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**MILWAUKEE**  
**SPORTS**  
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March 7-10, 2024



Join us from March 7th to 10th at the JS Sport Show! We've collaborated closely with the event organizers to bring you a Sportsman's paradise. This year, we're taking it up a notch by partnering with fellow clubs and our generous sponsors to create an unforgettable and immersive experience. Get ready to dive into the world of sports like never before!

All Meetings are the second Tuesday of the Month.  
**New Berlin Ale House**  
16000 W. Cleveland Ave,  
New Berlin

**Membership Meeting**  
**Next Event: Tuesday, February 13th**  
**Past, Present, and Future of Invasive Carps in the Great Lakes - Titus Seilheimer, Ph.D.**  
Fisheries Specialist  
Wisconsin Sea Grant  
**All followed by one of Dave Bowe's raffles!**  
at New Berlin Ale House

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**Upcoming Meetings**  
March 12th 🍀  
March 30th - Seminar  
April 9th - Swap  
May 14th 🌷  
June 11th 🌻

**GLSF FREE SEMINAR**  
on Saturday, March 30th, 2024  
See details on page 7!  
New Berlin Ale House  
from 9 am to 4 pm  
**Bucket Raffles, Fishing Gear and Limited Services on Site!**  
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**MEMBERS**  
**VOLUNTEERS**  
**NEEDED!!!**

3/30 Free Fishing Seminar  
3/6-10 JS Sport Show



## GLSF — MILWAUKEE

### Notes from your President

**Hey there, Awesome Anglers of  
Great Lakes Sport Fishermen,**

I hope this message finds you all bundled up and ready to embrace the chill in the air. Winter is here, and you know what that means - it's time to break out the ice fishing gear! ❄️🐟

As the head honcho of our fishing crew, I've got a few words to share in our monthly newsletter. But don't worry, this ain't your typical stuffy message - we're keeping it as chill as the ice on Lake Michigan! 😎

First off, a big shoutout to Mother Nature for finally gracing us with some ice. It's like she heard our ice fishing prayers! So, get those augers ready, sharpen those hooks, and may your buckets be overflowing with the finest catches this winter. Let's show Old Man Winter who's boss!

Now, let me take a minute to say a massive THANK YOU to all of you. Your support for our club is like a perfectly hooked fish - it never gets old! 🐟 Your dedication to our local fishing scene is what keeps us going strong, and we're beyond grateful for each and every one of you.

But wait, there's more! We've got some fantastic news on the membership front. Drumroll, please... 🥁 We've decided to make life a bit easier on your wallets by reducing our membership dues. Yup, you heard that right! So, if you've been sitting on the fence about renewing, now's the time to jump back in. Let's keep this awesome community growing!

And speaking of fun stuff, let's not forget to mark our calendars. In March, our Free Fishing Seminar is back (March 30th)! It's not just about learning the ropes; it's about having a blast with your fishing buddies. We will also be going BIG this year at the JS Sport Show March 7-10! The show offered us a larger space this year that will allow us to be more interactive.

As we dive into another year of epic fishing adventures, remember that we're not just a club - we're a group of fishing fanatics who live for the thrill of the catch and the camaraderie that comes with it. Let's make 2024 the year we tell the biggest fish tales ever!

Thanks a million for being part of this incredible journey. Keep those lines tight, your spirits high, and let's make this year one for the fishing hall of fame! 🐟☀️

Stay fishy and frosty,

Head Fish Wrangler, Great Lakes Sport Fishermen



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The newly appointer DNR secretary, Adam Payne, tendered his resignation as of November 1, 2023. We await the nomination of a new DNR Secretary from the Governor. Additionally, 4 of the recently appointed NRB representatives were not confirmed by the Legislature. As a result, the Governor appointed 4 more nominees just prior to last Wednesday's NRB Meeting. Interesting times indeed!

**Bob Wincek is one of the Waukesha County Conservation Congress Representatives and is Vice-Chair of the Great Lakes Advisory Committee. Brian Haydin is one of the Milwaukee County Conservation Congress Representatives. Both are the Chairpersons for their County and a member of the Bear Committee.**

How many members are aware that there is a Youth component to the Wisconsin Conservation Congress called the Youth Conservation Congress? Their Charter is the same as the WCC and their members are mentored by members of the WCC. To learn more, click the link below and read their newsletter. You might be amazed!

