

Manistee County Sport Fishing Association



Fishin' Line

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From the Helm

The board of the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association is hard working preparing for the upcoming 2015 fishing season. Currently, we are working on updating and launching our web site. The updated site will be more user friendly, easier to update and accessible from multiple electronic devices. We hope that it will allow for better and timelier updates, fishing reports, links to related sites, etc.

Also, we recently helped facilitate a meeting that had Mitch Ditsch, City Manager of Manistee, Mark Breederland, MSU extension, Jim Dexter, Director of Fisheries, Todd Kalish, regional Biologist, Tim Ervin, Manistee Economic Development, and Denny Kuenzer, Manistee County Sport Fishing Association. This meeting was convened because of the concern with the downward trend in the Chinook fishery in the region. As many of you experienced the past few seasons catching Chinook salmon has become difficult and the returns to the weir have seen diminishing numbers. Luckily, the Brown Trout, Lake Trout and Steelhead fishery have held steady and catches on most members' boats made up more of these species than in the past.

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2015 MCSFA Events

Annual Spring Banquet
Saturday, May 2
Little River Casino Resort

Salmon & Trout Derby
Saturday, May 23rd
through
Monday, September 7th

Kid's Fish Day
Wednesday, June 17th

Ladies Classic Pro/Am
Friday, June 19th

Budweiser Pro/Am
Saturday, June 20th
and
Sunday, June 21st

Small Boat Big Fish
Tournament
August 1st

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MCSFA receives Certificate of Appreciation



Dave VanEerden (center) and Ken Franklin (left) accepted a certification of appreciation from Bill Baumgartner of the Manistee County Coast Guard Auxiliary for the MCSFA cooperation in organizing boat inspections. Over 30 boats have been inspected in conjunction with the Spring Fishing Class sponsored by the MCSFA. A Boat Inspection Day is being organized for 2015; please consider getting this free courtesy inspection for your boat. More information will be announced as arrangements are completed.

FROM THE HELM continued...

Our goal from this meeting was to let the DNR know our concerns, but also let them know that we are willing to support them in future endeavors, that are scientifically sound practices. Any of you who fish on Lake Michigan over the years can attest to the impact of the exotic invaders and the water clarity is vastly different than just 10 years ago. The biology of the lake is changing and I am sure that it is impacting something from the nearly invisible organisms to the fish, ducks or birds at the end of the chain.

Again, the jury is still out and none of us will know what kind of fishery 2015 will yield until our boats are in the water and lines are wet. I have already started polishing my boat and look forward to splashing it in late April.

Finally, since our family caught our first Coho in 1967, I have yearned to be on Lake Michigan before day light waiting for that first strike. It won't be long!!!!

Captain Kevin Hughes, President, Manistee County Sport Fishing Association

Get Involved with Kids — Kid's Fish

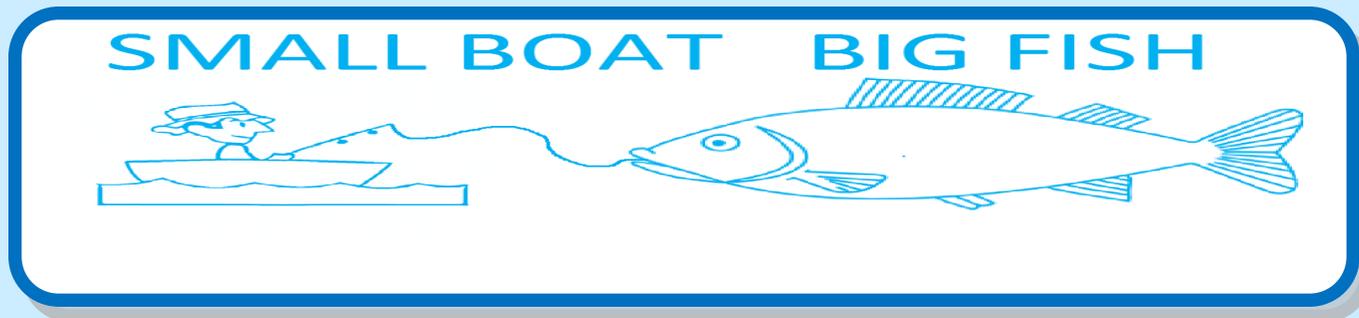
Each year the MCSFA hosts Kid's Fish on the shores of manmade lake in Manistee and each year it is a huge hit and my personal favorite event. To me there is nothing more important to the future of our sport than to have our younger generation interested and involved. Kids Fish is the perfect time to help young people who may not have been brought up fishing to become interested and involved. In order to accomplish this, it always takes the efforts of many volunteers and sponsors and a great organizer like Pat Bentley. Pat will once again be helping get this event underway. If you would be able to help out with this worthy event please let me know and we will get you involved any way we can. This year's event will take place on June 17th at 9AM. For volunteer opportunities please contact me at kilntime@tm.net.

