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The Tightline

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2024
The Best Damn
Tournament
on a Great Lake

2024 Saturday,
August 3rd, 2024
Pro Division &
Amateur Division

Presented by

Where—Milwaukee, Wisconsin's McKinley Marina
Entry Fee (per Boat)— Pro Division \$500, Amateur Division \$150

Pro Division - 1st Place \$9,000, 2nd Place \$3,750 & 3rd Place \$1,500
Amateur - 1st Place \$4,000, 2nd Place \$1,650 & 3rd Place \$1,350
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Official Tournament Rules & Prize Listings are Posted on our Website.

Contact: Dan at 262-844-8386 or Brian at 414-704-0755,
www.glsfclub.com/brew-city-tournament or facebook search glsfclub

🚤 Ahoy, anglers! To avoid the launch ramp rumble and keep things smooth as a school of salmon, we highly recommend those without a slip at McKinley Marina to cast their lines at another local marina.

There are plenty of great spots to drop anchor:

- 🚤 **Lakeshore State Park Marina** – Secure your spot online!
- 🚤 **South Milwaukee Yacht Club** – Give 'em a call at 414-762-9819 or drop an email at smycommunication@gmail.com
- ⚓ **McKinley Marina** – Ring them up at 414-273-5224

Prizes will be awarded based on the number of entries and sponsorships received for the tournament.

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

Membership Meeting
Next Event: Tuesday, September 10th program
– Winning Captains of Both Division of Brew City and a Brew City Recap.
All followed by one of Dave Bowe's raffles!

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Upcoming Meetings

September 10th 🌻

October 8th 🍁

November 12th 🦃

December 10th 🎄

Fish with a GLSF Buddy

Have you ever wanted to learn from the charter captains? Want to meet some of your fellow members on the water? This year, we have started a new initiative to hook you up with a charter captain and some of your fellow members. This is open to all active GLSF members. You can reserve a spot for just yourself, or bring a child! You will pay for your seat(s) on a charter and the cost is \$125.00 per spot.

Dates available:

- **Saturday August 10th, 5:00 AM**

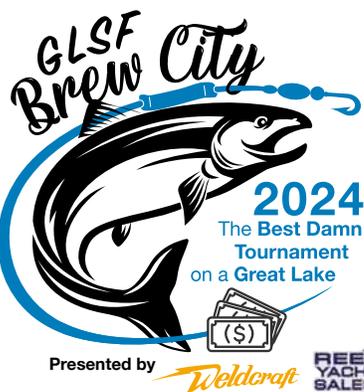


You will be fishing with one of the following (a special thanks to them for being our guinea pig):

- Blue Max Charters (<https://bluemaxcharters.com/>)
- Leisure Time Charters (<https://www.fishmilwaukee.com/>)
- Manhardt Charters (<https://www.manhardtcharters.com/>)
- Take 'Em Charters (<https://www.facebook.com/TakeEmFishingCharters/>)



To reserve your spot, visit:
<https://forms.office.com/r/MM9hJVV7Rp>



Saturday, August 3, 2024 Pro Division & Amateur Division

Request for Sponsorship

We rely on donations to make our tournament a success. All support levels are welcome and appreciated, with various benefits offered based on your contribution.

Please note that all donations are tax-deductible, and an invoice will be provided. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this opportunity further, please

contact Brian Haydin at 414-704-0755 or brian@glsfclub.com. We deeply appreciate your support and look forward to collaborating to make this event a success!

We desperately need YOUR help! We're expecting about 100 boats and we need to "put our best foot forward." Simply, we need volunteered for setting up the grounds on Friday, 8/2, starting at 1pm to move our gear, setup the tent and prepare the grounds for the 7pm Captain's Meeting. We also need help for the Captain's meeting from 6:30 to about 9pm. Saturday, 8/3, we'll need help starting about 10am, and with the weigh in at 11 am and the 50/50 raffle. Finally, after the winning announcements are made, we'll need a lot of help to take down the tent and stage, pack up our gear and put it back in storage at the Sailing Center. A detailed work schedule will be circulated the week of 7/29. **PLEASE**, plan on helping out for as many hours as it takes us, your club, to host this event successfully!



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The WCC annual Convention was held May 9th and 10th. Look for an update in the July Brew City Tightline! 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.

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/hmxnhgwppw/2024_june_newsletter

WCC Virtual Ice Fishing Contest



Shawn, Racine Co. won the "stringer of 3 walleye" with a combined length of 43.25".



Tommy, Vilas Co. won the wild card entry with his 9" perch.



