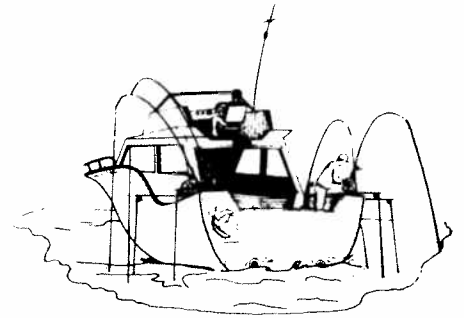




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## MEMBERS URGED TO RUN

# Chapter election deadline nears

## Board backs State ballot slate — Will you?

Want to make sure that this Chapter will not have its voice heard on the State Board of Directors? It's easy. Don't bother to take the time to fill out the ballot you will be receiving in this month's State Newsletter. Now it gets tricky. If you have not completed the first step you don't have to worry about the second step. The second step — don't bother to bring the ballot to the October Membership meeting or mail it in yourself. Two steps — that's all it takes to either have your views represented, or to have little or no voice in the State decisions.

For the last several years the ballot returns from the Detroit Chapter have been embarrassing. We average, at best, only 10% (60 ballots from 600 members). The Chapter Board of Directors needs representation at the State level in order to enable this Chapter to continue to adequately represent and further the views of its members.

In order to entice you (everything else we've tried has failed), you will be given a free ticket for a chance on a fish smoker if you turn in your ballot at the Membership meeting. If you can't make it to the meeting, please mail it in. You won't have a chance to win the smoker, but you will be doing something constructive for this Chapter.

On a personal note: If you don't take the minute or so required to fill out and turn in the ballot, how, in good conscience, can you take the time to complain about how the State organization is messing over you?

If you've made it this far, and if you really care, the Chapter Board of Directors is endorsing Gray, Lindberg, Rutt and White for election to the State Board of Directors.

Members interested in seeking election to the Board of Directors must submit a short resume and, if possible, a recent photograph no later than November 3.

Resumes and photos will be published in the November issue of **Fishin' Tales**.

Ballots will be included in the December issue of **Fishin' Tales** and must be turned in at the December Membership meeting, where they will be counted and the results announced.

The terms of six board members expire this year and only two of them choose to run for re-election. As mentioned at the September meeting, this is your chance to become involved in the decision-making process. All resumes and photographs should be mailed to:

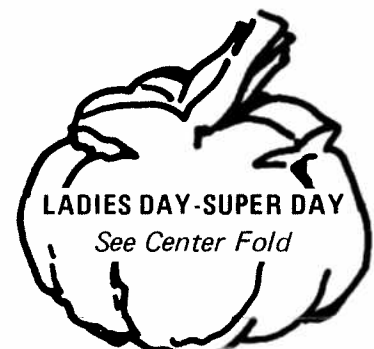
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Due to printer's deadline, resumes not received by November 3 will not be published. Members are urged to bring the resume and photo to the Membership meeting in October, if at all possible. Things that should be listed in your resume would include: how long you have been a member, what activities you have participated in, awards or distinctions you have earned as a Steelheader, and any goals or objectives you see as applicable to the Chapter. Age, marital status and employment are not required. What is needed is a summary of you as a Steelheader.

## Jerry Lee repeats as Skipper of the Year after Manistee victory



SKIPPER JERRY LEE AND CREW of "Sea Screw" display winning catch at Manistee. From left: Don Kirchoff, Jerry Lee, Don Richards, Jeff Damitz. The win clinched the "Skipper of the Year" award for Jerry for the second straight year. Details on Pages 4, 10.



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# Area chapters to hold Manistee Tourney

On Saturday, November 3, 1979, three chapters from the Detroit area will determine which one boasts the best fishermen. Members from the Detroit Chapter, Metro-West Chapter and the Oakland County Chapter will compete for this honor on the Manistee River below Tippy Dam. A trophy will be awarded to the chapter with the highest average poundage caught per fisherman. The losers buy the beer.

Plaques will be awarded for the three largest steelhead, and the largest chinook, coho and brown trout.

