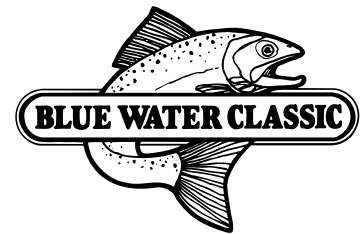




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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING - TUESDAY,
MARCH 7, 7:00 AT MCMORRAN**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 8, 7:30 AT MCMORRAN**

SALMON STAKES

2006 St. Clair Salmon Stakes is in its planning stages. The tournament will be on April 29th. The event will again be hosted by the Voyageur Restaurant. Proceeds from the event are being used to construct a fish cleaning station in the city of St. Clair. At the February Wild Game Dinner, the BWSA presented a check to the city of St. Clair. This \$8000 check was from the proceeds of the 2004 and 2005 tournaments.

Tickets are on sale at general membership meetings, Anderson's Pro Bait, Voyageur Restaurant, Lumberjack in Algonac, Anglers in St. Clair. There are some really great raffle prizes. First prize is a 2-person Alaska getaway; the value of this is approximately \$10,000. In all, there are 5 great raffle prizes to be won. So even if you do not fish the event, be sure to buy a raffle ticket for a shot at that Alaska trip.

Again, there will be a total of 7 divisions that you can win. They are Super Skipper, King, Coho, Lake Trout, Brown Trout, Steelhead, and Walleye.

22ND BLUE WATER CLASSIC

The Blue Water Classic is a salmon and trout fishing tournament that takes place on lower Lake Huron. The Blue Water Classic headquarters is located in Port Huron, MI. The tournament is held annually every May. This year's event will be held May 19-21 and will mark the 22nd consecutive year of the contest. Currently, anglers can choose to fish any of three ports (Port Huron, Lexington, and Port Sanilac) to fish out of. The Blue Water Classic is well known throughout the Great Lakes salmon fishing community as being a premier salmon tournament.

The 2006 tournament will have most of the same prizes, boundaries, and rules as last year. Prizes are still a bit up in the air until we can confirm with our generous sponsors. \$10,000 will be the guaranteed first place prize. We are also adding to the event. Captains can enter their boats to fish in brand new Big King Jackpot's and a Calcutta (look for explanations in this newsletter). Boats again will be allowed to weigh each day a total of 12 fish of which only 9 can be of the same species. Lower Lake Huron is becoming a world class Lake Trout fishery. Charter boat catch rates on lower Lake Huron are now exceeding the Lake Superior charter boat catch rates. Lower Lake Huron is producing more Lake Trout than hot spots like Stannard Rock. Chinooks, Steelheads, and Cohos are scattered all over the surface of Lake Huron from Port Huron on up and are still available for anglers to target. This format makes for a very competitive tournament. Just putting two consistent days of fishing together, and you would have found yourself in the top 10. For example, Capt. Jay Korneffel of 'Ivanhoe' weighed 18 Lake Trout for a total of 99.36 lbs and took home 5th Place.

If this tournament interests you, be sure to check out our ad in this publication and the tournament's website at www.bluewaterclassic.com for the latest information.





2006 BW CLASSIC CALCUTTA & DAILY BIG KING JACKPOTS

A Calcutta is an additional tournament and entry that will be run during the Classic. The cost is \$100 CASH. 80% of the entry that is taken in will be paid back to the participants. Prizes are awarded for every 4th boat that enters. If 100 boats enter into the Calcutta, there will be 25 prizes. Those are pretty good odds at taking home a prize. The standings are determined by your total weight of your two-day catch. The same rules and tournament committee that govern the Blue Water Classic will be used for the Calcutta.

Example: payout for 63 boats entering into the Calcutta

Place Prizes

1	\$599.00
2	\$534.00
3	\$501.00
4	\$468.00
5	\$434.00
6	\$401.00
7	\$367.00
8	\$334.00
9	\$301.00
10	\$267.00
11	\$234.00
12	\$200.00
13	\$167.00
14	\$133.00
15	\$100.00

The Daily Big King Jackpots is a new big fish derby that the BWSA will be running during the Blue Water Classic. The entry will be \$50 CASH for one day; or you may enter

for both days at a cost of \$100 CASH. Participants may enter only Saturday, only Sunday, both days, or none at all. 80% of the entry will be paid back to the participants. A prize is awarded for every 25th boat that enters (rounded up) in that day. If 100 boats enter on Saturday, 4 prizes will be awarded. If 101 boats enter on Saturday, 5 prizes will be awarded. Odds are not as great as the Calcutta, but the prizes are much larger. The standings are determined by your Largest Chinook for the day that you enter. The same rules and tournament committee that govern the Blue Water Classic will be used for the Daily Jackpots.