Allison Fond du Lac County



Gody, Washburn County



Evan, Fond du Lac County



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

July 2024

20- Fish-In, Start Time 4 am
McKinly Marina and Milwaukee Sailing Center

August 2024

3- GLSF Brew City,
Pro & Amateur Division
24- Fish-In, Start Time 5 am
(Subject to change)

September 2024

14- GLSF Board Meeting – 5:30pm
New Berlin Ale House
GLSF Membership Meeting – 7pm,
New Berlin Ale House, Program:
Winning Brew City Charter Captains

October 2024

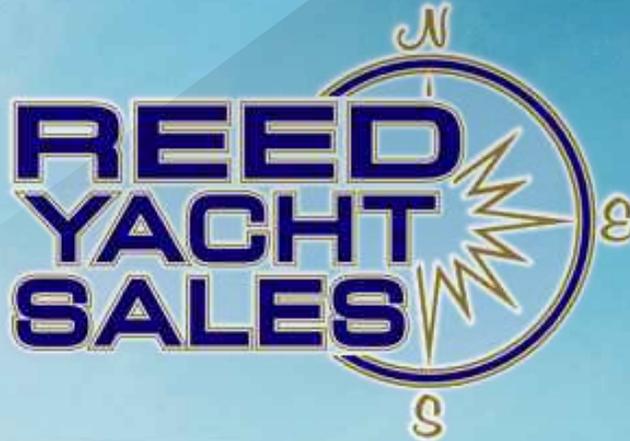
8- GLSF Board Meeting – 5:30pm
New Berlin Ale House
GLSF Membership Meeting – 7pm,
New Berlin Ale House, Program: TBD

November 2024

12- GLSF Board Meeting – 5:30pm
New Berlin Ale House
GLSF Membership Meeting – 7pm,
New Berlin Ale House, Program: TBD

December 2024

10- GLSF Membership Meeting – 7pm,
New Berlin Ale House, Holiday Party
and Awards Banquet



2024

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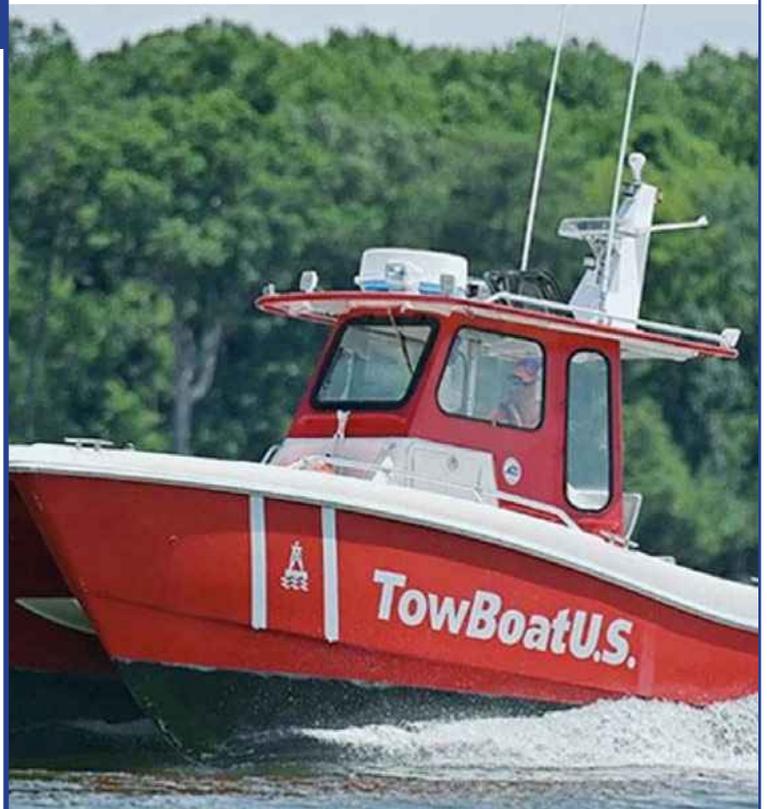
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THEIR IMMEDIATE
FAMILY MEMBERS!
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12-12-2023**



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

As of this newsletter, We currently have 109 regular and 42 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.





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Fish the Great Lakes

It's a job description many think sounds too good to be true: "Looking for someone willing to work outside in any weather from a boat on a large lake (or two); needs to possess extra special fishing knowledge and make great fishing memories."

Not surprisingly in Wisconsin, given our abundance of water and the Great Lakes, some people get up and do just that.

Who are these lucky few? They are the almost 400 licensed charter captains and more than 450 licensed Lake Michigan and Lake Superior guides ready and willing to share their expertise and create fishing memories for their customers.

For the men and women who do this day in and day out, their passion is clear.

- "I enjoy helping families make memories in a pristine, gorgeous environment while educating them about safety and conservation," said Sean Campbell of Northern Lights Adventures on Lake Superior.

- "You never really know what you are going to catch — it's a giant body of water with some truly giant fish in it," said Connor Bowen at Reel Dream Guide Service on Lake Michigan.

- "I enjoy offering many different fishing opportunities to my customers," said Josh Teigen, who runs his own fishing guide service in northwest Wisconsin. "One day we will be fishing smallmouth bass in 5 feet of water on Chequamegon Bay, and the next day we will be jigging for lake trout in 200 feet of water around the Apostle Islands."

These charter captains and guides have seen an increase in family and younger age groups getting out to enjoy the big waters. The variety of work, doing something they love and helping customers experience that joy keep them going.

WATER IS OPEN FOR ALL

Using guide services puts the big waters of Wisconsin at your fingertips, eliminating the logistical struggles and making it more accessible for everyone to try.

Fishing experience is not necessary. The fishing gear is high quality and easy to use, and the guides will tell you exactly what you need to do once you're on the boat.

People who have never touched a rod and reel before can have just as much success as the experienced angler.

Before you head out, buy your fishing license and Great Lakes salmon and trout stamp online at gowild.wi.gov. You also can check with your guide or charter captain, as many will sell them to you right at the boat.

