

# 2019 MOMC Newsletter 63 years of Sport Fishing

## November Volume 13 Issue 11



### News and events:

Coming Soon Membership survey,  
let us know what you want to see  
in 2020!

### 2019 Board of Directors

#### Executive Board

Brad Smith- President  
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Rich Maison - Treasurer  
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Jason Wiegand - Clerk

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**3<sup>rd</sup> Annual MOMC Chilli  
Cookoff and General  
Membership Meeting  
January 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00pm  
VFW Bruce Post  
St. Clair Shores**

**MOMC Awards Banquet  
February 8 2020  
Encore Banquet Center  
St. Clair Shores, MI  
Tickets \$50 per person  
ALL MOMC MEMBERS AND  
THEIR FAMILIES WELCOME!**

**Special thanks to Tom  
Joysey and Miller Marina  
Fuel Dock for all their hard  
work and support  
throughtout the season!**



# **2019 Big Fish Standings**

## **Top 5 Registered Fish**

1. Paul Carabelli – La Bella Vita 38.75LBS
2. Rocky Richards - Ship It IV 38.25LBS
3. Robert Bajer – Out of the Blue 37.55LBS
4. Roy Julian 35.35LBS
5. Kurt Nowicki – Reel Therapy 34.45LBS

## **Top 3 Fish Year End Side Bet**

1. Paul Carabelli – La Bella Vita 38.75LBS
2. Rocky Richards – Ship It IV 38.25LBS
3. Roy Julian 35.35LBS

## **Captain's Open Side Bet 38# Minimum**

Paul Carabelli – La Bella Vita 38.75LBS

## **Largest Registered Release Side Bet**

Paul Carabelli – La Bella Vita 38.75LBS

## **Catch-Picture-Release (CPR) Length**

Spencer Berman 54 3/8 inches



# 2019



# 2019 Year End Winners!



\*Not pictured  
Spencer Berman  
CPR Year End  
Winner 54 3/8  
inches\*



# Check This Out!

From our friends at Muskies Canada. 50% of entry fees goes to help fund the 2020 tagging study!



## BELLE RIVER CHAPTER OF MUSKIES CANADA "PRESENTS"



### FALL CLASSIC/FUND RAISER CPR EVENT

**November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 ~ Open to the Public**  
**November 17<sup>th</sup> if needed due to weather on the 16<sup>th</sup>**



**\*\*WEATHER PERMITTING\*\***

Entry fee includes limited choice menu dinner at Mr. Bigg's Sports Bar

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Lake St. Clair** 2 rods per person, **Detroit River** 1 rod person, **Thames River** 1 rod per person

**\$50 Entry Fee for Shore Casters & \$200 Entry Fee per Boat (8 Rod Limit/No Sliders)**

**Picture on a Certified Bump Board with secret item & holding the fish**

**Mandatory** ~ Bump Boards can be certified by the Club at Registration

**New members that join the Belle River Chapter of Muskies Canada for the Fall Classic will receive \$10 off their yearly \$50 membership fee!**

**SATURDAY, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> - Outing Hours- First Daylight to 4:00pm**

Questions will be monitored on 07 on VHF radio.

**5:00p.m. DEADLINE:** Fish must be submitted to the Release Committee to Qualify at Mr. Bigg's Sports Bar. DINNER will start at 5:30pm at Mr. Bigg's (405 Notre Dame Street, Belle River, ON)

**5:30 - 6:30p.m. Awards Ceremony & Prize Table Raffle**

**Trophies ~ Adult 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Legal Fish (44" +) along with 50% of the entry fees after expenses (1<sup>st</sup> 50%, 2<sup>nd</sup> 30% and 3<sup>rd</sup> 20%)**

**50% of the total entry fees before expenses goes to the  
2020 Muskie Tagging Research Project**

**Contact: Brian Denomme**

**Email: [bcdennomme@cabletv.on.ca](mailto:bcdennomme@cabletv.on.ca) Phone: (519) 871-9947**

# Club Member News

**Contratulations to MOMC  
Director Dave Zagacki on  
the birth of his son Luke!**

## Happy Birthday

**Rick Wacasey, Tug Orr, Chad  
Rabideau, Aaron Hartman,  
Jason Wiegand and Charles  
Smith Jr**

**Congratulations to Dan  
Bacha on the birth of his  
son Daxton!**



Rufus  
enjoys a  
Sunday of  
fishing  
aboard The  
Heathen



Harold and Dave Herschelman enjoying the final  
day of the MOMC season!