[https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/About/WCC/YCC/2023\\_December\\_Newsletter.pdf](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/sites/default/files/topic/About/WCC/YCC/2023_December_Newsletter.pdf)

## YCC Delegates in Action



Owen, YCC delegate from Bayfield County had a successful pheasant hunt.



Brody, YCC delegate from Racine County enjoyed several duck hunting opportunities this fall.



## CALENDAR CORNER

[www.glsfclub.com](http://www.glsfclub.com)

Membership Meetings are normally held at the **New Berlin Ale House** – And Open to the Public 16000 W. Cleveland Avenue, New Berlin at 7pm

### February 2024

**9- GLSF Board Meeting –**

New Berlin Ale House, 5:30pm

**9 - GLSF Membership Meeting –**

New Berlin Ale House, 7pm, Program: **Past, Present, and Future of Invasive Carps in the Great Lakes** by Titus Seilheimer, Ph.D., Fisheries Specialist from Wisconsin Sea Grant

**17 - Ice Fishing Clinic –**

Greenfield Park, 8am to 3pm

### March 2024

**5 - GLSF Board Meeting –**

New Berlin Ale House, 6pm

**7-10 - Milwaukee Sports Show –**

State Fair Park

**12 - GLSF Membership Meeting –**

New Berlin Ale House, 7pm, Program: **NOAA, Kevin Wagner**

**30 - 4th Annual FREE GLSF Sponsored**

**Salmon School –** New Berlin Ale House, 9am to 3:30pm

### April 2024

**2- GLSF Board Meeting –**

New Berlin Ale House, 6pm

**9 - Members' Swap Meet –**

New Berlin Ale House, 4pm

**9 - GLSF Membership Meeting –**

New Berlin Ale House, 7pm, Program: Laura Schmidt from the DNR

**13 -Spring Fishing Clinic –**

Greenfield Park, 8am to 3pm

# 32nd Annual Free Ice Fishing Clinics

Saturday, Feb. 17, 2024  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.



- Instruction, geared towards kids ages 15 & under, will be held indoors (rain or shine/ice or no ice) on the following topics:
  - Fish Identification & Regulations
  - Ice Safety
  - Knot Tying
- Taught by members of local fishing clubs; children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Fishing equipment is available, but bring your own rod and reel if you wish.
- Hands-on fishing instruction given, dependent on weather and ice conditions.

## Milwaukee County

**Dineen Park**, 6901 W. Vienna St.  
Hosted by: Inner City Sportsmen's Club

**Greenfield Park**, 2028 S. 124th St.  
Hosted by: Milwaukee Great Lakes Sports Fishermen

**McCarty Park**, 2567 S. 79th St.  
Hosted by: Southside Sportsmen's Club

**McGovern Park**, 5400 N. 51st Blvd.  
Hosted by: Midwest Crappie Hunters

**Scout Lake**, 6201 W. Loomis Rd.  
Hosted by: Walleyes Unlimited

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**We are always  
looking for Sponsorships  
to help cover  
events and clinics.**

As of this newsletter, We currently have 99 regular and 43 senior members.

At the December Board Meeting, the Board voted to reduce our annual dues to \$20 for all memberships. There is no practical way to update our website, so it continues to send our reminders at your original price. I found a way to offer a discount down to \$20 if I see your renewal notice, so you can renew at the \$20 price, starting in January 2024. If you renew at your original price, I will contact you and offer a partial refund, or to extend your membership appropriately. If you have questions, send me an E Mail at bob@glssfclub.com, or call me on my cell phone – 414-217-9752. You, the membership of this organization, are the life and blood that keep it alive. Please renew when notified. All new membership starting in December, are priced at \$20 per year, and that is the amount charged on-line for new members.

To renew, use the form on the back of the Tightline and send in, or hand in your check or cash at our meetings, pay with a credit card at our meetings, or renew on-line by logging in with your personal login and select the membership option.

If you joined or renewed in October 2023, you will not see your reminders until September 2024. There are a few known bugs in our membership program which we hope will be resolved soon. There have been some inconsistencies with our membership module on our website, so if you believe our data is incorrect, contact me, I can give you your exact expiration date. I do keep a manual spreadsheet to track all memberships.