Remember sunglasses, sunscreen, a cooler for your water and snacks, weather-appropriate clothes, shoes that don't slip and, of course, a camera to capture all the memories you'll make. 📷

Karl Scheidegger is a fisheries biologist for the DNR.

LEARN MORE

For details about Wisconsin's Great Lakes fishing opportunities, including how to find a charter or guide service to help you explore, scan the QR code or visit dnr.wi.gov/tiny/2716.



KARL SCHEIDEGGER



COURTESY OF SEAN CAMPBELL

Sean Campbell of Northern Lights Adventures passes his Lake Superior fishing knowledge on to all anglers regardless of age and highlights summer lake trout fishing as his most popular trip.

DNR AT WORK FOR YOU

ON LAKE MICHIGAN

The DNR's Lake Michigan trout and salmon stocking program has been going strong for over 50 years. The program was developed to provide a first-in-class fishery for salmon and trout for all anglers.

In recent years, the DNR and partners have successfully managed the number of fish in the lake compared to the available forage. There is now a naturally produced Chinook salmon population that has reduced stocking in the lake and adds to the experience.

Through these efforts, the future of salmon and trout fishing on Lake Michigan is in great shape.

ON LAKE SUPERIOR

Lake trout are often the main target for guides and charter operations on Lake Superior. The success of lake trout restoration has changed the management focus from restoration to conservation and continues to provide high-quality fishing opportunities.

The lake trout population is considered fully restored, with healthy populations made up of broad ages and sizes with sustained recruitment. The need for stocking has been reduced, and management is focused on protective regulations that maintain the self-sustaining populations of lake trout.

With all these opportunities, get out there and find your big water adventure!

2024 Spring Hearing statewide results now available

The Wisconsin DNR 2024 Spring Hearing questions and results are now available. More than 18,800 people responded to the 2024 Spring Hearing questionnaire either in person April 8 or online April 10-13. For results and questions: [available on the DNR website](#).

“I’m really pleased to see the amount of participation we had for this year’s Spring Hearings. There were a lot of different topics and issues included, and I’m very happy with the input and public discussions we had both in person and online this year,” said Wisconsin Conservation Congress Chair Rob Bohmann. “It tells me the public is interested in being engaged in resource manage-

ment in Wisconsin and it clearly matters to them; it’s great to see.”

The annual Spring Hearing is an opportunity for the public to provide input on a wide array of natural resources-related proposed rule change questions presented by the DNR and advisory questions presented by the [Conservation Congress](#). Public input received through this process is advisory to Natural Resources Board members, department staff and anyone working on these issues. Results from the public input will be considered by the Conservation Congress at their annual convention in May, and will be forwarded to the DNR and Natural Resources Board in June. ✧

DNR publishes 2023 Fish Stocking Summary

Over 6 Million Fish Stocked Across Wisconsin Waters

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin DNR released the 2023 fish stocking numbers for inland waterbodies and the Great Lakes. The DNR raises millions of yearling and fingerling fish to stock into Wisconsin waters every year. Over 6 million fish were stocked in 2023, which helped fulfill the quotas submitted by county fisheries biologists.

DNR fish crews have stocked fish in inland waters, Lake Michigan, Lake Superior and their tributaries across the state in 2023.

The following summaries provide total fish stocked by species in Wisconsin waters in 2023:

Inland Waters

- 204,467 brook trout
- 324,422 brown trout
- 90,565 lake trout
- 80 largemouth bass
- 35,786 muskellunge
- 108,969 northern pike
- 251,508 rainbow trout
- 1,964,192 walleye

Lake Michigan

- 49,998 brook trout
- 455,253 brown trout
- 1,386,492 Chinook salmon
- 500,189 coho salmon
- 591 lake sturgeon
- 7,681 muskellunge
- 522,852 rainbow trout

Lake Superior

- 174,906 brown trout
- 73,251 lake trout
- 40,816 splake
- 100,000 walleye

This data does not include the stocking of newly hatched fry, fish stocked by private fish farms under a stocking permit, fish stocked by the USFWS or fish stocked by our tribal partners. Visit the DNR’s [Fish Stocking database](#) to view stocking data from previous years or specific waters. ✧

Heads Up – Bender Park Dredging Planned for July

Below is the best-case-scenario schedule (currently in the process of issuing a notice to proceed to our consultant). More firm timelines will be clear once we have a 60% design set and as we move along with the permitting agencies. As that happens the project team will update the project page.

i.	3/15/24	Proposals Due
ii.	3/23/24	Consultant Selected
iii.	4/1/24	Notice to Proceed Issued
iv.	5/12/24	Permits Submitted
v.	5/1/24	60% Design Plans
vi.	5/13/24	90% Plans
vii.	6/20/24	Final Deliverable Dates
viii.	7/1/24	Anticipated Construction Start
ix.	8/1/24	Anticipated Construction Completion

Multiple design firms have expressed that the Army Corps has been taking 4 to 5 months to approve of permitting on similar projects. If the permitting agencies are able to approve of project in a timely manner, the hope is for construction to be completed over 30 days and completed before the end of summer. **The launch will be closed while construction is active.**



July Wisconsin Fun Facts Trivia – Answers on page 14 (No Peeking!)

