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The Tightline

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April 2024

ISSUE 545

Annual Members' Swap Meet

Tuesday, April 9th

Starting at 4 pm and ending at 6:30 pm

The next GLSF Membership Meeting of the season will be on Tuesday, April 9th. This will be our Annual Members' Swap Meet, starting at 4pm and ending at 6:30pm. All members in good standing can display their goods for sale/swap for this meet. (Memberships for new members will be available on site for \$20.) The public is invited to come and browse, and make purchases, but only members can display goods for sale/swap. At 7:00pm we will call the monthly membership meeting to order (also open to the public). All this happens at the New Berlin Ale House, North Hall! The Guest Speaker for the 9th will be Laura Schmidt, Fisheries Biologist for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The April GLSF Board Meeting will be held on April 2nd, at 6:00pm in the the "Party" Room.

GLSF FREE SEMINAR

on Saturday, March 30th, 2024

See details on page 4!

New Berlin Ale House, 9 am - 4 pm

**Seminars conducted by
Captain Jason Woda**

Presenting his famous Salmon School Agenda

Bucket Raffles, Fishing Gear and Limited Services on Site!

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!)*

Lunch reservations close on Monday, March 25th!

Advanced Registration Required



Thank You!

On behalf of GLSF, Milwaukee, I would like to thank all fo the people who set-up, worked and break-down the '24 Sports Show Booth. Without the hard work and dedication of our volunteers the exhibit would not have been as successful as it was. I look forward to working with our club members to make the '25 Sports Show even better! Have a great fishing season.

Bob Krecek, Volunteer Coordinator, GLSF

*All Meetings are the
second Tuesday of the Month.*

New Berlin Ale House

16000 W. Cleveland Ave,

New Berlin

Membership Meeting

**Next Event: Tuesday,
April 9th with start with
the Annual Member's
Swap Meet to be followed
by Laura Schmidt from
the WI DNR Fisheries**

Biologist

**All followed by one of
Dave Bowe's raffles!**

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March 30th - Seminar

April 9th - Swap

May 14th 🌸

September 10th 🌻

October 8th 🍁



GLSF — MILWAUKEE

Notes from your President



Brian Haydin

**Dear Fellow Anglers and
Ice Drill Enthusiasts,**

Ahoy, Great Lakes Angling Aficionados!

Since it would appear that we have shaken off the winter (or at least try to!), it's time to dive into the warm and fuzzy updates from our beloved fishing club. Trust me, it's more exciting than finding an extra worm at the bottom of your bait box!

Let's cast our minds back to the Journal Sentinel Sport Show, where we weren't just showing off our impressive collection of fish tales but also handing out flyers like they were hotcakes. Over 450 of them, to be precise! That's right, we've been recruiting mini-anglers for our fishing clinic on April 13th with the gusto of a bass chasing a shiny lure. Who knows? We might just be nurturing the next generation of fishing legends or at least adding some new faces to our 'most fish caught' leaderboard.

Now, hold onto your fishing hats, because we've got an event on the horizon that's bigger than the one that got away. Our Free Fishing Seminar on March 30th is your ticket to the inside scoop from none other than Captain Jason Woda. With tales so gripping, you'll forget you're on dry land, this is one seminar that's guaranteed to float your boat. And a huge shoutout to our sponsors - without them, we'd be adrift without a paddle!

In our latest 'net-positive' news, our net pens are getting an extra workout! This year, they'll be cozy homes to not just our chinook buddies but also brown trout and coho. It's like a reality TV show down there, but with more scales and less drama. We're casting our nets wider (literally) to ensure the future is as bright as a fisherman's high-vis vest.

And let's not forget the reel highlight of our calendar - the monthly fish-in gatherings from May through August. It's the perfect chance to swap stories that are definitely 100% true, share your 'secret' fishing spots (we know you have them), and enjoy the camaraderie that comes with the territory. Whether you're a seasoned pro or can't tell a rod from a reel, these gatherings are the place to be.

As we gear up for another season of hooks, lines, and sinkers, I want to thank you all for being the fantastic, fish-loving folks you are. Your enthusiasm is the real catch of the day, and it's what makes our club the catchiest around. So, here's to tight lines, belly laughs, and all the fishy fun ahead.

Happy Casting,

Brian Haydin



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Spring Hearings in Person, Monday, April 8th!

The 2024 Spring Hearings will be held on April 8th. They will start at 6:00pm and end by 9pm. The locations are being finalized as this will be an in-person event in all 72 Wisconsin Counties. Citizen Resolutions are only being accepted on-line, and the input period ended on Monday, February 26th. All Resolutions will be read at the Spring Hearing Meetings. Paper ballots will be available for voting in-person. NO resolutions will be accepted at the April 8th meetings. There will be an on-line voting period for the Resolutions from noon on April 10th until noon on April 13th.

This is YOUR chance to speak up and have your voice heard. It is important that everyone get out on that Monday to hear the Resolutions, and then vote on the options the like. Your votes count!

