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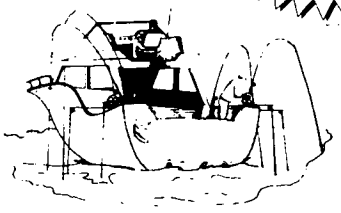

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Awards, raffle to highlight Christmas party

The Detroit Area Steelheaders' Board of Directors invites all members AND their families to attend the Annual Christmas Party, on Tuesday, December 16. This occasion also serves as the December Members' Meeting.

In order to ensure adequate space for all persons attending, the Party/Meeting will take place at Royalty House (please see below for the notice and map) instead of the regular meeting place.

Highlights will include the presentation of the "Skipper of the Year" awards and the Big Fish trophies, the election of directors for next year (see inside for details), and the "Cooler Full of Cheer" Raffle drawing.

As it has been in years past, the Grand Prize in the raffle is a real "Holiday Catch"—a 120-quart Gott cooler (45½" long, 21½" wide, 19¾" high) filled with assorted bottles of 'beverages' and a variety of foods. This prize easily has a value of over $500.00!

We have had only a limited number of tickets printed for this drawing, so your chances of winning are pretty good. The tickets are priced at only $1.00 each. Don't miss out on this chance at a real goodie!!

All proceeds from this raffle will go to help fund worthwhile projects which the Detroit Area Steelheaders wish to support, namely:

1. The Special Olympics
2. Maintaining and improving the monthly newsletter, **Fishin' Tales**

Last year, Detroit Area Steelheaders gave monies to the Lexington fish cleaning station project, and to Dr. Howard Tanner for his Great Lakes fisheries research endowment fund.

Ticket-holders who are present for the drawing will also have the chance to win consolation prizes, so hold onto your tickets after the Grand Prize drawing—you may still win something! If you can help out with the ticket-selling, or would like more information, call Bob Kring at 625-8397 or Jim Legenzoff at 839-8958.

Santa will have goodies for the kids, and there will be prizes for the ladies. It promises to be a fun-filled, happy evening, so we hope to see ALL Detroit Area Steelheaders and their familes there.

—Board of Directors

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the early date for the December Meeting/Christmas Party, there will be no December issue of **FISHIN' TALES.** The next issue will be the Annual Issue, coming out in January.

How to get to the December Meeting/Christmas Party

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SPECIAL NOTICE

In the interests of maximum enjoyment, and to ensure adequate space for everyone, the Board of Directors has secured a different location for the December meeting, also known as the Detroit Area Steelheaders' Christmas Party. The meeting, on December 16, will be held at:

ROYALTY HOUSE
8201 East Thirteen Mile Road
(just east of Van Dyke)
Warren, Michigan 48092

Bring your family and join in the festivities! We hope to see ALL of you there.

—Board of Directors

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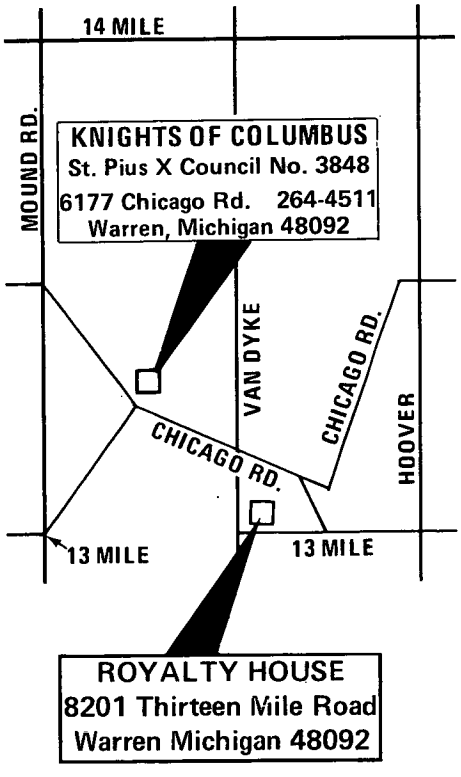