Capt. Craig Kent

Annual Membership Meeting and Spring Banquet

Each year many of you ask how you can help with the prizes for the banquet. It was suggested that we put a short note in our newsletter and welcome any donations from our members. We encourage you to send them or bring them to the banquet. We do our best to provide a wide array of prizes, but your help with soliciting or making donations is a welcomed gesture. If you have any questions, please contact us at 231-887-4474 or email us at mcsfa@mcsfa.org.

Thank you!!



Annual MCSFA Small Boat Big Fish Tournament August 1, 2015

This is a big fish tournament being held by the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association, for amateurs only. Weigh in your biggest fish only. Limit of 1 prize per boat.

Boats must be less than 25 feet and have an VHF radio. The entry fee is **\$60.00**. At least 1 person on each boat must be an MCSFA member. Registration for the tournament will be between 6 pm and 8 pm on Friday July 31, 2015 at the village park in Onekama. Advance registration by mail or in person must be received by the MCSFA no later than July 31, 2015. Registration forms are available at: mcsfa.org.

All DNR rules and regulations apply to this tournament and there is a limit of 9 rods in the water at one time. Sliders may be used; however, you are limited to 1 per rod. The maximum slider length is 72".

Fishing starts and ends at the ports of Manistee, Arcadia and Onekama, and is limited to Lake Michigan and Lakes Arcadia, Manistee and Portage.

Weigh-in stations will be located at the Onekama Park Boat Launch and the Arcadia Municipal Marina Boat Launch and Ship Watch Marina in Manistee. A tally board will be located at each site and information will be updated via telephone. Stations will be open for weighing from 11 am to 2 pm. It is the fisherman's responsibility to have their fish at the scales within the allotted times.

This is a one day tournament beginning at 6:00 am and concluding at 2:00 pm. The weather back-up date is Sunday August 2, 2015. In the event both days are canceled, all entry fees will be refunded. In case of bad weather, a tournament committee of MCSFA members will determine a go/no go status at 6:00 am and will make appropriate announcements on VHF channel 68. After that time, responsibility will be assumed by each captain, for their boat and crew. In case of early termination all fishing is to cease and all boats must return.

Payout will be for the 5 largest fish. 1st place is a guaranteed \$500 prize. Remaining prizes are determined by the number of entries. In the event of a tie, the 1st fish weighed in is the winner. All fish must be weighed by an MCSFA member. All fish weighed will require a signed affidavit that the fish was caught on your boat.

Fish will also be entered into the MCSFA Derby. There will be no award ceremonies. Winners will receive their prize checks in the mail.

Questions should be referred to Ken Franklin, 231-889-4048, Dave VanEerden, 231-645-9056 or Tom McCraner 231-631-4613.

GOLF OUTING 2014

Our fourth annual golf scramble was held on August 16 at Chestnut Hills Golf Course. The day started out just beautiful and stayed that way throughout the event. There were several teams for this event and everyone apparently had a wonderful day.