At each County meeting there will be 2 Delegates elected by the people present. There are some great people with expiring terms like MarySusan Diedrich and Jeff Hintz in Waukesha County and Brian Haydin and Jerome Donohoe in Milwaukee County. **Please show up at 6pm on April 8th to vote for the candidates of your choice for your county!**

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://widnr.widen.net/s/drwb7xgr9z/2024_february_newsletter



Caleb, YCC delegate from St. Croix County speared a 26" northern on Pelican Lake, Minnesota.



Cody, YCC delegate from Washburn County caught this walleye and entered it in the YCC virtual contest.



CALENDAR CORNER

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

March 2024

30 - 4th Annual FREE GLSF Sponsored Salmon School with featured speaker, Jason Woda – New Berlin Ale House,
9am to 3:30pm
Volunteers needed at 8am for set-up!

April 2024

2- GLSF Board Meeting –
New Berlin Ale House, 6pm
9 - Annual Members' Swap Meet
New Berlin Ale House, 4p-6:30pm

GLSF Membership Meeting –
7pm, Program: Laura Schmidt,
WI DNR Fisheries Biologist

13 -Spring Fishing Clinic –
Greenfield Park, 8am to 3pm
See page 19 for details

20 -Wern Valley Kids' Fishing Clinic –
Wern Valley, 9am to 1pm
See page 21 for details

May 2024

7- GLSF Board Meeting –
New Berlin Ale House, 6:00pm

14 - GLSF Membership Meeting –
New Berlin Ale House, 7pm, Program: TBD
25 - Fish-In, Start Time 5 am

June 2024

9- Kid's Fishing Clinic, Daniel Boone Conservation League from 9 am to 2 pm
22- Fish-In, Start Time 4 am

July 2024

27- Fish-In, Start Time 4 am
(Subject to change)

4th Ever Milwaukee Great Lakes Sport Fishermen "Thank You" Salmon School

Saturday, March 30th

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
Services available on-site!**

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)**

The cutoff for Lunch Reservations is Monday, March 25th!

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 or call Ron @ 262-337-2225, or Bob @ 414-217-9752

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

As of this newsletter, We currently have 100 regular and 44 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.



April 13 Fishing Clinic, Greenfield Park

Your Help is needed and appreciated.

Spring Fishing Clinic is coming up Saturday, April 13th 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 18, 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!



**WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES**

FISHING LICENSES

In Wisconsin, kids 15 and under fish without a license every day. So do anglers born before 1927. For everybody else, a variety of license options can get you out on the water quickly and easily. Get your license to relax and enjoy what Wisconsin has to offer!

Getting your first license or just visiting? Discounted license options are available including:

- **First-time Buyer License** – for those who haven't fished Wisconsin before or want to return to fishing after at least 10 years without a license.
- **One-day fishing license** – for those anglers that want to give Wisconsin fishing a try for one day only.
- Resident anglers who recruit someone new to purchase a first-time buyer license can earn points toward a reduced-price license of their choice.
- Active-duty military on furlough or leave who are Wisconsin residents and veterans.

RESIDENT AND NONRESIDENT FISHING LICENSES

All licenses are available for purchase through **Go Wild, sales locations** or at one of our **DNR Service Centers** unless otherwise noted. A valid driver's license or social security number is required to purchase a license online through [GoWild](#).

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

Great Lakes Basin Report

Angler Rights Activism

Those who would nix your right to fish are active and organized Anglers need to be equally vigilant.

Washington DC (February 28, 2024) – Those who would nix your right to fish in an instant are active and organized—recreational anglers need to be equally vigilant. Nearly half of Australia’s fishable waters are now off limits. Some European countries ban catch and release, claiming it hurts the fish. Think it can’t happen here? Think again...

Animal rights activists in Oregon last year filed Initiative Petition 3 (IP3), which criminalizes injuring or intentionally killing animals, including utilizing breeding practices and raising/killing livestock for food. Proponents have again filed a ballot initiative for the 2024 November general election. To qualify, they would have to deliver 112,020 signatures for verification to the Oregon secretary of state by July 8, 2024.

The initiative would ban hunting and fishing in the state, as well as raising animals for food. If you want to see just how wacky it is, go to YesOnIP3 here: <https://www.yesonip3.org/about>.

They’ve got money behind them, which is often what it takes to pass a bill into law. They received a recent influx of \$110,000 in campaign donations allowing them to pay signature gatherers. The backers have indicated they intend to pursue a similar path in other states as well.

Twenty-one states guarantee the right to hunt and fish in their constitutions, with twenty of those approved via the voters. While Vermont’s language dates back to 1777, the rest of these constitutional provisions—in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin and Wyoming—have passed since 1996.

There are starting to be louder rumblings from those who see fishing and hunting as outmoded relics of our past, and with a surprising amount of time on their hands, are dithering about putting an end to both.

California and Rhode Island have language in their respective constitutions guaranteeing the right to fish, but not to hunt. Advocates also consider Alaska’s constitutional language—“Wherever occurring in their natural state, fish, wildlife, and waters are reserved to the people for common use”—as meeting the test because of its strong case law history.

