



Fish Tales Newsletter

Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen
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SAGLSF Newsletter Spring 2005



Juniors Physically Challenged Fishing Outing

The SAGLSF club has committed to sponsoring a fishing outing which will cater to children with physical disabilities. Club member Doug Rood contacted our board last fall asking if we could provide boats to accommodate a large group of children with various physical challenges, accompanied by an adult, to enjoy a morning of fishing on Lake Michigan. Our membership voted unanimously to support this activity and offered to provide the necessary boats. The trip is scheduled for the Saturday morning of August 27, 2005. All children will receive a gift for their participation and fishing stories will be exchanged during a lunch provided at the dock. What we really need from our membership are volunteers to provide their boats for these children and guardian. We are still working on the final details of the event, but want all club members to be aware of the date and plan on volunteering either with your boat or help at the dock. Everyone should get the opportunity to fish this resource, and being a part of this club helps others do just that. Please call Doug at 920-980-3339 at your earliest convenience and let him know you are willing to volunteer and help make this event a success. 🐟



Winners of last year's Junior Coho Derby

Ride Aboard a Charter Boat Day

Instead of our usual monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 17, 2005, our membership decided to ask our charter captain members to provide their boats and crew for the evening. Boat rides will begin at 6:00pm, departing from the Wharf and heading to the lighthouse and back. Here's your chance to ride aboard Sheboygan area's charter boats you see on the water all summer long. See first hand how each boat is equipped and how it handles on the water. The main purpose of the event will be to provide boat rides to our club members and the public and create public awareness of our club, our activities, and our sport fishery. The captains have spent years outfitting their boats, and this is an excellent opportunity to ask questions and get ideas on how to set up your own rig. It's also our opportunity to show the residents of Sheboygan what our club is all about. The following Club information will provided at the Wharf: newsletters, club sponsored fishing activities, membership information, club T-shirts, club cookbook, smoke fish and crackers, and grilled salmon. Drinks can be purchased at the Wharf. A special thanks to the Wharf for the use of their store and the following captains for the donation of their boats and crew: John Zabel (Dead Reckon Charters), Randy Even (Sorry Charlie Charters), Joe Walcott (Head Hunter Charters), Jim Schlegel (Sea Dog Charters), Glen Gildemeister (Lucky Bird Charters), John Kennedy (Sea Robin Charters), and Bryan Gruenke (High-Tech Charters). 🐟

New Record High for Guided Fishing Trips

A new state record for the number of guided fishing trips ran in a single year was topped last season by a Sheboygan area guide. Captain James Schlegel of Sea Dog Sportfishing charters guided a total of 248 trips during the 2004 fishing season. According to Wisconsin DNR records, that's more trips than any guide has ever run since reports have been maintained for sport trolling. He surpassed his own record set back in 2002 when he guided a total of 242 trips for the season surpassing Captain Dan Fox of Port Washington who ran 236 trips back in 1997. The Wisconsin DNR requires all fishing guides to hold a valid sport trolling license and submit monthly reports whenever engaged in charter fishing on Lake Michigan. In general, Sheboygan area guides did very well last year. Of the 232 licensed fishing guides registered in the State of Wisconsin, the top three captains, guiding the most trips all hailed out of the port of Sheboygan. Sheboygan charter bookings were up 8% and the catch was up an impressive 17% from the prior season. A report detailing the charter fishing activity here in Sheboygan is available at our monthly membership meetings. For many years Sheboygan has been a popular destination for anglers interested in fishing Lake Michigan and last years harvest report just confirms this fact. 🐟

New SAGLSF Sign at Fish Cleaning Station

After many years of service, the club sign located above the fish rack at the DeLand boat launch area is getting a face lift. The sign was removed last fall and is currently being repaired and repainted by club member Jeff Brown. Our club will reimburse Jeff for all expenses necessary to bring our old sign back to life. The sign will be up and ready this spring for all those fish waiting to get there pictures taken with our sign. 🐟