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SOME USEFUL TROLLING METHODS

Using the correct trolling speed for the lure you have selected is an important factor in catching fish. When using plugs such as the Tiger Plug, Dandy-Glo, J-Plug or Grizzly, a fast trolling speed gives the plug good action and works well for salmon. Muskie plugs like the Believer or Swim Wizz should be trolled fast for best results. When using spoons, troll them so they have a side-to-side wobble and do not spin. if the spoon spins, slow your speed until the lure has an enticing flutter action. It's a good bet to test lure trolling speed by placing the lure in the water next to the boat. Use the same lure, line and swivel as you are trolling with and let out about six feet of line from the rod tip and watch the action of the lure in the water. Adjust your speed to provide good lure action, and check the speed often when encountering changing wind and water conditions.

Keep your lures tight to the cannonballs when trolling. Five to ten feet back is perfect. Short lines will decrease tangles, make the lure look like baitfish, and increase the strikes. You will have better action, less stretch in the line when the fish strikes the lure, and you'll get more fish on and have fewer knock-offs.

Reprinted from the newsletter of the Sanilac County Steelheaders.

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". . . AND THE CHECK IS IN THE MAIL!"

Membership Chairman Dennis Holoway requests of all members that when renewing your membership dues, you please send all monies and forms to: **M.S.S.F.A., P. O. Box 16320, Clarkston, Michigan 48016.** Please DO NOT send your monies, etc. to the state directly. It has been taking up to SIX MONTHS for us to receive our portion of your dues payment.

Coming Events

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Knights of Columbus Hall, 6177 Chicago Road, Warren

November 25, 1986 ▪ **December 16, 1986** ▪ **January 27, 1987**

SPECIAL EVENTS

December 6	Big Manistee River Chapter Tournament
December 16	Steelheaders Christmas Party (Royalty House, Warren)
January 14	Big Manistee River Chapter Tournament
January 21-25	Pontiac Boat Show (Silverdome)
January 31-February 8	Detroit Boat Show (Cobo Hall)
February 20-March 1	Outdoorama (State Fairgrounds)
February 21	Steelheaders Dinner-Dance (Site to be announced)
February 28	Big Manistee River WATA Tournament
March 21	Betsie River Chapter Tournament
April 15	Steelheaders Spring Show (Dearborn Civic Center)

PLEASE NOTE: Vendors are welcome to set up and sell at the back of the hall during Member meetings. See President Mitchell regarding set-up fees and table placements.

REPORT ALL POACHING
PHONE: 1-800-292-7800

Betsie River tourney was a blow-out

It was a beautiful, crisp morning. At 6:00 a.m., the moon was still up, providing a bright scene for early risers. And there were a number of early risers on that October Saturday. The Detroit Area Steelheaders were on the Betsie River on October 18 for another in our series of river tournaments.

Don Redmond, Toby and I went down to the first bend below the dam to start our day's fishing activities. The water level was approximately one and one-half feet higher than it was last year, so we adapted our tactics to suit the circumstances.

Toby was the first one to get a fish on . . . oh, oh, he lost it! Don was next to get one on . . . too bad! He lost his, too. Then it was my turn . . . I fought it for a while, and managed to land it and put it on my stringer. Well, I guess the River Tournament Chairman's curse is broken at last, and the first fish of the day, too!!

IT REALLY WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY for Detroit Area Steelheaders on the Betsie River, despite the lack of fishing success.

Toby lost another fish, while Don and I couldn't even get a hit. Don was backing his way up toward the shore when . . . oops, splash! Unfortunately, it was a little too cold for swimming!! Don was just lying there. I asked if he was wet. "Yes, dammit!" came Don's reply. Back he went to the motel to change clothes, returning later in the day to continue his battle with nature and the river.

In the meantime, I had another fish on. Oh no, it jumped into the bush! Toby couldn't keep a fish on his hook, either. Neither of us knew what was wrong. Don returned, we all fished some more, had a lot of fish on, but none landed. Don kept saying that because he had gotten wet, he should get a fish . . . so, he was going to take mine.