## Why a GLSF Membership!

- 1. Supporting the sport fishery in Lake Michigan** and looking out for sport fishermen. The club works with the DNR on the fish stocking program, works with Milwaukee County Parks such as providing updates to the fish cleaning station and is very active in the advocacy arena as well.
- 2. For the community**, we facilitate many fishing clinics throughout the year, mostly geared towards kids, but also for adults.
- 3. Annually, we have a FREE fishing clinic** with recognized experts in the field, such as Keating and Woda. This free clinic is for members and anyone who has donated to the club in the last year.
- 4. An opportunity to meet and network with other fishermen in the area**, this is a great place to talk about what's working and what isn't. Learn from others who want to pass on their knowledge.
- 5. Annual fishing contest** running from spring through the fall, with an opportunity to win \$\$\$!
- 6. Monthly fishing events and our fish-ins**, with prizes awarded for the top captains and free food!
- 7. Monthly newsletter** to keep you informed on the latest news impacting us as fishermen.
- 8. Monthly meetings** to learn from experts, whether that is the DNR, Weather Service, or from expert fishermen to improve your skills and techniques.



4<sup>th</sup> Ever Milwaukee Great Lakes Sport Fishermen "Thank You" Salmon School

# Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>

## 9am to 4:00pm

## New Berlin Ale House

16000 W. Cleveland Ave, New Berlin, WI 53151

Seminars conducted by - Captain Jason Woda

Presenting his famous Salmon School Agenda

**\*\* BUCKET RAFFLES \*\***

**We will have Fishing gear and Limited  
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**Advance Registration REQUIRED-**

**Click Here: [https://www.glsfclub.com/GLSF Seminars](https://www.glsfclub.com/GLSF_Seminars)**

**Admission Fee: FREE \* Open to the Public**

**\*(Free Admission ONLY to bidders on GLSF Raffles and all GLSF Members in  
"good standing" Everyone else will be charged \$20 for a GLSF Membership!)**

**Doors Open at 8am**



**Lunch available for purchase with advance registration –  
\$25.00 for a Italian Buffet (Salad, Pasta and Pizza)**

**Free Coffee and rolls will be available at 8:00**

**There will be a cash bar in the room throughout the day**

For more information see

[www.glsfclub.com](https://www.glsfclub.com) or call Ron @ 262-337-2225, or Bob @ 414-217-9752

See the activities page on website

See us on Facebook at

Milwaukee Great Lakes Sport Fisherman –  
*Seminar Event*



## Great Lakes Basin Report

### Learn to Ice Fish (WI)

This five-session workshop will teach you the basic skills to find and catch fish through the ice and prepare them for the table. The workshop is broken into segments, including two indoor sessions, two ice fishing outings near Madison and one cooking class. Fishing licenses will be waived for anglers with less than two years of fishing experience, but participants must obtain a [DNR Customer Identification Number](#).

Refreshments and ice fishing gear will be provided.

- **Tuesday, Feb. 6 and Wednesday, Feb. 7, 6 – 8:30 p.m.** Classroom sessions at DNR Hdqtrs, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI
- **Saturday, Feb. 10 and Sunday, Feb. 11, 9 a.m. – noon,** Ice fishing outings on lakes around Madison, WI. Exact location TBD during workshop.
- **Monday, Feb. 12, 5:30 – 9 p.m.** Velma Hamilton Middle School Culinary Arts Room, 4801 Waukesha Street, Madison, WI

Anglers must attend the indoor sessions to be eligible for the fishing outings and cooking session. This class is free. Your registration confirms your attendance.

**To Register:** Visit the DNR's [course list on Go Wild](#) and enroll in the "Fishing For Dinner" course in Dane County. You will need your [DNR Customer Identification Number](#) to register.

**Registration Deadline:** January 25, 2024

**Questions:** Contact Cal Sinclair at [Calvin.Sinclair@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Calvin.Sinclair@wisconsin.gov) or 608-419-2078 or Theresa Stabo at [Theresa.Stabo@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Theresa.Stabo@wisconsin.gov) or 608-577-6332.

Can't make the workshop but still want to learn how to catch and cook fish? Check out our tips for [getting started in fishing](#) or head to the [Go Wild course list](#) to explore upcoming opportunities. ✧

### Prepare to Ice Fish

Visit the DNR's [Fish Equipment for Loan webpage](#) to find a loaner site with ice fishing equipment. Locations with ice fishing equipment will have an "IF" next to their name. Essential gear is available; however, sites do not offer ice augers. Hours and available equipment vary, so contact the site in advance and create a plan to pick up the gear. Continue the fishing fun after Free Fishing Weekend by [purchasing a fishing license](#).

