



Blue Water Sportfishing Association Newsletter



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

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

IN MEMORIAM

Captain Sam Ciaramitaro (Great Laker) • November 6, 1956 – October 4, 2003

On October 4th, 2003, Lake Huron's thumb area lost a great Charter Captain and many fishermen lost a wonderful friend.

"Sammy" was one of the most well-known and well-liked Captains on Lake Huron. He greeted everyone he met with a big, friendly smile; and whether he knew you or not, he was always willing to share his ideas, techniques, and "secrets" that he had learned in his 20 years of charter fishing. Sam was a great mentor for beginners, always willing to speak at local clubs about tactics, new products, and catching fish in general.

Sam was a very active participant in the various fishing clubs. He founded the Thumb Area Captains Association in 1991, and served as President till 1998. He served as Port Captain (Grindstone City) for Michigan Charter Boat Assoc. and was instrumental in the construction &

operation of the "rearing net pens" at Harbor Beach. Sam was also a member of the Michigan Steelheads and Blue Water Sportfishing Assoc.

All those who knew him will miss Captain Sam. He will be remembered forever in our hearts.



CLUB TOURNAMENT 2004

In December, our tournament club committee met and decided on our 2004 schedule. New things we'll be adding are 2 more tournaments to the schedule, one of which is renewing our trip to Rockport. Look for these dates in our advertising insert.

LAST YEAR'S TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Last year's tournament winners, you can pick up your trophies at the January general membership meeting on Jan. 14th. Boat names that won are: In the Net, C-Dog, Ivanhoe, Fishigan, and Doghouse.

IMPORTANT BOATING DATES

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| Jan. 16-25 | Cleveland Boat Show |
| Feb. 7-15 | Detroit Boat Show |
| March 3-7 | Ford Field Boat and Fishing Show |
| March 18-21 | Novi Boat Show |
| March 25 | Fishing Forever Banquet |
| April 24 | Salmon Stakes |
| June 4-6 | Sarnia Bay Marina Tournament |



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our 2003 Christmas party on Dec. 10th was a great family event. The evening started out a little before 7:30 with drinks and raffle ticket sales. Then we ate an excellent ham and turkey dinner prepared by several club volunteers. The next event of the evening was awarding Bob Lane as our Member of the Year and he was very surprised and speechless.

Then, the Blue Water Anglers from Sarnia awarded our club with a plaque for supporting them with their programs. The plaque read:

“The Blue Water Anglers is honored to recognize the Blue Water Sportfishing Association for their continued support of the hatchery in Point Edward and their dedication in promoting sport fishing in Lake Huron” – signed The Board of Directors of the Blue Water Anglers.

Next we awarded 3 very deserving captains with Captain of the Year trophies to Tim Cook and Frank Rotondi, and awarded the Dick Hudson Memorial Trophy to Dave Rymar.

Then Bob Lane asked Rose Biessel to speak about our Adopt-a-family program. Every Christmas, the BWSA will support 1-2 families with around \$200-300 in gifts. These families are selected by the Salvation Army. This year, two families were supported; one of them asked for new clothes for the wintertime, and the other asked for some educational toys for their child who has learning disabilities.

Then the evening ended with Gary Gaw presenting several Blooper awards and the Blooper of the Year

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

The recipient of this year’s Member of the Year Award is Bob Lane. Bob has been the President for a number of years. Bob is by far our most active member. He has been a member of the following activities: BW Classic, Club Tournament, Salmon Stakes, summer picnic, & advertisement committee.

Bob is a very active too on the water during the summers running his own charter business out of Port Sanilac.

Bob is the glue that holds our association together and donates several hours of his time every week for our club. THANK YOU BOB.



Donna Bozyk awarding Bob Lane

award. Gary does an excellent job in his presentations and it is quite a sight to see. Gary presented awards to Ron Siewersten, Randy Bugaiski, Tim Cook, Rob Helzer, & Mike Dewey. The Blooper of the Year award went out to Jim Turner, Mel Roskey, and Dick Roskey as they were coming in to Manistee from an evening of fishing and they drove their boat onto the breakwall in total darkness. Gary – you do a great job with the awards and are welcome back every year.

A special thanks needs to be given to the following volunteers for preparing the dinner: Donna Bozyk, organizer, Bob and Anna Jury, Dave and Sandy Weed, Frank and Rose Biessel, Reinhart and Doreen Hrdlovich, and last, but not least, the lovely tree center pieces and kids gifts done by Karen Roskey, and ladies gifts purchased by Sandy Weed.