We all laughed and went on fishing right up to the quitting time for the tourney. I went over to get my stringer with our one and only fish. To my surprise, it was nowhere to be found. "Okay Don, where is it?? Do you have my fish?" Well, he didn't have it—the stringer had let go. Time to get a new one, I guess.

We went on down to the weigh-in. George Schneider was there with a nice king. He caught his fish on my bait with my net. I said, "At least I should get honorable mention for catching the first fish, and creating a new division for the river tournaments—Catch and Stringer Release. However, I found no support for my requests!

Fred and Jerry finally came back. They had gotten lost in the swamp in the dark, and they didn't have any fish either. So, we weighed in George's fish, a 13-pound, 12-ounce king with a beautiful silver color. George fished out of his new drift boat with a friend from Maten named Fred. Later on, another drift boater, Jimmy Hardrick, and his crew showed up. No fish there, either. We asked Jim what happened, and his reply was "Where's yours?" When I told him my tale of woe he said there was no way we were going to weigh in an invisible fish!

Even so, it was a beautiful day, and I want to thank all who showed up for the tournament. I hope we see all of you, and many more from our club, the next time 'on the river'!

—Dick Leonard
River Tournament Chairman

THE ONE AND ONLY CATCH of the Betsie River tourney is proudly displayed!

DIRECTOR ELECTIONS

This year, as was the case in 1985, ballots will only be available to Detroit Area Steelheader members present at the Annual December Members' Meeting/Christmas Party. The meeting will be held at Royalty House (see Page One) on Tuesday, December 16. Ballots will be collected and counted during the meeting, and the results will be announced near the end of the meeting. There are seven openings for Director positions on the Board of Directors this time around, five positions for three-year terms and two for one-year terms. A total of nine club members are running for the seats.

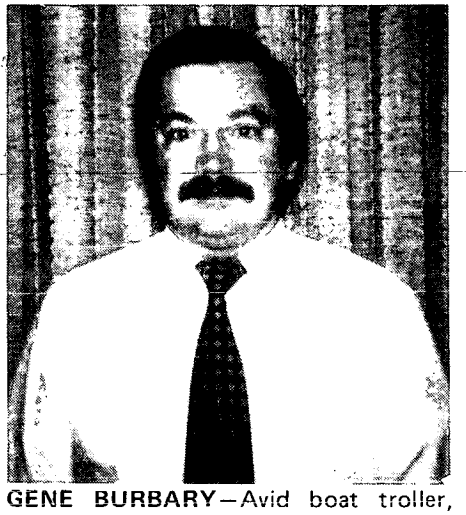
If you hadn't planned on attending the December meeting, please think again. We urge ALL members to attend and vote. When it is time to cast your ballot, vote for up to seven selections. There are nine outstanding fellow Detroit Area Steelheaders offering their time and talents so that you can enjoy the benefits of the club. How about you doing your part by voting???

Photographs of the nine candidates, and a brief description of their interests, prior experience, etc., appear on this and the following page. Please take a moment to look them over, pick out your favorite candidates and show up on December 17 ready to cast your ballot.

We thank every one of the candidates and wish them all good luck in the election!

—Board of Directors

Election candidates



GENE BURBARY—Avid boat troller, fished all 1986 boat tourneys, served as weather boat for 1986 season. Worked Steelheader booth at 1986 Detroit Boat Show. Supports all trout/salmon sportfishing, will assist wherever he can at all club activities.

KATHY BURBARY--Kathy ("Diamond Girl") has been actve in club activities for two years. An avid boat troller, she has helped tabulate scores at the boat tourney weigh-ins, and worked all three of the shows last year.

DAVE EVEN--Current Board member. A boat troller, he has been active for two years, would like to continue to work hard for the club.

JAMES LEGENZOFF (LEE)—Current Board member. Has been Chapter member for "several years," regular at boat tourneys, has worked on annual Dinner/Dance and Cooler Raffle, regularly works the shows. He would "like to help the Chapter in any way that I can."