Jack and Joey Virga aboard Muskie Mojo during the  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual Miller Marina Fuel Dock tournament!



Corinne Skinner aboard Reel Therapy weighing  
in a 33.75LBS by 49 ½ inch musky this October  
while fun fishing



The MOMC season is closed for the year. Members are allowed to fish until the Canadian December 15<sup>th</sup> closure.

Following that we ask that our members refrain from fishing to help protect the muskies during spawn until the Canadian opener the first weekend in June!

#### CLUB Notes

Please be advised, the club's address is:

21817 Bon Heur St.

St Clair Shores, MI 48081

Starting this year the DNR will require all musky caught during tournaments to be logged. You can visit our website for more information on this upcoming change!

**Members with Guests must notify a MOMC board member (President, VP Secretary, Treasurer or weigh master) or Registered on PayPal should be paid (if possible) before 8:00 a.m Saturday for the monthly derby. You will not be allowed to weigh in a fish if you have not notified the club that you have guests on board before you start fishing!**

## Michigan Corner: New DNR Catch Diary Program



### Lake St. Clair Muskellunge Angler Diary Program



We need avid Muskie anglers to join our Angler Diary Program!

#### Who:

Non-charter anglers  
Avid anglers (5+ trips/year)  
Fish Lake St. Clair system

#### Requirements:

Record trip information  
Measure all Muskie caught  
Send in data at end of season

#### Benefits of Program

Angler receives personal summary of season's fishing activity  
Contribute quality data used to make better informed decisions  
Build Angler/DNR relationships  
Improve our understanding of Lake St. Clair Muskie fishery  
**FREE Fishing Gear!**

#### Contact Brad Utrup to Join Program

Email: [UtrupB@Michigan.gov](mailto:UtrupB@Michigan.gov)

Call: (586) 465-4771 x25



**Send us your photos all season long to be featured in next years yearbook!  
Email photos to [momclsc@gmail.com](mailto:momclsc@gmail.com)**

# Classifieds

1981 Trojan 29 Sportsman  
Twin inboard Chrysler 318s  
proven muskie fishing machine!

\$18,000

Contact Keith Jones

586-615-2727



For Sale

Contact Jom Joysey

26 Trojan \$12,000



# Classifieds

John C. Gallagher Realtor

586-946-5738

[johncgallagherrealtor@gmail.com](mailto:johncgallagherrealtor@gmail.com)

“guiding you through all your real estate needs”

For Sale

1988 2700 Tiara Open

Twin 350 Crusaders, Garmin  
Electronics, simrad radar

Contact Ed Pascua







# CPR Divison



on the left is an example of a regulation CPR photo. Entire board must be visible in the photo, hands are separated, mouth closed, tail pinched, length of fish is clearly visible, CPR board number and CPR number for the day clearly visible in photo

## REMINDERS!

- You must write and call in your board number exactly as stamped! If the number is stamped on your board as 054 then your board number IS 054
- During a tournament You must present your photo to the CPR board for verification at the awards dinner. A representative of the boat must be present for the review process. FOR A MONTHLY TOURNAMENT A TEXTED PHOTO WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AS AN OFFICAL SUBMISSION
- Failure to meet the requirements for a CPR photo will result in disqualification **THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED NO EXCEPTIONS/ZERO TOLERANCE**
- If at any point you have a question about how to take a regulation CPR photo please contact a director for guidance or consult your yearbook for examples!



# Rules and Regulations

The cutoff time for signing up for the derby side bets will be Friday night at 6:00pm. NO EXCEPTIONS!

No Minimum Length in CPR

Please include the number for the weekend and 2019 in your picture. No transfer of fish from boat to boat for measuring purposes.

When fishing a CPR event you will need to display your board number in a visible location on your vessel. This can be as simple as placing a piece of paper with your board number in the window. CPR board numbers should be visible on both sides of your vessel.

