

MICHIGAN ONTARIO MUSKIE CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

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Announcement: The Michigan Out-Of-Doors television show featuring the MOMC Special Olympics tournament will be shown on Thursday, Sept 20, 2012.

3rd ANNUAL MOMC YOUTH DERBY REPORT

It seems like every year the youth derby has challenging weather conditions and this year was no exception. An ominous storm to the South all during the night may have caused some to call it off early, but the ones who went on to fish regardless, had big results. 19 youths participated this year, through the early morning rain, and into the beautiful afternoon sunshine. Fortunately the wind was not an issue, and some monster muskies were biting. The August 5th, 2012 results of the 3 divisions are shown below:

<u>Anglers Ages 1-6</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Boat</u>
Cal Meleski	45"	Unreel
Jeffery Bartlett	44"	Bandit
Mathew Keitz	44"	Unreel

<u>Anglers Ages 7-12</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Boat</u>
Kara and Blake Jones	53 ½"	Bandit
Dillon Castle	50"	Radio Active
Mark Keitz	49"	Unreel

<u>Anglers Ages 13-17</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Boat</u>
Hunter Cooks	52 ½"	Real Action
Anthony Carabelli	45 ½"	La Bella Vita
Lou Carabelli	45"	La Bella Vita

August MOMC Derby and Summer Slam Results – 2012

The August Derby, known as the "Billy Maertens 40 lb" Derby, combined with the "Summer Slam" side bet, provided another great opportunity for competitive fun on the water this past weekend. The August derby is known for its unpredictability, sometimes resulting in no fish and other times in a 40 plus pound hog. Catching a big fish on a good day is a great and memorable experience, but catching a big fish on derby day is where it's at for the competitive spirit in you. Six nice fish were registered this weekend, but no 40 pounders and no 35 pounders. Here are the top 3 Registered Division finishers:

<u>Boat</u>	<u>Angler</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Girth</u>
Down Time	Mike Curzenski	34.35#	53.75 in	21.00 in
Medicine Man	David Herschelmann	33.60#	53.25 in	20.25 in
Huntress	Bob Sans	32.80#	51.50 in	21.00 in

In the running for a few hours were Zig Adams with a 32.60 pounder on Premonition, Tony Virga with a 31.55 pounder on Liquid Sedation and Don Truskowski with a 30.10 pounder on Toy Yat.

Here are the top Release Division finishers (there were no other Release Division entries):

	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Angler</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Lure</u>
<u>Adult</u>	Downtime	Mike Curzenski	52.00 in	Lavender Spanky
<u>Junior</u>	Contender	Brendan Budzeak	40.00 in	Pike Scale Loke

All fish were released for another day!

4th Annual Operation Musk-E-Meet Report August 26, 2012 at Detroit Yacht Club

The 4th annual Operation Musk-E-Meet Tournament is in the books, and was another huge success. The fishing Gods finally graced us with an awesome day of fishing on Lake St. Clair. Temps in the high 80's and no gale force winds meant fishing could not have been better. All 21 boats landed fish for the soldiers, with some boats landing double digit catches on the day. All fish were released for another day.

Thank You's:

On behalf of MOMC, DYC, Lac St Claire Kiwanis and Operation Injured Soldier, we would like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all those who serve or have served our country. Your dedication to our country allows us to have the playground we all enjoy today.

In addition, a special thanks to St Clair Flats - Waterfowlers, Inc for becoming the Platinum Sponsor for 2012. Without their support, along with countless other gold sponsors, this event would not be possible.

Thank you DYC staff and members, for opening your doors and welcoming us into your historic venue. Especially Commodore Bryan Barlow (DYC), Bill Schrader (DYC Rod & Gun Club), Ross (Harbor Master), Paul Hughes (General Manager) and Jennifer McDonnell (DYC Catering) for hosting this event. Once again, your graciousness far exceeded any of our expectations.

Special thanks to Dan Mallard & Dan Allor (DYC members) and all the volunteers for hosting Saturday night Captains Bar-B-Q. Many 100's of volunteer hours are what make this tournament a success.

There was the usual top shelf hospitality and an over the top spread of food. Dan Allor's seafood dish is spectacular to say the least. The addition of the big top tent, bounce house for the kids and DJ was great.

Last, thanks to all the captains and mates, who donated their knowledge, boats, gas, equipment and time. There were over 20 boats in this years' event.

Musk-E-Meet results:

1st - Capt Ed Pascua (MOMC) - Team Medicine Man
51" length - Successfully Released.

2nd - Capt Paul Carabelli (MOMC) - Team La Bella Vita
50 1/2" length - Successfully Released.

3rd - Capt Ed Pascua (MOMC) - Team Medicine Man
50 1/4" length - Successfully Released.