The next Free Fishing Weekend will take place June 1 – 2, 2024. ✧

### Inland Trout early catch and release season open

**MADISON, Wis.** – The Wisconsin DNR reminds anglers that early catch and release season for inland trout is open. On designated inland waters, anglers can target any of Wisconsin's four inland trout species through May 3, 2024 using artificial tackle only. Any trout caught need to be immediately released. Check the [Guide to Wisconsin's Trout Fishing Regulations](#) for more information. Once the general hook and line season opens on May 4, 2024, anglers can keep the trout they catch, provided length requirements are met and bag limits are observed.

Anyone wishing to participate in the season will need a 2023-2024 fishing license and an inland trout stamp, which are good until March 31, 2024, and can be purchased through [Go Wild](#), the DNR's license portal, or an [authorized license agent](#). As of April 1, 2024, anglers will need a 2024-2025 fishing license and inland trout stamp. All anglers are encouraged to continue to practice responsible catch and release and reduce their reel and fish handling time as much as possible. Tips on releasing your catch responsibly can be found on the [DNR's responsible catch and release webpage](#). You can also find more information on trout fishing on the [DNR's trout fishing webpage](#) ✧



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## 2024-2025 FISHING SEASON DATES

(Effective Date: April 1, 2024;  
Dates Inclusive)

**Early Inland Trout** (catch and release)  
January 6 (5 a.m.) - May 3

**General Inland Trout**  
May 4 (5 a.m.) - Oct. 15

**General Inland Fishing**  
May 4 - March 2, 2025

**Largemouth Bass  
Northern Zone Harvest**  
May 4 - March 2, 2025

**Smallmouth Bass  
Northern Zone Harvest**  
June 15 - March 2, 2025

**Large And Smallmouth Bass  
Southern Zone Harvest**  
May 4 - March 2, 2025

**Large And Smallmouth Bass  
Catch And Release**  
At all other times of the year.

**Musky Northern Zone Harvest**  
May 25 - Dec. 31

**Musky Southern Zone Harvest**  
May 4 - Dec. 31

**Northern Pike**  
May 4 - March 2, 2025

**Walleye**  
May 4 - March 2, 2025

**Lake Sturgeon**  
Feb. 10 - Feb. 25 (spearing)  
Sept. 7 - Sept. 30 (hook-and-line)

**Free Fishing Weekends**  
Jan. 20-21, 2024  
June 1-2, 2024



**February Trivia: Lake Michigan –** Answers on page 14 (No Peeking!)

1. Lake Michigan is the fourth-largest lake in the world by surface area. True or False
2. How many estimated Shipwrecks are in Lake Michigan?
3. Lake Michigan is the only place in the world to find petoskey stones? True or False
4. Lake Michigan is shared by how many states?
5. Lake Michigan and Huron are technically the same lake?
6. How long is the coast line of Lake Michigan?
7. How was Lake Michigan formed?

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

## Your Help is needed and appreciated.

Ice Fishing Clinic is coming up Saturday, February 17th at Greenfield Park. Our chairmen, Ryan and Brandon really appreciate your volunteer efforts to make the event successful. As you see on the Flier on page 4, it starts for the public at 9 am. This means they need help setting it up at 8am so they can be ready. It ends at 3-ish, so you will be home for dinner! There is no list, just please show. We can't control the weather, so rain or shine, ice or no ice, the Clinic will take place! Please show up to help out your club!

Your GLSF is manning a booth at the Annual Milwaukee Journal/Sentinel Sport Show in March. The 2024 Sports Show runs from March 7th through the 10th. We will need help setting up our booths on Wednesday, March 6th! Please reserve these dates on your calendar. If you help during the show, you'll be assigned a shift, and have your name on the list for free entry. Unfortunately, there is no free parking. You will hear more at the February membership meeting on 2/13, including seeing a sign-up sheet for the various shifts. Please be generous with your time as this is a great event for our Foundation. We get to share our information with many people in a short time span. Hopefully you can fill in a shift or 2 answering questions, selling memberships, handing our Fishing Clinic Fliers for the April Clinic, or possibly selling raffle tickets. With my new knees and hip, I'll be there, and hopefully many of you will as well!



