

MICHIGAN ONTARIO MUSKIE CLUB

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NEWSLETTER

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2007 October / Ken Valley Memorial Derby, Jefferson Beach Marina

October 13th & 14th

The October/ Ken Valley Memorial Derby will be held at Jefferson Beach Marina which is located on the Nautical Mile in St. Clair Shores. Remember, Sunday the tournament will end @ 4:00PM. Awards will be held promptly at 4:30 PM with dinner following. Please listen to the announcements on channel 80 for pertinent information during the tournament.

Just a reminder to check your scales. To register a fish it needs to be 50" or 30lbs. We will also have the club trailer at Jefferson Beach for the last week of our season.

General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting will be held at the VFW Bruce Post on Oct. 25 @ 7:30 pm. Be sure to spread the word out for this meeting.

We will be covering issues that were discussed @ the May General Membership meeting and bringing some of the issues to a close along with discussing new business.

Local bait makers like Loke, Gotcha, Maison Muskie Killers, Lochness, along with members bringing in their extra gear for sale will be at this meeting. If you have something you would like to sell, bring it to the meeting. So bring some extra \$\$\$\$ and you might find the baits you've been looking for.

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2007 September/Past Presidents Derby, Len's Gas Dock @ Emerald City Marina

September 8th and 9th

The 2007 Past President's Derby was held at Len's Gas Dock in Emerald City Marina. A special thank you to Len's for having us this year.

Mother Nature made the muskie hunters work hard on Saturday with only two fish coming to the scale. First to the scale were Chuck Smith Sr. and his wife Pat fishing on "Reel Fun". Chuck's fish was 34.10lbs which held up to give him the first place spot. Chuck and Pat had been fishing for about 20 minutes when the fish took the Ripper they were running. We worked on the fish in the tank for about three hours. There were a few times we thought the fish was going to make it. Then she just gave up and went belly up. Chuck said the fish will go on his wall Up North.

Next to come in was the boat "Shelby Kristy". Scott D'Eath and family were fishing along with the Budzeak's. Michael D'Eath had reeled in a nice fish coming in at 32.20 lbs. Michael was running a Wiley white belly perch. The fish was released. At the close of the day the fish was in second place.

Sunday brought some wet weather and the fish were still in lock-jaw mode. Not much talk on the radio told me Sunday was going to another long day.

Around 11am "Special T" came a calling. It seems Jane Guy was teaching Dave how to fish! Jane brought in a nice 32.50 lbs. They were fishing in the South Channel when the Loke St. Lawrence went off. This fish moved into second place pushing Michael down to third. This fish was also released. That was how things ended up.

In the Quick Release it was Kirk Cleland fishing on "Blaze of Glory" with a 49 1/2" fish. They were fishing c-ball running a Ziggy Black Perch.

In the Jr. Quick Release first place went to Kristy Budzeak fishing on "Shelby Kristy" along with her family and the D 'Eath's. Kristy's fish was 43" caught on a Wiley St. Lawrence.

Remember, the last day of the MOMC season is **Tuesday, October 31, 2006** to have a fish registered.

4th Annual MOMC Fall Perch Tournament

It's hard to believe the fall is here. For the perch fisherman in the club, this is a favorite time of year. Last year we had a total of 26 boats sign up for the annual derby.

The same rules will apply in this year's tournament and will be held @ Jefferson Beach Marina on Sunday, October 21, 2007. The signup sheet is available at www.lscmomc.com regarding this tournament. If the weather does not cooperate we will call the tournament Saturday evening and reschedule or refund the entry fees.

If you have any questions regarding this upcoming event, call Bob Wyffels @ (586) 966-7319.

Perch Tournament Rules

1. Participants agree to accept all decisions by the three judge panel, which include: Bob Wyffels, Joe Pierce & Joe Finazzo

2. The derby fishing stops promptly @ 2:00 PM on the 21st of October 2007. All captains must be **ON** the Michigan Harbor Gas Dock no later than 2:30 PM. **This means** – fish in hands and standing in the weigh in line on the dock. Any late comers are disqualified from weighing their fish. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

3. Only perch up to one (1) limit of 50 each counts toward the official registered catch of the vessel.

4. In the interest of conservation & preservation of the species, we limit the minimum size of all registered perch to 8" or larger. That would be 8" on a ruler scale not 8" on the Man scale.

5. The amount of cash prize is dependent on the total number of entries minus the total expense of the derby. The heaviest registered catch of 50 perch or fewer wins the grand prize. There will be a prize for the largest single perch by length. Pay outs will be for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places.

6. All waters of Lake St. Clair as well as the waters of the Detroit & St. Clair Rivers are open to the derby.

7. Only the fish caught the day of the derby can be entered into the weigh in and the catch must be preserved on ice.

8. Only legal means of angling may be used to harvest the perch as identified by the Michigan DNR & Ontario Ministries of Fisheries.

MOMC Derby Control will monitor channel 80 as the primary channel & channel 72 as the back up.