1. “On, Wisconsin” was first said by Arthur MacArthur, Jr. when and where?
2. Where was the largest woolly mammoth ever excavated was found?
3. Where did the most snowfall ever recorded in one season in Wisconsin?
4. How did Wisconsin’s name come from?
5. True or False, did Wisconsin banned the sale and use of margarine from 1895 to 1967?
6. What does the Wisconsin’s state symbol, the badger, come from?
7. What Wisconsin County produces nearly ALL of the ginseng grown in the U.S. and about 10 percent of the world’s supply.
8. Soviet satellite Sputnik IV fell out of orbit in 1962 and while most of it burned up on re-entry, a 20-pound piece of debris crashed to the ground in what city?



Club Ongoing Fishing Contest Rules – 2024

1. 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.*** All final decisions are subject to approval by the Board of Directors.
2. Prior to the opening of the Cleaning station at McKinley Marina, the "Official Weigh-In Station, you will need to use the Temporary Rules published in the box! 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. The contest will officially run from April 1st through October 31.
6. 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!

7. 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 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.
8. The " Fisherpersion of the Year" award of \$50 will be given to the person who registers the highest combined weight of the five-different species and minimum weights above, of salmon and trout. These fish can be accumulated throughout the course of the contest, for a single person, regardless of where they were caught.
9. The "Grand Slam" award of \$50 will be given to the fisherpersion 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.
10. 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.
11. 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!
12. 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	

13. 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.
14. 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 fisherpersion 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.

2024 Fish-In Rules

There are always some members who are unaware of our Summer Fish-in rules and dates. I would like the opportunity to explain our rules for the fish-ins and set forth some additional information for our members new or old. As you review the rules below please keep in mind this is a fun competition for friends and family time. During the summer as a club we do have tournaments, and this is not a fishing tournament. The Fish-ins were created to be fun for all ages from young children, teenagers, good friends, and family members.

The rules are as follows:

1. Wisconsin Lake Michigan DNR fishing rules apply.
2. A maximum of nine rods and lines cannot be exceeded regardless of people fishing.
3. Each boat is allowed to keep up to their legal limit. Fish can be released but must be let go immediately after the fish is landed.
4. You may start fishing at 5:00am for the first and last dates and 4:00am for the middle to dates.
5. Fishing must stop at 11:30am for all dates. You need to be at the weigh-in by 12:00pm located at The Sailing Center. (Keep in mind when traveling to The Sailing Center, that they, and Milwaukee Parks, have other activities that will be going on during the Season which might cause you a delay).
6. You can only weigh in up to 10 fish (ONLY 4 Lake Trout can be weighed in). Weigh-in is based on weight only and is accumulative throughout the four events. During the weigh-in the captain or crewmate must specify fish species to the chairperson conducting the weight verification.
7. The best three out of four Fish-In results are counted for each boat and the low score is thrown out. For the year end banquet awards the top ten captains will be awarded a prize for the final score of the fish-ins. These will be determined similar to the Southwest Series challenge. Below is an example:
 - The captain with the largest weight will receive a point value as follows per fish-in:
1st place = 100 points 2nd place = 99 points 3rd place = 98 points
For each fish-in each captain has an opportunity to earn points just by weighing in.
 - If there is to be a tie breaker in point the system, the one with the larger weight of three fish-ins would break the tie breaker.
8. In case of lightning, or Small Craft Advisories being posted, the Fish In will be cancelled using the website, Facebook and usually a phone call to everyone registered to fish. Cancelled Fish Ins are not rescheduled. In case of a cancelled Fish In, all of the completed Fish Ins are used for scoring, instead of the best 3 out of 4 as listed in Rule #7 above.
9. At the Banquet there will be prizes awarded to the captains for the top ten boats. Trophies for youth (under 16) catch for first through third place will be awarded
10. All boats must launch out of the Milwaukee harbor (McKinley, South Shore, the River Launch or Bender Park).

Kayak Specific Rules

1. A kayak team shall consist of up to 3 persons and 3 kayaks
2. All persons from a kayak fishing team shall launch from the same port but are not required to start at the same time.
3. Teams should be established prior to the start of fishing time. Substitutions may be made in the event of a no show. This should be done as soon as possible and no later than one hour after start time. (This will be done on the honor system). Persons on a kayak fishing team once launched are NOT required to fish in the same location.
4. Kayak fishing teams shall also follow standard GLSF-Milwaukee Fish-in Rules.

The results of each Fish-ins will be posted in the Tightline, the Club's Website, and on Facebook. Please call or text **Brian Haydin at 414-704-0755** with any question or send an E Mail to brian@glsfclub.com. **Members are required to preregister by the Friday, 8 pm, before the Fish-in to let us know if you will be participating and how many will be attending. All Fish In lunches will have the option of Susie Que Oleniczak and her food truck B N Ques (<https://www.bnques.com/>) for 8.00 per person!** This information is so we have enough food for the cookout. The Fish-ins are one of the best ways to make you and your crew more productive on the lake and catching more fish, which is always more fun. Come join this growing event.

