

# Fish Tales Newsletter

## Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen

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### Ride a Charter Boat Day Tuesday May 17 - 6:00 pm

#### Upcoming Club Events for 2011:

- Boat Rides 5/17/11
- Meeting 6/21/11
- Junior Derby 6/25/11
- Inter-club Contest 7/10/11
- Powder Puff 7/20/11
- Cobo Derby 8/13/11
- Meeting 9/20/11
- Meeting 10/18/11
- Meeting 11/15/11

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The Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen's club will again be sponsoring our 7th annual "Ride a Charter Boat Day". This years event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2011 and will take the place of our monthly general membership meeting. Charter captain club members will again be donating the use of their boats and time to provide free boat rides to the general public beginning at 6:00 pm. Our club will also provide free boat rides to area school children starting at 3:30 pm. This is a great opportunity to visit with area guides and club members, review how the boats are rigged for fishing, inspect tackle and equipment and ask all your fishing related questions. The Sheboygan Coast Guard and area commercial

fishermen have also been invited to attend this event. Club members will be grilling a variety of their special salmon recipes for you to try, as well as, smoked fish from the Wharf. The club will not be involved in a fish boil this year. Patti Zerger of the Longfellow School Fishing Club will be organizing a lunch for the school children and their families. Every year this event seems to draw more and more people to our boardwalk. At last years event our captains gave over 600 persons free boat rides up and down the Sheboygan River. Watch a short video of last years boat rides at our clubs website. Volunteers will again be needed to help with boarding and organization. Please volunteer this year by contacting Jim Schlegel at 920-918-2628.



Join the fun! Free boat rides & refreshments on the Boardwalk

### 2011 Club Fishing Contest - Big Fish Challenge

New for this years Club Fishing Contest is the "Big Fish Challenge". The contest will remain the same as prior years except that we will be awarding an additional grand prize of \$500 cash to one of the largest fish entered this season. The winner will be selected from a blind drawing of

entries during the clubs annual awards banquet held in February 2012. Our club decided to increase the prize money in hopes of adding some new club members. Now every day out fishing all summer long you can enter to win. Contest runs April 1 to October 31, 2011. Official contest rules,



details and standings board are posted on our club website.

## Renew your Club Membership now - Sign up Today!

The Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen club would like to thank all our members for their support and continuing membership. Our organization is one of the longest running sport fishing clubs around the



Great Lakes and was even awarded the National Wildlife club of the year for our many community projects. There are so many projects sponsored by our club membership that we would like to remind our membership of just a few that we were involved in over the years: We maintained the public fish rack and fish cleaning station, provided life rings and boxes, provide free boat rides to the public, hold an annual swap meet, awards banquet, fish contests, donations to maintain the local fish hatchery, informational website, sponsor DNR skills workshop, monthly meetings with

guest speakers, donate to kids Coho Derby, promote kids involvement in boating safety, fishing and education. Our club membership was also involved in making a major donation to help build the Kohler Andrea State Park fishing pond. New this year is the "Big Fish Challenge" added to our yearly fishing contest. We are very fortunate here in Sheboygan, having some of the best trout and salmon fishing in the world right at our doorstep. Please continue to help support our areas Great Lakes sport fishery by filling out the enclosed membership form. Thank you all for your support!

## Inter-Club Contest July 10, 2011 - Port Washington will Host

Coming up on Sunday, July 10, 2011 will be our Inter-Club contest with the Ozaukee club. This year it is being hosted by the Ozaukee club in Port Washington. You can fish in Sheboygan if you want to, but it is even more fun to fish at their port and hopefully keep the traveling trophy here in Sheboygan. If you fish in Sheboygan, you must register your fish at the Port Washington boat landing shelter by 12:00 noon. This is a contest that works for both large and small boats, so don't let your boat size prevent you from joining the fun. Contact Ken Mueller at 920-980-0993 or by email

at [kmskidog@att.net](mailto:kmskidog@att.net) for more details. The sign-up sheet is available at the Wharf and a complete set of rules are posted on our club web site. Cost to fish this contest is \$5.00 per person or \$18.00 per boat. The Sheboygan club currently has the traveling trophy from last years win and we would like to keep it here in town. The Port Washington club will provide a lunch for all participants entered in the contest. We had a good turn out last summer and would like to see the same amount of interest for this years fishing contest. Now is a good time to organize your fishing party and sign up today!