Example: Saturday payout for 63 boats entering into the Saturday Big King Jackpot

Place Prizes

1	\$1,260.00
2	\$840.00
3	\$420.00

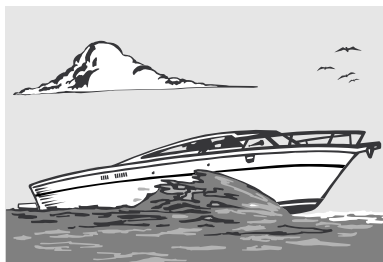
You may register at the Captain's meeting on Friday night; it is optional. There will be a table set up at the Captain's Dinner taking registrations. There will also be live updates as to how many boats have entered, how many prizes will be awarded, and what the prizes are.

At the weigh-in, there will be a board with standings of the top Chinooks for that day. Calcutta standing will also be available. Prizes for both additional events will be presented at the Awards Presentation on Sunday.

20% of the entry that will be received from this currently will be going into the BWSA general fund. It will be used toward club projects (Hooked on Fishing, Library Program, Port Huron Fish Cleaning Station).

SPRING BOAT AND FISHING SHOW

BWSA has decided to rent a space at the Birch Run Boat and Fishing Show on March 3-5. We are doing this to help promote the club, Salmon Stakes, Blue Water Classic tournament, and Fishing Forever. There are several free seminars discussing Great Lake Trolling (Boat Control, Walleye, Cut-Bait for Chinooks, Sonar Basics, and Bass). Also, Great Lakes Angler Magazine has a \$25 seminar that you have to pre-register for. We now have enough volunteers to run the booth Friday thru Sunday. BWSA will be at booth S-33 which is in the south arena. Hope to see you there. More information can be found at: http://www.mssfa.com/flint/spring_show1.htm



CLUB TOURNAMENTS

Look for 2006 club tournament schedule business cards to be handed out at a future General Membership Meeting. The schedule also can be found on the club's website at: <http://www.bluewatersportfishing.net>.

There are also several rule changes to the club tournaments. Hard copies of the 2006 rules will be at the March and April General Membership meetings.

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.



Big Fish Winners

**Congratulations to all of the
2005 Big Fish Contest Winners!**



2006 BOATING DATES

March 1	2006 Fishing Licenses go on sale
March 3-5	Spring Boat & Fishing Show Birch Run
March 30	Fishing Forever
April 1	2005 Fishing Licenses Expire
April 22	Port Huron Club Tournament
April 29	Salmon Stakes
May 19-21	Blue Water Classic
June 23-25	Thumb Area Offshore Challenge



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Salmon Chowder

Makes 8 Servings

Ingredients

1 tablespoon cooking oil
2 cups shredded carrots
1 cup finely chopped onion
1/2 cup thinly sliced celery
4 cups reduced-sodium chicken broth
2-1/2 cups cubed red-skinned potatoes (3 medium)
1-1/2 cups water
1 10-ounce package frozen whole kernel corn
1 teaspoon fresh dill or 1/2 teaspoon dried dill
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups fat-free milk
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 15-ounce can salmon, rinsed, drained, flaked, and skin and bones removed

Instructions

1. In a large saucepan heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook and stir carrots, onion, and celery in hot oil about 10 minutes or until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally.
2. Stir broth, potatoes, water, corn, dill, and salt into vegetables in saucepan. Bring to boiling; reduce heat. Cover and cook over medium-low heat about 15 minutes or until the potatoes are tender, stirring occasionally.
3. Stir together 1/2 cup of the milk and cornstarch. Add milk mixture to saucepan. Stir in the remaining 1 1/2 cups milk. Cook and stir over medium heat until thickened and bubbly. Cook and stir for 2 minutes more. Gently stir in salmon. Heat through.