The good news is that American angler interests are backed by the American Sportfishing Association (ASA), the nation’s largest trade association for the recreational sportfishing industry. Recently, ASA VP of Government Affairs Mike Leonard spoke at the annual NPAA conference in Fort Myers, Florida on the topic of advocacy, what ASA is doing on your behalf, and what you can do as an individual to protect your fishing interests.

Leonard’s engaging presentation highlighted three key themes:

- DO NOT take fishing for granted.
- DO NOT sit on the sidelines.
- Stop with the infighting.

He went on to talk about knowing the issues in your area, joining fishing organizations that work to protect sportfishing like the NPAA and the ASA, and keeping up with the issues that could affect your ability to access the vast amount of aquatic resources available in this country at asafishing.org. Watch Leonard’s presentation

Florida has a right to hunt and fish amendment working towards approval this year. Here’s the text:

Fishing, hunting, and the taking of fish and wildlife, including by the use of traditional methods, shall be preserved forever as a public right and preferred means of responsibly managing and controlling fish and wildlife. This section does not limit the authority granted to the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission under Section 9 of Article IV.

If your state does not have a “right to fish” law, it may be time to call on your legislators.

Lake Michigan Fisheries Meeting March 28 and April 3, 2024

Join us for a seminar on fish biology and fisheries science happening in Lake Michigan. Workshop features speakers from Purdue University and Illinois Natural History Survey. Workshop topics include:

- Tracking largemouth bass in the Chicago River
- Offshore sampling and surveying of the Lake Michigan food web
- Illinois Natural History Survey update on recreational fishing

The seminar is free, but we ask that you register so we can send information and additional resources. You may attend in-person or online. For more information and Zoom link,

contact Peter Euclide at peuclide@purdue.edu Questions? Email Peter

Register: <https://purdue.ag/spring-2024-fisheries>

Thursday, March 28, 2024

6:00-8:30pm Central Time

Wilmette Harbor Club

20 Harbor Drive, Wilmette, IL 60092

[Google Map](#)

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

6:00-8:00pm Central Time

Virtual Zoom Event

This workshop seminar is presented by Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant, Purdue Forestry and Natural Resources, Illinois Natural History Survey, and Wilmette Harbor Club. ✧



April Trivia – Answers on page 14 (No Peeking!)

1. The inland and saltwater striped bass are: a. one and the same fish b. different and unrelated species c. related subspecies of largemouth bass
2. Izaak Walton authored a book about fishing for sport in 1653 that is the most famous of angling tomes. The name of that book is: a. Standard Fishing Encyclopedia b. Treatise on Angling c. The Compleat Angler
3. Anadromous fish species: a. Males when young but change sex during their lifetime b. Saltwater fish that cluster in schools in open water c. live out their lives at sea but return to freshwater to spawn
4. Largemouth and smallmouth bass are not actually bass but very large: a. perch b. trout c. sunfish
5. Which of these fish are related to each other: a. carp, suckers, and catfish b. Atlantic salmon, chinook salmon, and steelhead c. white bass, white perch, and striped bass
6. In angling parlance, a place in a stream or river that is likely to hold trout or salmon, is called a: a. hole b. lie c. pool

Caution: When used as directed this product will light the water on fire. When the actual "Fire drill" occurs you should grab the nearest bouncing rod and yell FISH ON!



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Club Ongoing Fishing Contest Rules – 2024

- All fish entered must have been caught in Lake Michigan or its connecting waters and must be registered by the angler who caught the fish. Species, weight and date caught must be verified by a witness and weighed on an official, state certified scale. While at the scale, the registrant will fill out and the witness will sign the Club's official entry form. The original copy will be deposited in the writing desk by the scale at the McKinley Marina Cleaning Station, and the carbonless copy will be kept by the member. Please keep this copy as it is your proof of catch. Altered forms will not be accepted. Fish entered in sanctioned contests (see #10) will be allowed when the member furnishes a copy of the entry form. This form must be signed by the official weighing the fish. ***It is the member's responsibility to get his or her copy to the GLSF contest chairperson or have it placed in the collection box at McKinley Marina within 48 hours of making the catch.*** (Leaving a copy at R&R Sports in April is acceptable!). All final decisions are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
- Prior to the opening of the Cleaning station at McKinley Marina, the "Official Weigh-In Station" is R&R Sports in Cudahy. Roger has the Club's Certified scale for officially weighing fish. Roger has a supply of the new weigh-in forms, measured in pounds and tenths of a pound. (No more ounces) After the Cleaning station opens, all fish will be weighed on the certified scale at the McKinley Marina Cleaning Station and all forms must be turned in within 48 hours if catching the fish.
- If a fish is being weighed at a sanctioned contest according to rule #10, the weigh-in form and contest verification must be turned in within 48 hours of the catch. For simplification, fish registered at a GLSF Fish In can be registered in the Ongoing Contest by filling out the additional Ongoing Form available at the Fish In weigh-in table, at the time of the weigh-in.
- Awards will be given according to weight. In the event of a tie, the award will be given to the entrant with the earliest registration date.
- The contest will officially run from April 1st through October 31.
- Minimum Size limits for Individual Prizes and Fisherman of the Year:

Species	Adult	Junior
Chinook Salmon	19 pounds	12 pounds
Coho Salmon	7 pounds	5 pounds
Brown Trout	6 pounds	3 pounds
Lake Trout	10 pounds	5 pounds
Rainbow Trout	8 pounds	5 pounds

April 1, 2024 – Temporary Instructions!

