

MICHIGAN ONTARIO MUSKIE CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

Summer-2009

14th Annual SOM Charity Derby June 23

The M.O.M.C., Grosse Pointe Yacht Club, Detroit Yacht Club and the Detroit Athletic Club teamed up for the 14th annual Special Olympics of Michigan Charity Muskie Derby.

This year, the M.O.M.C. was able to donate over \$10,000 to the Special Olympics Michigan. This is currently one of the largest charity events on the lake with over \$100,000 currently raised for the Special Olympics.

The first place fish was a 52" beauty caught aboard C'Mon Fish, captained by Greg Nelson and sponsored by the Country Club of Detroit and the GPYC. The second place fish was a 50 1/2" hog caught aboard the Hot Tuna, captained by Jerry Iwanski and sponsored by the Detroit Athletic Club and the M.O.M.C. The third place fish for the day was caught aboard the Sundown, sponsored and captained by Ron Welsch.

This event, once again, was a tremendous success. Many thanks go out to the captains, sponsors, and especially the GPYC for being such gracious hosts.

Joe Lepage Classic June 6-7

The Joe LePage Classic was held June 6-7 at MacRay Harbor in Harrison Township. The fishing was just as awesome as the weather; many big fish were brought to the scales.

Mike Ross aboard the "Gore May" brought the first fish to the scale, it had a 52 7/8" length and weighed 33.4 LBS, and this fish was released. Matt Mueller aboard the "Huntress" brought in a nice fish later in the morning that weighed 31.95 LBS, this too was released. The rest of the day went by quietly when, around 6:00PM, the "Passin' Gas" crew brought in a 52" fish that weighed 29.75 LBS, this fish was released.

Then, about 7:00PM, the second largest fish of the day hit the scales, a 50 1/2", 33.2 LB hog caught aboard the "Blaze of Glory", by Justin Krupsky. It was released.

Sunday morning started off with Enzo Cerqua aboard My Mistress weighing a fish that was caught the night before. This fish was unable to be released.

The eventual winner hit the scales around 1:30PM on Sunday. Phil Garofalo aboard Peppino brought in a beautiful 51 7/8" fish that weighed 34.85 lbs. This fish was also able to be released.

With the scales closed, Bill Finch aboard the "Just One More" pulled a 50 7/8" fish that weighed 35.5 lbs. This fish was weighed at the Thames River and released. Bill's fish is currently in first place in the year end standings.

The M.O.M.C. would like to thank Mac and Ray's for hosting this event for the second straight year. The facilities are top notch and the food is excellent.

In Memoriam

The M.O.M.C. lost a dear friend recently as Don Gruschow passed away on June 12, 2009. Don was the captain of the "Donald Duck" and a major supporter of the club, especially the Special Olympics Derby.

Don's son captained the Duck this year and was able to fish it, in his father's honor, at the SOM Derby. Don's kindness and generosity will be sorely missed.

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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.

There are a lot of big tournaments coming up this summer. Expect to see the MOMC trailer and tank at these tournaments to assist in the successful release of our big girls!

Operation Musk-E-Meet

Please join the M.O.M.C. in supporting our returning veterans for the first annual "Operation Musk-E-Meet. 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.

2009 Calendar of Events

- May 27th General Membership Meeting 7:30PM**
Bruce Post, St. Clair Shores
- June 6-7 Joe Lepage Classic**
Mac Ray Harbor, Harrison Twp.
- June 23 14th 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**
Location TBD
- 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 6th 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

- 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. \$21,500 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.

Homer LeBlanc Muskie Derby

The 2009 Homer LeBlanc Muskie Derby will be held July 11th and 12th at the Shore Club Marina in St. Clair Shores, MI. This event is sure to be a good time as some of those bigger fish should be showing their faces!

There will be plenty of boat wells available for the membership 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.

A little boat-name humor from our friends at Boat U.S.

- 1. What College Fund?** With three out of four boat-owning households making less than \$100,000 a year, where else are you going to get the money?
- 2. Stocks-N-Blonds:** Clearly someone still has a job on Wall Street.
- 3. Anchor Management:** The calming effect that boating brings.
- 4. Sweet Em-Ocean:** A floating love shack?
- 5. Knotty Buoy:** The Johnnie Depp of boaters.
- 6. Reel-e-Fish-ent:** Could teach Capt. Sig Hansen of the Discovery Channel series *Deadliest Catch* a thing or two about fishing.
- 7. A-Frayed Knot:** Fearless in their ability to tie bowline.
- 8. O-Sea-D:** Obsessive, compulsive, and loving the ocean.
- 9. A-Loan-Again:** Either cruising for a date or has purchased their boat on credit.
- 10. Really Big Car:** Small boat complex?

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 6 Registered Fish

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth	Location	Released
Bill Finch	Just One More	35.5 lbs	50 7/8"	24"	Thames	YES
Phil Garofalo	Peppino	34.85 lbs	51 7/8"	21"	400 Club	YES
Mike Ross	Gore May	33.4 lbs	52 7/8"	20"	Spillway	YES
Justin Krupsky	Blaze of Glory	33.2 lbs	50 1/2"	22"	400 Club	YES
Enzo Cerqua	My Mistress	31.95 lbs	52 1/4"	20"	Thames	NO
Matt Mueller	Huntress	30.95 lbs	50 1/2"	20 1/4"	Thames	YES

2009 - MOMC Year End / Side Bet

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth	Lure	Color
Bill Finch	Just One More	35.5 lbs	50 7/8"	24"	Artifact	Gar Pike
Mike Ross	Gore May	33.4 lbs	52 7/8"	20"	Bucktail	Spillway
Chuck Hoffman	Fish Hawk	30.35 lbs	49 7/8"	20 1/2"	Gapens	Polish Perch

2009 - Captain / Open Side Bet

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth
Open	Open	Open	Open	Open

2009 - Largest Registered Release

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth
Enzo Cerqua	My Mistress	31.95 lbs	52 1/4"	20"

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