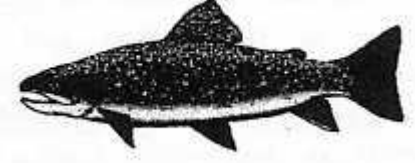


DOWNRIGGER



Presidents Message

In case you haven't been to a membership meeting in a while you will be in for a few surprises. First, we are no longer holding our membership meetings at the Drayton Plains Nature Center. The board had been considering for some time that there were some shortcomings with the Drayton Plains Nature Center. The indoor meeting room at the Drayton Plains Nature Center can get a little cramped, especially when we have a decent turnout of members. The muddy, unlighted parking lot was another minus. We also have some members that have trouble negotiating stairways and for that matter, actually finding their way through the maize of subdivision streets to get to the Nature Center (I won't name who to avoid embarrassment!). So, recognizing these shortcomings, a facilities search committee consisting of Bill Anglebrandt, Bill Purves, Mike Odle, Glenn Uhl, Joe Zikewich and yours truly set out to find a new home for OCSA. Several halls were considered including the CAI building in Waterford and the Veterans Hall on Kenneth Street in Pontiac. The final decision came down to either the Elks Lodge or the Veterans Hall and it was decided to try the Elks Lodge. Judging from the positive comments I heard at the April meeting, it sounds like the committee's choice to try the Elks Lodge was a good decision. An added bonus is that we can order food and drinks from the lodge, so if you are running late, you can just grab dinner at the meeting.

The second change the board has made is to hold the board meetings from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on the same evening as the membership meeting. Usually, if the board can stay focused, (and some of us have trouble doing that) we can wrap up the board meeting within an hour. We are also using e-mail to communicate amongst the board members. If anyone has any suggestions, you are welcome to come early and share your ideas with the board or drop one of us an e-mail.

Captain Steve Dennis gave a nice presentation at our April membership meeting on the topic of salmon and steelhead fishing. Steve runs Fishbone Charters out of Manistee, so he was able to share quite a few tips for fishing out of that port. Steve came bearing gifts and donated some of his lures to OCSA to use in the raffle. Steve also had a fair amount of lures and equipment for sale and judging from amount of stuff he carried in verses what he left with, it appears we cleaned him out pretty good.

Kids Day will be at John Seling's place on Pontiac Lake on July 16th. Please contact Mike Odle at (248) 673-3759 for additional information.

The annual OCSA picnic will be held on June 5th at the Drayton Plains Nature Center. Please contact Marti Newstead at (248) 625-3762 or Caroline Burtch at (248) 889-3112 if you would like to help out.

OCSA will be holding its June Show and Tell Boat Show at the Elks Lodge on June 15th. As in past years, we will have hot dogs and pop and also a table for used tackle and equipment for sale. The Elks have a pretty nice pavilion with a barbecue and I am anxious to see us try it out.

Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Glenn Appel
OCSA President

Up Coming Events:

CLUB PICNIC

SUNDAY JUNE 5, 2005 NOON TO 5PM
We will eat at 1PM!

DRAYTON PLAINS NATURE CENTER

BRING: DISH TO PASS
 YOUR FAMILY (Children and Grandchildren
 encouraged to come)

PROVIDED: Ham & Scalloped Potatoes
 Chicken Barbecue Sandwiches
 Beverages
 Table Service
 Games for Children & Adults

Annual OCSA Boat Show

This year's Boat show and tell will be held at the June membership meeting on Wednesday June 15th at the Elks lodge. Some of the features will be a swap meet, (selling our no longer needed fishing or boating tackle), showing off our boats and how we have them rigged. We will also be serving hotdogs & beverages. Hopefully we can get the Coast Guard to come and do boat inspections.

OCSA POLO SHIRTS

Feeling left out? Is that old, fish gut covered T-shirt of yours starting to show its age ? Well, cheer up bunkie, and order yourself a OCSA polo shirt. The shirts are 6.8 oz., 100% preshrunk cotton by Anvil in cobblestone (tan) color, complete with embroidered OCSA logo, guaranteed to catch fish and stretch over beer bellies.. All this can be yours for the measly sum of \$15.00. Please contact Glenn Appel at (248) 625-3492 or by e-mail, gappel007@comcast.net.

Little Known Fishing Facts

Author Unknown

1. Whenever the fish wise up to your chartreuse/orange jig, change over to an orange/chartreuse jig.....it confuses the heck out of them.
2. Two of the best fishing days all year...are the days when daylight savings time changes...that gaining or losing an hour during the day really upsets their feeding patterns...(as you might imagine "Leap Year" is also another great time to be out fishing, that extra day really fools the fish).
3. Spawning times are great times to fish...like our honeymoons, their minds aren't thinking about much else...especially lures.
4. Walleye will only eat female leeches, so have your bait dealer sort out all the males next time. Why pay good money for inferior bait.
5. Bullheads are the Studebakers of the fish world.
6. An empty stringer is easier to hide than and empty live well.
7. Fish cribs are usually blanketed...by fishermen.
8. All boat ramps are intentionally designed so that you cannot back your trailer in...on the first attempt.
9. Male catfish do not look at the female catfish while spawning. Researchers believe it's because of the whiskers...gross.
10. Sucker fishermen...deserve what they catch.
11. A 10-pound bluegill...would be a nice fish.
12. You can turn a sheephead into a tasty meal...by using any mutton recipe.
13. There are no known recipes...on how to make a carp edible.
14. An ice fishing shack...is nothing more than an adult playhouse.