Ongoing Fishing Contest! Due to the reconstruction of the McKinley Fish Cleaning Station, please follow these TEMPORARY instructions. Weigh the fish you want to enter on a digital scale that you must provide. With the scale weight showing, take a picture of the scale and the fish. Text that picture, along with your name and address, phone, date and time caught, fish weight, species, and category of entry, adult, kid or Captain's Catch to Jay Mathwick at 1-414-702-5078! Questions can be referred to Jay. We hope to be back to "normal" sometime around July, when the Marina renovations are completed!

- Awards will be given to the first, second, and third place for the adult and junior divisions. The junior division is for member's minor children, not grand-children, 17 years of age and younger. Persons 18 years and older must compete in the adult division. ***No one will be eligible for more than one award in each category.*** Awards will consist of money for Adults and trophies for Juniors.
- The "Fisherperson of the Year" award of \$50 will be given to the person who registers the highest combined weight of the five-different species of salmon and trout. These fish can be accumulated throughout the course of the contest. ***The "Fisherperson of the Year" will not receive other individual awards.***
- The "Grand Slam" award of \$50 will be given to the fisherperson who registers the heaviest weight of all five species that are caught and registered all on a single fishing trip and registered at the same time. There is no minimum weight requirement for this category. ***The awards winner will not receive other individual awards.***
- The "Captain's Catch Award" of \$50 Dollars will be given to the captain who registers the highest total using the heaviest of each of the five species, registered as Captain's Catch.
 - One captain per boat will be allowed to register. The person who will register as the -Captain" should be determined at the beginning of the contest and remain so for the entire season.
 - To register for this award, place the name of the person who caught the fish on the "witness to catch" line and indicate in the proper box.
 - This registration does not prevent a member from using their personal catch for their own personal awards. A separate registration form should be used for this.
 - Charter Captains while fishing with charters are ineligible for this award.
- Although the prize is money for the Big Fish of the Month Category, Parents can ask for an alternative prize if they are concerned with scholarship eligibility!
- An Adult monthly award will be given for the "Fish of the Month." The Award of will be given for the largest of the species registered during the month assigned.

Fish of the Month Species	April: Brown Trout	June: Coho	August: Lake Trout	October: Chinook
	May: Brown Trout	July: Rainbow Trout	September: Chinook	

- Sanctioned contests are tournaments held by other clubs or organizations and are open to the general public and take place on Lake Michigan and its connecting waters.
- A fish will be considered a "Club Record Fish" if it exceeds the weight of the existing fish and was officially registered in the 'Club Fishing contest under all contest rules. The fish must have been weighed at an official weigh-in station or at a sanctioned contest, and a complete registration form, along with good picture of the fish in the hands of the fisherperson is provided to the contest chairman for publication in the 'Tightline.' All final decisions are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

The contest chairperson is Jay Mathwick, 4455 S 117 St, Greenfield, WI, 53228, H-(414) 328-0855, C-(414)702-5078, jmathwick@wi.rr.com

NOTE: Sections 7,8, and 9 are UNDER REVIEW. Your Thoughts would be appreciated on the last statement for each section.

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.

Check our website if in doubt of the weather, www.schultzgunclub.com

Where:

**Schultz Resort, Rod & Gun Club
W146 S8025 Schultz Lane
Muskego, WI 53150**



Questions? Call Jeff at 414-366-5501

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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April St. Patricks Trivia

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1. a. one and the same fish
2. c. The Compleat Angler
3. c. live out their lives at sea but return to freshwater to spawn
4. c. sunfish
5. c. white bass, white perch, and striped bass
6. b. lie

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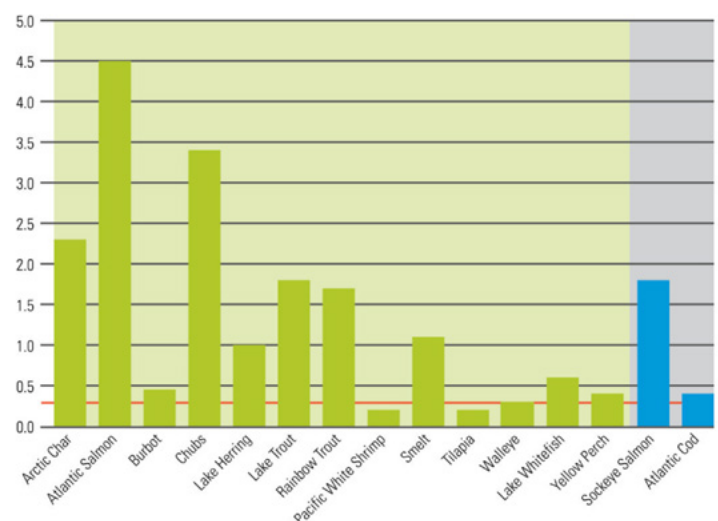
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Great Lakes Basin Report

Commercial fishers, Minnesota DNR capture 83 invasive carp

In the latest in a series of tag, track and capture operations, commercial fishers working with the Minnesota DNR captured 82 silver carp and one bighead carp February 13-14 in Pool 5A of the Mississippi River, near Winona. The DNR and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service are examining the captured fish to evaluate age, reproductive condition, and information about their origin.

