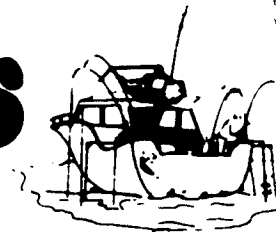




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LUDINGTON TOURNEY A GO!

Those who have fished Ludington over the years know that the fishing can be fast and furious. The bag is usually mixed with big Kings, Cohos, Lakers, Steelhead, Browns and even Atlantics making up the catch from prior years. The Teachers Pet crew caught a Great Lakes Grand Slam in last year's tournament (King, Coho, Lake Trout, Brown, Steelhead).

The Skippers meeting on Saturday will be held at 5 a.m. at the Ludington Municipal Marina. Start time is schedule for 6 a.m. both days. There is no skippers meeting planned for Sunday.

Those of you who have fished Ludington The past few years has seen a major change in tackle with dodgers and squids becoming the lures of choice for charter captains and Steelheaders alike. White, Yellow, or Chrome dodgers are generally the preferred color. The glow squid, the black squid and green squid usually trail dodgers by about 18 inches.

Don't be afraid to run spoons as they can be very effective, especially early in the morning. A few fish can be caught on J-plugs, too.

Depths are determined by the thermocline, but expect 80-100feet deep. Dipsey Divers produce bonus fish; often the cohos, steelhead or browns. One pound dropper balls will produce lakers and a few Kings.

Ludington is known for its great structure. The most common places to

fish are North off the bath house at the State park or "The Point" easily seen by the lighthouse. There are drop-offs and deep holes here. Don't be afraid to try straight out or South off the Project; a pump storage facility better known for Spring fishing and grinding up fish.

Also be sure to watch for the presence of deep currents. You may think you are trolling 2 knots but your lures are either dead in the water or going 4 knots depending on the direction of the current. You will know if there is a current if you watch your cannonball wires. If they look like they are swayed back more (or less) than normal, there is probably a current effecting them. Good Luck!

RETURN FISH WITH CLIPPED FINS

Anglers fishing in Michigan's Great lakes and connecting water are asked to look for salmon lacking their adipose fin. The adipose fin on trout and salmon is the small fleshy back fin just forward of the tail.

Fisheries researchers have several studies underway aimed at determining movement, growth, survival, and the contribution of natural reproduction to the sport fishery in the Great lakes. Also, various

stocking locations, stocking techniques and fish rearing practices will be evaluated by these studies.

Anglers who catch adipose fin clipped fish are asked to freeze and save the heads and to record the length, weight, locations and date caught and then contact a DNR office.

ATTEMPT TO VACUUM POLLUTION FROM PLATTE HATCHERY TANKS

Condensed from: THE NORTHWOODS CALL

A swimming pool device is the latest hope for the long beleaguered Platte River Fish hatchery.

The machine is being used to vacuum phosphorus rich solids from the bottom of hatchery tanks in an effort to reduce pollution of Platte Lake. If fish feces and waste food can be removed before they flush into the river, the Department of Natural Resources may be able to rescue the hatchery.

A 1987 court order declared the hatchery in violation of stat pollution laws. Judge Tom Brown has given the DNR time to find a way to halt pollution. If it cannot, it is assumed the hatchery will have to close or quit rearing coho salmon.

The DNR will return to Brown's court, probably to ask permission to continue passing large numbers of coho salmon at the Platte's mouth upstream to the weir at the hatchery.





Lakers spawn on Tawas reef.

(Reprinted from Northwoods Call)
Naturally produced lake trout fry have been found on the Tawas Bay reef for the second year.

Mio district fish chief Dave Smith reports the fry were taken in small traps set on the reef to gauge reproduction. Whitefish, he adds, are also spawning on the artificial reef.

The reef was built, of boulders, to concentrate perch, walleyes and other fish. The spawning lake trout is considered a bonus.

