



Blue Water Sportfishing Association Newsletter



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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - TUESDAY,
 DECEMBER 7 , 7:00 AT MCMORRAN**

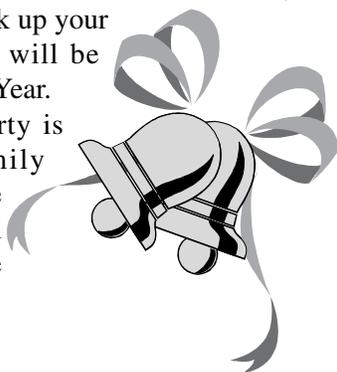
**CHRISTMAS PARTY- WEDNESDAY,
 DECEMBER 8, 7:30 AT MCMORRAN**

BWSA CHRISTMAS PARTY

All are welcome to join us at our annual Blue Water Sportfishing Assoc. Christmas Party on December 8th at 7:30 P.M. It will be held at McMorran in the downstairs area, which is the same location as the general membership meetings. We ask that each family that attends, please bring one dinner dish or desert dish. The BWSA board members take care of the turkeys and hams.

Events for the evening include the Blooper Awards presented by Gary Gaw. If you know of any members who performed any bloopers over the last year, please contact Gary at 810-364-3604. Also, the BWSA captain of the year award for 2004 will be presented at the party. Captains of King Kong, Willisa Ann, and No I.D., your attendance is requested to pick up your hardware. In addition, we will be awarding our Member of the Year.

The annual Christmas party is one of the clubs best family outings and all are encouraged to attend. It will be a great time and we hope to see you there.



BLUE WATER CLASSIC

The BWSA had to move the date of the Blue Water Classic back one weekend from May 13-15 to May 20-22. This is due to McMorran booking an event in their building on the weekend that we had planned to hold the Classic. This will only be for this year, and it in 2006 the event will resume and be held the weekend after Mother's Day.

2004 CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

FINAL STANDINGS

1st	KING KONG	Tim Cook	138 pts.
2nd	WILLISA ANN	Bill Ogden	130 pts.
3rd	NO I.D.	Paul Baker	125 pts.
4th	POLISH VIKING	Kevin Marculewicz	120 pts.
5th	IVANHOE	Jay Korneffel	83 pts.
6th	WAVE BREAKER	Dale Phipps	82 pts.
7th	TECH RALLY	Keith Hiebert	72 pts.
8th	HOOK 'EM WRIGHT	Gary Wright	56 pts.
8th	IN THE RED	Jeff Parker	56 pts.
10th	DONNA MAE	Paul Zimmer	51 pts.

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Year	Member
1989	Donna Bozyk
1990	Al Tyrrell
1991	Dick Hudson
1992	John Brennan / Charlie Sloan
1993	John Hawkins
1994	Charlie Eberwein
1995	Jim Gibson
1996	Dick Beaudry
1997	Fred Witter
1998	Al Cross / Rob Helzer
1999	Dick Hudson / Chuck Scott
2000	Rob Helzer / Andy Remeselnik
2001	Norm Heinrich
2002	Dan Dobson
2003	Bob Lane



COMMITTEES GATHERING

Even though fishing slows in the winter months, the club is still active. Several of our committees will be gathering in the next few weeks. ALL members are welcome to join any of the committees. For example, our boat tournaments committee will be meeting very shortly to discuss rule changes and set up the 2005 tournament schedule. We have a lot of committees meeting in the winter months. Fishing Forever, Blue Water Classic, Salmon Stakes, and Advertisement committees will be meeting together. These meetings are fun and can help cure your salmon addiction during the off-season. If you are interested in joining any of these committees, please let Mike Rymar know and he can let you know how to join the group and who the committee chairperson is.

2005 BOATING DATES

January 14-23	Cleveland Boat Show
February 12-20	Detroit Boat Show
March 4-6	Spring Boat & Fishing Show – Birch Run
March 31	Fishing Forever
April 30	Salmon Stakes
May 7-8	Sarnia Bay Tournament of Champions
May 20-22	Blue Water Classic
June 3-5	Grand Haven Offshore

LATE SEASON MUSKIES

I got a chance to go Muskie fishing with some friends on Oct. 23. The forecast was calling for rain and thunderstorms to begin at around noon, but we really wanted to get out and hook one of the giants that lurk in October. We got a late start as the marina did not open until 8am and we needed to fuel up. My friend's boat is a 26 ft Grady White Center Console, and it made the ride to the Thames River very quick. Hopefully we could run back fast if it began to rain.

We had lines set before 9am. The wind was out of the SE and a distinct mudline was forming. We worked it for quite a while with no strikes. We saw a few boats working inside of us shallower, so we decided to go in and give the muddy water a try. From noon to 1pm we landed 2 smaller muskies and lost 2 nice ones.

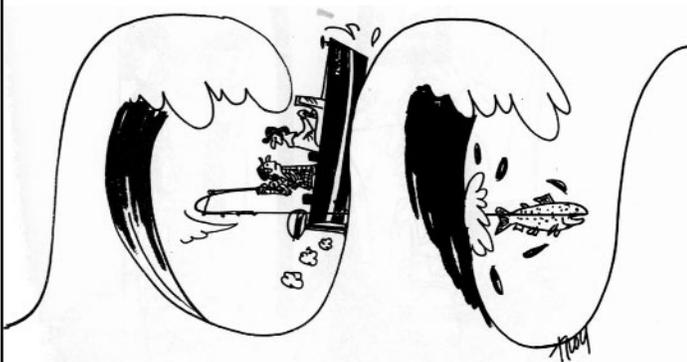
We got back to the dock just before 3pm and it just began to rain as we finished throwing the cover on the boat. We were sure glad the weather held off as long as it did so we could get out and enjoy the fishing.