MIKE LEHTO—Current Board member, club member for five years. Has served on Board for three years as secretary, state board representative and legal advisor. Has written articles for **Fishin' Tales,** been involved in soliciting volunteers for shows, political action and publicity. Active in boat trolling, river and pier fishing.

DICK LEONARD—Current Board member. He has worked the shows, served as stream tournament chairman. He is an active member of Trout Unlimited, the Atlantic Salmon Foundation, the Michigan Fly Fishing Association, and the Fly Fishing Federation.

Educational campaigns promote boating safety

Education does save lives. Dr. David S. Smith, a water safety consultant from Imperial, Missouri, described the life-saving actions of a student he had instructed just two months earlier.

Dr. Smith cited the incident at the eleventh annual National Boating Education Seminar, held in Tampa, Florida earlier this year. Volunteer leaders and federal and state agency professionals met to set the wheels in motion for a two-year campaign to encourage boaters to enroll in free courses to improve their boating skills.

Dr. Smith reviewed the physical aspects of drowning, and urged the education leaders to teach people around the water to recognize the actions of a drowning person. He reminded the group that a drowning person throws his head back, elevates his elbows, and performs a "breast stroke" with his arms out of the water. In a vain attempt to get air, he involuntarily inhales even if his face is in the water. Although he will bob up and down, he will not necessarily 'go down three times.'

"Drowning is silent," he warned. "You just can't call out in that position, and it takes only 40 seconds to drown. We must train people to recognize these signs of a drowning person and assist him in those precious seconds while we still have that opportunity."

Rear Admiral Thomas T. Matteson, chief of the Coast Guard's Office of Boating, Public and Consumer Affairs, noted that the number of recreational boats in the United States had more than doubled in the past ten years, but, regrettably, only 15 percent of the nation's growing number of boaters have completed a formal course in boat operation.

Admiral Matteson called on the 150 representatives of boating safety groups from as far away as the Marianas and Canada to focus the attention of recreational boaters on the free courses held in their home communities in order to keep the the momentum in a boater safety program that has seen the boating fatality rate decline from 13.5 fatalities per 100,000 boats in 1975 to 6.8 fatalities per 100,000 boats in 1985.

A total of 7,500 promotional kits featuring Popeye as the campaign's symbolic spokesman were distributed to local chairmen for National Safe Boating Week, observed June 1-7, 1986.

Seminar speakers addressed adult education and motivation, teaching methodology and aids, and reviewed the effectiveness of earlier campaigns directed at the risks of drinking while underway, and encouraging the use of life jackets.

Next year's seminar will take place March 17-19, again at the Admiral Benbow Inn in Tampa.

Look out for tagged fish

What should a fisherman do when he catches a tagged fish?

Fish biologists have tagged a number of fish in our Great Lakes region. This procedure is employed as a means of researching the migratory patterns of fish, as well as for the collection and keeping of various other data.

If you happen to catch a tagged fish, you should call a Fish Management office (locally, 465-4771) between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, or any D.N.R. office. If you are fishing in Canadian waters and catch a fish tagged by Canadian biologists, you still call the Michigan authorities. They will take the relevant information from you and relay it to the proper people across the border.

When you call, you will be asked such questions as how much the fish weighed, where it was caught, etc. In some instances, there may even be a small monetary incentive (up to $5.00) to make the contact and turn in the information.

Tagging reports occasionally bring out some interesting information. There have been cases where tagged fish are caught far from where they originated. For example, fish tagged and released in Lake Michigan have been caught in Lake St. Clair!

...more Election candidates

SUZI LEONARD—Member of Atlantic Salmon Foundation, Michigan Fly Fishing Assoc., Trout Unlimited. Worked on stream improvement projects, including working with DNR and other government units on appropriating grants. Helped run stream tourneys, worked at Outdoorama for two years, sold a lot of raffle tickets. "I'm a hard worker willing to start at the bottom with a minimum of bitching, and I am very loyal!!"

CHUCK HUXFORD—Has been a club member for several years, has participated in the various boat shows and the boat and river tournaments. "It is time to do more work for the club."

