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COOLER RAFFLE SET

COOLER OF CHEER!

The Detroit Area Steelheader annual cooler of cheer raffle will again take place this Fall. The lucky winning ticket will be drawn at the annual Christmas meeting. As always the lucky winner will receive a 98 quart cooler full of cheer, a big assortment party snacks and \$100 in cash; a prize well worth the buck investment.

Also, this year an incentive plan has been developed to help encourage you to help sell tickets for this raffle. The incentive will be that anyone who sells \$300.00 in raffle tickets can choose either a lifetime membership to the Detroit Area Steelheaders or free entry to all boat trolling tournaments for the 1993 boat trolling season.

Also, for the October membership meeting for every \$15 of cooler ticket sales turned in by a member they will receive one chance at a Hand Held Marine Radio. So if you sell you \$30 in tickets you will have your name put in the drawing two times. Those two chances will remain in the drawing for the November monthly meeting where a lucky member will win a Hook-Honer.

Tickets will be arriving in the mail.

Contact Don Redmond (313) 469-8344 or Dick Shirk (313) 749-9493 (777-8900 work) for additional tickets.

**CHRISTMAS MEETING
DECEMBER 15**

DIRECTOR ELECTIONS COMING DECEMBER

The annual election for the Detroit Area Steelheaders Board of Directors will take place at the Christmas meeting. There are six openings for election this year. This is a chance to help direct our club and to give back some of what you have gained by being a member.

Interested parties should contact Steve Hamilton, Election Chairman, at the October meeting. All you have to do is to fill out a short form stating your interests and how you can help, then get your picture taken. The candidates info and photos will appear in the November issue of Fishin' Tales.

Mother Nature Cuts Boat Trolling Schedule

The 1992 Summer was a big disappointment for skippers. The cancellation of the last two tournaments has led to a partial refund of entry fees.

All skippers who entered the Olcott and Frankfort tournaments should see Mike Walkulski for your refund of tournament fees. All Big fish entries will receive a full refund. Daily entries will receive a ten dollar refund and annual will receive a five dollar refund for each tournament.

Those skippers who wish to help out the club may instead exchange their refund for raffle tickets at a two for one rate at the October monthly meeting.

ATTENTION RIVER RATS

Winter tournament Schedules for 1992-93 River Rats.

Patch up the waders, its time to hit the river mouths and pierheads. River tournament chairman Doug Karakas has announced the following schedule:

Nov. 7 Manistee River- 3 way

Dec. 5 AuSable River

Jan. 16 TBA

Feb. 6 Higgins Lake--Ice Fishing

Mar. 6 Manistee River--W.A.T.A.

OCTOBER MEETING

Craig Schaaf will be the featured speaker for the October meeting. Craig's talk will focus on his float system and float fishing for various species of fish.

Paul Seelbach from the DNR will be the featured speaker for the November meeting. The talk is expected to focus on early stages of Chinook salmon.

The October raffle will feature a smoker as an added bonus prize.

RUN FOR A DIRECTOR POSITION!

Membership Attendance Incentive Program is now at \$50. You must be present to win.

DINNER DANCE

Get your tickets for the Dinner Dance from Doug Karakas. The cost is the same as last year; \$40 per couple prior to Jan. 1 and \$50 after Jan. 1.

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OLCOTT A NO GO

Another disappointing trip awaited us in traveling over to fish Lake Ontario off of the Ports of Wilson and Olcott, with high expectations of getting in some good quality fishing time. But... it wasn't to be.

Mike Wakulsky on Wet Paint had Already been out through the pierheads and found we were faced with 3-5 foot seas. He announced a hold on the start of the tournament until 10 a.m. at which time things hadn't changed, so he announced a cancellation for Saturday with the hopes of Sunday as backup.

If there ever is a bright spot in one of these disastrous weekends, it's always our cookout gathering. Our people certainly enjoy the liquors, food and just plain enjoyment.

Well, come 5 a.m. Sunday, Mike and I went out about 2-3 miles and determined that it was fishable. So we had the gathering of boats off the pierheads at 6:30 a.m. for the countdown. Upon leaving the pierheads and within 3 miles offshore, again we were confronted with ole contrary Mother Nature. Within the last hour and a half she had kicked up the lake into 4-6 footers.

I don't think Mike had any choice but to call the Tournament off and send the boats back to port. Needless to say there just wasn't enough of the weekend left to salvage, so most of us loaded up the ole tubs and headed West licking our wounds and wondering, what if?

Dick Shirk ** Lil Scratch II

LAKEWIDE MANAGEMENT PLANS DEVELOPED

(reprinted from THE HELM

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By Nancy Riggs

Lakewide Management Plans (LaMPs)

are being drafted for each of the Great Lakes. These clean-up strategies will identify ways to reduce and prevent pollution and to restore lake ecology. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Environmental Canada are guiding LaMP development for each of the Great Lakes with the exception of Lake Michigan, which lies completely within U.S. boundaries. EPA in cooperation with other agencies will guide Lake Michigan LaMP development.

Region V EPA has provided funds to Great Lakes Sea Grant Network to carry out LaMP education activities. This partnership will enable the EPA to Build on the Sea Grant Network's existing ties with Local communities. Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant Program will prepare the summary report, which will highlight significant accomplishments of the Lake Michigan LaMP outreach program.

Karen Vigmostad of the Michigan Sea Grant College Program is LaMP education project coordinator for the Great Lakes Sea Grant Network. Vigmostad said, "I am deeply committed to the Great Lakes, both Personally and professionally."

Among the activities planned by the Sea Grant Network are ten regional workshops scheduled around Lake Michigan and Lake Superior. Eight fact sheets on critical topics will be distributed, and a slide show (including videotapes) about water quality issues will be developed and made available. Additionally, Sea Grant staff may be scheduled to speak to community groups and other interested organizations throughout the Great Lakes states.

Promoting interest in the LaMP process by people who care about the Lakes is essential. That involvement will ensure that the LaMPs will be forceful documents leading the

way to pollutant reduction and Great Lakes restoration. Individuals can participate by attending regional workshops and commenting on draft documents.

DATA DON'T SUPPORT TROUT 'TRUTH

(reprint from University of Wisconsin Sea Grant Communications)

A statement often heard often acquires the aura of truth.

Such was the case with our story about lake trout restoration efforts in the May 1992 Littoral Drift, which included the oft-repeated statement that "lake trout disappeared from all of the Great Lakes except Superior during the 1940's and 1950's as a result of overfishing and the invasion of parasitic sea lampreys."

"This assertion is common in both the popular and scientific Great Lakes literature, and it has been taught to students for decades," UW-Stevens Point Sea Grant researcher Daniel Coble said in a recent letter. "Nevertheless, the statement is not justified."

Based on a review of the literature and a regression analysis of catch and effort data for U.S. waters, Coble and colleagues at the Wisconsin Cooperative Fishery Research unit reported that the "found no convincing evidence of overfishing in Lakes Michigan and Huron," Although "lake trout probably were overfished in Lake Superior before the sea lamprey became a major influence" (Trans. Am. Fish. Soc. 119:985-995,1990).

Thanks for setting us straight, Dan!

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