Club Website

It's official. The SAGLSF club now has its own website. Our domain name is www.sheboyganfishingclub.com which should be easy to remember. All our clubs activities, information, and newsletters are now available online. We encourage you to send an email to info@sheboyganfishingclub.com with any information you would like to add. We are particularly interested in adding fishing stories, recipes, for sale items, member's web pages and some good fishing photos. We also recommend that an article and a photo be submitted for each club sponsored event. Remember to include the web site on any club sponsored correspondence. 🐟

Original SAGLSF Club Members

At our March meeting our membership got the chance to meet with some of our original SAGLSF club members. Club member Edward Vasselos was presented with a award for 30 years of continuous service. The following five members were all present at our meeting and recognized for their long standing membership in our club since organized back in 1974, Edward Vasselos, John Vertacic, Richard Schulz, Larry Frietag and Bill Ziegler. Thank you for your continued support of our club and visiting with our many new members after the meeting. 🐟

SAGLSF Club Elections This May

All current standing officers and board members of the SAGLSF club have committed to serve another term (May 2005 to May 2006). Elections are to be held during our monthly general membership meeting scheduled for May 17, 2005, at the Wharf (new location for this meeting only). Any club members interested in running for any of the offices or the board are encouraged to be nominated at any meeting up until the election scheduled for May. Remember in order to serve on the board, you must be a club member for at least one year. 🐟

Club Awards Banquet a Success

This year's annual awards banquet was held on February 12, 2005 at Klemme's Wagon Wheel. A special thanks to all those attending and congratulations to all the fishing contest award winners. After cocktails and an excellent meal all 60 attendees had the pleasure of being entertained by Sheboygan North High School's song and dance group called the "Northern Lights." The fishing and membership awards were presented and the grand fund raising raffle was conducted. Thanks to all the volunteers and businesses for their support with all the raffle gifts. Everyone went home with some great prizes. Many members stayed afterwards to exchange fishing stories and all had a great time at the banquet. A special thanks to members Lyle Peschke, Jennifer Cihak, and Elaine Wunch for all their hard work in making our banquet another success. The event raised almost \$700 which will be used to better Lake Michigan fishing here in Sheboygan. 🐟

SAGLSF Club Members to Speak at State Park

The SAGLSF club has been asked to speak about Lake Michigan salmon fishing at Kohler Andrae State Park. Jim Schlegel will organize two club member volunteers to give a 45 minute presentation about fishing on Lake Michigan. The presentation will be at the Sanderling Nature Center which features Great Lakes fish and is scheduled to start at 7:00pm on the following alternating Thursdays: June 23, July 7, July 21, August 4 and August 18. Contact Jim at 920-918-2628 if you would be interested in signing up as a volunteer speaker. 🐟

Sheboygan County Conservation Association

The Sheboygan County Conservation Association (SCCA) is a collection of area clubs which have joined together to promote conservation in the county. The Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen's club is just one of many clubs affiliated with the SCCA. We have been spending a good portion of our club meeting time explaining this relationship to our membership whenever they ask us for our input on a project. During the past several meetings the SCCA has asked its member clubs for their input on a variety of issues involving spending some of their funds (not the SAGLSF funds) on conservation projects. It is our clubs responsibility to vote either for or against their request to spend funds and relay that information to our representatives which are Larry Frietag and Ken Mueller. Hopefully this will clarify some of the confusion and answers some of the questions we have been addressing at the last couple of meetings. For more information on the SCCA see their web site at www.sheboygancountyconservationassociation.org 🐟

Thank You Letter from Camp Y-Koda

The following letter was presented to our club and reads as follows:

Dear Great Lakes Sport Fishermen,

We want to thank you for the generous donation to Camp Y-Koda Outdoor Skills and Education Center. The money will be used to purchase supplies so we can update and improve our marsh and winter ecology programs. Thanks again for your donation and for your support.