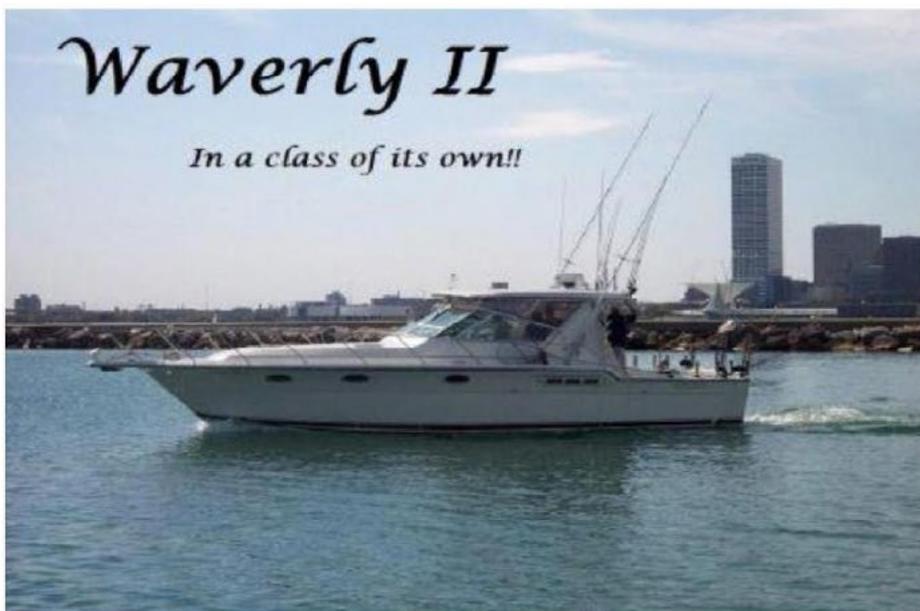
2024 Dates: May 25th – 5am (Saturday), June 22nd – 4am (Saturday), July 20th – 4am (Saturday) – McKinly Marina and Milwaukee Sailing Center, and August 24th – 5am (Saturday)

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/>

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WHY ARE WE REMOVING DAMS?

In fact, Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding, announced in April 2024, will provide more than \$70 million from President Biden’s Investing in America agenda for 43 projects in 29 states that will improve fish passage around outdated or obsolete dams, culverts, levees and other barriers fragmenting the nation’s rivers and streams.

What Is the Function of a Dam?

The dams people are most familiar with are large structures built with specific purposes in mind such as to generate power, reduce flooding, move ships, and even contain toxic waste. Massively engineered structures, like the Hoover Dam, provide drinking and irrigation water to millions of people. With climate and precipitation patterns becoming increasingly erratic, these dams save lives. But not all dams were made with equal forethought or planning. Without continued maintenance, most dams in the nation are now failing—these are the ones we need to address.

The average dam in the United States is 63 years old and ready for retirement. The vast majority are small, locally or privately owned, and were originally built to control water flow, mill grains, transport lumber, or create a reliable fishing spot. Thousands of these dams have begun to degrade, harming aquatic, terrestrial, and human life. Though they are championed as a source of renewable energy, less than 3% of dams in the United States are still used to generate energy. Nowadays, the main purpose of most dams is to create open water for recreation activities like fishing and swimming.

A Large Impact to People

Dozens of lives are lost to dams in the United States each year, and as their purpose and stability disappear, 49 states



have already implemented dam safety programs. Missouri, Texas, and North Carolina each have more than 1,000 dams considered as being likely to take human life should failure or misoperation occur.

Dams alter the flow, chemistry, silt load, and temperature of water. Furthermore, by changing the silt deposition on the bottom of the riverbed, it has even been suggested that dams may lessen the volume capacity of rivers and actually increase flooding downstream. Dams also disturb wetlands. Wetlands are the world’s most powerful water-filtration system, but they have a notoriously delicate disposition. Wetlands provide New York City with its famed tap water, which is argued to be the best-tasting in country and yet never enters a filtration plant. Half the population of New York City depends on wetlands to clean their water, and the entire city saves money by avoiding construction and maintenance of large filtration facilities. Wetlands are truly one of the most underrecognized, productive and diverse habitats in the world (and they are disappearing, see p. 10).

Damming Our Rivers, Damming Our Fish

Dams, whether old or new, impact the entire ecological system. When a river is dammed, so are the nutrients and animals inside of it. This interrupts the life cycles of numerous aquatic species and subsequently, disrupts the food web. Dams slow the natural flow of water and warm it, promoting the spread of deadly algae and parasites. Effects like these have already caused the extinction of many species of mussels, fish, and even a dolphin. Dams have been harming salmon and sturgeon since their installation, and people are frustrated to see these culturally and economically important species hurt when it is within our ability to protect them.

We have an entire program dedicated to opening up rivers for fish passage. Fish passage refers to the movement of fish up and down rivers to reach spawning and feeding places. Much like birds and butterflies, fish need to move. But

because people can’t easily see fish, or the other organisms traveling within rivers, many don’t understand how problematic dams are to an aquatic ecosystem. For example, sturgeon and salmon both remember where they were born and will return from great distances to that exact location to lay eggs once more, participating in a species-long tradition. Improving fish passage is one of the most effective ways to help conserve vulnerable species while building safer infrastructure for communities and improving climate resilience.

Communities and Invasive Species

Though dams can negatively impact the environment, they can also be cherished by their communities and aid in the control of invasive species. Many communities appreciate their local dams because of their historical and cultural significance. Dams can provide space for gathering and nature appreciation. They also create reliable ponds of water for fishing that are often uniquely accessible.

