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RIVER CRAB April 29

DAS OUT TO RETAIN CROWN

REMINDER, DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS; the Chuck Muer River Crab Salmon Stakes is coming on April 29.

This is a Boat Trolling Tournament that counts in our schedule towards determining "Skipper of the Year" award. It is also a tournament where we as a club will be competing for the 1st prize of \$5,000 for the most total weight. It is very important to our annual budget that we add this money to our treasury. Many of our club functions and our ability to make more contributions to worthy causes are directly affected by winning this prize.

The Blue Water Clinic, Blue Water sport fishing Assoc. and the C. A. Muer Corporation (River Crab Restaurant) co-sponsors donate proceeds to the Blue Waters Clinic's McKinnon Family Center and other child abuse/neglect programs throughout Michigan.

The Detroit Area Steelheaders will also have a special drawing at our May membership meeting. If the club wins the \$5,000 we will draw (5) \$100 prizes from a list of boats who weighed in at least one fish in the tournament. We will draw (1) \$100 prize if we don't win the club prize. Therefore, a single small fish could mean the difference between the club winning and you winning a \$100. All fish must be 18 inches to count (Overall length, not just 18" to the fork) Please weight in any 18" fish you catch. Lake trout will not be eligible as lake trout season will not yet be open. In addition, the sponsors of the tournament will pay \$100 for any fin clipped Chinook weighed in.

Prizes this year will be different. There will be a first place plaque

and \$250 awarded for each category of King, Coho, Steelhead, Brown Trout and Super Skipper. You must be pre-registered to win one of these prizes.

A \$10 ticket includes your individual entry fee, a raffle ticket where first prize is a trip for four to Disney World. (5 days and 4 nights for 2 adults and 2 children) Second prize is a trip for two to Toronto for 3 days and two nights. There are three other great prizes, too. Dinner tickets are available for an additional \$12 per person.

So, benefit the charities, and give our club a chance at the \$5,000 club prize.

The April 25 general meeting will be the last chance to sign up... or call Don Redmond at (810) 469-8344 for information on mail in entries.

REMEMBER, YOU MUST HAVE YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS WITH YOU AT THE WEIGH-IN TO ENTER FISH!!!! IF YOUR MAILING LABEL HAS A YELLOW MARK ON IT, BE SURE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP; ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE FISHING FOR THE CLUB IN THE RIVERCRAB !!!!!

APRIL 25 MEETING

The manufacturer of the Pro King spoon and top tournament winner, Dennis Neidlinger will be our guest speaker at the April 25th General Membership meeting.

Dennis will be speaking on procedures and techniques that have enabled him to win numerous tournaments throughout the Great Lakes fishing for salmon as well as walleye.

His spoon holds a world record catch for Northern Pike on 2lb. test line, along with a list of big fish too numerous to mention.

Dennis will have a complete selection of the Pro King line of spoons at the meeting, also. This will be your chance to add this pro's choice of his top spoons to your arsenal of baits.

Dennis will also have a lot of information on how to fish St. Joe/Benton Harbor due to that being his home port.....and just before our May 6th outing there!

LAS VEGAS A SUCCESS

The Las Vegas Night was a huge success for the club. Chairwomen, Mary Karakas put a ton of effort into organizing the entire event. She deserves a GIANT at-a-girl! With the help of about 35 Steelheaders, the night turned out first class. The final financial details are yet to be worked out and presented to the Board, but there is no question that it was a financial success. The hall was crowded the entire night and everyone seemed to be having great fun. Based on this success, its a certainty that the club will do it again. When we do, please volunteer to help or at least show up and enjoy the fun. You won't regret it!

BENTON HARBOR/ST JOE TOURNEY MAY 6.

This port is often a great producer of fish in the early Spring. Coho salmon will probably make up the majority of the catch, but its not unusual to hear of fishermen catching a "grand slam" from these waters.

River mouths that offer warm water current and the warm water discharges from the nuclear power plant both attract the trout and salmon.