Biologists have said they believe large scale lake trout spawning would occur in Lake Huron if gill nets were removed and lamprey were brought under control.

DIRECTORS PROPOSE PRESERVATION OF STEELHEAD

The Detroit Area Steelheaders, exists as an organization brought together for the purpose of enjoying the great fishery of our state as well as lending it's voice to the various state departments. Above all, we believe in the preservation of this wonderful resource that we have within these Great Lakes of ours.

As evidence of this, we have incorporated a few standards into our tournament rules and regulations such as the minimum 18 inch length limit, a maximum of 6 rods per boat, and a limit of 8 fish to be weighed in per boat.

At a recent Board of Directors meeting, a discussion on the steelhead fishery was heard, and in view of the increased pressure in recent years on this species, the Board is encouraging more catch and release of steelhead. It is further suggested that your catch be voluntarily limited to 1 fish per man aboard your boat rather than the 3 that the State

allows.

The Board feels with this kind of preservation, we will be contributing to the longevity and survival of our great steelhead fishery for all to enjoy for years to come.

MOTHER NATURE DOES IT AGAIN AT OSCODA

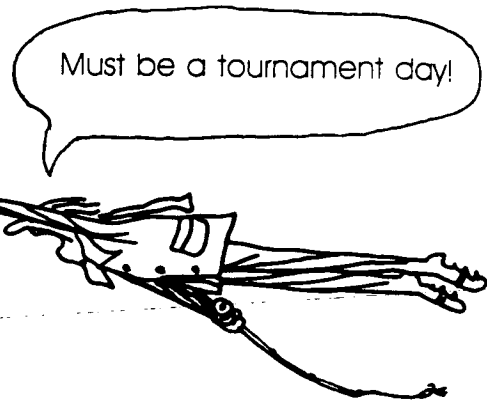
High winds again prevail at Oscoda and our Annual Ladies outing was forced to be canceled. Although the fleet was able to start on time on Saturday the winds started to pick up by the time everyone had their first line in the water. The winds continued to be strong out of the north and did not let up until later on Saturday.

Sunday morning greeted us with even worse conditions forcing a cancellation. Due to the unfortunate weather conditions, the final standings were determined by the fish weighed in after 2 hours of fishing.

The decision was made to award the ladies day trophies and that the final standings WOULD NOT count towards the Skipper of the Year standings.

Teacher's Pet edged out Lil Scratch and More Money was a close third. The best picnic of the year still took place and the food was excellent as always and everyone had a great time. Jan and Doug of Fellows, as always, were great hosts. In a side bet for the for the best

picnic basket on board, the Kemo crew edged out by a mouthful (actually the fondue did it) the girls of Teacher's Pet.



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SKIPPER OF THE YEAR Standings as of 7-14-91 (TOP TEN)

			(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	TOTAL
1	ROB PINSKEY	ANTICIPATION	75	1	1	75	2
2	DAVE EVEN	TEACHER'S PET	5	2	3	3	5
3	BOB MITCHELL	KEMO	4	7	6	1	5
4	WARREN RENANDO	DOODAH	1	14	5	15	6
5	BOB HERMAN	NOMAD	18	50	4	2	6
6	DON REDMOND	TRENA DAWN	10	4	3	6	7
7	DICK SHIRK	LIL SCRATCH	3	5	10	50	8
8	HANK BACZYNSKI	SINSATION	2	6	12	50	8
9	MIKE WAKULSKI	WET PAINT	6	11	50	7	13
9	JOE GOLASZEWSKI	LUCKLY FALCON	9	75	18	4	13
9	MIKE CHIMELAK	MORE MONEY	75	75	8	5	13
10	ED PABISZ	POLE BENDER	75	8	14	8	16

A = ST. JOE. B = WILSON N.Y. C = PT. AUSTIN D = PT AUSTIN II
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COMING EVENTS

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Last Tuesday of month at 7:30 p.m.