When we remove a dam, we mimic the characteristics of a healthy and self-sustaining river by installing nature-based solutions. Tearing down a dam doesn’t mean losing a fishing hole. We fashion tree roots, boulder piles, and more into the riverbed and on the riverbank. These methods copy nature’s way of creating pools and habitat for fish so that human communities not only maintain their favorite fishing hole but enjoy a wider diversity of species that will be healthier and live longer.

Along with the rest of aquatic life, aquatic invasive species have also been restricted by dams. Dams can protect larger watersheds by shielding them from invasive species. We value this protective quality provided by dams and prioritize maintaining those acting as the last barrier to the spread of invasive species, such as sea lamprey. □

GIGI OTTEN, Office of Communications, Midwest Region

July Wisconsin Fun Facts Trivia Answers

(Continued from page 9)

1. "On, Wisconsin" was first said by Arthur MacArthur, Jr. in the Battle of Chattanooga at Missionary Ridge during the Civil War.
2. It was found in Kenosha County, and you can see its skeleton at the Milwaukee Public Museum!
3. It happened between 1996-97 when the town of Hurley received over 295 inches—almost 25 feet!
4. The name comes from the Wisconsin River, which was called Meskousing by Algonquian-speaking Tribes. The name was recorded in 1673 by French explorer Jacques Marquette. Over time, the word was Anglicized into Ouisconsin, Wiskonsan and finally into its current spelling and pronunciation.
5. True and some restrictions on margarine remain today. It's still illegal for a restaurant to serve margarine as a butter substitute unless the customer specifically requests it.
6. The 1820s lead miners who traveled for work and dug tunnels to sleep in and keep warm, much like a badger.
7. Marathon County
8. Manitowoc. The original piece of Sputnik was returned to the Soviets but the Rahr-West Art Museum has a replica of it on display



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Trout Tall Tale?

A taxidermist in Iowa donated this Ohrid trout mount to the National Fish and Aquatic Conservation Archives in 1998. The donor recalled preparing three fish mounts of "Yugoslavian Lake Trout" from Manchester National Fish Hatchery in 1962. (Ohrid trout are native to Ohrid Lake in the Republic of Macedonia, formerly Yugoslavia). Per the story, the fish were raised from eggs gifted to then-President John F. Kennedy by the president of Yugoslavia. One mount was to be presented to President Kennedy, the second was to be kept by the hatchery, and the third was a spare that the taxidermist retained and eventually donated. As exciting as this tale is, the first record of Ohrid trout eggs arriving in the United States is from 1965, two years after President Kennedy's death. Annual reports and correspondence from Manchester National Fish Hatchery record receipt of 98,000 Ohrid trout eggs from Yugoslavia in February 1965 and show that 100,000 rainbow trout eggs were flown from Iowa to Yugoslavia in exchange. A portion of the Ohrid trout eggs ended up at a state hatchery in Minnesota, but the rest were hatched and raised at Manchester Hatchery. Some of these fish were stocked out in several lakes in Minnesota in the late 1960s, as well as in locations in Colorado, Montana, Wyoming, and Tennessee. (MIRANDA ZWINGELBERG, MUSEUM TECHNICIAN, NATIONAL FISH AND AQUATIC CONSERVATION ARCHIVES)



Kenosha club receives thousands of Chinook salmon to be released into Lake Michigan

The Kenosha Sportfishing and Conservation Association has received 40,000 Chinook salmon from the Wisconsin DNR to eventually be released into Lake Michigan. Before the Chinook salmon arrived, the association made several changes to its salmon rearing pond in hopes of having more fish survive while in their care.

Walter Kreuser, president of Kenosha Sportfishing and Conservation, said they now have oxygen lines connected to each one of their four ponds. They are also controlling the flow of the well-water they pump into each of the ponds instead of having it flow freely between all of them. The goal is to keep temperatures low for the Chinooks.

“We are trying to do two things with it,” said Kreuser. “The largest thing is to cut our electricity cost and by doing this, we are trying to naturally aerate the water instead of having to run



a third big air pump to pump oxygen.”

After weeks of preparation, the DNR brought the Chinooks to the Kenosha Sportfishing and Conservation Association, which will take care of them until May.

Aaron Schiller, a DNR fisheries biologist, said every year they raise millions of Chinooks and other types of fish so they can be released into Lake Michigan from Kenosha to Gills Rock.

“By doing programs like this, we hope to imprint better and return at a higher rate to that location so

we stock all of the harbors going up the coast and we try to spread out that stocking so that everybody has fishing opportunities closer to home,” said Schiller.

Kreuser said this group of fish is expected to return to the Kenosha area in three years to spawn.

“In the meantime, they are eating machines,” said Kreuser. “They are eating all of the alewives that are a nuisance fish. They are also eating the gobies at the bottom, which is an invasive species, so these fish here are cleaning up the water for us and a byproduct of that is great fish and great eating.”