The fishing will probably be best in the top 20 feet of water where the water warms first. It would be to your advantage to run planer boards or "yellow birds". Try trolling in an "s" pattern to locate the bait fish and the warmer water the trout and salmon will be near. Also keep an eye out for diving sea gulls as they can help in locating bait fish.

As for lure selection, I would start with body baits that resemble minnows in silver and chrome finishes. Try using small spoons as Spring salmon and trout are more prone to slam a small spoon than a large one. Most important, make sure that all of your hooks are sharp.

For some local information and fishing conditions, you can call: TACKLE HAVEN (616) 925-0341 or MOLLHAGENS MARINA at (616) 983-3851. Don't forget to check your trailers. Have a safe trip and we'll see you at the Captains meeting. We'll have more information at the next general meeting.

HARBOR BEACH TOURNEY SET FOR MAY 20, 21

Once again, the waters of Harbor Beach will focus on some nice Kings, but also be prepared to target lakers around Port Hope, North of Harbor Beach. The 5:00 a.m. skippers' meeting will be held near the marina office on Saturday, May 20st. All boats, please answer fish calls at 9am and 12 noon. Lines will be pulled at 2 p.m. and you and your catch of the day need to be in the weigh-in line by 3:00 p.m. On Sunday, May 21, the tournament will start at 6:00 a.m. at the pier heads. Sunday's fish calls will be at 8:00 am and 10:00 am. Lines will be pulled at noon.. The weigh-in will take place at 1pm.

For those of you who have never fished at Harbor Beach, be careful as there are reefs extending far out into the lake. If you have a loran or GPS (and

you should) make certain to plot a lot of waypoints that will keep you in safe water. Remember, that the shore line is curved in this area and a straight line course will take you near shore or possibly aground. Take a banana shaped course to get to most points. Also, watch your depth finder and keep at least 20 feet of water under your boat as these reefs come up very quickly.

I will be your port captain for this tournament and I will have information regarding locations at the April meeting.

Come to Harbor Beach for good fishin' and fun! Chris Nytko-Aquarius II

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
April 29	LEXINGTON	Rvr CRAB
May 6	ST. JOE	
May 20, 21	HARBOR BEACH	2-DAY
June 3	PT AUSTIN	TEAM DOUBLES
June 17	LAKE ERIE*	WALLEYE outing
June 24	OSCODA	LADIES DAY
July 22	MANISTEE	
August 5	LUDINGTON	
August 26	ROGERS CITY	
Sept. 9	HARBOR BEACH	
Sept. 16	SPECIAL PEOPLE*	

* NO SKIPPER POINTS

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CAVIAR SCAM LANDS MEN IN PRISON

SYRACUSE - A federal judge sentenced Robert J. Gehl to 7 years in prison for disguising contaminated salmon eggs from Lake Ontario as Lake Michigan caviar and selling them for \$16 million over 8 years.

U.S. District Judge Neal McCurn ruled the conduct of Gehl and his companies, Tempotech Industries and Gehl Productions, posed a significant risk of disease transmission that was potentially harmful to humans.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Craig Benedict called the prison term one of the longest ever for an environmental crime in the United States.

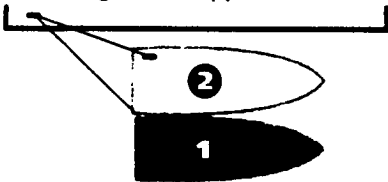
McCurn sentenced the company's general manager, George Jackson, 44, of Montague, MI to 5.8 years in prison.

The sale of salmon eggs from Lake Ontario has been banned since 1978 because the lake's sediments contained contaminants from years of industrial waste discharges.