The fee for the Detroit Chapter members is \$8.00. After fishing, dinner will be served at the Wellston Inn. The menu features your choice of T-bone, porterhouse or sirloin steak with potatoes, vegetable, dessert and coffee. The fee must be paid, and your dinner choice made, by October 30, 1979. Rooms are also available at the Wellston Inn. Contact me for additional information.

The time, place and rules are as follows:

1. Only two fish per man at weigh-in (18" minimum length).
2. Fishing starts at daylight and runs to 4:00 pm.
3. Weigh-in is from 4:30-5:30 pm at the Wellston Inn. No fish may be weighed in after 5:30 pm.
4. Dinner will be served at the Wellston Inn from 5:30-7:30 pm.

*For additional information, please contact:*

**John Tymensky, 532-1687**

## COMING EVENTS

### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS


Tuesday Nights — at	October 30
Vladimir's Restaurant	November 27
Grand River, W. of 8 Mile Road	

## RIVER TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Place/Opponent	Contact
November 3	Manistee River Detroit vs. Metro West	John Tymensky 532-1687
December 8	Manistee River Detroit vs. Saginaw	To be announced
January 12	AuSable River Detroit vs. AuSable	To be announced
April 5	AuSable River Detroit vs. AuSable vs. Saginaw	To be announced

### DNR HOTLINE

True sportsmen and other citizens concerned about fish and game violations can do something about it says, the Department of Natural Resources. If you can't contact your local conservation officer about a violation, call the DNR toll-free HOTLINE, 1-800-292-7800, day or night. If possible, try to provide a license number and description of any vehicles involved, and any other pertinent information. You do not have to give your name when calling.



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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

**"THE BAIT BOX"**

October 1979

Fall is here, time for the annual run of chinook and coho salmon up our Michigan rivers. Already we have seen the results of the Bottle Bill, with great reductions in litter along our river banks.

We will see new foul-hooking regulation go into effect this year with fewer rivers open to this type of angling(?), shorter open dates and hopefully, in a few years, an end to this unsportsmanlike conduct. However, the new DNR program is in great danger. The Michigan Chamber of Commerce has seen fit to try to change the Natural Resource Commission's mind on the new regulations. I urge you to bring your pen with you to the next meeting and aid us with letters to the Commission in support of the end of foul-hooking and snagging on all of our streams and rivers.



A thought has occurred to me regarding our salmon program. Over ten years ago, the first coho were brought to Michigan. These fish were of one breed of eggs from one specific area or river in Washington

State. They are actually a commercial strain of fish, and they tend to turn dark (dimorphic) fast. With succeeding plants of both coho and chinook, the same type of strains were introduced into the Great Lakes. These eggs were mixed in our hatcheries, until now we have our own cross-bred Great Lakes strains of salmon. The problem is that they tend to grow dark faster and not grow as large as when first planted. The only answer I can see to both these problems is to start a program of selective breeding at our hatcheries. The question is, where is the DNR going to get the money for selective breeding?



On September 28th, some members of *your* chapter attended the "Fish-In" to protest gill netting on Traverse Bay. I wish to thank the skippers and the crews of those *six* boats.

In 1911, a prominent Michigan conservationist, William B. Mershon, Sr., in a letter to then-governor Osborn wrote:

"I came to the conclusion last winter that I was out of tune with

the people, that ninety-nine out of one hundred of them [who] didn't care a cuss about saving or taking care of anything."

These words still ring true in 1979, and were re-affirmed at the "Fish-In."

To those one out of a hundred, I say thank you — Enough said and implied!

— Tom Schneider, President  
Detroit Area Chapter



President Tom Schneider shows off two nice steelhead taken recently on the AuSable River.

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# Final Skipper of the Year Standings