Sincerely,
Jeremiah Dentz and Sarah Smith
Camp Y-Koda Outdoor Skills and Education Staff

Students Wanted for DNR Skills Workshop

Every year the Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen Club along with the Sheboygan Outboard Club sponsors several area high school students for a week long DNR Skills workshop program held during the end of July. Club members Brian Hoffman and Elaine Wunsch contact the area high schools for students with an interest in pursuing a career in natural resources. Children of SAGLSF club members are encouraged to sign up for this program. All expenses are paid including meals and lodging. The student's only expense is the transportation to UW Stevens Point. 🐟

2004 Chinook Spawning Runs

Chinook runs to our Strawberry Creek and Kewaunee River spawning weirs were strong this year. The data are not worked up yet, but the chinook run to Strawberry Creek was comparable to the exceptional run two years ago when 11,000 fish were harvested at the weir. The observations of biologists handling the fish at Strawberry Creek were consistent with those of many anglers who reported that chinook caught in the lake appeared healthy but a little on the lean side. This points to an ongoing concern about the health of the forage base and the number of chinook stocked in the lake. Biologists from all states are watching this closely, and will hold a lakewide public conference in the spring of 2005 to discuss the question of whether we should adjust stocking levels. 🐟

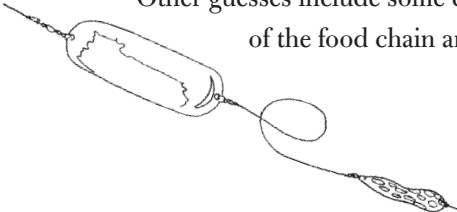
What Happens to the Dead Chinooks?

All chinook salmon die after making their spawning run, so you may wonder what happens to all the fish that are handled at the weirs after we have taken all the eggs needed for propagating the next generation. The remaining fish and eggs go in four directions. Chinooks suitable for human consumption (over six tons in 2002) are given to food pantries. Carcasses that are not suitable for human consumption (over 75 tons in 2002) are disposed of through a contractor who uses them for production of liquid fish fertilizer. Eggs not suitable or not needed for propagation (over 14 tons in 2002) are sold to a private company for bait production. In addition, some fish are given to raptor rehabilitation facilities in Green Bay and Antigo. All proceeds from the sale of fish and eggs go into the State's general fund. 🐟

2004 Chinook Salmon Harvested at Record Pace
 Edited from the *Press-Gazette*

Great Lakes anglers converged on Lake Michigan port communities by the thousands last summer for what many believed to be some of the best fishing in years. As it turns out, it might have been some of the best fishing on the lake ever, at least for the amount of chinook salmon harvested. According to the Department of Natural Resources' creel survey data provided by all licensed charter captains, the 2004 fishing season produced almost a half-million salmon and trout. That total was second to a record estimate of 762,115 in 1987, but last seasons fish harvest came a whole lot faster. In 1987, anglers fished more than 4.7 million hours to catch their trophies. The 2004 estimate of angler hours was only 2.6 million spent on the water. That's a significant increase in fishing productivity and provides for plenty of fishing activity on the water. Fishermen reeled in an estimated 360,991 chinook and about 76,944 cohos last year. Additionally they also added more than 25,000 rainbow trout, nearly 21,000 brown trout and 14,000-plus lake trout. Last year's chinook harvest continued a third consecutive year of record-breaking chinook catch rates. The 950,000-plus salmon combined the past three summers bested the previous three-year streak of 939,000 from 1986 to 1988, which many anglers considered as the heyday of salmon fishing on Lake Michigan. "Not only are anglers hauling in more fish, they're catching them faster than ever," said DNR fisheries supervisor Brad Eggold. "We are seeing some of the highest harvest rates in the country for salmon." Surprisingly, the excellent fishing in recent years came from