## Understanding Fisheries Management in the United States

### Why do we manage U.S. fisheries?

Under U.S. law, NOAA Fisheries is responsible for managing marine fisheries within the U.S. exclusive economic zone, the more than 4 million-square-mile zone that extends from 3 to 200 nautical miles off the coast of the United States. Individual states are generally responsible for fishery management from their coastline out to three miles. We work with federal, regional, state, and territorial partners to ensure the sustainable management of U.S. fisheries in the EEZ.



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### We manage U.S. fisheries to:

- Sustain, protect, and increase domestic seafood supply.
- Maintain and enhance recreational and subsistence fishing opportunities.
- Protect ecosystem health and sustainability.
- Create jobs, support related economic and social benefits, and sustain community resilience.

To meet these goals, we need to make sure that fish populations stay above a certain level (not overfished) and keep harvest rates at a level that allows the fish to produce its maximum sustainable yield (no overfishing). Under our science-based fisheries management process, we've made great strides ending overfishing and rebuilding fish stocks. Overfishing and overfished numbers remain near record lows, and we've rebuilt 41 fish stocks since the year 2000.

# TRAP SHOOTING on Tuesday Evenings

At Schultz Gun Club Every Tuesday Evening, Weather Permitting

**This Event is OPEN to ALL!**



Whether you're at a Beginner,  
Intermediate, or at an Advanced Level,  
Everyone is Welcome!

**Time: 5:00PM to 8PM**

**Cost: \$7.00 per Round**

**Bring Your Shotgun and Shell's**



We ask that you please bring cash in \$7 dollar increments for the number of rounds you wish to shoot, (i.e., \$7, \$14, \$21, etc.) Sorry, cash only.

Beginners and/or Handicapped are most welcome and encouraged to attend. Even if you've never shot trap before, we will take the time to teach and help you learn the basics. This is a casual event with no pressure or hurry. There are no trap leagues on Tuesday evenings so just relax; enjoy this sport and have fun! When finished, feel free to socialize with your fellow trap shooters over a cold beverage, snacks, and pizza in the clubhouse!

## Trap Rules



- If you're new to this sport, please bring your gun "cased" to the line and wait for instructions from the Range Safety Officer.
- If you are an experienced trap shooter, bring your shotgun, action open per Club Rules, to the trap area and place your gun in the wooden gun racks.

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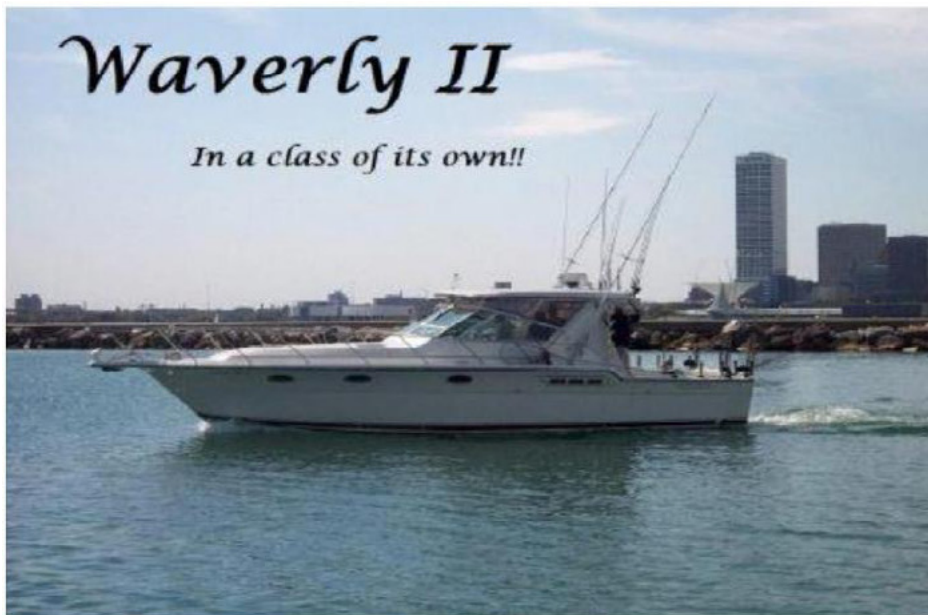
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## A Reminder from our Great Lake Fisheries Manager of Southern Lake Michigan – Cheryl Masterson

For all the conscientious Fishermen wanting to help science in a big way for tracking our Lake Michigan Fish, the DNR in conjunction with Sea Grant has deployed an App Called the Great Lakes Angler Diary. The details on the Great Lakes Angler Diary and registration info can be found here –

<https://www.michiganseagrant.org/topics/fisheries-and-aquaculture/angler-citizen-science/great-lakes-angler-diary/>

Your Help is needed and appreciated as a volunteer to accurately fill out this Diary for every Lake Michigan Trip you take! It easy, fast, and free and helps the Sport Fishermen! Think about this for 2023!