Tournament Insight

2005 Tournament Schedule

June 18	Lake Erie	Bill Purves/ Bill Anglebrandt	248-625-3617 (Bill P.)
July 9/10	Lake Erie	Geoff White	248-437-7387
July 16	Kids Day (Pontiac Lake)	Mike Odle	248-933-4424
August 13/14	Arcadia/Frankfort	Steve Bruford/Greg Elliot	248-363-4688 (Steve) 248-328-0097 (Greg)
August 20/21	Arcadia	Walt VanConant/Larry Eastman	248-693-4389 (Walt) 231-325-2267 (Larry)
September 24/25	Lake Erie	Bob Schulz	248-471-7844
TIPPY 2005			

The annual Manistee River Tippy Dam steelhead tournament was held the weekend of April 9 & 10. On Saturday we had (7) fishermen Steve Bruford, Leroy Brown, Greg Elliott, Steve Loehr, Jeff Loehr, Glen Uhl and myself. The weather was great, but the fishing was slow, the river was high and cloudy and the main run had not started yet. Several steelhead were hooked but only (2) were landed, one by Glen Uhl, with his new hand made rod, and one by me.

Saturday results:

1st Place 5# 6oz Bill Anglebrandt 2nd Place 3# 2oz Glen Uhl

Sunday we had (4) fishermen, a couple guys were not feeling well so had to sit out. Leroy Brown and I were joined by Geoff & Greg White. The steelhead fishing was still slow, but the river was full of huge walleye. Leroy caught (3) walleye that weighted 6 to 10 lbs and I caught (2) 6 & 8 lbs. I did luck out and landed the only steelhead.

Sunday results:

1st Place 6# 9oz Bill Anglebrandt

Bill Anglebrandt

ARCADIA TOURNAMENT

APRIL 30 AND MAY 1, 2005

Participants:

ADVENTURE II - Walt Van Conant, Jerry Rank, Mark Rank, Ed Matusko

(Judy Rank, Jean Matusko, Pat Van Conant lunch only)

KATY MARIE - Bob/Kathy Hazelett, Lee Lewis, Amanda Kendall, Harry Day

REEL ADVENTURE - Steve Bruford, Greg Elliott, Glenn Van Gelderen

Our first OCSA tournament of the year was a little cool. Like 30 degrees. Burrrr! We saw some snowmobile suits, which I'm sure felt really good. The captain's meeting found everyone wide awake (the temperature was enough to do that) and anxious. After some hot coffee and breakfast cake, the anglers headed out. Most of them had a thermos of hot coffee to help keep warm. After removing the ice from the windshield, the crew looked forward to some catching. This was one trip the heater got a workout. Mark Rank enjoyed a lengthy nap aboard Adventure II. Reel Adventure and Adventure II had words over one fishing hole where they both had caught fish. Guess the lake is never big enough HaHa.

Harry Day was blamed for a day of bad luck aboard the Katy Marie. The one gig fish they hooked opened the snap swivel (which Harry called a mechanical failure) and got away. That mechanical failure was a disappointment for the crew. No other fish were hooked for them.

After the weigh-in everyone enjoyed a lunch of grilled chicken breast sandwiches, baked beans, hot German potato salad, and home-made rhubarb crisp w/cool whip at our house. It was great visiting after the long winter.

SATURDAY PLACEMENTS:

Brown Weight Angler Boat Captain

1st 3# 7oz Ed Matusko Adventure II Walt Van Conant

2nd 3# 2oz Jerry Rank Adventure II Walt Van Conant

3rd 3# 1oz Ed Matusko Adventure II Walt Van Conant

Lake Trout

1st 6# 1oz Glenn Van Gelderen Reel Adventure Steve Bruford

Coho

1st 3# 2oz Steve Bruford Reel Adventure Steve Bruford

Mystery fish - Jerry Rank 3# 2oz Brown

On Sunday the wind was up a little so Adventure II didn't go out. Reel Adventure and Katy Marie did. Bob and Kathy Hazelett and crew made up for Saturday's non-catch. They came in with five browns. Good fishing Katy Marie. Their good luck charm, Amanda Kendall, caught two of the browns. Lee Lewis caught their largest one 4# 7oz. Nice fishing Katy Marie. Reel Adventure came in with three. They came in with a 6# 1oz Lake Trout. The weigh-in completed and a short visit, and everyone left to clean fish and get warm.

SUNDAY PLACEMENTS:

Brown Weight Angler Boat Captain

1st 6# 8oz Steve Bruford Reel Adventure Steve Bruford

2nd 4# 7oz Lee Lewis Katy Marie Bob Hazelett

3rd 3# 12oz Amanda Kendall Katy Marie Bob Hazelett

Lake Trout

1st 5# 12oz Glenn Van Gelderen Reel Adventure Steve Bruford

2nd 3# 13oz Greg Elliott Reel Adventure Steve Bruford

Mystery fish Amanda Kendall 3# 2oz Brown

A special thank you to you anglers who braved the cold temperature and joined us for this tournament. It was fun having you and we look forward to seeing you again.

Your Port Chairpersons,
Walt and Pat Van Conant

Recipe Corner:

I am always looking for some good recipes to publish in the *Downrigger*. If you have a good one send it to me via e-mail at michiganbasser@yahoo.com

Editor's Note:

The walleye season is almost here and I hope that you are ready. I ask that if any of you have submissions for the *Downrigger* please send them to me via e-mail at michiganbasser@yahoo.com I will be working in Microsoft word so if your submission could be in that format it would be a great help. I wish everyone a very merry holiday season.

Scott Lewis

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SAVE SOME MONEY!!

Just a reminder!!!!!! OCSA members can get BOAT U.S. membership for half price. BOAT U.S. regular price is \$19.00. OCSA members can pay \$9.50 by submitting our group number **GA 81183B** on the Boat U.S. application with your check. Currently, 21 of our members are taking advantage of this opportunity. Feel free to enroll for this benefit.

Pat Van Conant
Membership Chairperson



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Calendar or Upcoming events

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