“As with previous captures, it is unlikely that these adult fish were the result of reproduction in Minnesota waters,” DNR Invasive Species Unit Supervisor Kelly Pennington said. “The DNR and partner agencies will continue to use a range of aggressive prevention and management techniques, consistent with the recently updated Invasive Carp Action Plan.”

Over the past several years, the DNR has significantly increased its efforts to tag, track and capture

invasive carp in the Mississippi River. The DNR encourages Minnesotans to stay up to date on these efforts, including the most recent large captures, by visiting [the DNR invasive carp webpage](https://mndnr.gov/invasive-carp) (mndnr.gov/invasive-carp). The webpage also includes a link to a timeline of invasive carp milestones in Minnesota.

Additional information about invasive carp in Minnesota

Invasive carp have been moving upstream since escaping into the Mississippi River from commercial fish farms in Arkansas in the 1970s. These fish compete with native species, and silver carp are known to jump out of the water in a way that can pose a risk to boaters.

Invasive carp have been caught as far upstream as Pool 2 of the Mississippi River in the Twin Cities metro area (bighead, grass and silver), the King Power Plant on the St. Croix River by Oak Park Heights (bighead

and silver), and just downstream of Granite Falls in the Minnesota River (bighead).

State and federal funding sources, including the Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund and Outdoor Heritage Fund, have provided key funding for the DNR’s invasive carp detection and response program. Invasive carp captures in Minnesota must be reported to the DNR immediately by calling 651-587-2781 or emailing invasivecarp.dnr@state.mn.us. People are asked to take a photo and transport the carp to the nearest DNR fisheries office or make arrangements for it to be picked up by a DNR official. A [permit can be requested](https://files.dnr.state.mn.us/natural_resources/invasives/aquaticanimals/asiancarp/angler_caught_carp_permit.pdf) (files.dnr.state.mn.us/natural_resources/invasives/aquaticanimals/asiancarp/angler_caught_carp_permit.pdf) to keep captured invasive carp for consumption or disposal. More information about invasive carp is available on the [DNR website](https://mndnr.gov/invasive-carp) (mndnr.gov/invasive-carp). ✧

Great Lakes Commission releases report on uses of Great Lakes waters in 2022

Ann Arbor, Michigan – A report released by the [Great Lakes Commission](https://www.greatlakescommission.org/) (GLC) finds that 40.8 billion gallons of water per day were withdrawn from the Great Lakes basin in 2022, representing about a 3% decrease from 2021 withdrawals. According to the [2022 Annual Report of the Great Lakes Regional Water Use Database](https://www.greatlakescommission.org/2022-Annual-Report-of-the-Great-Lakes-Regional-Water-Use-Database), thermoelectric power production (once-through cooling), public water supply, and industrial use were the primary water use sectors. Just under 5% of the total reported water withdrawn was consumed or otherwise lost from the basin. Considering both consumptive use and diversions, the basin gained a total of 869 million gallons of water per day in 2022.

The report’s findings were shared at the December meeting of the Great

Lakes-St. Lawrence River Water Resources Regional Body and the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Compact Council. Since 1988, the eight states and two provinces in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River basin have submitted water use data to the GLC, which compiles these datasets into an annual report.

“Water is an increasingly finite resource around the world, and the Great Lakes region is facing an increasingly complex future with the effects of climate change, including intense rainfall events and hotter and drier seasons,” said James Tierney, vice chair of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Council and Great Lakes Commissioner from New York state. “The Great Lakes Commission provides an essential service to the basin by reporting how much of our

Great Lakes water is being used and trends in that usage.”

“With over ten years of water use data across the basin, the Great Lakes Water Use Database annual report allows us to understand short- and longer-term trends in water use across the basin. Fifteen years after the passage of the Great Lakes Agreement and Compact, the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River states and provinces have assembled a valuable database of water use information, supporting the region’s efforts to sustainably manage water withdrawals in the Great Lakes basin from Duluth to Montreal,” said Steven Little, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Deputy Secretary, representing current Regional Body chair Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers.