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## Trivia Answers –

(Continued from page 9)

1. True. 22,300 square miles. Nobody knows how deep Lake Michigan is, but the deepest point is measured at 925 feet.
2. Nearly 1,500 known shipwrecks, many of which remain submerged in its depths to this day. The lake has claimed many vessels over its long history, from ships of the fur trade to barges and schooners.
3. The Petoskey Stone is a unique and beautiful fossil of the Devonian era. It can only be found in Lake Michigan, specifically around the northern region of the lake and its islands. Petoskey Stones were originally coral colonies, but over millions of years, they fossilized and can now be found on the lake's beaches.
4. 4 states: Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana
5. While the popular perception is that Lake Michigan and Lake Huron are two separate lakes, they are, in fact, one body of water. They are joined by a 5-mile wide and 295-foot deep strait called the Straits of Mackinac (where visitors can find a strategic colonial fort). So forms hydrologically the same lake and, therefore, the largest of the 'Four' Great Lakes.
6. 1,650 miles of shoreline, making it the "Third Coast" after the shorelines of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans.
7. Evidence shows that The Great Lakes were actually formed by glaciers that melted after the last Ice Age. Increasing global temperatures during this time caused glaciers to drift and scrape the earth, resulting in the formation of the lake basins. As temperatures continued to increase, the glaciers then fully melted, creating The Great Lakes we know and love today.

### Great Lakes Basin Report

## Snowmobilers: Sled Safe This Season

**MADISON, Wis.** – As Wisconsin receives measurable snowfall and many trails are anticipated to open for the first time this season, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reminding snowmobilers to operate within their limits, stay sober and ride only on designated trails.

[In the early months of 2023, there were 16 fatal snowmobile crashes, with 10 involving alcohol.](#) Alcohol affects your risk perception and reaction time. If you choose to consume alcohol, wait until after you've safely returned home—it could save your life.

"Excessive speed, alcohol use and inexperience contribute to snowmobile crashes. Remember to ride responsibly and look out for yourself and others. Sober riding is always the best policy," said Lt. Jake Holsclaw, DNR Off-Highway Vehicle Administrator. "Snowmobiles and

drinking don't mix. Making the smart choice and abstaining from alcohol can save your life. Impairment of any kind, either by drugs or alcohol, can have tragic consequences."

### Early-Season Ice Safety Reminders

- Remember that ice is never completely safe under any conditions.
- The DNR does not monitor ice conditions. Contact local sport shops to ask about conditions locally on the lake or river you want to cross.
- Wear proper clothing and equipment, including a life jacket or float coat should you fall through the ice and to help retain body heat.
- Do not travel in unfamiliar areas.
- Slow down when traveling at night.

- Know if the lake has inlets, outlets or narrows that have currents that can thin the ice.
- Watch for pressure ridges or ice buckling. These can be dangerous due to thin ice and open water.

In addition to these ice safety tips, the DNR reminds riders to check trail conditions ahead of time by contacting your county forestry and/or parks department, local snowmobile clubs, or viewing [Travel Wisconsin's Snow Report](#).

Remember – operating a snowmobile off a designated trail is considered trespassing and can damage private property.

