



Blue Water Sportfishing Association Newsletter



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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - TUESDAY,
OCTOBER 5, 7:00 AT MCMORRAN**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING- WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 13, 7:30 AT MCMORRAN**

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

At our Sept. General Membership meeting we were visited by the Blue Water Anglers of Sarnia, ON. The President of the BW Anglers, Jake Van Rooyen, and the Hatchery Coordinator, Don Cox, spoke to the club. They showed a 45 minute video that they put together and was funded by Dow Chemical. The video showed how they extract salmon eggs in the fall and went through the entire process until the fish are released in the following spring. They also stated that the hatchery is open throughout the week. Tours can be given through the hatchery and they also have a 25 cent feeding pond where the proceeds go to the hatchery.

CLUB TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE 2005

Paul Baker, our club tournament chairman, will be holding a meeting very soon to determine the club's tournament schedule for 2005. If you are interested in participating in this meeting, you need to contact Paul at 329-7959.

Any opinions and comments are open for discussion. For example, some people have asked that we make more trips to Lake Michigan, others have asked for an Erieau Steelhead trip, and some have asked that we bring the tournament schedule back down to 7 tournaments.

OUTDOOR STORIES

Attention Club Members – We are looking for images and pictures of your recent fishing and hunting trips to place in the newsletter. If you have a great story about a recent outdoors outing that you want to brag about, contact Mike Rymar at (586)-215-3972 or at mrymar@hotmail.com. We would love to publish your story.

ON-LINE RESOURCES AID OUTDOOR RECREATION USERS

August 23, 2004

State recreation officials today announced upgrades to two popular on-line information systems for outdoor enthusiasts.

A new search function on the State Park and State Forest Campgrounds database allows visitors to find locations with specific outdoor opportunities including fishing, hiking, mountain biking and wildlife viewing. The database also helps visitors locate state trails and more than 256 campgrounds offering modern, semi-modern and rustic camping options.

The Michigan Recreational Boating Information System has added new features, including all harbor information with direct links to slip reservations, digitized watercraft control and lake contour maps.

For anglers, a new "Fish Finder" function lets users search lakes for specific species and view stocking and master angler reports. Site-specific weather forecasts, including three-day forecasts, are available for each of the harbors and the 1,324 public access sites on Michigan waters.

An on-line user survey helps guide future upgrades. When MRBIS first launched in June 2003, the site averaged 4.5 million hits each month for the first three months.

"MRBIS-II is now even more useful information for boaters and anglers," said Bill Boik, boating unit manager. "We expect usage will continue to increase."

"These tools provide improved service for Michigan's outdoor recreation user," said Lowen Schuett, Acting Parks and Recreation Bureau Chief. "Whether you are a boater, an angler, a camper or just someone who wants to spend a day enjoying Michigan's great outdoors, these web sites will make it easier for our users to find what they're looking for."

Michigan DNR Press Release



LUDINGTON AUG. 21 & 22 CLUB TOURNAMENT

Saturday's weather was perfect. It started out with a large 2 foot swell, but the swells soon became a lake of glass. Action was very good at first light and then it slowed at around 9 o'clock. In our previous 8 club tournaments in 2004, we had not had one boat weigh-in over 50 lbs. On the Saturday of this event, we had 11 boats catch over 50 lbs. The day 1 leader was Fishigan as Mike and his crew boxed 12 Kings before noon and their largest 5 fish went 86.8 lbs. Jeff Parker and crew onboard In The Red were a very close second with 84.7 lbs.

Frank Rotondi did not fish Saturday and decided to dedicate his time into putting on a great picnic. Many special thanks need to go out to Frank for feeding the hungry anglers. Thanks Frank!

Sunday's weather was much different and with the partner format, anything was possible. The waves started out in the 3-4 foot range and increased as the day went on. Some of the boats decided that the big lake was too rough and fished inside of Pere Marquette Lake. Action out on the lake was very hot first thing in the morning and then cooled off. Several boats struggled to get their 5 fish. At noon, only 3 boats still had lines in the water on Lake Michigan, as the other boats were either dockside or fishing on the PM Lake because a stiff south wind was now producing waves in the 5-6 foot range. Unlike day 1 where 11 boats managed to weigh over 50 lbs, only 4 boats would do it Sunday. Fishigan ended up having the largest 5 fish again totaling 73.4 lbs. However, two of the partnered boats, Sea Duce and Pesakake worked well together in the rough seas and managed to both find large fish. They ended up with the largest team weight of 108.2 lbs; this pushed Sea Duce from 3rd after day 1 into the top spot. This was Rob's second tournament win in 2004, as he won the first tournament in Port Huron in April, and he was the only captain to win two events this year.

Place	Boat	Captain/Angler	Weight
1st (\$100)	Sea Duce	Rob Helzer	179.1 lbs.
2nd (\$50)	Fishigan	Mike Rymar	160.2 lbs.
3rd (\$30)	In The Red	Jeff Parker	159.2 lbs.
4th	Willisa Ann	Bill Ogden	149.7 lbs.
5th	Pesakake	Dick Beaudry	146.9 lbs.
6th	Buster	Denny Ouellette	142.0 lbs.
7th	Kids Fishin	Dan Owens	132.1 lbs.
8th	Tickled Pink	Eric Hutchinson	129.7 lbs.
9th	Out Numbered	Scott Torello	119.5 lbs.
10th	No I.D.	Paul Baker	116.6 lbs.