**Reminder: if you are fishing a club tournament you need to have a MOMC flag flying in a visible location on your vessel. There are flags available for purchase at the Miller Marina Fuel Dock**

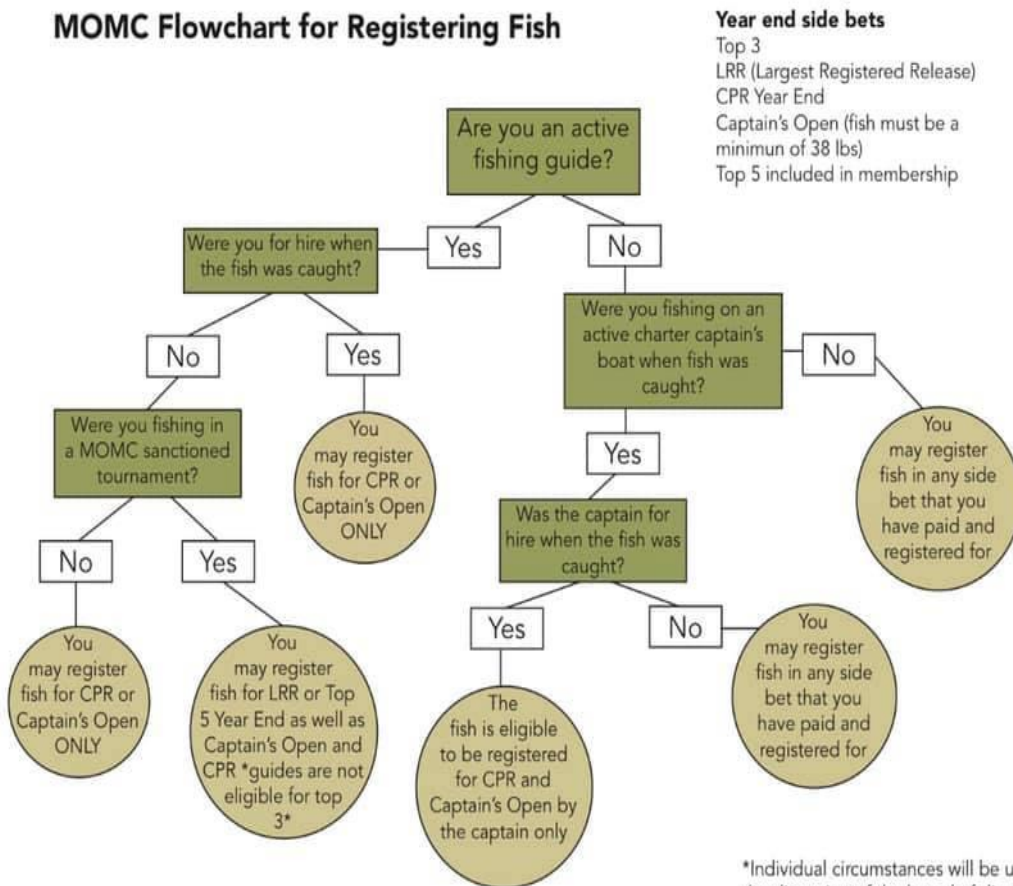
Guest members can be added at any time to your boat for convenience. You must report these guests to a board member or the weigh master and pay for these guest members at the awards dinner on Sunday or via paypal. You will not be allowed to weigh in a fish if you have not notified a director of guests aboard your vessel! **All minors are guests of the club and cost nothing to bring on your boat. They DO NOT have to be related or part of your family membership!**



# Rules and Regulations

Check out our new flowchart to help members know when and for what a fish is eligible to be registered! You will be able to find this all season long in your yearbook, on the website, in the newsletter and on our facebook page! \*please note any individual questions or circumstances not clearly resolved by using the flowchart will be handled by the board of directors\*

## MOMC Flowchart for Registering Fish





## A Notice from the Board

All MOMC Board meetings are open to any active member. They are able to interject but unable to vote on any agenda items or motions. The meeting are held the 1st Tuesday of the month at Gilberts on Harper ave.





# ATTENTION

On January 1, 2019, by law, all bass and walleye fishing tournaments and competitive fishing events targeting muskellunge are required to be registered in the Michigan Fishing Tournament Information System (FTIS). Any suspicion of an unregistered bass, walleye or muskellunge event being held in Michigan should be promptly reported to the Report All Poaching Hotline: 800-292-7800.



# Heart Attack: First Aid

We are in the beginning stages of organizing a certified CPR and First Aid class that is American Heart Assoc. approved this Spring. We will keep you abreast of the time and date. This will count for USCG captain requirements and healthcare worker requirements.