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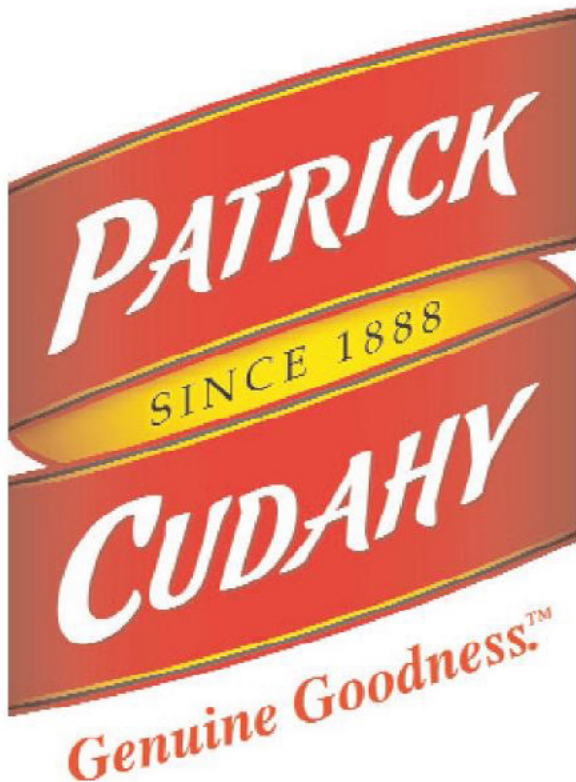
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# **SATURDAY, FEB 3rd 2024**

## **LAKE KOSHKONONG**



### **Tournament**

**Vinnie Ha Ha Launch**

**7am check-in**

**3-4pm weigh-in**

**4:30pm winners**

### **Info & RSVP:**



### **Banquet**

**Koshkonong Mounds**

**4-6pm check-in**

**6pm dinner**

**7:30pm raffle prizes**

### **Sponsors & Vendors**



## Milwaukee Boat Launching Facilities Updates

The McKinley Cleaning station is closed and most likely demolished for now. It will be rebuilt in the Spring. There was a major problem with the grinder that caused it to shut down when you placed a carcass in the grinder. The new grinder is ready to be installed once the cleaning station is rebuilt. The freezer and scale are safe and sound until next Spring.

Right now, it looks like the launch ramps will be getting attention late this fall or early next Spring. According to Eric Lesch, the entire project is scheduled to be completed before the 2024 Milwaukee Airshow, which is scheduled August 26-28, due to the RNC the week before.

The 2024 date for the GLSF Brew City Salmon Tournament is Saturday, August 3rd, with both Divisions competing on the same date. More details to follow.



## Club Fish-Ins 2024

Do you like to fish?

Do you like to catch lots of fish?

Do you enjoy a friendly contest among fellow club members?

Would you like a chance to fish, have a picnic and enjoy stories about what others used to catch fish?

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Well if you answered yes to any of the above questions, then you'll enjoy coming to 1 or more of our summer Fish Ins! **Note: Please join us, it is a lot of fun!**

### 2023 Fish-Ins

5/25/2024	7/27/2024
6/22/2024	8/24/2024

All the winner awards for the top 10 boats for the fish-ins will be given out at the GLSF Awards Banquet on a date yet to be determined! I hope to see you all there for the award presentation. The Trophies are handed out at each Fish In for first, second and third place for the Junior Division, only!

**If you plan on fishing and staying for lunch, please remember, YOU MUST call or Text Brian Haydin at 414-704-0755, before 8 pm on Thursday, for your food reservation!** He needs to know your name, your boat's name and how many crew members you'll have, including listing those 12 years old or younger.



## Thirteen ice fishing safety tips you need to know

During the winter months, frozen lakes host a flurry of outdoor activities. Anglers, ice shanties, and recreational vehicles are a common scene.

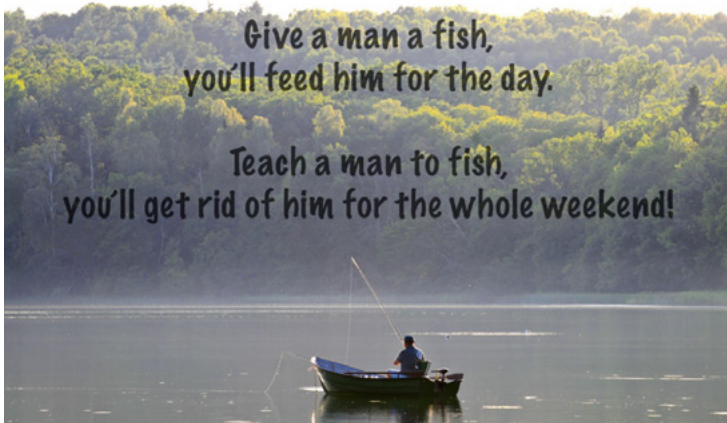
While many enjoy winter activities on the ice, these activities can lead to serious injury if the proper precautions aren't taken.