## New Club Brochure, Website & Facebook Page for 2011

Our club is sporting a brand new brochure, website and Facebook page for 2011. The brochure describes many of our club's activities and events and includes a membership form and photos. We plan to make these available at all our club events and many area tackle shops. The new website and Facebook page are now up and running. The new website was set up and designed by Bryan Gruenke and can

be updated and changed by any club member with a password. Anyone interested in volunteering for this project should contact Bryan to obtain details. All club information is available online such as our club fishing contests, rules, and standings board, club events, trap net locations, guest speakers, fishing reports as well as a variety of valuable information on Sheboygan fishing activities. Please



plan on visiting the website regularly for all the latest fishing updates at: [www.sheboyganfishingclub.com](http://www.sheboyganfishingclub.com)

## 2011 Sport Fishermen's Swap Meet - A Huge Success

The Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen's club held its 9th annual Sport Fishermen's Swap Meet and fundraiser on Saturday, March 26, 2011. Doors opened to the public at 9:00 am and ran until 1:00 pm. This years event was our best ever with over 40 vendor tables sold and a new record setting attendance. Thousands of items exchanged hands and many bargains were found. Many of the vendors also freed up a little extra room in their garage or basements. This event has always been a good fundraiser for our club and has had great support from all our membership. The club profited approximately \$1600 from this year's swap meet.

Tom Longrie has been the chairmen of this event for the past several years



and has done an outstanding job of hosting our annual swap meet. Please thank him next time you see him for a job well done. He is also looking for someone to handle this activity for next year and willing to assist in the transition. Please give Tom a call if interested at 920-457-6348. Thank you to all the vendors who participated, the volunteers who helped setup/take down tables, worked the sign in table, kitchen helpers and the raffle tables. A big thank you to Mike Mohr-Mohr Fishing Charters for donating the grand prize of a fishing trip, as well as, the other vendors who donated items for our raffle table. Thanks to all for another successful swap meet.

## Club Brochure Rack - Blue Harbor Resort

It's that time of year again to stock the brochure rack located in the lobby entrance of Blue Harbor Resort. This year it will be managed and stocked by club member Scott Cudworth who volunteered for the assignment. Only businesses that have contributed for a spot will be allowed in the rack, all others will be removed. You can stock the brochure rack yourself, or you can drop off your brochures at the Wharf and Scott will pick them up weekly to replenish the rack as needed. If you are interested in reserving a spot for your brochures, there is a one time fee of \$25, you must be a club member

and owner of the business and information must be fishing related. This has been a great opportunity for our club members to gain valuable exposure for their business to the tens of thousands of visitors who visit Blue Harbor Resort annually. Our club brochure detailing our organizations many events and activities will also be displayed in spots left empty. Our club will do its best to promote our great fishing resource and the many fishing opportunities we have here in Sheboygan. Contact Jim Schlegel if interested in more details about the clubs brochure rack at 920-918-2628.



## Awards Banquet - Sheboygan Yacht Club Feb. 5, 2011



The Banquet was held this year at the Sheboygan Yacht Club. We had good attendance of 79 members and guests.

Everyone had fun and all enjoyed the great food served. We tried a different location this year to get a different change of scenery. Brian Hoffman did a great job as the MC for the night. Our club made just under \$1000 profit that night. We would like thank all of our Donors and would like members to thank them as well. The food was great and we will try and do the same for next year. A big thank you goes to Grace Brown & Jennifer Cihak, the

chairpersons of this event, and all others that made our banquet a success.



