



## Blue Water Sportfishing Association Newsletter



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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - TUESDAY,  
JUNE 3, 7:00 AT MCMORRAN**

**MEMBERSHIP MEETING - WEDNESDAY,  
JUNE 11, 7:30 AT MCMORRAN**

### General Membership Meetings

Ray Argyle was our May speaker. Ray works for USGS and is doing research on salmon and trout. Ray collects his research in a really neat way. He captures a fish by hook and line. Then he makes a small incision in the fish and puts a small paperclip size probe into the fish. The fish is also tagged with a small piece of plastic. Then the fish is released. The tag that is attached to the fish has a phone number on it; there is a \$100 reward for returning one of these fish (do not freeze the probe if you are lucky enough to catch a fish like this). The probe takes the temperature of the water, where the fish is at, every 14 seconds. It also is able to determine how deep the fish is at that time. Ray tagged 90+ Chinooks last summer, 7 of which were returned. The average temperature that the salmon traveled, at from Ray's findings, was 12 deg Celsius.

### 2003 CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

LATEST STANDINGS AFTER 5/10 TOURNAMENT

1st	FISHIGAN	DAVE RYMAR	36 pts.
2nd	DONNA MAE	PAUL ZIMMER	33 pts.
3rd	IN THE NET	JOEL ANDERSON	30 pts.
4th	HERE AFTER	RANDY BUGAISKI	29 pts.
5th	KING KONG	TIM COOK	29 pts.
6th	DOUBLE DOWN	JIM FRAZER	28 pts.
7th	IVANHOE	JAY KOERNEFFEL	26 pts.
8th	BIG R	RON SIEWERSTEN	25 pts.
9th	WAVE BREAKER	DALE PHIPPS	23 pts.
10th	DOGHOUSE	FRANK ROTONDI	22 pts.

### CLUB ELECTION

At May 14th General Membership meeting, Bill Ogden and Ronda Ogden were elected to the Board of Directors. Marge Eberwein was also elected as an alternate to the Board of Directors. Congratulations to these members who have volunteered their service to our club.

John Brennan decided not to be elected to the Board of Directors. John was an important board member for many years. He used to be our Club Tournament chairman and Big Fish chairman. Thank You John, for your years of service to the board.

### RECORD LOW WATERS POSSIBLE THIS SUMMER

MADISON, Wis. -Unusually low water levels in the Great Lakes for this time of year may combine with lingering El Nino conditions to yield the lowest summertime water levels in decades, according to Philip Keillor, coastal engineering specialist at the University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Institute.

"This is the first time since the 1960s we've had such low late-winter water levels on Lake Michigan coinciding with El Nino conditions," Keillor said. "The last time that happened, we had some of the lowest water levels on record."

*from Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council*



## 2003 BLUE WATER CLASSIC TOURNAMENT

The top prize for the 2003 Blue Water Classic was won by Capt. Richard DeLange and the Bite Me Too Fishing Team of Mitch Chmielewski, Jeff DeLange, and Rich DeLange. Richard took home the \$10,000 prize with two unbelievable catches of 70 lbs the first day and 72 lbs the second day. There were 168 boats that fished out of Port Huron, Lexington, and Port Sanilac. Anglers could not have asked for better weather with light winds and the waves never exceeding 1 ft.

### Top Ten

1st Place	Bite Me Too	Richard DeLange	142.20 lbs
2nd Place	Kodiak	Kirk Gilewski	138.36 lbs
3rd Place	Rawhide	Jason Fletcher	100.90 lbs
4th Place	Big Fish	Tom Loy	95.96 lbs
5th Place	Fish Whore	Russ Pilette	94.22 lbs
6th Place	Molly K	Jerry Gordon	89.72 lbs
7th Place	Addicted	Jim Kuehn	88.72 lbs
8th Place	Over Under	Rod Rogus	86.84 lbs
9th Place	Reel People	Jim Winfield	85.44 lbs
10th Place	Tooth & Nail	Robert Bates	85.28 lbs

### Big Fish Winners

1st Largest Fish	Andy Donato	14.56 lbs
	Mercury Motor donated by Jans	
2nd Largest Fish	Brandon Kubial	14.26 lbs
	GPS Plotter donated by Boater's World	
3rd Largest Fish	Brad Hempton	14.08 lbs
	\$250 Cash donated by McDonald's	
Largest Laker	Andy Donato	14.56 lbs
	Carrier Air Conditioner	
Largest Steelhead	Greg Testolin	10.94 lbs
	\$400 Gander Mt. Gift Certificate	
Largest Coho	Dan Miller	2.58 lbs
	\$250 Bass Pro Shops	

Major Sponsors Trophy – Silver Steak – Puddle Jumper – Capt. C.J. Baker

The \$1000 Big Jon Gift Certificate Mystery Weight was 50.70 which was won by Harvey Van Hoey – Big Tuna with 49.70 lbs



First Place Winners



Big Fish Winner



Second Place Winners



Super Sponsors Trophy



# MAY 10 PORT SANILAC CLUB TOURNAMENT

We had a delay start for this morning of fishing. A storm passed through lower Lake Huron. There was a lot of lightening that filled the sky and a brief period of hard rain, but most boats had lines set at the 6:45 start time.