While the Chinooks are here, Kreuser said it’s an opportunity to teach the public why these fish are so vital for Wisconsin. To learn more about the Kenosha Sportfishing and Conservation Association, click [here](#). ✧

Canada, Alaska suspend fishing of Yukon River Chinook salmon for 7 years Feds, Alaska sign new agreement to help the species recover

In a bid to help the recovery of the Yukon River Chinook salmon run, the federal government and the State of Alaska have agreed to implement a seven-year moratorium on fishing the species. The suspension, in effect for one full life cycle of a salmon, includes commercial fishing and recreational angling in the Yukon River main stem and its Canadian tributaries. Representatives from Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game signed the agreement on April 15.

The number of Chinook salmon crossing the international border into Canadian waters has for years plummeted, with the last two years yielding some of the worst tallies recorded on the Yukon River. Last

year, [about 15,000 of the fish](#) made it to Eagle, Alaska, near the Yukon border. It was even worse in 2022. A minimum of 42,500 Chinook are supposed to get to their Canadian spawning waters to meet conservation goals.

Calling the run "depressed," the new agreement states the salmon are under immense pressure from things like habitat degradation linked to resource and [hydroelectric development](#), hatchery production, and climate change. The agreement sets a new target of 71,000 Canadian-origin fish reaching their spawning grounds, for the next seven years. Hitting that target includes reducing bycatch associated with, for instance, the offshore pollock fishery,

restoring in-river habitats, and launching more research into [diseases that could be contributing to low survival rates](#). The agreement also says the governments will seek more funding for restoring the run.

Steve Gotch, a senior director with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, said the fishing suspension is a big one because as much as 95 per cent of the migrating Chinook are caught by commercial fisheries on the river in both Alaska and Canada, or in the river's estuary. The rest are caught in the ocean. "There just aren't enough fish to really accommodate any harvest and we need every one of those Chinook salmon to reach the spawning ground to help rebuild this population into the future," he said. ✧

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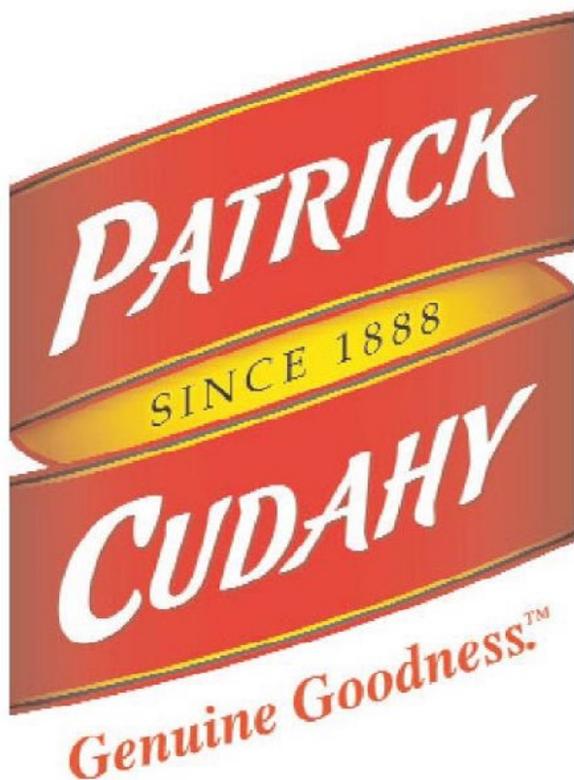
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With \$4.3 million in NOAA funds, the Copper River Watershed Project and The Eyak Corporation will remove fish passage barriers, opening more streams for salmon spawning and subsistence fishing.

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However, Copper River salmon numbers are declining. NOAA and its partners are addressing a significant threat to the fish by removing barriers that block access to spawning grounds and cold-water rearing habitat for juveniles.

In 2023, the Copper River Watershed Project completed a NOAA-funded project that opened up more than 70 stream miles to migratory salmon.

This summer, the Project will work with The Eyak Corporation, an Alaska Native village corporation, to break ground on new fish passage projects. The \$4.3 million in funding for these efforts comes from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and Inflation Reduction Act.

The partners will:

- Remove four road culverts blocking fish passage at road-stream crossings
- Create engineering designs for restoration projects at 12 additional sites
- Open up 31 stream miles and 740 lake acres to migratory fish once all projects are complete
- Improve The Eyak Corporation's ability to manage restoration projects through staff training and other support
- Reduce the risk of flooding and washouts on roads that provide the only connection between isolated communities and important resources
- Improve local people's access to subsistence fishing opportunities

See more of this story at

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/feature-story/supporting-long-term-survival-copper-river-salmon-and-alaska-native-traditions>



Eyak Tribal Member Tiffany Beedle holding a 35-pound King (Chinook) salmon she processed for the Native Village of Eyak Subsistence program. (Photo: Tiffany Beedle)



Milwaukee Boat Launching Facilities Updates

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, and the docks are in. We are waiting for Milwaukee City to determine where and why a Grease Trap needs to be installed before work can resume!