## Presidents Report

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Hello Members:

Spring is here, so it is time to get the boat ready for another fishing season. Check all your reels and replace with new line where needed and sharpen your hooks. Also, don't forget to check the expiration dates on your flares and make sure your life jackets are in good shape. We want our fishermen to be safe on the water and in this regard, please remember that Channel 16 is the distress channel and should always be used in case of an emergency. Your ship-to-shore radio will alert the Coast Guard to your position fix on the water, as well as other boaters in your area. Remember, other boaters are required to respond to a distress call that is life threatening if they are near by. Your cell phone can be used if your radio is dead. Always call the Coast Guard directly (PH: 920-452-5115) not 911. Calling 911 would create delays, and these delays could cost you your life. Also, I recommend that all boaters carry a cable cutter on board at all times in case your cable gets caught on obstacles such as nets, buoys, shipwrecks or the lake bottom. Also make sure the cutters you have on hand can actually cut a downrigger cable. The gill nets are out in the water and are currently located south, southeast from the harbor in a depth of 55 to 120 feet. In the future, this information will also be posted on our website and at The Wharf and Anglers Avenue. Don't forget to register your winning fish for cash prizes in our club's fishing contest. I want to thank Nautilus Marine Electronics for a great presentation at our April meeting, as well as Glen Seger for a presentation on his trap nets. Our May meeting will take place at The Wharf along the boardwalk for our annual "Ride A Charter Boat" event. I want to wish everyone a successful and safe 2011 fishing season.

Sincerely,  
Russ Kleinert

## Gas Discounts Available at Marathon Station to Club Members

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The Marathon Gas station located at 905 Indiana Avenue is offering a discount to club members on fuel purchases. Members of the Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen club will receive a 3 cent discount per gallon if paid in cash or a 1 cent discount per gallon if a credit card is used. With the rising cost of gasoline this summer this is welcome news and should save our members a few dollars. Depending on how much fuel you use during the course of the fishing season, this could more than pay for your yearly club membership fee. All that is needed to receive your discount is to show your membership card when you are making your payment. Please note that in addition to gas, Marathon also carries a variety of snacks, sandwiches, coffee, cold beverages, ice, and bait. This is a great opportunity for our membership, so please consider the conveniently located Marathon station for all your fuel purchases. If you have any special requests for your boating needs feel free to contact the station directly at 920-452-5753.

## Trap Net Safety

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With the start of the 2011 fishing season upon us, it is time to review trap net safety. Every Lake Michigan boater and fisherman should be familiar with commercial trap nets. Trap net locations usually change throughout the season. Commercial trap nets are used all summer in depths between 75 and 150 feet in Lake Michigan waters of Wisconsin. However, between June 29<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day the nets are confined to the restricted areas. The best way for the commercial fisherman and the sport fisherman to coincide with one another is education. Trap nets are set perpendicular to shore with the mouth or inlet of the net facing the shoreline. They are marked with buoys so boaters are aware of the net locations. An orange, double flagged anchored buoy marks the beginning of the net while a black or dark flagged buoy marks the lake ward end of the net. Between the double orange flags and the black or dark colored flag is a single orange flagged buoy that represents where the pot of the net is located. Two wings come off the mouth of the net and are marked with orange buoys that extend up to 600 feet from the anchor. As seen in the diagram below, the net is completely marked. Boaters need to be aware of what the different colored buoys represent. When approaching buoys, the boater should give a 600 foot berth around the nets. Also note the overall length of the net can be up to 2500 feet. That's almost a half mile! Boaters should always have a pair or two of wire cutters on board in the unlikely event they would need to cut entangled lines or cables. Give the line or cable some slack then immediately cut it. It is dangerous to cut a line under tension. If a propeller were to get entangled, keep the bow of the boat heading into the waves and shut off you engines. Never get into the water to attempt to untangle lines or fishing gear. Lake Michigan is a big lake and it can be shared safely by all. All boaters need to have an understanding of how trap nets work, where they are located and how they are marked. Every boat should have two good pairs of wire cutters on board to use in case of entanglement. Education is the key to everyone having a safe and enjoyable time on the water. See diagrams pictured on the back cover of this newsletter. Additional information will be posted and updated on our web site throughout the summer fishing season.