LINDA MARTIN—Has been involved with the club for nearly two years. Has helped at shows with setting up and selling tickets, etc. Has also helped at meetings with raffles and selling tickets. Would like to be able to benefit the club with some of her managerial and computer knowledge and experience.

BOOK REVIEW

The Sweet Seas Could Kill You

Back in the 1960's, Lake Erie turned green and murky, its fish disappeared, and mournful newspaper headlines proclaimed the lake "Dead."

Today, the water is blue and the fish are returning, and a lot of people see the lake as one of the great environmental success stories of recent times. If we just put our minds to it, so it seemed, we could prevent Erie and the other four Great Lakes—Superior, Michigan, Huron and Ontario—which together hold one-fifth of the entire world's supply of surface fresh water, from turning into sewers and toxic chemical sinks for the industrial heartland of the U.S. and Canada.

Now it seems that those five huge "sweet seas," as the 17th-century explorer Samuel de Champlain called them, may be looking cleaner, but getting dirtier.

The ostensible "cleaning up" of Lake Erie, writes William Ashworth in his book "The Late Great Lakes" (Alfred Knopf, 274 pp., $17.95), "was a little like performing plastic surgery on a patient in the last stages of terminal cancer." There has been a vast improvement in the appearance of the five lakes since the U.S. and Canada signed the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement in 1972 (updated in 1978). "But," according to Ashworth, "underneath it all the Lakes are still dying."

A group of 14 experts commissioned to review the effectiveness of the U.S.-Canada Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement reported recently that its provisions for controlling "toxic substances" flowing into the lakes are inadequate. Even worse, they concluded that authorities on both sides of the border have been slow or unwilling to crack down on polluters. About 20% of U.S., and 50% of Canadian, industrial activity is located around the lakes, which remain convenient dumping grounds for poisonous effluents.

The experts' report paints a scary picture: "The human population living in the Great Lakes basin is exposed to, and accumulates, appreciably more toxic chemical burden than other human populations in similarly large regions of North America for which data are available."

The 37,000,000 Americans and Canadians who live in the Great Lakes basin can't escape the chemical brew—which includes deadly stuff like PCB's and dioxin—by drinking bottled water or not eating fish caught in the lakes. The toxins creep into the food chain, ending up in all manner of things grown in the region: fruit, vegetables, beef.

This [condition] is a far cry from the "old-fashioned" pollution that made Lake Erie turn green. That was a case of tens of thousands of tons of sewage rich in phosphates and other nutrients being dumped into the lake every day. Algae, a tiny green aquatic plant, thrived on it, "blooming" every summer into gooey, smelly green mats. Toxic chemicals, on the other hand, are present, and potentially hazardous, in the lakes in such tiny amounts (measured in parts per billion) that their existence can't be seen or smelled.

In this thoroughly researched and highly readable "environmental history" of the lakes, Mr. Ashworth, who has written several books on water-related environmental issues, depicts their steady degradation since the first white men arrived nearly 400 years ago. An area with a watery 'superhighway' into the heart of a continent rich in fur, timber and minerals couldn't fail to become heavily populated and industrialized.

From the mid-1600's until about 1800, the French and British scoured the Great Lakes basin for beaver, shipping boatloads of the glossy pelts across the sea to make hats for European dandies. Next came the lumber barons. By the mid-1800's, lumberjacks by the thousands had descended upon the Great Lakes, initiating the "Big Cut"—a 50-year orgy of destruction from which those once-vast woodlands have never recovered, and doubtless never will. The few stands of virgin forest that remain around the lakes today are coddled, like so many museum pieces, inside parkland.

Then it was mining and fishing. Today, mining is still strong, though, happily, rigidly enforced controls have reduced the air pollution in places like Sudbury, Ontario, where emissions from nickel smelters once turned the surrounding country into a blackened 'moonscape'.