Before you head out on the ice this winter, check out these safety tips.



1. **Share your fishing plans.** It's a good idea to share your plans with your family, friends, or neighbors. Let them know:  
The name of the lake you'll be fishing on;  
The location of your fishing hot spot (i.e. north shore, south shore, etc.); and  
When you plan to arrive home.  
If the fish are actively biting and you decide to stay out longer, notify them of your change in plans.
2. **Bring a friend.** When going ice fishing, never go alone. A friend can:  
Provide an extra set of hands;  
Help you stay focused on safety; and  
Alert authorities if something goes wrong.
3. **Talk to the locals.** They can provide information on ice thickness, water movement, and other information pertinent to the lake.
4. **Follow these ice thickness guidelines.** Remember, ice is never 100% safe. Ice thickness can change very quickly.
 

2" or less - STAY OFF!	8" - 12" - Car or small pickup
4" - Ice fishing or other activities on foot	12" - 15" - Medium truck
5" - Snowmobile or ATV	
5. **Purchase a flotation suit.** A flotation suit is the most important item you can buy. If you fall through the ice, a flotation suit will keep you warm and make it easier to escape the frigid water.
6. **Carry a pair of ice picks/rescue claws.** Keep a quality pair of ice picks with you at all times. If you fall through the ice, ice picks make it possible for you to climb out. Don't skimp on this life saving device.
7. **Carry a throw rope.** A throw rope can be used to pull a fellow angler to safety.
8. **Leave the lake before dark.** Navigation at night can be treacherous. Without familiar visuals or a navigation device, you can become disorientated making it difficult to find your way off the ice.
9. **Install proper ventilation.** If your ice shanty is heated, make sure you have good ventilation. A poorly ventilated shanty can lead to carbon monoxide poisoning.
10. **Bring a portable power bank battery charger.** Cold temperatures can quickly drain your smartphone battery. A quality charger can save the day. I would recommend buying a high capacity charger. While they're a bit more expensive, they can provide multiple charges, and can charge multiple phones at one time. To avoid permanent damage, turn your phone off in extremely cold temperatures.
11. **Respect the ice auger.** Ice augers are built to drill holes quickly and efficiently. Before operating it for the first time, read the owner's manual. In addition, avoid wearing loose clothing or jewelry. When you are finished with the auger, store it in a safe place. Lastly, always maintain sharp blades to avoid injury while drilling.
12. **Stay hydrated.** Staying hydrated is very important. Dehydration can happen quickly in cold weather because your body is working hard to stay warm.
13. **Layer up.** Selecting the right number of layers is important. Beginners to winter activities tend to underdress, especially if it's a sunny day. Choosing the right number of layers, based on temperature, can only be accomplished through trial and error. Before venturing out on the ice practice at home.



**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**Saturday,**  
**August 3rd, 2024**



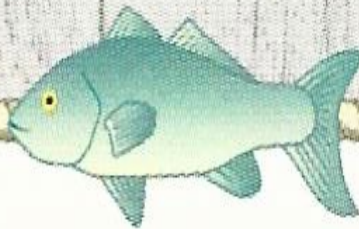
### Hunters and Anglers Step Up Big Time for Conservation

A record amount of \$1.09 billion dollars is being distributed to the states for conservation purposes through the Federal Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson programs. Under those programs, sportsmen and women pay 11% excise taxes on firearms, ammunition and fishing equipment. Wisconsin will be receiving \$32.4 million this year, \$19.6 million for wildlife restoration and \$12.8 for fish restoration efforts. That is a 10% increase in funding over the previous year. For additional information on the funds and their use. [Click Here for more....](#)

Current Dates for 2024 SW Lake Michigan Tournaments		
Tournament	Port	Date
SU WI Open	Racine	TBD
Kenosha Classic	Kenosha	TBD
SU IL Pass the Passion	Northpoint	TBD
Salmon a Rama	Racine	July 13-21
Super Sweepstakes	Racine	TBD
Two in a Boat	Racine	TBD
Brew City		
<b>Powder Puff – Warm Up</b>	<b>Milwaukee</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Pro Division</b>	<b>Milwaukee</b>	<b>August 3rd</b>
<b>Brew City Pro/Am</b>	<b>Milwaukee</b>	<b>August 3rd</b>
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Number of people in the household \_\_\_\_\_

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