the smallest state salmon stockings since 1988. The state of Wisconsin has been releasing between 1.4 to 1.5 million chinook salmon a year since 1999, a drop from the 1.5 to 1.7 million fish between 1991 and 1998 and far fewer than the 2 million plus in the 1980s. The four states surrounding Lake Michigan collectively reduced chinook stocking from 6 million to around 4.4 million in 1999 in hopes of allowing the salmon's favorite baitfish, the alewives, a good chance to rebound in numbers. DNR Great Lakes fishery specialist Bill Horns said there hasn't been a good year class of alewives since 1998. Paul Peeters of Sturgeon Bay, a DNR fisheries biologist and avid sport angler, said he believes chinook salmon may be exceeding the forage base for a variety of reasons. Great Lakes fish are surviving longer and in greater numbers because of changes in stocking practices and improvements at hatcheries that have reduced disease. In addition, natural reproduction from fish that spawn in Michigan's cooler streams appears to be increasing, as is the number of chinook straying into Lake Michigan from Lake Huron. Meanwhile at the same time in 2004, as the salmon harvest has been going up, the catch estimates for trout were at historic lows. Much of that can be attributed to fishermen targeting salmon, Eggold said, but some fishermen think there may be other factors involved. Some believe predation by cormorants at stocking time and sea lampreys when the fish are adults are two other theories.

Other guesses include some changes at the bottom of the food chain and possibly diseases. 

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Board of Directors Meetings

Our monthly Board of Directors Meetings are always held the second Tuesday of the month at the Sheboygan Outboard Club. Members are always welcome and encouraged to attend. If interested in joining the board or sponsoring one of the many activities, please contact a current board member. Requirements for joining the boards are club membership for at least one year and a genuine desire to protect this resource for future generations. Sign up now and participate.

Treasures Report

Our books are always open for inspection at the monthly meetings for all club member to review. Larry Freitag, our treasurer, announces our clubs balances at each monthly meeting.

SAGLSF CALENDAR 2005

The club is involved in a number of activities this year. The following is a list of events and the club volunteer members who are responsible. Mark your calendars now and plan to participate.

Sheboygan's Big Fish Board 2005

January 1, 2005, to December 31, 2005

Jim Schlegel

Register at the Wharf

Club Fishing Contest

May 30, 2005, to September 5, 2005

Ed Kalmerton, sign up at the Wharf

Junior Coho Derby

June 25, 2005

Sponsored by the Wharf

Big Brothers Outing

July 9, 2005

Troy Burmesch

Ozaukee / Sheboygan Inter-Club

Fishing Contest

July 10, 2005

Port Washington

Scott Wunsch & Ken Mueller

Powder Puff Derby

July 20, 2005

Sponsored by the Wharf

Family Contest

August 6, 2005

Paul Voss and Jim Gruber

Coho Derby

August 13 & 14, 2005

Sponsored by the Wharf

Junior Physically Challenged

Fish Outing

August 27th

Doug Rood

920-980-3339

2005 Saturday Morning League

One Saturday a Month

June 18, July 16, August 20, September 3

Sign-up every Saturday Morning at 4:00AM or after at the Wharf (not before 4:00AM, first 25 boats)

Entry fee is \$20.00 a boat

Payout will be 80% of the intake that morning

(20% will go to the SAGLSF)

1. There must be **one (1) Club Member** on board
2. Must follow Wisconsin-fishing regulations
3. There will only be six (6) lines allowed-meaning "six (6) baits in the water"
4. Weigh your ten (10) best fish
5. There will be a size limit this year. The length of any species fish will not be shorter than eighteen (18) inches. This rule is to let the babies grow-up so there will be fish to catch in the years to come
6. Boats must be at the dock and contestant in line at the wharf to register for fish weigh-in by 1:00 PM. Anyone coming in after 1:00 PM will not be eligible for the award that day
7. No Charters
8. The species of fish must be trout and/or salmon

Important Rule Change: This year you only need one club member per boat to fish the Saturday Morning League. So take out your friends, co-workers, relatives, and neighbors and show them a great time fishing on The Big Pond. What better way to show'em what our club is all about.

Knots You Should Know

The Uni-Knot

Strong, reliable, and easy to tie, the Uni-Knot is an excellent knot for securing braided lines like PowerPro.

- 1) Run at least six inches of line through the eye of the hook, swivel, or lure, and fold to make two parallel lines. Bring the tag end of the



line back in a circle toward the hook or lure.