To read the report, visit waterusedata.glc.org. ✧

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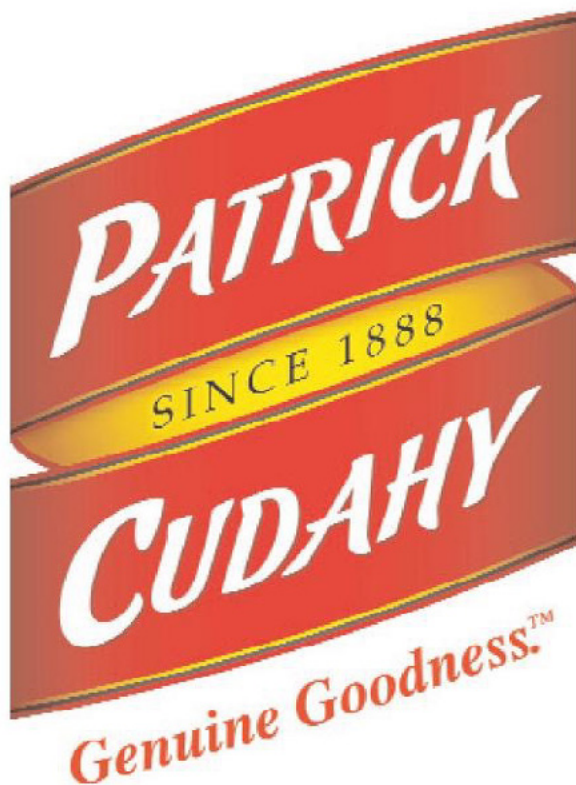
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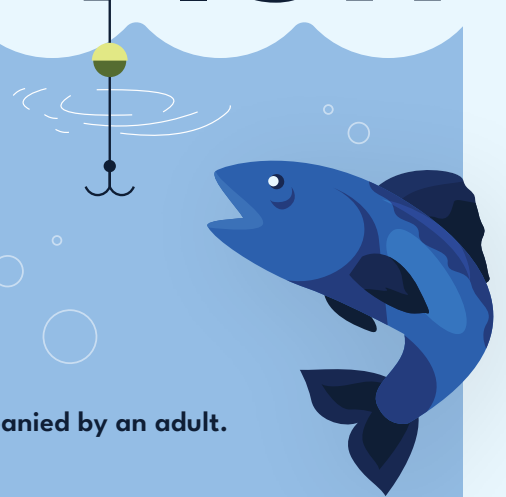
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Per McKinley Marina personnel, work is progressing on the reconstruction of the Fish Cleaning Station. Completion is still slated to be completed by the end of July. The ramps are open, but there are no docks. The docks will be placed later in March or April, depending on weather conditions.

All work is scheduled to be completed prior to our Brew City Tournament on August 3rd. More details will follow soon.



March Members Meeting Roger Stack of R&R Sports

We held our March meeting on March 12th. Once again, we had almost 50 people in attendance! Our guest speaker was our own, Roger Stack, of R&R Sports in Cudahy. He presented many fascinating Lake Michigan fishing facts that enlightened everyone there! Hopefully they'll be more productive fishermen because of Roger's information! After the business meeting, there was no raffle due to Dave Bowe being "under the weather!" He promises to be ready and back for the April 9th Meeting with another great raffle hosted by him and Zack!

Club Fish-Ins 2024

Do you like to fish?
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2024 Fish-Ins

5/25/2024 6/22/2024 7/27/2024 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.





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NOAA Fisheries prioritized Inflation Reduction Act funding to support America's marine resources, coastal communities, and economies in preparing for climate change in 2023–2024.

Inflation Reduction Act Priorities in 2023–2024



Inflation Reduction Act

A Historic Investment in America's Climate Resilience

"Climate change impacts every corner of our science-based marine conservation and management mission—from managing sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, to conserving protected resources and vital habitats. It is urgent and on the top of our minds at NOAA Fisheries."

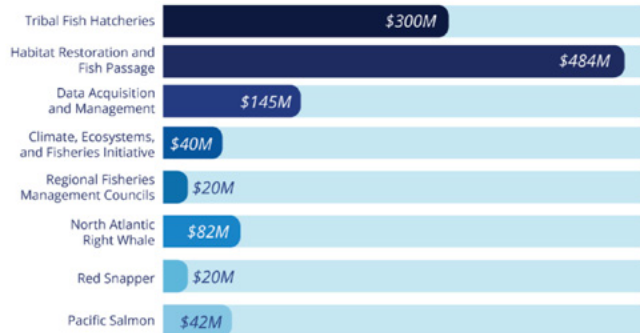
Janet Coit, Assistant Administrator for NOAA Fisheries

**\$1.2
billion**
in funding



NOAA Fisheries IRA Priorities (in millions)

Below are our priority investments that will help strengthen our core mission to provide science-based management and conservation of the nation's marine resources



2024 in Action



Investments

Invest in cooperative partnerships with fishing industry, academia, and state partners



Science First

Improve overall science and survey enterprise to better address ecosystem changes



Data Building

Build capabilities to incorporate climate and ecosystem environmental data



Real Time Updates

Provide real-time advice and long-range projections for resource managers



Technology Advancements

Advance technologies, data systems, and infrastructure

North Atlantic Right Whales (\$82 Million)

This funding, coupled with supplemental funds appropriated in FY23, provides us a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to address the North Atlantic right whale crisis with new technologies and new approaches. Human impacts, including climate change, continue to threaten the survival of this species.

Red Snapper (\$20 Million)

We will improve state and federal recreational fisheries surveys for red snapper and other reef fish in the Southeast. Our plans for red snapper are focused on improving recreational catch and discard estimates from federal and state surveys. Changing oceans will require enhancing data collection and monitoring efforts to better track the distribution and abundance of important species like red snapper.