All of our fish came on straight Lokie baits. We thought this was a bit odd thinking that the jointed baits would perform better in the muddy water. The jointed baits make a bit more noise and give off more vibration. Maybe the fish wanted a slower presentation because the water had cooled off since the summer months.

Though we did not get the monster muskie that we were looking for I did hear of 3 30+ pound fish being taken (30, 32, and 36). Six days later, I received an email for Tom Loy of Bigfish charters. Tom has donated several charters to our club that have been auctioned at our fundraisers. Tom's charter on the Friday after I fished went 2 for 7, one of which was this giant 39 lb muskie.

Mike Rymar

Second Day of the 2004 Ludington Tournament



"I can't tell if it's jumping or sounding, but it's a salmon alright!"



39 lb. muskie caught aboard BIG FISH Charter



MI LEAD BAN

Eight members of the Michigan House of Representatives have proposed a bill to ban the use of lead while fishing in Michigan Waters. This bill was introduced in August and was sent to the committee of Land Use and Environment. The bill has stalled in this committee and mostly likely will be killed there. However, it will probably be reintroduced in February/March of 2005 and become more of an issue at this time.

HOUSE BILL No. 6114

August 4, 2004, Introduced by Reps. Kolb, Minore, Jamnick, Tobocman, Gillard, Lipsey, Accavitti and Farrah and referred to the Committee on Land Use and Environment. A bill to amend 1994 PA 451, entitled "Natural resources and environmental protection act," (MCL 324.101 to 324.90106) by adding part 174.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

PART 174. LEAD FISHING TACKLE

Sec. 17401. As used in this part: (A)"Jig" means a weighted fishing hook that measures less than 1.5 inches along its longest axis. (B)"Lead fishing tackle" means any of the following: (i)A sinker that contains 1 ounce or less of lead or a lead compound. (ii)A jig that contains lead or a lead compound. (iii) An item of fishing tackle, other than a jig or sinker, that contains any lead or lead compound. (c) "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership association, governmental entity, or any other legal entity. (d) "Sinker" means a device designed to be attached to fishing line for the purpose of sinking the line. (e) "Waters of the state" means groundwaters, lakes, rivers, and streams and all other watercourses and waters, including the Great Lakes, within the jurisdiction of this state.

Sec. 17402. (1) Beginning January 1, 2007, a person shall not sell, offer for sale, or offer for promotional purposes any lead fishing tackle in this state or for use in this state. (2) Beginning January 1, 2008, a person shall not use any lead fishing tackle in the waters of the state.

Sec. 17403. Beginning January 1, 2006, the department, in consultation with any other state department or agency that the department requests participate and that agrees to participate, shall implement an education and outreach program

concerning the implementation and enforcement of this part. The program may include any of the following: (a) Providing information concerning the prohibitions contained in this section to the public with fishing licenses, through the department's website, or by any other means. (b) Encouraging fishing tackle manufacturers to provide more lead-free fishing tackle. (c) Coordinating lead-free fishing tackle swap events. (d) Providing information and coordination on recycling or disposal sites for lead fishing tackle. (e) Providing general information on the dangers of lead fishing tackle to wildlife and humans. (f) Any other action the department considers appropriate to assist in or provide information or educate the public about the implementation and enforcement of this part.

Sec. 17404. (1) The department shall enforce this part. (2) A person who violates this part is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 60 days or a fine of not more than \$1,000.00, or both, plus the costs of prosecution.

SIMCOE PERCH

BWSA members Tim Cook, Paul Baker, Tyler Cook, Brent Dutcher, Brent Gilmore, Frank Rotondi, and Bill Rotondi went to Lake Simcoe the weekend of October 10th. Here is a picture of their results.



FISHING HOTLINE

The club's fishing hotline is available with current reports. The number for it is 810-987-FISH. Joel Anderson from Anderson's Pro Bait is keeping it up-to-date with current reports.



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CREAMED SALMON

Yields: 3 quarts

3 1/2 lbs. salmon fillets, (8 oz. each) skin removed
3 to 4 medium onions, sliced
4 C. distilled white vinegar
2 C. plus 2 Tbsp. sugar, divided
1/4 C. mixed pickling spices
1/2 C. canning or pickling salt
1 carton (16 oz.) sour cream

Freeze fish 48 hours. Defrost. Cut into 1 to 2 inch pieces. Set aside. In large glass mixing bowl, combine onions, vinegar, 2 cups sugar, the spices and the salt.

Stir until sugar and salt are almost dissolved.

Add fish. Cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate 7 days, stirring mixture once every day. Drain and discard brine, reserving fish, onions and spices.

In large mixing bowl, combine sour cream and remaining 2 Tbsp. sugar. Add fish mixture. Stir gently to coat. Loosely pack mixture into three 1-quart jars. Seal jars, using two-part sealing lids. Store in refrigerator no longer than 4 weeks.