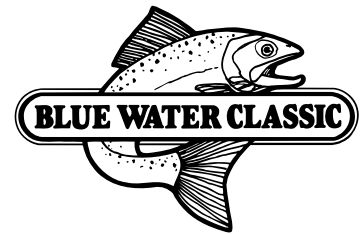




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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 5, 7:00 AT MCMORRAN**

**CLUB PICNIC  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13  
AT PORT HURON TWP. PARK #2**

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

All are welcome to come join us at our annual picnic on August 13. It is located at Port Huron Twp. Park #2, which is on Water St. just west of I-94. We would like any volunteer helpers, fish donators, and dessert donators to please contact Frank Rotondi at 984-2059. We need a lot of fish to be donated. The dinner will be a fish boil and will be served from 6:30-7:00. There will be games setup for the children to play, so bring the whole family.

Also, we are looking for one club member to volunteer to bring their boat down to the picnic. We would like to put on a mini-fishing clinic with some rods, reels, and riggers. If you are interested in doing this, again, please contact Frank.

### 2003 CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

#### LATEST STANDINGS AFTER 7/19 TOURNAMENT

1st	FISHIGAN	Dave Rymar	100 pts.
2nd	IVANHOE	Jay Korneffel	92 pts.
3rd	KING KONG	Tim Cook	90 pts.
4th	BIG R	Ron Siewersten	82 pts.
5th	DOGHOUSE	Frank Rotondi	77 pts.
6th	WAVE BREAKER	Dale Phipps	74 pts.
7th	IN THE NET	Joel Anderson	64 pts.
8th	HERE AFTER	Randy Bugaiski	63 pts.
9th	NO I.D.	Paul Baker	53 pts.
10th	WILLISA ANN	Bill Ogden	50 pts.

### *Doghouse is For Sale*

26' 1987 Starcraft Islander Hardtop, V6 4.3 Mercruiser, 15HP Mercury kicker motor (long shaft) low hours, 4 - Big Jon Electric Downriggers, Bottomline Tournament HR, Planer boards and reels, and Dual Axle Roller Bed Trailer. Ready to fish! Asking \$16,000. Contact Bill at 810-650-9191.

### MI - WARNING ISSUED AGAINST MOSQUITOFISH

#### Biologists say creature won't fight West Nile

State biologists say mosquitofish should not be planted in Michigan ponds and streams to combat mosquitoes and the West Nile virus, which killed 51 people in the state last year. Although the 2" fish has been planted in other states and countries for mosquito control, biologists at the Michigan DNR said the fish, native to the South, would not be effective in Michigan.

"There's no reason to plant them here," said Bob Haas, Mt. Clemens DNR Fisheries supervisor. "There's too much of a risk that they could escape into public waters."

Michigan should continue to keep mosquitofish out, said Doug Sweet, curator of fish at the Belle Isle Aquarium. The fish have been "grossly overrated" as an effective method of mosquito control, Sweet said. "I don't understand why or how it started," he said. "But somehow a myth was born that they were very good mosquito eradicators."

The fish are "nasty little fish," he said, noting they nip the fins off of other fish. If they were introduced in Michigan in large numbers, they will drive away native fish because they could eat the larvae of other fish and amphibians, Sweet said.

DNR biologists have analyzed other studies of mosquitofish to conclude that fish would not be a good fit for Michigan.

*from Great Lakes Sportfishing Council*



## JULY 12-13 HARBOR BEACH CLUB TOURNAMENT

This was our first two-day tournament where we were able to fish both days. Saturday was quite a strange day with the weather changing every hour it seemed. There would be periods of rain and clouds, and then the sun would make an appearance. Also, there were periods of 3-4 ft waves and then it would build for a little while to steady 5 footers. Most everybody struggled all morning to get their five fish weighable limit. The lead boat had 44 lbs after day one.

Sunday was much calmer and captains were able to go wherever they wanted to on the lake. Most chose to fish north up at Lighthouse Park in 90-130 FOW. Lakers were abundant for everyone, but the boats that found kings and brown trout came in with heavier coolers. On Sunday, our fleet managed to catch 3 browns that went over 10 lbs.

Place	Boat	Captain/Angler	Weight
1st (\$100)	Fishigan	Dave Rymar	104.7 lbs.
2nd (\$50)	Ivanhoe	Jay Korneffel	83.9 lbs.
3rd (\$30)	Double Down	Jim Frazer	78.5 lbs.
4th	Wave Breaker	Dale Phipps	76.2 lbs.
5th	Big R	Ron Siewersten	72.0 lbs.
6th	No I.D.	Paul Baker	67.4 lbs.
7th	Kids Fishin	Dan Owens	63.8 lbs.
8th	King Kong	Tim Cook	63.0 lbs.
9th	Willisa Ann	Bill Ogden	60.7 lbs.
10th	Doghouse	Frank Rotondi	49.6 lbs.

