



# MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS

## THUMB CHAPTER

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### President's Message

April, 2019

Now that winter is over and the docks are starting to go in at all the local marinas I would like to wish everyone good luck and safe travels on the water. The new docks for the Harbor Beach city marina have been delivered and are currently being installed. There will be lots of upgrades going on at the marina this summer and next so patience may be necessary with the crews doing the work.

One project our club is taking on this year is updating the fish cleaning station at the Harbor Beach city marina. Kevin Ramsey and I recently met with city park and rec director Ron Wruble about some ideas for improvement. The first project was replacing the lighting on the inside of the building with new LED lights. That has been completed. The other projects that we plan to do this spring and summer will be fixing up the fish cleaning table by making a better screen on the drain end of the table so that it can be cleaned out and drained much easier. We are also looking into ways to make the cutting boards more sturdy. Ron is looking into getting a new sign for the new fish hanging board that will be going up and we are getting prices on concrete costs for the area around it. One last job will be painting the walls and floors of the building. If anyone would like to help with any of these projects please give Kevin Ramsey 989-550-9227 or myself 989-553-0972 a call.

The Harbor Beach Can2Can is Saturday, May 4th and is our biggest fundraiser. As always we are looking for volunteers. Walt Godzwon will be in charge of lining up people for doing boat checks and lining coolers up at the weigh in, please contact him if you are able to help. He can be reached at 810-404-5826. Phil Allen will again be setting the tents up and getting the stage ready for weigh in, he could always use extra hands and can be reached at 989-600-9179.

Our fish fry will again take place this year on Saturday May 18th at 7pm. Rick Emerick from Sandman's Grocery will be doing the cooking this year. We need a few people to show up early and help with set up and a few to stay after and help with clean up, please contact me if you would like to help.

Kevin Ramsey will once again head up the Veteran's outing. It will be held on Saturday, June 8th. For more information please contact Kevin. Some sad news is that after over 20 years the annual Pro King tournament ran by Phil Allen will not be going on this year. Phil was informed that the company had been sold and the new owners were not interested in continuing the event. The Okuma Dead Eye Challenge will be held on June 1st and is a very friendly and fun event that Vice President Brandon Stanton started 10 plus years ago. I highly recommend anyone looking for a fun walleye outing with a nice cook out afterward to look into this event. Contact Brandon Stanton 989-963-0215 for more info on this fun event.

Scott Stanke

Please welcome our newest members!

- Ken McCanham
- Daniel Nichols

### Upcoming Events

May 4th	Can2Can Fishing Tournament
May 16	Regular Meeting
May 18	Fish Fry @ Uibly Foxhunters

# 2019 Lake Huron Regional Fisheries Workshops



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**Local Workshop Sponsors and Contributors:**

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**Workshop Registration:**

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Program information or questions, contact:  
 Brandon Schroeder, Michigan Sea Grant  
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**Spring fishery workshops offer current research and information related to the status of the Lake Huron fishery**

Michigan Sea Grant and Michigan State University Extension, in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division, USGS Great Lakes Science Center, and local fishery organizations will be hosting four evening regional workshops across Lake Huron's coastline.

Open to the public, these workshops will provide valuable information for anglers, charter captains, resource professionals, and interested community members. Workshops will include information and status updates on topics such as fish populations and angler catch data, forage or prey fish surveys, offshore fisheries and native Lake Trout, status of Saginaw Bay Yellow Perch and Walleye, as well as updates on fisheries management activities, citizen science opportunities for anglers, and a variety of other Lake Huron topics of local interest.

**You are invited to participate!**

Four evening *Lake Huron Regional Fishery Workshops* (approx. 3 hours each) are open to the public at no cost. Workshop opportunities include:

**Port Huron**

Date: Thursday, April 11  
 Time: 6:00 — 9:00 p.m.  
 Location: Eagles Hall, 2645 Howard St., Port Huron, MI 48060

**Bay City (Saginaw Bay)**

Date: Tuesday, April 16  
 Time: 6:00 — 9:00 p.m.  
 Location: The Canteen Hall, Bay County Fairgrounds  
 800 Livingston St., Bay City, MI 48708

**Alpena**

Date: Thursday, April 25  
 Time: 6:00 — 9:00 p.m.  
 Location: NOAA Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center  
 500 W. Fletcher St., Alpena, MI 49707

**Cedarville**

Date: Tuesday, April 30  
 Time: 6:00 — 9:00 p.m.  
 Location: Clark Township Community Center  
 133 E. M-134, Cedarville, MI 49719

Workshop details are available online:

[www.miseagrant.unich.edu/explore/fisheries/fishery-workshops/](http://www.miseagrant.unich.edu/explore/fisheries/fishery-workshops/)

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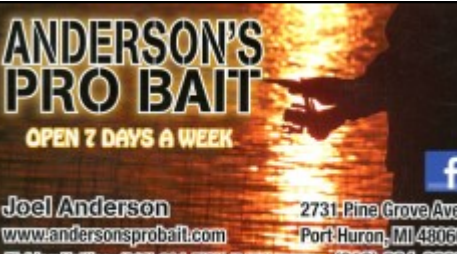
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April, 2019



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- Newsletter**– Aaron Pfaff
- Postcards**– Aaron Pfaff
- Avian predator control**–Walter Godzwon
- Fish fry**–
- Pig Roast Raffle**–
- Speaker Coordinator**– Ken Merckel / Brandon Stanton
- Raffle Table**–
- Vets Fishing day**– Kevin Ramsey
- Pig Roast**–
- Ladies Night**–
- Membership**– Walter Godzwon

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