Fishing was not as good as our first tournament, with only the winning boat weighing-in the maximum of five fish.

Most boats fished south of Sanilac, targeting 10-30 FOW. The fish seemed to be scattered by the morning storm, as no one spot got hot fishing action. Fish were caught on both body baits and spoons.

We had a great turnout of 20 boats and 62 anglers, which was the exact same numbers as our first tournament.

We need to give a special thanks to Chuck Scott and Jim Gibson for driving up from Port Huron and putting on a great lunch for us.

Total Boats – 20 • Total Anglers – 62

Total # of Fish Weighed-In – 27

Conditions – Light NE Winds, Cloudy

Picnic – Chuck Scott, Jim Gibson

Place	Boat	Captain/Angler	Weight
1st (\$100)	Fishigan	Dave Rymar	31.0 lbs.
2nd (\$50)	The Doughouse	Chris Hereberger	24.1 lbs.
3rd (\$30)	King Kong	Tim Cook	23.1 lbs.
4th	Virtual Reality	Andy Donato	18.6 lbs.
5th	Here After	Randy Bugaiski	18.0 lbs.
6th	Polish Viking	Kevin Marculewicz	15.5 lbs.
7th	Donna Mae	Paul Zimmer	12.0 lbs.
8th	Wave Breaker	Dale Phipps	5.6 lbs.
9th	Doghouse	Frank Rotondi	4.1 lbs.
10th	Big R	Ron Siewersten	4.0 lbs.
Big Fish (\$50)	King Kong	Tim Cook	11.3 lbs
Steelhead			



First Place Winners



Third Place Winners



Second Place Winners



Fourth Place Winners



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## 2003 CLASSIC PORT PRIZES

### Port Huron – Saturday

1st	Reel Dream	Bill Jackson
2nd	Team 3rd Child	Dennis Evan
3rd	C-Dog	Bob Lane

### Lexington – Saturday

1st	King Kong	Tim Cook
2nd	Molly K	Jerry Gordon
3rd	Addicted	Jim Kuehn

### Port Sanilac – Saturday

1st	Kodiak	Kirk Gilewski
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### Port Huron – Sunday

1st	Fire Line	Scott Formiller
2nd	Fish n Mission	Tim Kobayaski
3rd	Elisabeth Ann	Michael Meda

### Lexington – Sunday

1st	Hawg Wash	Pat Sheridan
2nd	Addicted	Jim Kuehn
3rd	Molly K	Jerry Gordon

### Port Sanilac – Sunday

1st	Bite Me Too	Richard DeLange
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## ODEN FISH HATCHERY VISITOR CENTER REOPENS

May 21, 2003

State recreation officials today announced the May 24 reopening of the Oden Michigan Fisheries Visitor Center near Petoskey, concluding a \$3 million renovation during the past year.

The visitor center stands on the site of the original Oden State Fish Hatchery, along US-31. The hatchery, which produces trout and salmon, was rebuilt nearby and uses leading-edge fish rearing technology to produce up to one million brown and rainbow trout annually.

Using a grant from the Great Lakes Fishery Trust, the DNR has transformed the old hatchery into an expansive interpretive area to showcase Michigan's world-class trout streams and interpret the early era of state fisheries management. The site includes a re-creation of the original Wolverine train car once used to transport fish to stocking areas around Michigan. Visitors can tour the train car to see how the crew took care of the fish en route while residing in the train car.

A fully-accessible, mile-long trail winds along a rehabilitated stream and serves as a scale model of a Great Lakes watershed. The habitat along the trail changes from lowland coniferous forest to upland hardwoods, and includes a submerged stream-viewing chamber, where visitors can see fish and other aquatic wildlife in their natural habitat.

The trail provides access to the new fish hatchery, where daily guided hatchery tours are offered. From May 24 through Labor Day, the visitor center is open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Hours will change in the fall. For information, contact Maureen Jacobs at 231-348-0998.

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