Also a big thank you to all the people who donated all the wonderful passing dishes!! Everyone enjoyed the smoked salmon from Keith Hiebert and the salmon chowder from Frank Rotondi. The following also donated hams and turkeys: Ron Angbrandt, Jim Gibson, Fred Witter, Harold Hastings, Bob Lane, Chuck Scott, Bob Roskey and Paul Baker. Everything was delicious!



Blue Water Anglers presenting BWSA a Plaque



Blooper of the Year awards



CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

In 2003, the club held a total of 7 tournaments throughout the spring and summer. Points are given out to all boats that participate, and for placing in the top 10. The points are added up, and the top three boats are awarded trophies. All three of these deserving captains fish every one of the tournaments.

Third Place went to Frank Rotondi, captain of Doghouse. Frank's crew had 2 top 3 finishes in our club tournaments, taking first place during our last tournament at Ludington. Frank also took big fish honors at Harbor Beach with a 13.7 lb Brown Trout. Frank prefished several of our tournaments and invited all club members to their campsites for dinners and bonfires.

Second Place went to Tim Cook, captain of King Kong. Tim finished in the top 5 of 2 of our tournaments. Tim won the big fish prize at two of the tournaments. His crew landed an 11.3 lb Steelhead at our first Port Sanilac tournament and a 14.1 lb King at our Port Austin tournament. Tim also did very well in the BW Classic; he won a \$1000 port prize for Lexington and finished the tournament in 12th place. Since Tim was also the tournament chairman in 2003, he presented the trophy to his son Tyler, and thanked him for going out fishing with him and being a part of his crew.

First Place went to Dave Rymar, captain of Fishigan. Dave has been a member and fishing in club tournaments for approximately 12 years. This was the first time that Dave was able to fish all of the club tournaments. Dave spent 30+ days on the water fishing for salmon on the St. Clair River, Lake Huron, and Lake Michigan. Dave took at least 2nd place in 4 of the club tournaments. He took top honors at the first Port Sanilac tournament and the Harbor Beach tournament. Dave's crew Sunday at Ludington was also our second boat in club tournament's history to catch over 100 lbs of fish with a one day five fish limit with 100.9 lbs. In winning the captain of the year award, Dave was presented with the Dick Hudson Memorial Trophy and given a 2003 Captain of the Year Jacket. Congratulations on a great year Dave.

BWSA 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

BWSA DICK HUDSON MEMORIAL CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR AWARD

Year	Place	Captain	Boat
1990	1st	John Brennan	Big Buzzard
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1994	1st	Les Smith	Jan Le
1995	1st	Dave Anderson	Triple A
	2nd	Paul Zimmer	Donna Mae
	3rd	Les Smith	Jan Le
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	2nd	Paul Zimmer	Donna Mae
	3rd	Chuck Scott	Charlie's Pride
1997	1st	Matt Macker	RJ's Lure
	2nd	Bob Lane	C-Dog III
	3rd	Paul Zimmer	Donna Mae
1998	1st	Matt Macker	RJ's Lure
	2nd	Bob Lane	C-Dog III
	3rd	Dave Anderson	Triple A
1999	1st	Paul Zimmer	Donna Mae
	2nd	Bob Lane	C-Dog III
	3rd	Roger Toner	Buster
2000	1st	Roger Toner	Buster
	2nd	Paul Zimmer	Donna Mae
	3rd	Tim Cook	Fish Stix
2001	1st	Rod Cope	Rod Man
	2nd	Paul Zimmer	Donna Mae
	3rd	Roger Toner	Buster
2002	1st	Paul Baker	No I.D.
	2nd	Dan Owens	Kids Fishin
	3rd	Tim Cook	Fish Stix
2003	1st	Dave Rymar	Fishigan
	2nd	Tim Cook	King Kong
	3rd	Frank Rotondi	Doghouse





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SERVICE CENTER

Salmon Santa Fe

Yield: 4-6 servings
Courtesy of Captain Rob Helzer

Arrange 3 lbs. salmon fillets in a medium
casserole dish - 9 x 13
Season generously with lemon pepper. Add one
large sliced Vidalia onion. Cover this with 1/4" to
3/8" layer of Miracle Whip (approx. 16 oz.) Then
top with a 20 oz. jar of medium chunky salsa.

Bake at 400° for 30-40 minutes or
until fish flakes.

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.