K. of C. Hall, 6177 Chicago Road., Warren

JULY 30

AUGUST 26

SEPTEMBER 24

OCTOBER 29

BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENTS

DATE	EVENT	PORT CAPTAIN
August 3-4	LUDINGTON (TWO DAY)	Bob Mitchell
August 17	ROGERS CITY	Bob Herman
August 24	Olcott, NY (Not a Tournament)	Dick Shirk
September 7	FRANKFORT	Tim Graskewicz

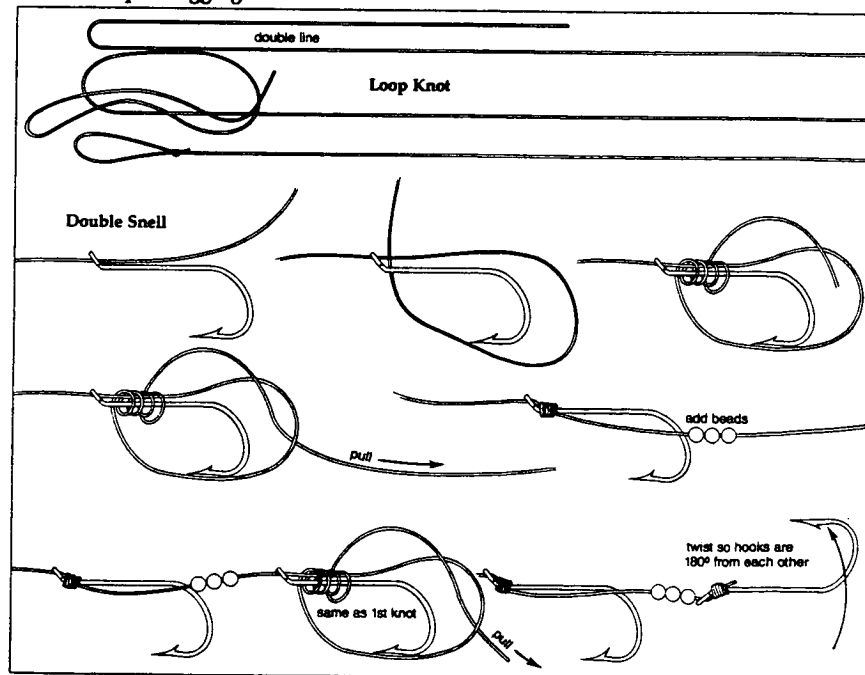
CHARCOAL BROILED SALMON

Salmon Steaks, 1-inch thick
1/4 lb. butter
1 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon garlic powder
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1 1/2 teaspoons
Worcestershire sauce

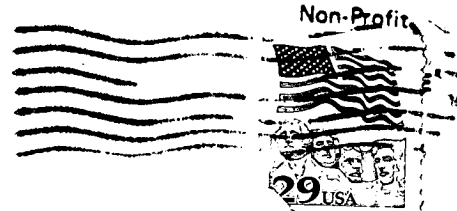
Melt butter and add rest of the ingredients. Put steaks on grill. Generously spread sauce over fish with basting brush. Cook until crispy brown on both sides. (About 7 min. per side).

LINDA MITCHELL

Knots for Squid Rigging



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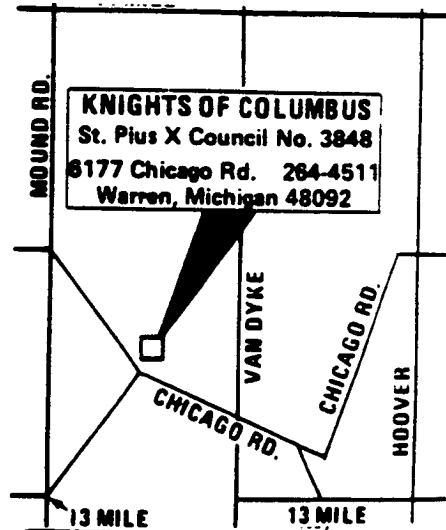
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