Place	Name	Boat	Points
1st	Jerry Lee	Sea Screw	45
2nd	Howard Mills	Paramour	37
3rd	Larry Atwell	Cobra	24
4th	Jim Treadaway	Okie Drifter	17
5th	Bob Kring	Drifter	16
6th	Charles Ryder Gary Poirier	Easy Ryder Lizard	15 15
7th	Randy Cope Toby Lampi	Ouzo Too Jessie III	13 13
8th	Mike Patterson Charles Dunger	Joe Cool Mist Kitty	12 12
9th	Gary Gray Jerry Thompson	Gray Ghost Dar Dan	10 10
10th	Jewell Harris Mike Lamphier	Cannonball Aquaman	9 9
11th	Terry McCaffrey Tom Nesbitt	Terry's Toy Tom Foolery	7 7
12th	Gary Holiday Bob Jester Tom Ruple	Drifter II Sky Bird R. Mooney	6 6 6
13th	Mike Oostemeyer Lowell Essenmacher	Avitar Sundowner	5 5
14th	Ted Streussnig Jim Zylinski	Luck-EE Strike Lite Chop	4 4
15th	Lance Campbell Tom Schneider Bob Hickey Don White Gerry Ciurzenski	My Girl Corkie Man Eagles Nest Last Chance Bobber	3 3 3 3 3
16th	R. D. Branham John Schubert Sid Kolongowski Ken & Jim Pauley	Sea Hawk EZ Money Backlash Striker	2 2 2 2



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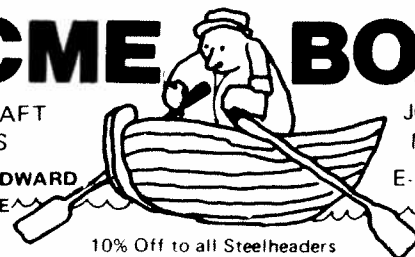
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All entries must be submitted in crayon by midnight, October 32, 1979 to G. Gray (Ghostie Grayski). Winner will be awarded a guided tour of Bunyon Town, U. S. A., and Dead Creek Lagoon.

Bob Lindberg  
First Mate of the Wader I

### 1. THIS IS:

- a. Lady who caught a large fish;
- b. Lady who caught the smallest fish;
- c. Fish that Okie Drifter lost;
- d. Fish that Valhalla lost;
- e. One of the above;
- f. None of the above;
- g. Who cares???????



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2. IS THIS THE:-

- a. Ladies who caught fish;
- b. Finalists in the "Ms. Oscoda QUEEN Salmon" Contest;
- c. Prez. Schneider showing his best side;
- d. Schneider stretching the First Place salmon;



# Ladies Day To

Place	Boat Name	Sk
1st	Corkie Man	Tom S
2nd	Mister "O"	Richar
3rd	Nooner	Mike C
4th	Carol Joy II	Jerome
5th	Last Chance	Don W
6th	Pescador	Al Wag
7th	Dana-Lyn	John F
8th	Least Likely	Bob K
9th	Crestrider	Dick H
10th	Mist Kitty	Charle



3. LITTLE MIKIE AND BIG ED II WITH:

- a. Latest backlash from their level winds;
- b. Macramé and Artsie Craftsie material;
- c. A handfull of river strangulation material;



4. THIS IS:

- a. A picture of the winning crew;
- b. Jan Schneider taking a wind velocity reading;
- c. Typical reaction to one of Tom's tabletop sermons;
- d. A picture that will cause severe bodily harm and loss of one Snickers bar to the photographer;

# Tournament Standings

	Crew
Tipper	
Schneider	Jan Schneider, Sally Schneider
O'Connor	Al O'Connor, Camel Zimmerman
Ciurzenski	Josephine Ciurzenski, Christine Ciurzenski
Vaerten	Terri Blust, Carol Vaerten, Anita Kusey
White	Karen Ksionzek, Sharon Sypniewski
ger	Kim Wright
Rankin	Dorothy Rankin, Linda Rankin, Sharon Gregg, Eleanor Paul
anas	Lori Kanas
Heidtman	Vivian Heidtman, Dorothy Heidtman
s Dunger	Kitty Dunger, Corie Robinson, Cris Robinson



**5. THIS IS A PICTURE OF:**

- a. The guy who pulled off another super Ladies Day; ↑
- b. An advertisement for Sheep Wool Shampoo;
- c. Someone having a meaningful religious experience;



**6. THESE ARE:**

- a. People in line for the Gong Show;
- b. Contestants in the "Zip & Rip (Yank & Jerk)" dance contest;
- c. Part-time animals;

**7. THIS IS:**

- a. Mother River (The Big A); →
- b. Some of the scenery the Ladies were promised they would see--but never did;
- c. Some of the scenery the Ladies were promised they would see--and did;
- d. A neat place to read or Artsie Craftsie;
- e. A river in Canada;





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# Ludington Boat Trolling Tournament Round-up

## 34 skippers and crews vied for honors

Thirty-four boats participated in our Boat Trolling Tournament at Ludington on August 11.