GRAND PRIZE WINNER – All the Captains, Mates and the DYC volunteers for allowing us to give something back to all of our Active Solders and Veterans who give us our freedom.

THANK YOU!!!! From the MOMC Board of Directors

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September 8th and 9th Joe Pierce Memorial Derby Report

For the last 3 years the September MOMC Tournament Fishing has been really tough and this year's Joe Pierce Memorial Derby was no exception. We had strong 15-20 mph northwest winds all day Saturday. People either tried to find a small area without floating weeds or they cleaned lines constantly! The only Saturday fish was registered late in the afternoon. It was caught by Frank Manzo on Shootout. The fish weighted 31.05 lbs and measured 49.5 lbs. with a 20.5" girth. Nice fish Frank!

Sunday was much better weather with winds at 5-10 mph and sunshine. Things got exciting the last two hours of the day as Dan Shank on Infinity pulled in a nice 30.70 lb. fish that was 50" long with a 20.5" girth. As the clock ticked down to the 2:00 PM deadline Team Medicine Man raced to the weigh station with a monster in the revival tank. They knew they had the winning fish on board if they could get it to the scales on time. The Lions scored the winning touchdown with 10 seconds left Sunday. Medicine Man arrived at the scales 7 minutes late and weighed in a tremendous 34+ lb. fish! Ed won first place in the Registered Release contest for the 51.5" fish.

Other anglers reported releasing nice fish up to 49 inches long.

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Big Fish Report

It appears that the biggest fish in the lake were hiding for the September Tournament. Medicine Man found a large fish just as the Joe Pierce Memorial Derby ended on Sunday. Then on Monday night Zig Adams found one of the largest fish this year. He registered a 40.15 lb. fish to take over first place in the Club Tourney and Year End standings. Please see the Sept. 11, 2012 results, below:

2012 Big Fish Standings

September 11, 2012

Top 5 Registered Fish (09/11/12)				
Weight	Length	Girth	Angler	Boat
40.15 #	53.625"	22.75"	Zig Adams	
40.125 #	54.50"	23.38"	Scott Murray	Downtime
39.00 #	51.75"	23.00"	Bruce Smith	Premonition
39.00 #	53.25"	22.00"	Dave Herschelmann	Medicine Man
37.35 #	51.50"	22.50"	Jeremy Eschner	Premonition

Top Fish Year End Side Bet (09/11/12)				
Weight	Length	Girth	Angler	Boat
40.15 #	53.625"	22.75"	Zig Adams	
40.125 #	54.50"	23.38"	Scott Murray	Downtime
39.00 #	51.75"	23.00"	Bruce Smith	Premonition

Captain's Open Side Bet (09/11/12)				
Weight	Length	Girth	Captain	Boat
40.25 #	54.25"	22.50"	Chuck Smith	Premonition

Largest Registered Release (09/11/12)				
Weight	Length	Girth	Angler	Boat
40.125 #	54.50"	23.38"	Scott Murray	Downtime

2011-2012 Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
March 28	General Membership Meeting 7:30 PM -Q&A at 6:00 PM	<u>VFW Bruce Post - SCS</u>
April 15	5th. Annual M.O.M.C Spring Walleye Classic	<u>Detroit Yacht Club</u>
May 23	General Membership Meeting 7:30 PM - Q&A at 6:00 PM	<u>VFW Bruce Post - SCS</u>
June 2 - 3	Joe LePage Classic	<u>Sun-Up Marina - Anchor Bay</u>
June 26	17th Annual SOM Charity Derby	<u>Grosse Point Yacht Club</u>
July 14 - 15	Homer LeBlanc Muskie Derby	<u>Shore Club Marina -SCS</u>
Aug. 5	3rd Annual Youth Muskie Derby	Metro Beach Marina
Aug. 11-12	Bill Maertens 40lb Derby & Summer Slam - Corn Roast	Belle River Marina <u>Miller Marina</u>
Aug. 26	4th. Annual Operation Musk-E-Meet	<u>Detroit Yacht Club</u>
Sept. 8 - 9	Joe Pierce Memorial Derby	<u>Michigan Harbor</u>
Oct. 10	General Membership Meeting & Big Dog Capt. Meeting - 6:00 PM	<u>VFW Bruce Post - SCS</u>
Oct. 13-14	Ken Valley Memorial Derby And John Muliatt "Big Dog" Classic	<u>Miller Marina</u>
Jan. 23, 2013	General Membership Meeting - 7:30 PM	<u>VFW Bruce Post - SCS</u>
Feb. 9, 2013	Annual Awards Banquet	Lakeland Banquet and Event Center  Saint Clair Shores