But commercial fishing, at least for highly sought-after species like lake trout and whitefish, is largely gone. Harvested in the tens of millions of pounds every year beginning in the late 1800's, and ravaged by bloodsucking lampreys—ocean fish that invaded the lakes via the Erie Canal and the St. Lawrence Seaway—the lake trout and whitefish were played out by the 1960's.

For me, born by Lake Superior's shore and now living by Lake Ontario, this is a sad story. Away from the cities and the sewage outfalls, the lakes are still beautiful and wild, and too much of a treasure to be destroyed by ignorance and inaction. They have been, Mr. Ashworth writes, "belittled, abused, misunderstood—and now may be about to die."

Let's hope we prove him wrong.

—**Mark Schacter**

Reprinted from the **Wall Street Journal**, Friday, September 26, 1986.

Don't YOU become a boating "statistic"!

Put your 26- to 50-year-old self in a fiberglass 16-foot outboard motorboat on a summer Saturday afternoon between 2:30 and 4:30. Head out on a calm lake where a light breeze is blowing. Visibility should be good. Make sure you've had more than 500 hours of experience at the helm, and don't bother to wear the Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD) you have on board. Toss down a couple of beers and you're ready!

Ready for what? To become a death statistic, according to the Coast Guard's Boating Safety Division in Cleveland.

According to 1985 Coast Guard recreational boating statistics, these conditions make up the most common scenario for a boating death. And, according to those same statistics, the death came when the boater drowned after falling overboard.

Except for the part about the drowning, most would say the conditions described would make for a safe and enjoyable day of boating. Actually, there are two things that make this scenario very unsafe!

First of all, the unfortunate boater was not wearing a Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device, despite the fact that one was on board and readily accessible to him. That's the case in more than half of all boating fatalities. And second, the boater was operating the boat under the influence of alcohol. Again, statistics show that slightly more than one-half of all boating fatalities are alcohol-related.

The Coast Guard offers two tips which will make for safer boating:

- Keep alcohol consumption to a minimum. Research shows that four hours of exposure to the noise, sun, glare, wind and other motion on the water produces a kind of "boater's hypnosis" or fatigue which slows reaction time almost as much as if you were legally drunk. Adding alcohol to boating stress factors intensifies their effects—each drink multiplies your accident risk.
- Wear a Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device. Choose the proper type of PFD for your boat activity and *WEAR IT!* The statistics don't lie!!

Tips for freezing fish

A successful day on the lake or stream should involve the fisherman taking home some Great Lakes fish to enjoy as a meal. How the fish are handled and stored by individual fishermen is anybody's guess. Poor eating quality fish even just a few months after they are caught, though, may reflect improper handling and storage procedures.

Freezing is the easiest and most convenient way to preserve the quality and nutritive value of fish, All kinds of fish can be frozen. Successful freezing depends on low storage temperatures and airtight vapor-proof packaging.

Freeze fish quickly. To quick-freeze, set the freezer dial at 10° F if your freezer will go that low. Store fish at 0° F or below. Large, thick pieces take longer to freeze, allowing quality to deteriorate during the freezing process. Package fish in small, flat packages.

Moisture loss from frozen fish causes dehydration called "freezer burn." 'Off' flavors and poor quality result. To prevent dehydration and to lock in fresh fish flavor, package the fish in airtight vapor-proof packages: aluminum foil, plastic freezer boxes with airtight lids, thick plastic freezer bags, thin plastic freezer bags in paperboard boxes, freezer papers and ice coatings at least 1/8 inch thick. The best protection, however, is aluminum foil, cling freezer wraps or ice coatings.

FREEZING FISH IN PROTECTIVE WRAPS

Cut the fish into appropriate serving pieces, though the fish can be frozen whole. The most economical way to freeze fish is in meal-sized packages. To be able to separate frozen fillets or steaks from one another, insert a double layer of wax paper between fish portions when you package them for freezing.

Dip fish in one of the following solutions to help preserve quality. For lean fish (almost all Great Lakes fish), add ½ cup salt to each quart of very cold, almost frozen water. For fat fish (salmon, lake trout, whitefish), add 2 tablespoons of ascorbic acid powder to each quart of water. Place fish in the solution for one minute, drain on a paper towel, dip again.