First I would like to thank Carole Porter for coordinating this event. She masterminded the layout and was instrumental in obtaining most of the door prizes and hole - sponsors. Without her undying drive and love for the association, this event never would have happened. The members and board of directors would like to thank you for your sacrifice and unselfish efforts making this effort such a great success.

Secondly I would like to thank Doug Carter, of Chestnut Hills, for hosting the event again and contributing to the association as a hole-sponsor. Chestnut Hills has made numerous improvements. The layout is both beautiful and challenging.

I would like to thank all of those who contributed to the outing through effort, door prizes and hole-sponsorship. These contributions exceeded \$3000 in prizes with no expense incurred by the MCSFA.

Unfortunately, this event will be suspended for this year but it is our hope to bring it back in the future.



Sponsorship Opportunity

We are looking to secure 3 individual or business sponsorships at this year's banquet. We are looking for appetizer sponsorships at a cost of \$100. Your donation of \$100 entitles you to

- Advertisement in the Program
- Recognition at the Banquet
- Certificate of Appreciation

Please indicate your commitment on the enclosed membership application or give us a call.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Please feel free to contact us at any time. Our phone number is 231-887-4474.

Our email address is mcsfa@mcsfa.org.

Check us out on FACEBOOK.

MCSFA Membership Application

Member Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Boat Name: _____

Docked At: _____

Member Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- _____ Non-Charter Boat Membership \$50.00
- _____ Charter Boat Membership \$100.00
- _____ Business Membership \$100.00

(Note: All membership levels enter you in the Salmon Derby.)

Membership (as indicated above)	\$ _____	
Spring Banquet Tickets (\$35.00 ea.)	\$ _____	NOTE: RSVP is required for accurate planning.
Raffle Ticket Stubs (Separate Mailing)	\$ _____	
Donations (_____)	\$ _____	
Total Enclosed	\$ _____	

Please make checks payable to: **MCSFA** and mail to **PO BOX 98, Manistee, MI 49660**

Volunteers Needed!! Please indicate the events at which you could be helpful.

Tournament weekend

_____ Kid Fish Day
_____ Ladies Classic Pro/Am
_____ Budweiser Pro/Am
_____ Weigh-in
_____ Clean-up

Spring Banquet

_____ Sell raffle tickets

Net Pen Project

_____ General help

_____ **Yes, I would accept a nomination for a board seat.**

Go Green

Please take this opportunity to complete the above membership application and your email address. *Going Green* is easier than you may think and saves money. America is shifting to a *Go Green* attitude and many citizens are embracing this responsibility with open arms. You can do your part by signing up to receive your Newsletters via the internet and/or email. We will continue to do our part to post our Newsletters on our web site. Again, please provide us with your email address and your commitment to *Going Green!*

Office use: Date Pd: _____ Check # _____ Cash _____

Annual Membership Meeting and Spring Banquet

Saturday, May 2, 2015

Little River Casino Resort

Doors Open at 5:00 pm

Cash Bar at 5:30 pm

Dinner 6:00 pm
until 7:30 pm

Guest Speaker/Drawings
to follow.

In house raffle, door prizes, guest
speaker plus more!! Make your
reservation today!

Prize List

Savage Trophy Hunter Stainless
with Nikon 3x9 .300 Short Mag

Barnett Covert Crossbow 185 Pound
Pull

Savage .17 HMR Model 93

Savage Trophy Hunter XP with Ni-
kon 3x9 .270

Savage .22 Magnum/.410 over &
under

Remington 870 Express 12 Gauge
(wood) 3 1/2" Mag

Savage Axis .223 Real Tree Camo

Henry Lever Action with Large
Loop .22

1/2 Day Charter Trips (5 total)

13 Total Raffle Prizes!!!

To reserve your dinner tickets, please mail your check to the
Manistee County Sport Fishing Association, PO Box 98,
Manistee, MI 49660. See the enclosed membership application for
additional information.

Please reserve your tickets **prior** to April 27th.

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The MCSFA depends on
your support. Please
mail in your registration
today.

Your application is
enclosed.
Thank you.