



Blue Water Sportfishing Association Newsletter



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

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

MEMBER OF THE YEAR

The recipient of the 2005 BWSA Member of the Year Award is Bob Roskey. Bob has been on the Board of Directors for the club for quite a while now, and took over as President this year.

Being President, Bob is only obligated to run the board meetings on the first Tuesday of every month. However, Bob goes well above and beyond that in volunteering for other activities in the club. Right now Bob is also the chairman for the advertising and big fish committees, and he is a committee member for Fishing Forever and the Blue Water Classic.

Along with volunteering for the above tasks, Bob also chips in his time at the events. Bob helped out at both the Salmon Stakes and Blue Water Classic weigh-ins. At the Classic, Bob was down at the weigh-in cleaning fish for the DNR for several hours. Bob was at most of the club tournaments helping out with the weigh-in, sharing fishing info on the water, and with the picnics.

Our club is very thankful to have Bob as a member.



MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Past Member of the Year winners are as follows:

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
2004	Paul Baker
2005	Bob Roskey

LAST YEARS TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Last year's tournament winners, you can pick up your trophies at the January general membership meeting on Jan. 11th. Boat names that won are: Tech Rally (need both your 1st Harbor Beach and Port Sanilac Twilight crews), Donna Mae, No I.D., Big Johnson, and Frayed Knot.



2005 CAPTAIN OF THE YEAR

In 2005, the club held a total of 5 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. Paul Baker presented the trophies.

Third Place was presented to Preston Schroeder, captain of Eveready. Preston and his crew fished competitively all year long and finished in the top 10 several times. They ended up catching the largest fish of the Ludington tournament, a 19 lb Chinook.

Second Place was presented to Keith Hieber, captain of Tech Rally. Keith missed the first event of the year, and missed out on 10 bonus points. Even with that, he managed to finish in the top 3 in points for the year. Keith won 2 events this year. He won the first Harbor Beach event and the twilight tournament out of Port Sanilac. Hopefully you caught Keith's article he wrote for last month's newsletter.

First Place went to Paul Baker, captain of No I.D. This is Paul's second time winning Captain of the Year. Paul was kind of taking a break from the seriousness of fishing the tournament and just wanted to have a fun time out on the water. In several of the events, he brought his family along instead of bringing a well trained crew. He is the perfect example of how a laid back atmosphere on a boat can still fish, win, and have a lot of fun doing it. In winning the Captain of the Year, Paul was awarded with the Dick Hudson Memorial Trophy. Paul presented the trophy to his future son Andrew. Congratulations on a great year Paul.



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.

BWSA Dick Hudson Memorial Captain of the Year Award

Year	Place	Captain	Boat
1990	1st	John Brennan	Big Buzzard
1991	1st	Les Smith	Jan Le
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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
1996	1st	Les Smith	Jan Le
	2nd	Paul Zimmer	Donna Mae
	3rd	Chuck Scott	Charlie's Pride
1997	1st	Matt Macker	RJ's Lure
	2nd	Bob Lane	C-Dog III
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	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	Doghhouse
2004	1st	Tim Cook	King Kong
	2nd	Bill Ogden	Willisa Ann
	3rd	Paul Baker	No I.D.
2005	1st	Paul Baker	No I.D.
	2nd	Keith Hieber	Tech Rally
	3rd	Preston Schroeder	Eveready



CHRISTMAS PARTY

Our 2005 Christmas party on Dec. 14th was a great family event. The evening started out around 7:00 with drinks and raffle ticket sales.

Bob Roskey welcomed everyone with a speech at about 7:30 and then introduced Harold Hastings. Harold gave a beautiful prayer, and then tables were released to enjoy the buffet dinner. An excellent ham and turkey dinner prepared by several club volunteers. Some of the volunteers showed up at 2 o'clock to help prepare the food. Bob Lane took charge of the dinner this year and thanked his volunteers and kitchen crew at the dinner.

After the dinner, Rose Biessel spoke about our Adopt-a-family program. Every Christmas, the BWSA supports 1-2 families in the Port Huron area with around \$200-300 in gifts. The Salvation Army selects these families. This year the Salvation Army chose two families. Rose did a great job of going shopping and delivering the gifts and food to the families.

Paul Baker presented the 3 Captain of the Year awards. Look for another article in the newsletter on this. Next, Bob Lane presented the BWSA Member of the Year trophy to Bob Roskey. Again, there is another article about this in the newsletter.