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



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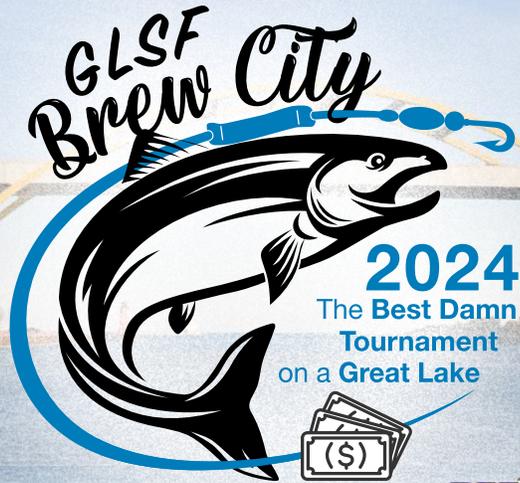
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2024 Fish-In
7/27/2024 8/24/2024

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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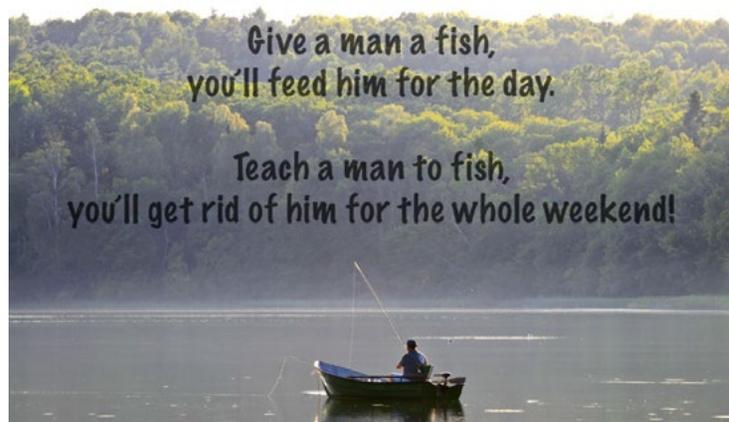
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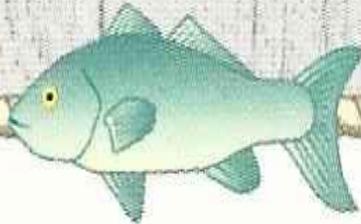
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Tournament	Port	Date
SU WI Open	Racine	TBD
SU IL Open	Northpoint	June 22
Kenosha Classic	Kenosha	TBD
SU IL Pass the Passion	Northpoint	Cancelled 2024
Salmon a Rama	Racine	July 13-21
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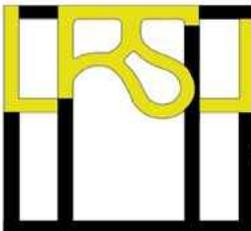


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Maritime Security Zone 1

Impacted Area: Waters in the vicinity of Henry Maier Festival Park (“Summerfest Park”) and Lake Shore Park

Dates/Times of Impact: Saturday, July 13, 2024, from 8 a.m. - Sunday, July 14, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. (estimated/subject to change)

- Coordinates:
 - Starting at 43-02.276N, 087-53.705W, then northeast to
 - 43-02.311N, 087-53.319W, then south to
 - 43-01.601N, 087-53.323W, then west to
 - 43-01.560N, 087-53.717W, then north to origin, including the Lakeshore State Park Inlet and Discovery World Lagoon

- Entry into, transiting, or anchoring within this security zone is prohibited unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan or a designated representative.

Maritime Security Zone 2

Impacted Area: Waters in the vicinity of the Daniel W. Hoan Bridge

Dates/Times of Impact: Sunday, July 14, 2024, from 3 p.m. - Sunday, July 14, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. (estimated/subject to change)

- Coordinates:
 - Starting at 43-01.542N, 087-54.127W, then east to
 - 43-01.554N, 087-53.757W, then south to
 - 43-01.511N, 087-53.689W, then west to
 - 43-01.443N 087-54.111W, then north to origin

- Vessels greater than or equal to 65 feet are prohibited from entry into, transiting, or anchoring within this security zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan or a designated representative. Vessels less than or equal to 64 feet may transit through this security zone but are prohibited from anchoring or loitering; the Captain of the Port Lake Michigan or a designated representative reserves the right to prohibit vessels less than or equal to 64 feet from transiting the security zone as operations dictate.

Maritime Security Zone 3

Impacted Area: Milwaukee River from Cherry St. to Michigan St.

Dates/Times of Impact: Sunday, July 14, 2024, from 8 a.m. - Friday, July 19, 2024, at 1 a.m.
(estimated/subject to change)

- No commercial or recreational vessel traffic will be permitted on the Milwaukee River between Cherry St. and Michigan St.
- Road bridges on the Milwaukee River between Cherry St. and Michigan St. will remain in the down position.
- Privately-owned vessels that are docked at the registered owners' places of domicile within the maritime security zone on the Milwaukee River between Cherry St. and Michigan St. may transit the river so long as their vessels do not require the raising of road bridges. All vessels must have a pre-assigned placard; see the QR code below for additional details on how to obtain a placard.
 - Prior to departure from the dock and re-entry into the maritime security zone, the vessel owner must contact the USCG on channel 16 to request an escort.
- If a privately-owned vessel that is docked within the maritime security zone departs the maritime security zone, it will be subject to screening prior to re-entry into the maritime security zone.
- All vessels docked within the maritime security zone may remain stationary. Pedestrian screening is not required to access stationary boats within the maritime security zone.

****Additional information regarding maritime security zones can be found at:**



G L S F Membership Form

Name _____

Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____

City _____

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, please go to www.glsfclub.com/shop/

Make Checks payable to: Great Lakes Sport Fishermen - Mail to PO Box 510332, New Berlin WI, 53151-0332