Habitat Restoration and Fish Passage (\$484 Million)

We continue our work to support fisheries and coastal communities across the country impacted by climate change through large-scale competitive funding opportunities and expert technical assistance.

Tribal Fish Hatcheries (\$300 Million)

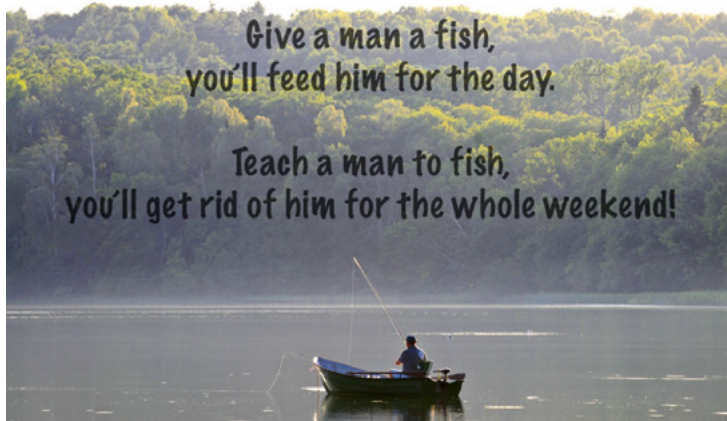
Tribal initiatives include funding to support hatcheries across the West Coast. Funding will address deferred maintenance and repairs to hatcheries that produce Pacific salmon and steelhead in partnership with federally recognized tribes.

Regional Fisheries Management Councils (\$20 Million)

Support to the councils will assist regulatory responses to current climate challenges. We need to implement more timely dynamic fishery management measures and increase fishing community resiliency to fishery changes caused by anticipated climate impacts.

Pacific Salmon (\$42 Million)

We are enhancing our efforts to conserve, restore, and protect Pacific salmon in the face of climate change. Part of the funding for Pacific salmon will go to the Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund (announced in 2023). Part will go to science and research that supports transformative modeling to identify and prioritize high-impact restoration.



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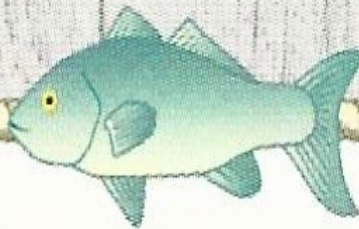
A record amount of \$1.09 billion dollars is being distributed to the states for conservation purposes through the Federal Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson programs. Under those programs, sportsmen and women pay 11% excise taxes on firearms, ammunition and fishing equipment. Wisconsin will be receiving \$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
SU IL Open	Northpoint	June 22
Kenosha Classic	Kenosha	TBD
SU IL Pass the Passion	Northpoint	Cancelled 2024
Salmon a Rama	Racine	July 13-21
Two in a Boat	Racine	July 14
Super Sweepstakes	Racine	July 15
Brew City		
Powder Puff – Warm Up	Milwaukee	TBD
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Keeping native fish on the menu in Michigan

Illegal large-scale fish scheme ordered to pay more than \$3 million in restitution

Mar 6, 2024

Written By Tina Shaw

If you've visited Wisconsin, Michigan or the other states that touch Lake Michigan, you've likely enjoyed a meal of lake trout, walleye or whitefish. Did you know that a team of biologists likely helped make that meal possible? We at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service know that the commercial fishery of the Great Lakes depends on our science and expertise in fish rearing and stocking. We're also responsible for keeping this trade legal. Learn by reading on about how we shut down the illegal harvest and sale of these fish that altogether profited millions of dollars by cheating the system and defrauding taxpayers.

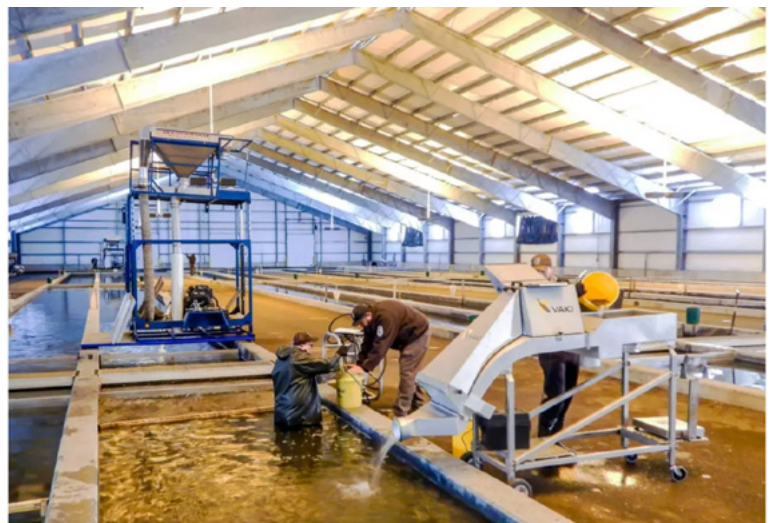
Our proactive investigation started in 2011, with the aim of looking with our counterparts in Michigan, Wisconsin and several Tribal Nations into an ongoing problem in the Great Lakes. Fish populations were low due to invasive species, overfishing and other factors, even though we've been rearing and stocking lake trout since the 1950s. The investigation developed into a full undercover business with more than 10 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service special agents and multiple detectives with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources working a complex operation in the town of Baraga, Michigan. After several subjects reoffended and we continued our investigation over the years, the last subject was sentenced in December 2023 and restitution is now ongoing.

