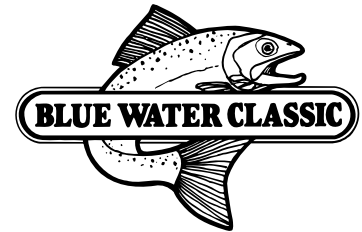




Blue Water Sportfishing Association Newsletter



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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - TUESDAY,
APRIL 6, 7:00 AT MCMORRAN**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 14, 7:30 AT MCMORRAN**

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

April's guest speaker will be a presentation put on by Boaters World. The topic is still being discussed, but it looks like it will be about either Global Positioning or boater safety.

Also, at the April meeting we have a swap table. So, if you are looking to sell some old tackle that you don't use, bring it in with you. If you are looking for some old tackle, bring your \$\$\$\$. Last year, someone walked away with a brand new Big Jon planner mast for about half price. There was also some nice rods, reels, and hooks sold.

BWSA LIBRARY PROGRAM

Algonac area club member needed 1/2 hour every two weeks to check over rods, reels, and tackle boxes at the Algonac Public Library.

All supplies are located at the library. All you have to do is show up about once every two weeks and untangle a few lines, attach a couple of snap swivels and check the tackle boxes for hooks and bobbers. A lot of neat kids depend on you.

Let Vic Ruehle @ 984.4818 know if you are willing.

IMPORTANT BOATING DATES

April 1	2003 Fishing Licenses Expire
April 24	Salmon Stakes
May 14-16	Blue Water Spring Salmon Classic
June 4-6	Sarnia Bay Marina Tournament
June 12-13	Michigan Free Fishing Weekend

ST. CLAIR SALMON STAKES

This years Salmon Stakes tournament will be held April 24th. This tournament is being hosted by the Voyageur Restaurant in St. Clair. Proceeds from the tournament will be used in cooperation with St. Clair Salmon Stakes and the City of St. Clair to design, develop, and construct a Fish Cleaning Station in the City of St. Clair Boat Harbor.

Raffle tickets are on sale for \$10.

Raffle tickets and registration forms are available at our General Membership meetings, Anderson's Pro Bait (810) 984-3232 in Port Huron, the Voyageur Restaurant (810) 329-4101 in St. Clair, St. Clair Boat Harbor (810) 329-4125.

If you are planning to fish, everyone on your vessel over the age of 16 needs to have a raffle ticket, and you need to register your boat.

There will be four raffle prizes. First prize is a two-night stay at the St. Clair Inn plus a \$250 dinner voucher. Second prize is a 1/2 day salmon charter with Captain Gary Gaw on his boat, D-Lynn. Third is 18 holes of golf and golf carts for a foursome at the Fore Lakes Golf Club. Fourth prize is a dinner for 4 at the Voyageur Restaurant for up to \$200.

The fishing prizes are a bit different than previous tournaments, and we need as many boats entered as possible to help capture the six \$500 club prizes.

We are looking for volunteers to help run and set up the weigh-in. If you are interested, please give Rob a call at (810) 434-3798.

Watch the Salmon Stakes website for more news and announcements:

http://www.bluewatersportfishing.net/Salmon_Stakes/ss.html



FLY TYING CLASSES

Fly tying classes will again be offered to the middle school students in the Port Huron area. The class is funded by the BWSA and taught by club member Vic Ruehle. This year class will begin the week of April 5th and last until the week of May 5th. Last year, 50 students took advantage of learning how to tie different flies by meeting at their respective school an hour before school normally started. The classes met for five weeks and at a different school each day of the week. At each class the student received sufficient materials to not only tie the new flies for that week but also an extra set of materials for practice at home. Club member Fred Witter was the school sponsor at Chippewa Middle School.

For adults and kids who are not in middle school and who are interested in fly tying, Vic will also be teaching classes offered at Anderson's Pro Bait (Thursday nights) and Gander Mountain (Wednesday nights) in Port Huron. These classes begin the week of April 12th and end the week of May 10th.

In these five-week programs, students will learn how to tie 12 different popular flies that catch fish.