[By Mayo Clinic Staff](#)

**Someone having a heart attack may experience any or all of the following:**

- Uncomfortable pressure, fullness or squeezing pain in the center of the chest
- Discomfort or pain spreading beyond the chest to the shoulders, neck, jaw, teeth, or one or both arms, or occasionally upper abdomen
- Shortness of breath
- Lightheadedness, dizziness, fainting
- Sweating
- Nausea
- A heart attack generally causes chest pain for more than 15 minutes, but it can also have no symptoms at all. Many people who experience a heart attack have warning signs hours, days or weeks in advance.

**What to do if you or someone else may be having a heart attack**

- **Call 911 or your local medical emergency number.** Don't ignore or attempt to tough out the symptoms of a heart attack for more than five minutes. If you don't have access to emergency medical services, have a neighbor or a friend drive you to the nearest hospital. Drive yourself only as a last resort, and realize that it places you and others at risk when you drive under these circumstances.
- **Chew and swallow an aspirin,** unless you are allergic to aspirin or have been told by your doctor never to take aspirin. But seek emergency help first, such as calling 911.
- **Take nitroglycerin,** if prescribed. If you think you're having a heart attack and your doctor has previously prescribed nitroglycerin for you, take it as directed. Do not take anyone else's nitroglycerin, because that could put you in more danger.
- **Begin CPR if the person is unconscious.** If you're with a person who might be having a heart attack and he or she is unconscious, tell the 911 dispatcher or another emergency medical specialist. You may be advised to begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). If you haven't received CPR training, doctors recommend skipping mouth-to-mouth rescue breathing and performing only chest compressions (about 100 per minute). The dispatcher can instruct you in the proper procedures until help arrives.
- **If an automated external defibrillator (AED) is available** and the person is unconscious, begin CPR while the device is retrieved and set up. Attach the device and follow instructions that will be provided by the AED after it has evaluated the person's condition.

# ATTENTION ANGLERS: NEW MUSKELLUNGE STUDY



DNR Lake St. Clair Fisheries Research Station and Lake Erie Management Unit

May 2016

## Help needed for Muskellunge tagging study

In order to understand the movements and behavior of Muskellunge and their associated fishery within the St. Clair-Detroit River System the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is launching a new study. The first step for this study begins this spring when a small number of Muskies (~20) will be tagged during the DNR's annual spring egg take in the Detroit River. Each fish will receive an internal acoustic tag which is automatically detected by listening stations deployed throughout the region. An **ORANGE** external FLOY tag will also be attached below the dorsal fin (see photos below). If you catch a tagged Muskie and plan to release it: please **DO NOT** remove the tag. Please record the tag number and contact Jan-Michael Hessenauer at (586) 465-4771 ext 35 or email: [hessenauerj1@michigan.gov](mailto:hessenauerj1@michigan.gov). If you harvest a tagged Muskie please remove the acoustic tag (approximate location shown below) and report the tag as per above. Reporting of tagged fish is greatly appreciated and will maximize the benefit of this study to the management of fisheries in the St. Clair-Detroit River System. Thank you!

If you catch a tagged Muskie  
and plan to release it:

**-Please DO NOT remove the tag**

**Please Record:**

**-The tag number**

**-Location of capture**

**-Time of capture**

**Call / Email:**

**Jan-Michael Hessenauer**

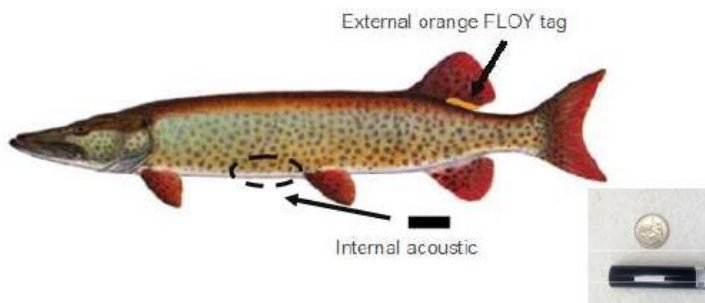
**Michigan DNR**

**(586) 465-4771 ext 35**

**[hessenauerj1@michigan.gov](mailto:hessenauerj1@michigan.gov)**



A close up of FLOY tag attached under the dorsal fin of tagged individuals



Approximate location of internal acoustic tag (insert) and external FLOY tag of tagged fish