Big Fish (\$50)
 In The Red Jeff Parker 24.7 lbs King

Total Boats – 17
 Total Anglers – 44
 Total # of Fish Weighed-In – 144
 Picnic - Frank Rotondi



First Place Winner



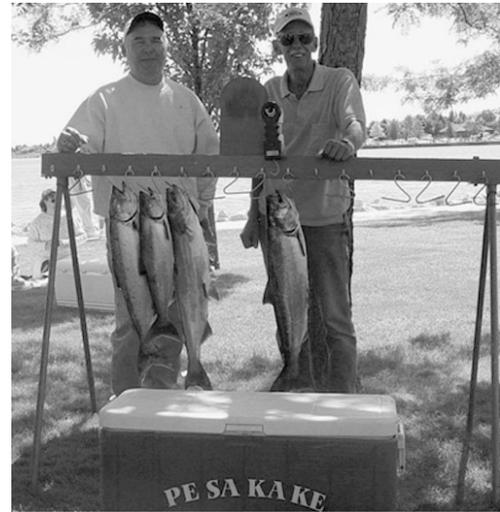
Second Place Winner



Third Place Winner



Fourth Place Winner



Fifth Place Winner

BEACH WALKERS FACE LEGAL ROADBLOCK

A ruling by the Michigan Court of Appeals about what was initially a minor spat between beach walkers and property owners, millions who use Michigan’s beaches no longer have the right to stray beyond the water line when walking in front of private homes.

The Michigan case and another in Ohio have grown into a fight over public access to hundreds of miles of picturesque Great Lakes shoreline. The Michigan dispute started four years ago in Alcona County, 200 miles north of Detroit.

Many defenders are waiting the Michigan Supreme Court’s decision, which could come as early as this fall, on whether to weigh in on *Glass v. Goeckel*. A wide coalition of bankers, resort owners and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce argues that the need for “stable and predictable property ownership laws” requires that the appeals court decision be upheld.

If the state Supreme Court takes the case, justices could rule anywhere between granting visitors the right to legally meander the full beach to specifically allowing beach blockades. While the public’s right to the waters of the Great Lakes is unquestioned, beach access varies from state to state.

In Illinois and Wisconsin, walkers along private beaches are not trespassing as long as they keep their feet wet. Indiana allows public access up to the ordinary high-water mark of Lake Michigan. In Ohio, Lake Erie cottage owners are suing the state DNR to end public ownership claims up to the high-water mark, or gain compensation for the state “taking” of beaches.

Great Lakes Sportfishing Council

MICHIGAN HUNTERS WELCOME MOURNING DOVE SEASON

The Michigan Natural Resources Commission recently approved an order making Michigan the 41st state in the nation offering a hunting season on mourning doves.

The season was approved at the Commission’s regular monthly meeting in Lansing. The three-year trial season, which began Sept. 10 and continues through Oct. 30, allows hunting in Berrien, Branch, Cass, Hillsdale, St. Joseph, and Lenawee counties, along the state’s southern border. Biologists will monitor hunter participation and impacts to the mourning dove population and make future recommendations at the end of the trial period.

Hunters will be required to purchase a small game license and a \$2 dove stamp, which went on sale immediately on the DNR Web site, www.michigan.gov and at more than 1,700 retail license dealers statewide.

Revenue from the stamp is divided equally between the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund and the Game and Fish Protection Trust Fund. Both funds are used to match federal dollars designated for wildlife and natural resource management.

“Michigan’s inaugural mourning dove season is the culmination of years of hard work and compromise between the Legislature, the Governor, state conservation leaders, and countless others,” said NRC Chairman Keith Charters. “We’re proud to provide this sporting opportunity in Michigan.”

The next regular meeting of the NRC is Oct. 7 in Sault St. Marie.

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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.

PROFESSIONAL WALLEYE TRAIL TV TO AIR ON THE OUTDOOR CHANNEL

Brainerd, MN, September 14, 2004 - Get ready for the hottest walleye action in North America as the In-Fisherman Professional Walleye Trail (PWT) hits the airwaves beginning Monday, September 27.

Catch all the excitement and action of the PWT on The Outdoor Channel (TOC) airing three times per week on Mondays at 7:00 p.m., Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m., and Fridays at 11:00 p.m. (times are Central). The world's top-ranked pro walleye anglers demonstrate their expert skills along with the latest fishing techniques and tactics. Viewers will experience the finest walleye action on television as they ride the waves and net the walleyes starting on the Fox and Wolf Rivers in Winneconne, Wisconsin.

The tour then explores Lewis and Clark country on the Missouri River in Chamberlain, South Dakota. Next stop

on the tour is the relatively unknown walleye waters of Cass Lake in northern Minnesota. Then, excitement mounts for a virtually untapped resource on Bull Shoals Lake in Arkansas. Yes, the southern walleyes exist, and in great numbers! The central basin of Lake Erie in Cleveland, Ohio continues the tour with rumors of giant walleyes to be weighed, followed by popular Bay de Noc in Escanaba, Michigan, where 10-pounders come to net.

The 2004 PWT Champion will be crowned at the Mercury Championship as qualifiers fish the Keweenaw Waterway and lakes in Houghton, Michigan. That's 26 weeks of walleye splashing action. Check out the action and see who wins the biggest share of \$2,000,000. For More Info: http://www.in-fisherman.com/tv/schedule/tv_PWTdescriptions

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