-12 Bill Maerten's 40LB Derby and  
Summer Slam  
Belle River Marina & Michigan  
Harbor
- Aug. 25 Captain's BBQ for Musk-E-Meet  
Aug. 26 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Operation Musk-E-Meet  
Detroit Yacht Club
- Sept. 11-12 Joe Pierce Memorial Derby  
Miller Marina
- October 10 General Membership Meeting  
VFW-Bruce Post 7:30 PM  
Big Dog Captain's Mtg. 6:00 PM.
- Oct. 13-14 Ken Valley Memorial Derby and  
John Mullett "Big Dog" Classic  
Miller Marina
- Jan. 23, 2013 General Membership Meeting  
VFW-Bruce Post 7:30 PM
- Feb. 9, 2013 Annual Awards Banquet

## 2012 Rules Changes

- 1) The regular monthly MOMC fishing tournaments will end at 2:00 PM on Sundays.
- 2) Kids and grandkids age 16 and under are included in the biggest 3 side bet and largest registered release side bet.
- 3) Note: The Captain's Open will be won by the Captain of the boat in the Captain's Open side bet that catches the heaviest fish.

### Registered Fish – July 2012 Homer LaBlanc Derby

Place	Angler Name	Boat Name	Weight	Length	Girth	Location	Lure Type	Lure Color	Date
1	Chris Michayluk	Teeko	35.4	51.25	22.00	Mid Lake	Bucktail	NA	07/14/12
2	Steve Bacha	Another Day	32.95	51.25	21.00	Mid Lake	Bucktail	Black	07/14/12
3	Anthony Ceerle	Yellow Belly	32.90	50	21.50	Mid Lake	Bucktail	Noslaw	07/14/12

### Adult True Trophy Release - July 2012 Homer LaBlanc Derby

Place	Angler Name	Boat Name	Weight	Length	Girth	Location	Lure Type	Lure Color	Date
1	Jason Gaca	Another Day		54		Mid Lake	Bucktail	Yellow	07/14/12
2	Anthony Adams	Premonition		52.5		Mid Lake	Bucktail	Green	07/14/12

Junior True Trophy Release – July 2012 Homer LaBlanc Derby									
Place	Angler Name	Boat Name		Length		Location	Lure Type	Lure Color	Date
1	Blake Jones	Impatient		51.5		Mid Lake	Bucktail	Black Perch	07/15/12
2	Alec Pascua	Medicine Man		51		Mid Lake	Loke	Olive Frog	07/14/12

2012 Top Fish Year End Side Bet (07/18/12)				
Weight	Length	Girth	Angler	Boat
39.00	51.75"	23.00"	Bruce Smith	Premonition
39.00	53.25"	22.00"	Dave Herschelman	Medicine Man
37.35	51.50"	22.50"	Jeremy Eschner	Premonition

2012 Captain's Open Side Bet (07/18/12)				
Weight	Length	Girth	Captain	Boat
40.25#	54.25"	22.50"	Chuck Smith	Premonition

2012 Largest Registered Release (07/18/12)				
Weight	Length	Girth	Angler	Boat
39.00#	51.50"	22.50"	Bruce Smith	Premonition

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