

# MICHIGAN ONTARIO MUSKIE CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

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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. **PLEASE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS PORTION OF OUR WEBSITE.** 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).

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

August 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2009, the M.O.M.C. hosted the 40# Derby and the Summer Slam out of the Belle River Marina.

The weather was absolutely terrible on Saturday. 3-4 foot waves combined with horizontal rain made for some challenging fishing conditions. However, the big fish didn't seem to mind.

The first fish to the scale Saturday morning was caught aboard the "Trophy Hunter" by Jim Pullella. This 51" x 22" beauty weighed 34.6 LBS. and was released.

The next few hours brought nothing but more rain. Then, around Noon, Doug Felster aboard the "Contender" brought a 53 5/8" x 18" snake to the scale that weighed 28.7 LBS. This fish was also released.

In the next couple of hours, some fish were brought to the scale that will make you think twice about swimming in Lake St. Clair! Mitchell Mueller, aboard the "Huntress" brought a 52 1/2" x 23" hog to the scales that weighed an impressive 39.10 LBS; this was the second place fish. This fish was quickly released so that the club could open up the tank for the next one. Ron Tempich aboard "Almost Paradise" rolled in with a 56 1/8" x 22" fish that weighed 39.15 LBS. This is a new club length record and also took first place in the Summer Slam. During this period Rocky Richards, aboard "Ship It", brought a nice 52 1/2" x 20 1/2" fish to the scale that weighed 31.9 LBS, this was also released.

Sunday finally brought some sunshine, however, the wind continued to steal the show. Two fish were weighed. First, Tod Stanton aboard "Sundown" showed up with a 51 1/4" x 19" fish that weighed 28.85 LBS. This fish was bumped from third place shortly thereafter by Brad Horton aboard "Huntress". Brad's fish weighed 30.9 LBS and measured 52" x 20". **It is great to see that all the fish were released this weekend!**

Many thanks are in order for the weekend. First, thank you Richard for keeping the scales open late on Saturday, for sleeping in the trailer and for bringing the trailer back to Michigan on Sunday. Thank you to the tournament committee for all your hard work. Thank you to Fast Eddie's for the awesome catering. Thanks to the Belle River Marina staff for their hospitality as well as Michigan Harbor for allowing us to have the awards ceremony at their facility.

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## Operation Musk-E-Meet

The inaugural Operation Musk-E-Meet was held August 30, 2009 at Ken's Gas Dock at Michigan Harbor. The purpose of this event was to provide some of our local returning veterans with a day of muskie fishing. Over 40 veterans were treated to a day of muskie fishing by M.O.M.C. captains. Despite the lousy weather, some nice fish were caught. The final standings were:

1<sup>st</sup> -51"- Team Pequod-Captain Bob Wyffels  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 46"- Team Sundown-Captain Ron Welsch  
3<sup>rd</sup> -46"- Team Reel Lucky-Captain Dave Rybicki

The M.O.M.C. would like to thank the captain's that donated their time and their boats. A heart-felt thanks goes out to all the sponsors and for all the private donations as well. Ken's Gas Dock at Michigan Harbor proved to be a great host once again.

Finally, thank you to Tug Orr, Greg Virga, Joe Hayes, Jason Frame, Ron Welsch and all the other organizers that pulled this tournament off. There is nothing more rewarding than giving back to those who risk so much.

## Rule Change

The board of director's voted on a rule change to allow those M.O.M.C. captain's participating in club sanctioned events (i.e. Musk-E-Meet, SOM), to enter fish in the club side-bets in which they were previously registered for.

The BOD felt that it was a necessary change due to the number of charity events that the club is hosting.

The actual rule number and official wording will be presented at the October general membership meeting.

## 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.

### **Joe Pierce Memorial Derby Sept. 12-13**

The Joe Pierce Memorial Derby will be held September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at Len's Gas Dock at Emerald City Harbor. This tournament has the potential for producing big fish and hopefully the weather will cooperate with us this year.

A catered dinner will again be provided on Sunday for card carrying members and guest members.

### **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
Ron Tempich	Almost Paradise	39.15 LBS	56 1/8"	22"	Weather Buoy	YES
Mitchell Mueller	Huntress	39.10 LBS	52 3/4"	23"	Weather Buoy	YES
Matt Mueller	Huntress	38.15 LBS	52 3/4"	22 1/2"	Weather Buoy	YES
Keith Jones	Impatient	36.7 LBS	51 3/4"	22 1/4"	Weather Buoy	YES
Dino Forton	Flying Tiger	36.1 LBS	52 1/4"		Bassett	NO

### 2009 - MOMC Year End / Side Bet

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth	Lure	Color
Ron Tempich	Almost Paradise	39.15 LBS	56 1/8"	22"	Loke	
Keith Jones	Impatient	36.7 LBS	51 3/4"	22 1/4"	Bucktail	
Bill Finch	Hog Wild	35.5 LBS	51 7/8"	24"	Artifact	Gar Pike

### 2009 - Captain / Open Side Bet

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth
Mitchell Mueller	Huntress	39.1 LBS	52 3/4"	23"

### 2009 - Largest Registered Release

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth
Mitchell Mueller	Huntress	39.1 LBS	52 3/4"	23"

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