Saturday morning found the Loomis Street Boat Launch a very busy place as everyone prepared to launch. Tournament Chairman Jerry Lee, well aware of the crowded conditions, cautioned everyone that, if necessary, he would delay the starting time to allow everybody enough time to get their boats in the water and ready to start. As it turned out, we did manage to start on time, at 7:00 a.m.

The weather on Tournament Day started out overcast, and as the day progressed, turned sunny and clear, with very light wind conditions. However, the surface water was quite cold, and the fish scattered, due to strong north winds the day before.

Most of the skippers chose to fish Pt. Sable, although some did fish the project, with some success. Twenty-one boats weighed in fish at the City Ramp at 3:30 p.m.

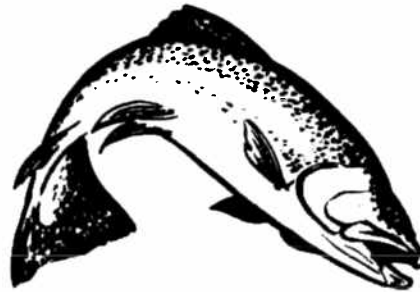
We had our Tournament dinner at 6:30 at the Memory Lane in Ludington, with about 65 people present. I think everyone had a good time and plenty to eat.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Tournament, and to congratulate the Top Ten boats and crews on their success.

Terry McCaffrey  
Tournament Co-ordinator



Bob Kring (right), Skipper of "The Drifter" and his crew managed to land these five big kings. The catch was enough to tip the scales for First Place at Ludington.



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# "Jessie III" second, "Gray Ghost" third at Ludington



"Jessie III" does it again, as usual. Skipper Toby Lampi and his crew fished their way right into Second Place at the Ludington Tournament with this fine catch. Nice job, and well done, Toby!



Gary Gray (second from left), Skipper of the "Gray Ghost" and his crew show off the "christening" catch of his new boat, good for Third Place at Ludington. "Gray Ghost" had logged only two hours before participating in the tournament. Says Gary, "Well, Dick, the boat works!"

## Largest Fish entered during Trolling & River Tournaments & Research Trips

Species	Name	Event	Size
Steelhead	Jewell Harris	Trolling	11 lb. 12 oz.
Brown Trout	Dennis Hollaway	Research	9 lb. 8 oz.
Lake Trout	Jerry Thompson	Trolling	13 lb. 7 oz.
Splake		NO ENTRY	
Chinook	Bob Kring	Trolling	26 lb. 13 oz.
Coho	Jerry Lee	Trolling	7 lb. 15 oz.
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# TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

## LUDINGTON

## MANISTEE

Place	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew	Place	Boat Name	Skipper	Crew
1st	Drifter	Bob Kring	Rick Orban, Roger Evans, Eric Moser	1st	Sea Screw	Jerry Lee	Jeff Damitz, Don Richards, Don Kirchoff
2nd	Jessie III	Toby Lampi	Jessie Lampi, Joe Bubeda, Robert Bubeda	2nd	Paramour	Howard Mills	Eric Mills, Bob Hickey
3rd	Gray Ghost	Gary Gray	Frank Gray, Dick Stehle, Bob Stehle, Burl Hopkins	3rd	Aquaman	Mike Lamphier	Bob Reed, Ray Novack, Jack Bellestri
4th	Ouzo Too	Randy Cope	Dale Bee, Ted West	4th	Okie Drifter	Jim Treadaway	Ken Conrad, Tom Nesbitt
5th	R. Mooney	Tom Rumble	Steve Rumble, Tom Beesly	5th	Drifter	Bob Kring	Bob Johnson, Rick Orban, Roger Evans
6th	Mist Kitty	Charles Dunger	Kitty Dunger, Tim, Rich, Rick, Cris & Corey Robinson	6th	Cannonball	Jewell Harris	Darrin Harris, Katrina Harris
7th	Tom Foolery	Tom Nesbitt	Al Pawloski, Jim Bell, John Seling	7th	Lite Chop	Jim Zylinski	Kevin Kondrat
8th	Last Chance	Don White	Bob Ksionzek, Gary Sypniewski	8th	Bobber	Gerry Ciurzenski	Bill Green, Bill Ciurzenski
9th	Striker	Ken & Jim Pauley	Lee Holman, Carl Culp	9th	Gray Ghost	Gary Gray	Frank Gray, Dick Stehle, John Kaslowski, Joe Stancisz
10th	Terry's Toy	Terry McCaffrey	Scott McCaffrey, Ken Rogers, Don Siaczka	10th	Easy Ryder	Charles Ryder	Bill Clark, Mel Wasser, Ron Bernick





