



MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS

THUMB CHAPTER

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President's Message

July, 2021

7/29/2021

Wound Tight Wheelhouse

Hello fellow Steelheaders!

We are working our way through 2021 and have seen a great increase in Chapter events and participation in comparison to last year. It felt great to see so many boats out fishing during the Can2Can on May 1st. 51 boats in total entered the competition this spring, and local Steelheaders member Luke Gehring pulling off the win with 10 fish @ almost 66 pounds – Congrats Luke! A special thanks to Phil Allen, Walter Godzwon, and all of those who helped organize and make this year's tournament a success!

Later in May we hosted a fantastic guest speaker, Lance Valentine. Lance is a Charter Captain who targets wall-eye in Saginaw Bay and has spent much of his life fishing and teaching those around him. We had a blast at the presentation, which was filled with comic relief, off-the-wall tactics, and great company! My whole family enjoyed the show and took home plenty of tips, tricks, and ideas to improve our chances when on the water. Thanks to Board member Dan Gonzales for lining up the show and the entire family of Board member Bill Loss for their help throughout the meeting.

As summer neared, we were fortunate enough to start back up our Veterans Fishing Outing. On June 12th we met with 45 boat captains who donated their time to treat 111 Veterans to a wonderful day on the water. The weather was beautiful and the lake calmed down just enough from the night before to allow us out on Lake Huron. There were plenty of fish caught of different species, and even more smiles seen throughout the day. Thank you all who took the time to come out, Veterans and volunteers alike (some were both!). We are looking forward to next year already, so mark off June 11, 2022 on your calendars!

For our July meeting, Bruce DeShano and Nick DeShano from Off Shore Tackle Company came out and did a great job presenting. Members were very engaged and learned a ton of tips and tricks that they never knew Offshore products had offered. The pair are huge supporters of our local fisheries and are always willing to give back to the community organizations. Thank you Bruce and Nick for your great products over the years and the willingness to share your wealth of knowledge when it comes to fishing the Great Lakes!

As we move into August, we have even more excitement heading our way! For the August 19th meeting we will be holding a tackle swap event coupled with a Euchre tournament. This is going to be a great time to relax, chat about fishing (a.k.a. tell some lies...), and buy/sell some fishing equipment that has been collecting dust in the garage for years! We will provide hot dogs at the meeting, and please bring some friends along with your own beverages. The weekend following that we have our annual Pig Roast at the Harbor Beach VFW hall on August 22nd. We will eat at 2pm and draw the winners of the Pig Roast Raffle. Good luck to all who purchased and anyone who is able to sell more tickets please contact Board member Scott Stanke as there are plenty more to sell.

Kevin Ramsey, President



Top Left: Speakers Nick and Bruce DeShano from Off-shore Tackle sharing trolling tips and techniques.

Bottom Left: Speaker Lance Valentine discussing different trolling approaches for Saginaw Bay Walleye.

Right: Veterans Fishing Outing 2021

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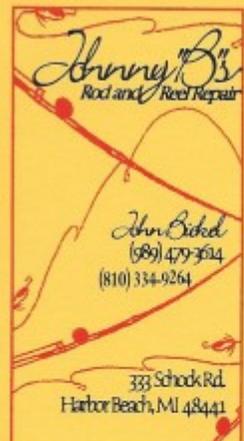
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Upcoming Events

- 8/19/21 Regular Meeting / Tackle Swap @ Ubyly Foxhunters. 7:30 PM
- 8/22/21 Pig Roast 2:00 PM @ Harbor Beach VFW
- 9/16/21 Regular Meeting 7:30 PM @ Ubyly Foxhunters

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