ROTARY GIVES \$1 MILLION TO SUPPORT RESEARCH ON INVASIVE SPECIES AND OTHER ISSUES

February 19, 2004 — A \$1 million grant from a Rotary Clubs foundation will give a boost to a new freshwater studies program at Northwestern Michigan College's Great Lakes Water Studies Institute. The institute is overseeing the development of a curriculum about watershed topics that can be used locally in school science classes. It also will assist area groups working on problems such as zebra mussel infestation and soil erosion.

A water science course will be offered at the community college this fall, but the Water Studies Institute is not envisioned as a new academic department, President Timothy Nelson said. Instead, it will be more of a clearinghouse — helping nonprofit groups, government agencies, schools and others exchange information and develop research and conservation projects, Nelson said.

The institute is overseeing the development of a curriculum about watershed topics that can be used locally in school science classes. It also will assist area groups working on problems such as zebra mussel infestation and soil erosion. It is sponsoring an internship program for students working with natural resource organizations, and will sponsor conferences and workshops on freshwater issues.

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APRIL 17TH CLUB TOURNAMENT

Our first club tournament will be run out of Port Huron. For the second year in a row, Terry Richert and the Dorsey House are going to allow us to have our weigh-in at the restaurant.

Food will be provided for everyone that participates in the tournament. Anyone is welcome to join the festivities at the weigh-in, but those adults will have to purchase food if they do not fish in the tournament. Beverages will be made available to all at a cost.

Last year, we had great king action for this tournament. Several boats had well over their five fish tournament limit.

There is a changing of the guard in our club tournament committee. Tim Cook resigned as tournament chairman at the end of last season. Tim did an excellent job running our tournaments last year. We had a couple delayed starts, Tim was on top of them, and kept everything in proper running order. Tim will remain on the tournament committee for 2004. Paul Baker is our new tournament chairman. He will be on the water taking boat names and number of crew members at the start of the tournaments. Paul's boat name is No I.D. and is the boat name to call at the start of tournaments to register. If for some reason you can't get ahold of Paul on the marine radio, be sure to call any of the tournament committee boats as they can take down names to and answer questions. Those other committee boats are C-Dog III, Charlie's Pride, Cuttin Fool, King Kong, Doghouse, Fishigan, Kid's Fishin, and Willis Ann. Not all of them will be out there for every tournament, but these are the boats you can call if No I.D. is not available.

2004 Tournament Dates

APRIL 17	PORT HURON
APRIL 24	SALMON STAKES
MAY 8	PORT SANILAC
MAY 14, 15, 16	BLUE WATER CLASSIC
MAY 22, 23	PORT SANILAC
JUNE 13	HARBOR BEACH
JUNE 27	PORT AUSTIN
JULY 10	PORT SANILAC (TWILIGHT)
JULY 17 & 18	HARBOR BEACH
JULY 31, AUG 1	ROCKPORT (no staging, set lines at 5:30)
AUGUST 21, 22	LUDINGTON

REGISTER VIA VHF RADIO CHANNEL 69 BEFORE 5:30 AM
CHANNEL 68 AFTER 5:30 AM
ALL TOURNAMENTS START AT 5:30 AM.



DIFFERENT RULES/ DIFFERENT WATERS

I don't know if may of you know this, but there are different rules for salmon and trout trolling when you are fishing the St. Clair River. Since we have a club tournament scheduled this month in April, I thought I would point them out seeing that some boats may choose to fish the river. We also have the Salmon Stakes coming up where we will have boats in both waters.

The first difference has to do with lake trout. Anglers fishing in Lake Huron are not allowed to keep lake trout between Oct. 1 – April 30. But on the St. Clair River, there is NO closed season on lake trout. Although it is rare to catch lake trout in the river, I have seen it done from shore and have personally done it by boat.

The next major difference is rod limits. Anglers fishing Lake Huron while trolling and targeting salmon/trout are allowed to fish 3 rods per person. Generally, anglers are only allowed two rods per person, but an exception is made for anglers targeting salmon and trout on Lake Michigan, Lake Huron, Lake Superior, and the St. Marys River. This exception does not cover the St. Clair River though. So, if you are planning on fishing the river, also plan on fishing only 2 rods per person.