Finishing off the evening, Gary Gaw did a presentation for some of the member's bloopers that happened throughout the year. First on Gary's list was Mark Hodge. Mark went out fishing one day, and dumped his tackle box on the floor of his boat. So instead of spending the day fishing, he had to clean up his mess. Bob Roskey's crew was out one day and broke a nice fish off at the back of the boat. The fish was on the surface. They decided to try to turn around slowly while still fishing and go back to net the fish. Once they got close, the fish still had some life left and would swim off out of the net's reach. Well, Bob and his crew ended up doing this for 20-30 minutes. Bob's crew wanted to just give up, but Bob wanted his \$8 lure back. Paul Baker pulled one over on a few guys at Ludington. On the first day of the tournament, Paul said on the radio that he lost his cooler and 8 nice kings off the back of his boat. Some of the other guys fell for it, but Paul was the one with the last laugh at the weigh-in. Paul also had another blooper moment in 2005. He was fishing the bottom for Lake Trout off Harbor Beach when he hooked into something big. After a 25-minute battle, the object appeared behind the back of the boat. It was 5 lb rock from the bottom. Paul was more proud of his catch than embarrassed. He now keeps the rock with him at all times and calls it his lucky rock. Randy Bugaski has a rather serious blooper this year. He was coming into Ludington at night after fishing the evening. He lost view of the pier head for a moment, and ended up putting his boat up on the wall.

Everyone ended up being safe, but Randy's boat did have some damage and was out for the rest of the summer. Gary Gaw was about to end his presentation when his daughter decided to give a blooper on Gary. Gary was moving his charter boat from Grindstone to Lake St. Clair to do some fall musky charters. Well it turned out that the trailer that Gary used had some dry-rotted tires. He got onto I-94 heading south and when he got to the Marysville exit, one of the tires gave way. He unhooked the trailer and drove to Marysville to get one new one. He fixed the blowout and was back on the road hoping he could go the rest of the 30 miles with no problems. Well Gary did not hope enough, and he lost another tire at the New Baltimore exit. He had to now go into town again and get a second tire. After a second forced blowout break, Gary was back on the road again, but he was not out of harm's way. Gary was on the phone telling the story about the two blowouts to a friend, and when he pulled into the DNR launch he did not make a wide enough turn and hit the guard shack. No one was in the shack, and Gary probably would have never had anybody know about the incident, but his friend on the phone knew about it. Gary ended up getting his boat in the water OK and was on his way home pulling the trailer, when another car passed by pointing to the back of Gary's vehicle. Gary pulled over to take a look at what was going on, and somehow the bunks on the trailer came loose and were dragging on the ground. That was one long day that Gary probably would like to forget, but his daughter probably won't let him. Gary's last victim of the night was Jeff Parker. Jeff kept his boat at Ludington in a marina most of the summer. Well one day as he was pulling into the dock, he had left his net out on the side in a rod holder. As the boat pulled in, the net caught a piece of the dock and ripped a hole in it. The BWSA would like to thank Gary for collecting all of the bloopers and presenting them at the dinner. Gary does a great job with this.

A special thanks needs to be given to the volunteers for donating ham & turkeys, and preparing the dinner.

At next months general membership meeting we will be awarding the boat tournament winners.

2006 BOATING DATES

January 13-22	Cleveland Boat Show
February 18-26	Detroit Boat Show
March 3-5	Spring Boat & Fishing Show Birch Run
March 30	Fishing Forever
April 29	Salmon Stakes



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Deep-Fried Marinated Lake Trout

Cut 3 lbs. of well trimmed Lake Trout fillets into 2" cubes

MARINADE

16 oz. mustard (salad type)
3 Tbsp. fresh horseradish (Brede is good) and enough water to get the consistency of buttermilk

Marinate fish for 2-3 hours

DO NOT RINSE

Drop fish into a mixture of Drakes fry mix and Italian bread crumbs (70% Drakes - 30% Italian bread crumbs)

Fry in deep fryer at 400° for 3-5 minutes or until done.

Courtesy of Bill & Sue Dega - Black-Fin Charters

ANDERSON'S PRO BAIT SEMINARS

1-28-06 Cut Bait-rigging running and preparing your cut or whole bait

2-04-06 Spring shallow water fishing - planner boards and how to fish with them

2-11-06 Rigging your boat - discussion on electronics to down riggers

2-18-06 Line types - using the right type of line for your type of fishing. Discussion on leadcore, copper, wire line, fluorocarbons and spectra braids

2-25-06 Rotators, spoons, flies and refresher course on cutbait

3-11-06/3-12-06 4th annual open house. Factory reps from rp2, markies trac system, Shimano, Silver Streak, Rabel rouser and a few more to name later. This is always a great time to see all new products on the market and talk to the people who make them. ****SEMINARS will be on Saturday mornings from 10 am to about noon.****

The seminars are something new and are meant to breakup the long winter and get us going for the spring. They will be geared for the novice fisherman. Each topic will be taught by a different fisherman that has a unique niche with each topic.