A close up of FLOY tag attached below dorsal fin



# MOMC Tales

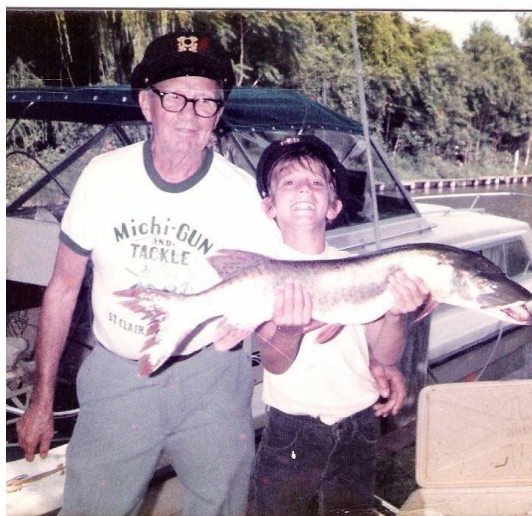
Check out the new club website and make sure to follow us online!

Website – [www.lscmomc.com](http://www.lscmomc.com)

Facebook – Michigan Ontario Muskie Club

Instagram – momclsc

**We want your old musky photos for our throwback Thursday photo series! Email your photos and any news you'd like to share to [momclsc@gmail.com](mailto:momclsc@gmail.com)**



**1st Place Sept. 1984  
Jerry Felster**





## **FEBRUARY 2019**

09 FEB ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET  
Encore Catering & Banquet Center

## **MARCH 2019**

27 of MAR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
VFW 1146 Bruce Post

## **APRIL 2019**

13 of APR CAPTAIN'S MEETING FOR MOMC WALLEYE DERBY

14 of APR 12TH ANNUAL - MOMC SPRING WALLEYE CLASSIC

## **MAY 2019**

22 of MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
VFW 1146 Bruce Post

## **JUNE 2019**

1 & 2 JUN JOE LEPAGE CLASSIC  
Miller Marina Gas Dock

17 of JUN SOM DERBY Captain's Dinner GPYC

18 of JUN 24TH ANNUAL - SPECIAL OLYMPICS CHARITY DERBY  
Grosse Pointe Yacht Club

## **JULY 2019**

13 & 14 JUL HOMER LEBLANC MUSKIE DERBY  
Shore Club Marina

## **AUGUST 2019**

10 & 11 AUG BILL MAERTENS 40LB DERBY & SUMMER SLAM

18 of AUG 11TH. ANNUAL OPERATION MUSK-E-MEET  
Shore Club Marina

## **SEPTEMBER 2019**

14 & 15 SEP JOE PIERCE MEMORIAL DERBY  
JOIN US AT THE 2018 JOE PIERCE MEMORIAL DERBY. Miller Marina

## **OCTOBER 2019**

11 of OCT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & BIG DOG CAPT. MEETING  
VFW 1146 Bruce Post

12 & 13 OCT KEN VALLEY MEMORIAL DERBY AND JOHN MULIETT "BIG DOG" CLASSIC  
WEIGH IN AT BELLE RIVER MARINA Belle River Marina

# Keep the Lake Clean

Be a part of  
the solution!

Eurasian Watermilfoil

Silver Carp

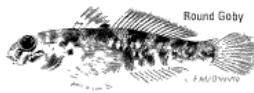
## Aquatic Hitchhikers



Volunteer cleaning boat propeller  
Ann Arbor

Invasive aquatic animals and plants are spreading at alarming rates by hitching rides with anglers and boaters. Whenever boaters leave a body of water without cleaning their recreational equipment, they may be transporting one of these harmful creatures from one lake or stream to another. A few invasive species are highlighted in this brochure.

**ROUND GOBIES** are bottom-dwelling fish that compete with native fish, like sculpins and log perch. They're also aggressive egg predators – feeding on the eggs of other fish, such as smallmouth bass and walleye, contributing to the potential decline of many valuable sport fish populations.



Round Goby

**ASIAN CARP**, including the high-jumping silver carp and the voracious bighead carp, pose a serious threat to native species.

Canals and other connections to the Mississippi River Basin could allow Asian carp into the Great Lakes. Boaters and anglers can do their part to avoid accidentally transporting carp eggs, larvae, and young in bilge water, livewells or bait buckets.



Silver Carp

**ZEBRA and QUAGGA MUSSELS** feed extensively on algae and plankton, thereby disrupting the delicate balance of the entire aquatic ecosystem.