Wrap, or place fish in an airtight vapor-proof package. To wrap the fish, pull the wrap tightly around the fish, squeezing out any air pockets. To seal in containers or bags, pack fish tightly, excluding as much air as possible. Never use large containers, or freeze fish in cartons. It may take three days before the center of the pack freezes. In the meantime, quality will deteriorate. This is because packages freeze from the outside toward the center, and the food expands when frozen. This pressure may turn the fish in the center of the pack to mush.

INDIVIDUALLY 'QUICK-FROZEN' FISH

Spread a single layer of fish or portions on a flat pan, such as a cookie sheet. Cover with a protective wrapping, and place in the freezer. When the fish are thoroughly frozen, remove and package in heavy plastic freezer bags or freezer containers. This method allows you to take out only as many fish as you need for a single meal.

FREEZING FISH IN WATER

Water is the most effective air-tight package. Three good ways to seal fish in ice are: 1) Glazing; 2) Ice blocks without prior freezing; and 3) Ice blocks with prior freezing.

Glazing—This method works especially well for whole fish, but other portions can be frozen this way also. Freeze the fish in a protective plastic bag. Have ready a pan of very cold, almost frozen water. Remove the frozen fish from the plastic bag, dip in the very cold water and return it to the freezer. Repeat the dipping and freezing until the ice glaze is 1/8" to 1/4" thick. The fish can be stored this way without further wrapping, but the ice glaze will gradually evaporate. To improve the keeping quality, wrap the ice-glazed fish in freezer wrap, date and store.

Ice Block (without prior freezing)—Place a single layer of fish in a shallow pan, such as a cake pan. Cover with water and freeze solid. Remove the ice block from the pan, wrap in freezer wrap, date the package, and return it to the freezer.

Ice Block (with prior freezing)—This method creates the least amount of pressure on tender fish flesh. Place a single layer of fish in a shallow container. Place pan in freezer overnight to freeze the fish solidly. The next morning, cover the fish with water and freeze. Remove the frozen block from the pan, wrap and store.

LENGTH OF STORAGE TIME FOR FROZEN FISH

At 0° F (maximum), properly packaged salmon, lake trout, brown trout and steelhead can be kept for as long as nine months in the freezer. Eating quality (tasting freshly caught) begins to deteriorate after three months. Less fatty fish such as perch and walleye can be stored in the freezer at 0° F (maximum) for as long as 12 months. Maximum eating quality will be maintained for as long as six months under these conditions. Smoked fish can also be frozen, but only for up to two months.

Cook's Corner

CRUSTY FISH FILLETS

Ingredients

½ cup (2 ounces) Kraft grated Parmesan cheese
½ cup yellow cornmeal
1½ teaspoons salt
2 pounds fish fillets
½ cup milk
melted margarine

Method

Combine the cheese, cornmeal and salt. Dip the fish in milk and coat with the seasoned cornmeal. Fry both sides in margarine until brown. Serves six.

NOTE: Steelhead are very good prepared in this way!

Reprinted from the newsletter of the Saginaw Valley Steelheaders.

Please...

Experienced sportfishermen often make strange discoveries while cleaning their catches! They find that the fish have gobbled all kinds of man-made objects that have fallen into the water. Key rings, false teeth, bottle tops, paper and plastic objects are just a few.

Many things that boaters casually toss overboard can be lethal to fish, especially items which resemble familiar foods. Filter tips from cigarettes can look temptingly like grubs. Crumpled bits of foil from candy wrappers become attention-getting reflectors of light as they flutter down through the water. Wads of chewing gum look like fish eggs or other morsels.

Often a hungry fish will swallow any such item tossed overboard. As most of these objects are indigestible, they can harm or even kill a fish.

Also, as part of the sportfishing scene, it's a fact that litter from unconcerned boaters often helps to ruin the fishing grounds.

As the above examples so clearly show, littering by some pleasure boaters does happen, and it has all kinds of consequences. Be a boater who cares.

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