Big Fish	Boat	Captain/Angler	Weight
(\$50)	Doghouse	Frank Rotondi	13.7 lbs. Brown

Total Boats – 12                      Total Anglers – 37

Total # of Fish Weighed-In – 72

Conditions Saturday – Cloudy/Rain/Rough

Conditions Sunday — Sunny & Calm Seas

Picnic – Paul Baker



*2nd place winners*



*3rd place winners*



*1st place winners*



*Big Fish winner*



# JULY 19 PORT SANILAC TWILIGHT TOURNAMENT

Our yearly twilight tournament was another fun event this year. This tournament is one of our better turnouts and is truly a family event. It was really neat to have our 14 boats all in the staging area for the 5:00pm start and have them race off to their spots. Crews only had 5 and 1/2 hours to fish, and the boats that made the most of it by heading straight out were the ones that did the best. Boats that ran north did not do as well. The average catch was 1-2 fish and if you found a king, you did really well.

There was quite a surprise at the weigh-in as the two top boats tied for 1st place. The tiebreaker goes to the boat that landed the largest fish, and that went to In The Net.

Place	Boat	Captain/Angler	Weight
1st(\$100)	In The Net	Joel Anderson	17.1 lbs.
2nd (\$50)	Cuttin Fool	Bob Roskey	17.1 lbs.
3rd (\$30)	No I.D.	Paul Baker	15.9 lbs.
4th	King Kong	Tim Cook	11.8 lbs.
5th	C Dog	Bob Lane	10.2 lbs.
6th	Toy Box	Paul Decker	7.8 lbs.
7th	Doghouse	Frank Rotondi	7.1 lbs.
8th	Tech Rally	Keith Hieber	6.2 lbs.
9th	Fishigan	Dave Rymar	3.8 lbs.

Big Fish	Boat	Captain/Angler	Weight
(\$50)	Toy Box	Paul Decker	7.8 lbs. King

Total Boats – 14  
Total Anglers – 34 Adults, 12 Youths  
Total # of Fish Weighed-In – 17  
Conditions – Sunny & South 5 mph Wind



2nd place winners



3rd place winners



1st place winners

## Club Mourns Passing of John Brennan

*John Brennan, longtime club member, died on July 14. He was 77 years old. John was very well liked among our club members. He always gave good advice as to where the fish were! He will be remembered as a Board Member, in charge of the Big Fish Awards, and advertising for our club as a whole. He was a very special man and did good things for everyone around him. Many of us probably did not know that he also was a pilot and had his own private plane. Our sympathy goes out to John's family.*



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## **MI - LARGEMOUTH BASS VIRUS SPREADS**

Largemouth Bass Virus is spreading into more Michigan lakes, the state DNR reported. This virus was first found in Michigan when it killed largemouth bass in Lake George on the Michigan-Indiana border in the fall of 2000. Since then it has caused deaths in other lakes in Michigan.

This virus is just one of more than 100 naturally occurring viruses that affect fish but not warm-blooded animals. Humans cannot get this virus. The DNR researchers and other scientists are not sure how it spreads. Fish-eating birds and anglers are likely causes.

Its origin also is unknown, but scientists have found LMBV to be 98% identical to a virus found in guppies and "doctor fish," an imported aquarium species from Southeast Asia. So it is possible that it is yet another one of our undesirable imported exotic species such as the zebra mussel and Eurasian milfoil.

The virus has been found in other fish - smallmouth bass, spotted bass, blue gill, white crappie and black crappie - but it has manifested as a killing disease only in largemouth bass. LMBV has been found in bass that show no signs of disease, which suggests that bass and other fish can carry the virus, but never die from the disease.

Largemouth bass are the only fish that develop the disease from the virus and die.

Auburn University scientist John Grizzle discovered that LMBV can remain viable in water for at least 3-4 hours. It is critical that anglers empty and dry out their livewells, bilges, and bait buckets before traveling to another lake. Stress seems to be the main common denominator that causes the virus to manifest into the disease for the largemouth bass.

"We will test 15 more lakes in Michigan this year checking for the spread of the virus," said DNR fish production manager Gary Whelan. "We will also re-sample lakes that had past die-offs and are already known to have the disease to see how the pathogen works in a longer time frame. We have retested some of the lakes that had LMBV and it did not show up in the retest."

"Largemouth bass can carry the virus and not become diseased unless stressed. It is very important for fishermen to target other species during the hot summer months," Whelan said. "If your bass club has scheduled a tournament in July or August perhaps you could target lakes that harbor smallmouth, which are not affected by the disease."

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