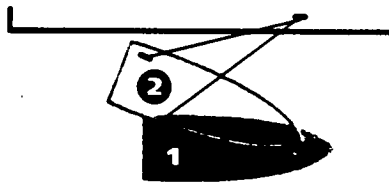
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Catchy	—	(15)	clear	.0345	n=6	13.75 +/- .14	20.0
Hi-Seas Grand Slam	IGFA	(15)	clear	.0325	n=7	14.20 +/- .75	19.3
Bear	—	(15)	fluor.	.0355	n=5	14.70 +/- .19	20.0
Ande	Tournament	(16)	green	.0375	n=5	15.34 +/- .09	19.3
Ande	Hi-Vis Flour.	(16)	yellow	.0375	n=5	15.64 +/- .11	19.3
Advantage	Crystal Clear	(16)	clear	.0380	n=5	15.86 +/- .40	20.7
Shakespeare	Sigma	(15)	fluor.	.0375	n=5	15.94 +/- .36	19.3
Momoi's Hi-Catch	IGFA	(16)	lt. blue	.0330	n=5	16.08 +/- .08	19.3
Fin-Nor	Fluorocarbon	(16)	clear	.0365	n=5	16.20 +/- .27	22.1
Bagley's Silver Thread	IGFA Blue Label	(16)	silver	.0325	n=7	16.50 +/- .54	22.1
Hi-Seas Grand Slam	Quattro	(15)	multi	.0420	n=5	17.40 +/- .18	24.3
Triplefish	Perlon	(15)	multi	.0415	n=5	17.50 +/- .16	22.1
Stren	Clear	(17)	clear	.0415	n=5	17.82 +/- .27	22.1
Bagley's Silver Thread	AN40	(17)	silver	.0370	n=7	18.08 +/- 1.45	17.1
Maxima	Ultragreen	(15)	green	.0405	n=5	18.12 +/- .13	17.9
Stren	Magna Thin	(16)	clear	.0335	n=5	18.32 +/- .08	19.3
Ande	Premium	(15)	clear	.0405	n=5	18.50 +/- .07	19.3
Momoi's Hi-Catch	—	(16)	smoke	.0360	n=5	18.82 +/- .29	17.1
Stren	Clear/Blue	(17)	fluor.	.0425	n=7	19.54 +/- .44	20.7
Berkley	Big Game	(15)	clear	.0390	n=5	21.10 +/- .49	22.1
Berkley Trilene	Extra Limp XL	(17)	clear	.0385	n=8	21.29 +/- .86	17.9
Hi-Seas	Regal	(15)	clear	.0425	n=7	23.00 +/- .97	20.0
Izorline	First String	(15)	lt. blue	.0415	n=5	23.34 +/- .25	17.9
Berkley Trilene	Ultrathin	(17)	clear	.0360	n=7	23.84 +/- .72	17.9
Berkley	Tri Max	(17)	fluor.	.0410	n=8	24.32 +/- 1.89	20.7
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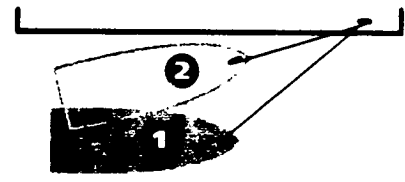
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A 1) Make fast an after quarter spring line. 2) Shift into forward and add a touch of throttle. The boat will swing into the dock.



B 1) Make fast a forward quarter spring line. 2) Shift into reverse and add a touch of throttle. The boat will swing to the dock.



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APRIL 29	RIVER CRAB
MAY 6	ST. JOE/BENTON HARBOR
MAY 20-21	HARBOR BEACH (2-day)
JUNE 3	PORT AUSTIN (Team Doubles) Sunday
JUNE 17	WALLEYE OUTING (Luna Pier) (Tentative)
JUNE 24	OSCODA (Ladies Day)
JULY 22	MANISTEE
AUGUST 5	LUDINGTON
AUGUST 26	RODGERS CITY
SEPT. 9	HARBOR BEACH
SEPT. 16	SPECIAL PEOPLE (Tentative)

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YOUTH BOATING COURSE
STATE OF MICHIGAN CERTIFIED
DATE: Monday, May 1, 1995 • TIME: 3:45 PM and 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Grasse Pointe South High School / in the small auditorium
Ages: 12 - 16 • LENGTH: 3 Sessions - 2 Hours each
CONTACT: Bob Swando • Phone: 1-810-949-3322

FALL 1995 PUBLIC BOATING COURSE
DATE: Monday, September 11, 1995 • TIME: 7:30 PM
LOCATION: Grasse Pointe North High School / in the cafeteria
LENGTH: 10 Weeks
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