Mike Rymar

NEW BOUNDARIES ESTABLISHED FOR LAKE ST. CLAIR-DETROIT RIVER

Fisheries Division spokesman Todd Grischke reported that an Emergency Order of the Director, FO 242.04, Lake St. Clair-Detroit River Boundary, was signed by Director Cool on Friday, January 9, 2004. This order states that, "for a period of five years for the purposes of establishing statewide coolwater sport fishing regulations upon the waters of Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River, the boundary line between Lake St. Clair and the Detroit River shall be a line extending due south of the Windmill Point Light, Wayne County."

This will be effective through March 31, 2009. Grischke explained that this boundary designation is needed because currently there is no boundary designation. He said that no opposition has been received on this Order.

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FISHING HOTLINE

The club's fishing hotline is back up and running 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.

HOUSE TO HOLD HEARINGS ON INVASIVE SPECIES AND BALLAST WATER MANAGEMENT

Two subcommittees of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure on Thursday, March 25, held a joint hearing on invasive species and ballast water management. Invasive species cause enormous economic and ecosystem damage.

Among the witnesses were Allegra Cangelosi with the Northeast-Midwest Institute and David Ullrich with the Great Lakes Cities Initiative. The March 25 hearing was in 2167 Rayburn House Office Building.

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USFWS LAMPREY CONTROL SUMMER JOBS

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Sea Lamprey Management Program is hiring 30 (yes, thirty) GS3/GS4 Biological Science Aid/Technicians for the 2004 field season, 10 to work out of Ludington and 20 to work out of Marquette. These positions offer a great opportunity for fisheries field experience. The announcements are posted on the FWS web page and USA jobs. The best way to find the listing on USA jobs is to search on US -MI as the location.

(There are some odd location issues with this system). They can also be accessed on the FWS national home page by clicking on jobs then selecting CARES. Please note that: 1. YOU MUST APPLY ON LINE (paper applications are not accepted) 2. The application had to be received by March 5, 2004 and 3. If you want to be considered for positions in both Ludington and Marquette you must apply for both separately.

Below is a brief job description

Duties and Responsibilities:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as an agent of the Great Lakes Fishery Commission, is responsible for control of sea lamprey in the U.S. waters of the Great Lakes. The incumbent of this position will support that effort by assisting professional Fishery Biologists and higher graded Technicians in work that may involve chemical treatment of streams to destroy sea lamprey larvae, control of sea lampreys through the use of barriers, trapping and release of pheromones and sterile males, monitoring of population levels of lampreys in their larval, parasitic and spawning phases to assess the success of treatments and the need for future control strategies, and/or the documentation of biological changes in the life history of sea lamprey.

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Bar-B-Qued Lake Trout

Season fish fillets with Lawry's Seasoned Salt, ground allspice, sugar, paprika and white pepper. Place fillets directly on the grate of a low to medium heat grill, close the lid and grill fish slowly, turning once or twice. Grill 15 to 20 minutes. Then spoon on generous amounts of your favorite BBQ sauce. Cook another 5 to 7 minutes, turning once.

Broiled Lake Trout with Drawn Butter

Using a large saucepan, bring some water to a boil, add a little salt and a generous amount of fresh dill. To this boiling water, slowly drop in lake trout (cut in 2 inch cubes). Boil about 3 to 5 minutes (until white). Remove fish from boiling water and drain in a colander. Allow fish to cool to the touch. Arrange fish on a broiler pan and season with lemon pepper and paprika. Brush with butter and broil until golden brown. Serve with drawn butter (As you would lobster). The secret to this recipe is DON'T let the water quit boiling when you add the fish to the pot, as this will cause the fish to absorb the salt in the water.

*Recipes Compliments of Gayle Gaw
Dea Lynn Charters*

VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED FOR SATURDAY AND SUNDAY of Classic weekend in the beer tent! Please call Dave Weed at 984-3813 and sign up for a two hour shift. Assorted jobs available!

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 \$15,000. Contact Bill at 810-650-9191.