After multiple prosecutions by the Justice Department's Environmental Crimes Section, the case known as Operation Fishing for Funds resulted in 26 convictions and more than \$3.9 million in total restitution to be paid to the National Fish Hatchery System, as well as Tribal fish hatcheries. Of these convictions, five were felonies and included four businesses. While each defendant's illegal conduct varied, and was sometimes in coordination, their collective conduct involved the illegal harvest and sale of Great Lakes fish. Their conduct impacted residents and travelers who unknowingly bought these ill-gotten fish.

"Complex and lengthy undercover investigations like this are worth the effort and sometimes are the only way to prove that people are knowingly violating the law, and to what extent. Successful investigations like this, are also built on essential coordination with our fellow federal, state and Tribal Nations counterparts," said Edward Grace, Assistant Director of the Office of Law Enforcement.

Why the high financial penalty?

Simply put, the illegal operations were benefiting from taxpayer-funded federal, state and Tribal conservation work that was seven decades in the making. Over the 70-year history that we've been working to restore the Great Lakes fishery, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service staff have produced and stocked more than 300 million lake trout. That's a lot of fish! These fish were at the heart of the schemes that sold illegally harvested fish into area fish markets, restaurants and smoked fish shops. When our investigation exposed the wider criminal expanse, it became clear that these violators weren't fishing for fish, they were fishing for federal funds. Hence the investigation name, Operation Fishing for Funds.



Two biologists conduct a monthly yearling lake trout survey.



Continued from page 27

This was no small violation of a few folks going past their limit, this was a massive fraud on taxpayers. Due to negative impacts of invasive species and significant overfishing, we've built a large infrastructure of fisheries professionals across an equally large geography who have all been focused on lake trout populations. From maintaining remnant adult brood stock and adding pre-screened wild gametes for future adult brood stock, to raising yearlings and transporting them to various waterways, the National Fish Hatchery System that we maintain in the Great Lakes has eight facilities spread out all over the country with teams who have been dedicated to building a sustainable lake trout fishery.

The great news is that we've turned the tide in other parts of the Great Lakes region. As of 2008, we stopped our stocking efforts in Lake Superior and consider the fishery restored. As of 2018, Lake Huron stocking requests were reduced by nearly 60% due to progress in restoration. Another positive outcome is that since 2014, lake trout populations have recovered a fair amount in one of the main areas of the investigation.

"Healthy fisheries promote biodiversity and support local communities. Restocking efforts are important in reinvigorating those fisheries, but illegal overharvesting undermines these efforts, ultimately taking advantage of federal investments. The widespread illegal fishing and trafficking varied from coordinated to independent ventures, and we worked to hold each individual accountable under the law," said Assistant Attorney General Todd Kim of the Justice Department's Environment and Natural Resources Division.

Undercover agents for wildlife crime? Yes!

So, how did we crack this case? We went undercover. While there are state and Tribal game wardens and other law enforcement professional working on protected lands and waters, we also have federal special agents who are plain clothes criminal investigators who work behind the scenes to enforce federal wildlife laws. We investigate wildlife crime wherever it occurs in the United States, and even work globally with our international counterparts. Our agents work in settings that range from major cities to rural towns and even work in remote wilderness areas.

Like all criminal investigators, we collect evidence, interview witnesses, question subjects, conduct surveillance, execute search warrants, make arrests and help prepare cases for court. In addition, we often work undercover to infiltrate wildlife trafficking rings, illegal guiding operations and other criminal groups to document violations from the inside.



Two former undercover agents with recovered illegally harvested fish.

We can't do this work alone though. Operation Fishing for Funds was investigated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement, with assistance of the Michigan and Wisconsin Departments of Natural Resources. The prosecutions were handled by prosecutors from the Justice Department's Environmental Crimes Section, with assistance from the U.S. Attorney's Offices for the Western and Eastern Districts of Michigan, and the Eastern District of Wisconsin, as well as Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians and Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

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State _____ Zip _____

Name of Boat _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Company Name _____

Web Site URL _____

Email Address _____

Spouse's Name _____

Number of people in the household _____

- ☐ New Membership
- ☐ Renewal Membership
- ☐ Change of Address

Please fill-in all
boxes that apply.

- ☐ ALL MEMBERSHIPS.....\$20.00
- _____ Family Membership
- _____ Junior Membership
- _____ Senior Membership

- ☐ Associate (Silver Level).....\$100.00
- ☐ Associate (Gold Level).....\$200.00
- ☐ Associate (Platinum Level).....\$500.00
- ☐ Associate (Titanium Level).....\$1000.00

Charter Captain ☐ Yes or ☐ No

- ☐ Cash ☐ Check

- ☐ If you prefer to pay by MasterCard or Visa,
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