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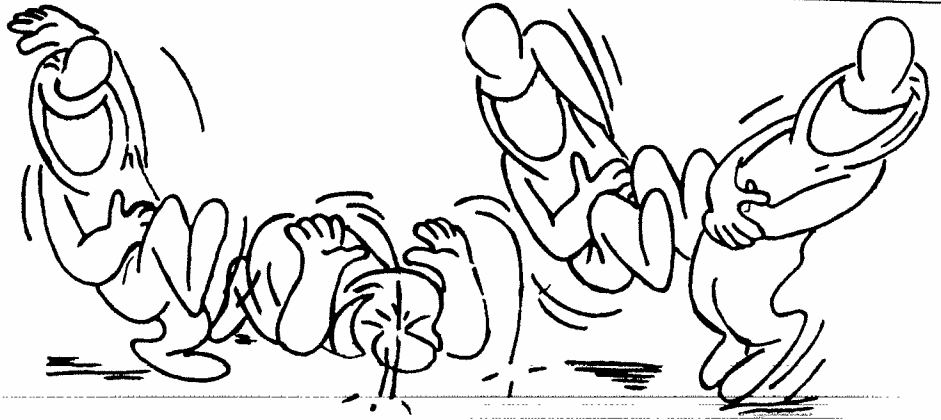


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**BRIAN GLASER —**

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**THE FISH**

**MARK GEITKA —**

Caught you sleeping, huh?

**THE FISH**

**BOB KANAS —**

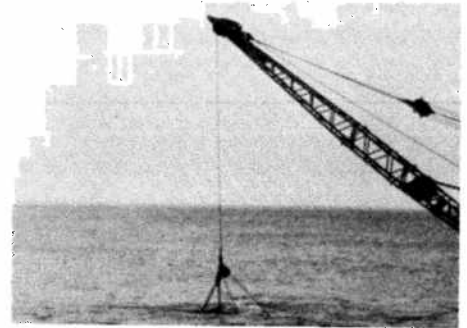
You're hard to find when you move.

**THE SKIPPERS**

**SEA SCREW AND CREW —**

Some of us have noticed that you turn a tight 360° circle when fighting a double king. Can you inform us of the advantage of this maneuver?

**SIN OR SWIM — SAGINAW**



**JERRY LEE —**

"Let me guess, Jerry — it's a new downrigger with a new Herbie . . . a 14' Maxi Stick and 2# test . . ."

**LARRY**

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# Want Ads:

**HELP WANTED** - Need field reporters, writers and photographers to help with **Fishin' Tales** on regular or occasional basis. Experience not needed. Apply to Editor, **Gary Gray** at any membership meeting or telephone at **846-6482** or write to: **Gary Gray, 6315 Archdale, Detroit, MI 48228.**

**FOR SALE** - Piggie-back O/B motor brk't for Merc-cruiser O/drive. \$15.00. Also pick-up cap (black fiberglass), sliding tinted windows/screens, fits all trucks w/8 ft. beds. \$375.

**Bill: 685-3041 after 5 p.m.**

**FOR SALE** - 1977 Cruiser, Model # 246 Gran Bateau, 24 ft., 8 in. convertible top, side cabin curtains, 233 h.p. Mercury, 40 hours on engine. \$11,500.

**Call: 285-4900**

**FOR SALE** - 13' custom made Laminaglas steelhead river rod. \$65.00 new.

**Robert Yockey: 522-4872**

**FOR SALE** -

"Terry's Toy," 1975 Starcraft Mariner, 1976 Pamco EZ Loader trailer, 1978 twin 50 hp Mercury outboards. Bimini top, front shelter, spray shield. 12 channel Ray Jefferson VHF radio, 40 channel CB radio. Four Riviera downriggers with 4' arms, two 86 qt. coolers, custom console. 16' Perko outriggers. Many other extras. \$6500.00.