- 2) Make six turns with the tag end around the double line and through the circle.



- 3) Hold the double line at the point where it passes through the eye, and pull the tag end to snug up the turns.

- 4) To create a loop connection: Adjust the loop size by sliding the



knot up or down the standing line. Then pull the tag end with pliers to maximize tightness.



- 5) To create a snug knot: Pull the standing line to slide the knot up against the eye. Then continue pulling until the knot is tight.
- 6) Trim the tag end flush with the closest coil on the knot.

SAGLSF Cookbook



Cedar Plank Grilled Salmon

- 1 salmon fillet, about 1 ½ lbs (or 4 steaks)
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 1 lemon or orange, juice and zest
- 1 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Marinate the salmon in remaining ingredients. Meanwhile, soak a piece of untreated cedar plank in cold water for about 2 hours (weighing it with something heavy. Place the salmon on plank. Put the plank directly on the barbecue grill. Close the lid and cook over medium-high heat for 10-20 minutes depending on required doneness.

This recipe and hundreds more can be found in the club cookbook, order one today!

New study reports: Americans told fish tales about mercury hazards in fish consumption

Information courtesy of the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council, a confederation of organizations and individuals who share a concern for the present and future of sport fishing, our natural and stocked resources and the ecosystem in which we live. For more information, visit www.great-lakes.org

Washington, D.C. Government agencies and environmental groups have increasingly urged consumers to beware of mercury-contaminated fish, but a new Competitive Enterprise Institute study finds no evidence that fish consumption is hazardous. Instead, the report reveals that not only could the health of all Americans suffer if they are scared away from eating fish, these anti-fish groups' answer for correcting the "problem" is also flawed.

"The problem is, methylmercury in fish is not the same as mercury in emissions, and evidence indicates that further reductions in mercury emissions would not have an appreciable effect on mercury exposure for Americans or improve public health," writes author Sandy Szwarc, a long-time nurse and culinary professional, in "Fishy Advice: Politics of Methylmercury in Fish and Mercury Emissions."

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Mercury scares also conflict with advice from the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists that pregnant women eat two to three servings of fish each week in order to promote fetal health.

"The sad fact is that terrorizing the public about a perfectly safe and nourishing food isn't about public health," Szwarc continues. "It's about politics. Activists claim that fish is so contaminated with mercury that it is unsafe for women and children to eat, making harsher restrictions on mercury emissions imperative."

In Fishy Advice, Szwarc shows how the public scare campaign does real public health and economic damage as women are denied the health benefits of a diet rich in seafood and low-income consumers are socked with higher utility costs.

SAGLSF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Annual Dues

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| Family - (husband, wife, two or more children)----- | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$30.00 |
| Husband & Wife ----- | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$25.00 |
| Individual----- | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$20.00 |
| 65 or Older (Individual or Husband & Wife) ----- | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$15.00 |
| Junior ----- | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$5.00 |
| New Member (Initiation Fee)----- | <input type="checkbox"/> | \$5.00 |

Member Name _____ Spouse's Name _____
Family's Name _____ Family's Name _____
Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Occupation _____ Radio FM/CB _____ Call Letters _____
Boat Name _____ E-mail _____
Telephone _____

Unless otherwise noted, the SAGLSF general membership meetings are always held the third Tuesday of the month starting at 7:00 PM at the Sheboygan Outboard Club. Meetings are every month of the year except the months of July and August. The public and guests are always welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. The board of directors meets every second Tuesday of the month all year round at the same time and location. Any member of the SAGLSF is welcome to attend a board meeting. Any comments and concerns are welcome. For the latest newsletter and membership information, send a self addressed letter to the address above.

Our clubs purpose is as follows:

- 1.) To unite individuals interested in sport fishing in the Great Lakes.
- 2.) To promote educational programs in sport fishing and water safety.
- 3.) To exchange fishing information.
- 4.) To advance the quality of Great Lakes fishing and to assure pure fishing water, specifically in the Sheboygan area.

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