Just because they make the water clearer by eating plankton doesn't mean they're good for lakes! In addition to changing the food web, the filter-feeding invasives build up contaminants in their bodies, which in turn, exposes other animals to higher levels of contaminants. They have been known to attach onto and kill native species of mussels. While zebra mussels can colonize any hard object, quagga mussels are far more versatile. They can live in colder, deeper water and thrive on a sandy lake bottom.

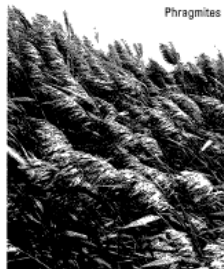


Quagga mussel



Zebra mussel

**EURASIAN WATERMILFOIL, PHRAGMITES AUSTRALIS and PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE** are invasive aquatic plants that also endanger our waters and wetlands. While they may look harmless, these plants can crowd out native plants and take over large areas quickly. Milfoil, a submerged plant, often gets wrapped around boat propellers. It's important to clean plants like Eurasian watermilfoil off of your boat and trailer because they can reproduce in new areas from a strand as little as two inches long.



Phragmites

## Found Something Strange?

The Great Lakes Aquatic Non-indigenous Species Information System (GLANSIS) website is your one-stop portal for Great Lakes invaders. If you find an invasive species while boating or fishing, check GLANSIS first for:

- Identification information to verify if it is a native or non-native species.
- Fact sheets about invasive species impacts.
- Collection details: has this species been documented before in this body of water?
- Link to a reporting form to help scientists track the spread of aquatic non-native species.
- GLANSIS:  
[www.glerl.noaa.gov/res/Programs/glansis](http://www.glerl.noaa.gov/res/Programs/glansis)

### Additional Information

- Michigan Sea Grant:  
[www.miseagrant.umich.edu/ais](http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/ais)
- Department of Environmental Quality:  
[www.michigan.gov/deq](http://www.michigan.gov/deq)
- National Protect Your Waters:  
[www.ProtectYourWaters.net](http://www.ProtectYourWaters.net)



# CLUB BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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EMAIL [murdoc9595@comcast.net](mailto:murdoc9595@comcast.net) to add your info

## BODY SHOPS/Auto Parts

Cass Collision – Brent Wojcik [www.casscollision.com](http://www.casscollision.com)  
(586)-463-3601

US Auto – Brad Horton [www.usautosterlingheights.com/](http://www.usautosterlingheights.com/)  
(586)-731-1616 Sterling Hts  
(313)-894-1194 Detroit Location

## PHARMACY

Bloomfield Pharmacy – Ed Pascua [www.bloomfieldpharmacypontiac.com/](http://www.bloomfieldpharmacypontiac.com/)  
(248)-334-7700

## FINANCIAL SERVICES

Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc. – Eric Woodhouse, MBA Associate Vice  
President Financial Advisor (248)-925-4357  
101 W Big Beaver Ste 425 Troy, MI 48084  
[www.ameripriseadvisors.com/eric.a.woodhouse/](http://www.ameripriseadvisors.com/eric.a.woodhouse/)

## Outboard Motor Mechanic

Personalized Marine Maintenance – Bill Schrader <http://pmmmarine.com/>  
(313)-838-8387

## Auto Sales and Leasing

Fox Automotive – Doug Felster [www.autobyfox.com](http://www.autobyfox.com)  
(248)710-1727



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EMAIL [momclsc@gmail.com](mailto:momclsc@gmail.com) to have your charter business featured

## Charter Captains

Fish HeadZ – Joel Piatek [www.fishheadz.com/Fish\\_Headz.html](http://www.fishheadz.com/Fish_Headz.html)  
(586)-243-0914

Heatwave Charters – Craig Miller [www.heatwavecharters.com/](http://www.heatwavecharters.com/)  
(586)-242-1032

Medicine Man Charters – Ed Pascua  
[www.medicinemancharters.com/](http://www.medicinemancharters.com/) (734)-709-2766

Muskie Mania Sportfishing – Mike Pittiglio  
[www.muskiemaniacharters.com/](http://www.muskiemaniacharters.com/) (586)-260-4068

BigFish Charter Services – Tom Loy [www.bigfishes2@gmail.com](http://www.bigfishes2@gmail.com)  
(810)-580-9252

Fish Predator – Capt Steve Jones [www.fishpredator.com](http://www.fishpredator.com)  
(586)-201-0887

Muskie Mojo Charters – Capt Greg Virga [www.muskiemojo.net](http://www.muskiemojo.net)  
1-866-7FISHON