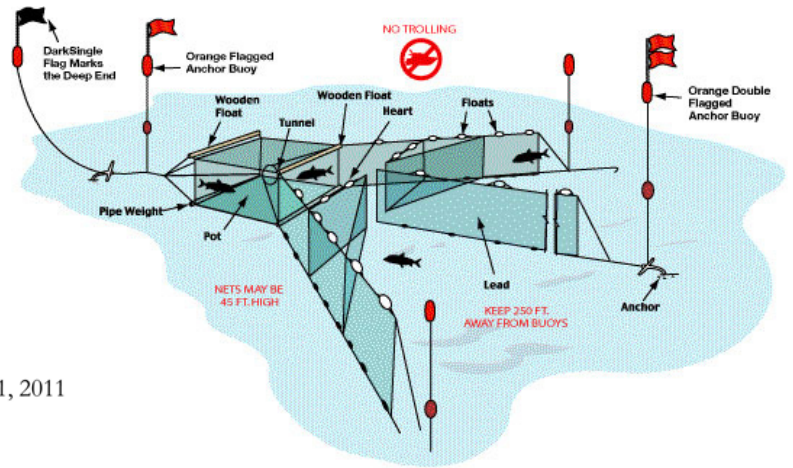
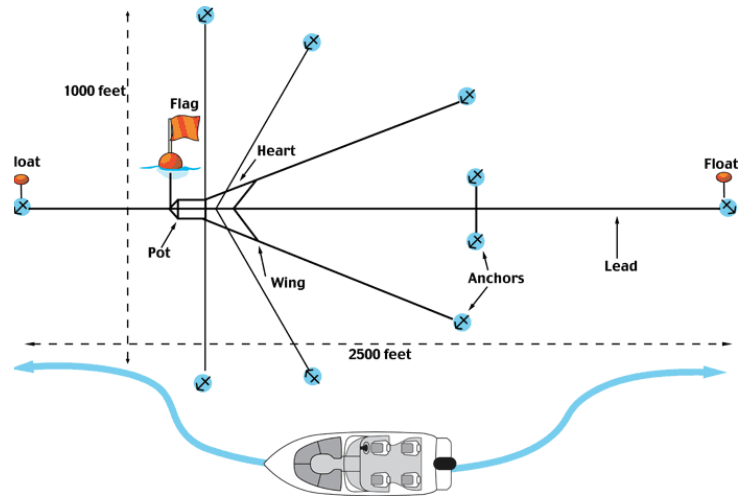


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## 2011 Calendar of Events

- Sheboygan's Big Fish Contest: January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011
- SAGLSF Membership Meeting: January 18, 2011
- SAGLSF Club Awards Banquet: February 5, 2011
- SAGLSF Membership Meeting: February 15, 2011
- SAGLSF Membership Meeting: March 15, 2011
- SAGLSF Fishing Swap Meet: March 26, 2011
- SAGLSF Membership Meeting: April 19, 2011
- SAGLSF Ride a Charter Boat: May 17, 2011
- SAGLSF Club Fishing Contest: April 1, 2011 to October 31, 2011
- Free Fishing Weekend, (no license required): June 4 & 5, 2011
- Sheboygan Salmon Cup Fishing Tournament: June 11 & 12, 2011
- SAGLSF Membership Meeting: June 21, 2011
- Juniors Coho Derby: June 25, 2011
- Ozaukee & Sheboygan Inter-Club Contest: July 10, 2011
- Women's Powder Puff Derby: July 20, 2011
- Riverfront Coho Derby: August 13 & 14, 2011
- SAGLSF Membership Meeting: September 20, 2011
- SAGLSF Membership Meeting: October 18, 2011
- SAGLSF Membership Meeting: November 15, 2011



Visit our club web site for current Sheboygan trap net locations at [www.sheboyganfishingclub.com](http://www.sheboyganfishingclub.com)