A Fisherman's Quote:

“Anglers have a way of romanticizing
Their battles with fish”

Ernest Hemingway

Second place went to Even Nelson fishing on Feel-N-Lucky along with is Dad & Grandfather. In August Even released a 41" for second place this month he released a 38 3/4" for second place again. Will we see Even again in October?

Good Job to all!

MOMC Classifieds

To place ads please contact **any Board of Director.**

1986 – TIARA 3100 OPEN: T-351ci V8 small blocks, Stainless Steel Radar Arch w/ Rod Holders, Outriggers, Custom Bimini, (2) Backdrops, Mooring Cover, Bottom Line F/F, Magellan GPS/Chart, Custom Transom Muskie Lure Box, \$55,000.00 Contact Rich Larry: W – 248.576.0629, H – 586.725.5072

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Professional Boat Service: Int/Ext cleaning and detailing, rub outs/waxing, bottom paint and teak. Call for estimates 586.771.8817.

1986 Wellcraft Coastal 28-New canvas, stereo, Interphase color chartplotter, VHF, onboard charger, sleeps four, 305 Crusaders, runs great, muskie ready. \$25,000 OBO call “Catfish” @ 610.999.7171

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2007-Past President's Derby/September

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth	Location	Released
Chuck Smith Sr.	"Reel Fun"	34.10 lbs	50 7/8"	21 1/2"	Mid Lake	No
Jane Guy	"Special T"	32.50 lbs	52"	21"	South channel	Yes
Michael D'Eath	"Shelby Kristy"	32.20 lbs	50 7/8"	20"	Thames	Yes

2007-Past President's Derby/September Adult Quick Release

Name	Boat	Length	Lure	Color	Set-up	Location
Kirk Cleland	"Blaze of Glory"	49 1/2"	Ziggy	Black Perch	Down 10/10	C Ball

2007-Past President's Derby/September Junior Quick Release

Name	Boat	Length	Lure	Color	Set-up	Location
Kristy Budzeak	"Shelby Kristy"	43"	Wiley	St. Lawrence	2/40	Thames
Even Nelson	"Feel N Lucky"	38 3/4"	Mason	Frog	4/35	Dumps

2007-Top Five Registered Fish

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth	Location	Released
Art Kornosky	"Musky Ugly"	41.85 lbs	53 3/4"	23 1/4"	South Channel	No
Art Kornosky	"Musky Ugly"	38.56 lbs	51 7/8"	24"	Mid Lake	No
Mick VanNuck	"Secret Squirrel"	36.03 lbs	53 1/4"	22 3/4"	Belle River	No
Ron Tempaich	"Almost Paradise"	35.56 lbs	54"	22 1/2"	Mid Lake	No
Chuck Smith Sr.	"Reel Fun"	34.10 lbs	50 7/8"	21 1/2"	Mid Lake	No

2007- Top Three Registered Fish/Side Bet

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth	Location	Released
Art Kornosky	"Musky Ugly"	41.85 lbs	53 3/4"	23 1/4"	South Channel	No
Art Kornosky	"Musky Ugly"	38.9 lbs	51 7/8"	24"	Mid Lake	No
Mick Van Nuck	"Secret Squirrel"	36.05 lbs	53 1/4"	22 3/4"	Belle River	No

2007- Captain's Open Side Bet

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth	Location	Released
No Entries to Date						

MOMC – 2007 Calendar of Events

Oct. 13th /14th Ken Valley Memorial Derby
Jefferson Beach Marina – St. Clair Shores

Oct. 21st M.O.M.C. 4th Annual Perch Derby
Jefferson Beach Marina – St. Clair Shores

Oct. 24th General Membership Meeting
7:30 pm VFW Bruce Post- St. Clair Shores

Jan. 23rd, 2008 General Membership Meeting – 7:30 pm
VFW Bruce Post- St. Clair Shores

Feb.2nd, 2008 Annual Awards Banquet
Mac & Rays Banquet Center

The Ruling on the Protests

With the issue of four protests concerned participation of a former member that was expelled from the club: Some members feel that this former member should not be allowed on any boat that is fishing in a MOMC event (Year End/Monthly Tournaments) even if the rest of the people on the boat are members in good standing or are guests of the MOMC.

The Board of Directors deliberated for hours over these protests on August the 16th and could not come to a decision as noted in the August newsletter. On September the 4th the Board of Directors once again deliberated for hours over these protests and decided to re-vote on the issue. The Board of Directors decided to recognize these fish because of the following vote count:11 yes & 6 no. This decision is the final on this matter in accordance to rule 9.1

The Board of Directors feels that our decision is the most acceptable one given the lack of rules governing such an issue. As noted in the August Newsletter we have implemented a new rule (4.1.1) eases who can be aboard a boat fishing in MOMC event.

The board thanks you for your patience in this very trying matter and respects and values all members' opinions. This Club was founded for the education and enrichment of members fishing skills. We do not want to take the fun away by being overly burdensome with rules and regulations. Have fun and respect your fellow fishermen and this great fishery!

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