**Terry: 729-1889 Weekdays (after 5 pm)**

**FOR SALE** -

2 Walker Swivel bases (blue	\$30.00
2 Fully adj. outrigger hldrs.	\$30.00
2 8 1/2 ft. Olympic rods (2000C)	\$15.00
1 Aqua Probe Super Cheater Flasher	\$100.00

1 custom built fish box, also doubles as a seat with a cleaning station in the top \$75.00

**Call John: 399-3860 or 876-2345**

**FOR SALE** - Ford '76 250 Window Van - 351 - Auto. Trans. - PS/PB. AM/FM/8 Track. 4 captains chairs, dinette converts to bed, closet. 12v/110 converter, sink and 5 gal. water tank w/demand. Pump, hitch w/boat plug and Bargman plug w/Tekonsha brake controller - all factory converted by T.E.C. 15000 lb GVC.

**Call Jack: 352-3376**

**FOR SALE** -

Vexilar Model 660 TV Graph-used, Tuned, complete. A steal at \$750.

AquaScope. New Model 1361 6" Graph. Paper-tested, under warranty. Compare at \$595.

Long-handled (8 ft.) salmon net. Double-tubed, reinforced. Discounted at \$12.00.

55 Channel FM w/6DB Ant.-used but new. 2 weather channels, bracket. \$395.

Also rods, reels, line, Electric Walkers, tackle, lures, specialties.

**Call John: 583-1910 (BOATFITTER)**

**FOR SALE** - 28' Pacemaker Express. Must sacrifice. \$5300.00 or best offer.

**Call (after 5 p.m.): 1-517-626-2105**

**FOR SALE** - Two Bonnie Invader downriggers. New in cartons. List price is \$69.95, will sell for \$55.00 each.

**Call Gary: 483-0667**

**FOR SALE** - "Michigan Steelheaders" Belts, Belt Buckles and Hats now available at membership meetings for members only.

or - call **Dave Geistler at home: 626-3834**

**FOR SALE** - (2) Vexilar 155D graphs -

(1) New in box - \$725.00

(1) Used as demo - \$625.00

**Al Lesh: 754-7689 after 5 p.m.**

**FOR SALE** - Aquascope 75 graph, new in box, with mounts & transducer \$195.00.

**Telephone: 963-3328**

**FOR SALE** - (2) Electric Proos 24" downriggers with swivel bases & rod holders - \$334.50 - and - (2) Manual Proos 48" downriggers with swivel bases & rod holders - \$225.00.

**Call Joe: 296-0323 after 6 p.m.**

**FOR SALE** - THE ULTIMATE FISHING

machine. 1973 Aqua Sport Center Console w/135 h.p. Evinrude, folding spray hood, Vexilar 155 Video Sonar, 25 W. VHF Marine Radio, C.B. Radio, Robelo sun top, Perko outriggers, 2 Walker electrics plus 2 Riviera No. 400 downriggers, trolling speed indicator, depth thermometer, 2 heavy duty batteries w/switch, lines, anchors, life jackets, bumpers, etc. Tandem trailer w/surge brakes & electric winch. \$7,500.

**Sid Goodfriend: (Bus) 545-1002**

## 1979 MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Vladimir's Restaurant

Oct. 30

Nov. 27

**VISITORS WELCOME  
BRING A FRIEND**

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**FOR SALE** -

"Blue Jay," Starcraft Off Shore American 22' 3" with cuddy cabin, 235 hp OMC, Telisonar 1300 graph, four Walker electric downriggers with rod holders. Date Marine digital depth gauge. FM radio, bow anchor mount, remote spotlight, full canvas, EZ Loader tandem trailer with electric brakes and electric winch. Four 9' Angler rods with four Garcia 5500C level wind reels. Teak swim platform, trolling plate, lockable rod holder, live bait well, two large fish wells.

**Bill Jewett: 553-7062**

**FOR SALE** -

Big Jon Jrs. 4' arms, electric with rod holders and two swivel bases, mounting plates and cannonballs at FACTORY COST.

**Jerry Lee: 421-8559 Home (after 6:00)  
542-1444 Work**

