

Fish Tales Newsletter

Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen

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Ride a Charter Boat Day Tuesday May 19, 2015 6:00 pm

Upcoming Club Events for 2015:

- Boat Rides 5/19/15
- Free Fishing 6/6-7/15
- Junior Derby 6/27/15
- Interclub Contest 7/12/15
- Powder Puff 7/15/15
- Coho Derby 8/8-9/15
- Meeting 10/20/15
- Meeting 11/17/15
- Meeting 12/15/15

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The Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen's club will again be sponsoring our 11th annual "Ride a Charter Boat Day". This year's event is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2015 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. Boat rides will depart from the boardwalk at the Wharf. 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 at-

tend 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. Every year this event seems to draw more and more people to our boardwalk. At last year's event, our captains gave over 600 persons free boat rides up and down the Sheboygan River. Watch a short video of our past boat rides at our club's website. Volunteers will again be needed to help with boarding, life jackets and organization. Please consider volunteering for this event by contacting Jim Schlegel at 920-918-2628.



2015 Club Fishing Contest - Big Fish Challenge

The "Big Fish Challenge" is now underway. The contest will remain the same as prior years and again will be awarding a 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 club's annual awards banquet

held in February 2016. Fishing every day all summer long, you have a chance to win. Contest runs April 1 to October 31, 2015. Official contest rules and standings board are posted on our club website. Last year's \$500 winner was Andrew Sharpe with his 9.83 lb. Coho. Join the Great Lakes

2015 Big Fish Challenge

Catch a
\$500
Fish this Year

\$1,175 in Cash Prizes

Club today for your chance to win \$1175 in cash prizes.

Renew your Club Membership now for 2015 - 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

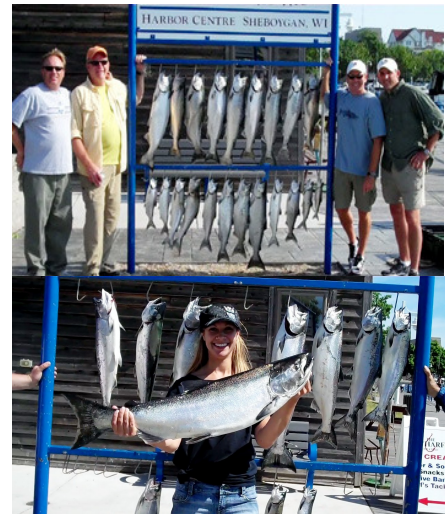
guest speakers, donate to kids Coho Derby, promote kids involvement in boating safety, fishing and education. Our club membership was also involved in making a major donation to help build the Kohler Andrea State Park fishing pond. We added the "Big Fish Challenge" to our yearly fishing contest. We are 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 continued support!

Inter-Club Contest July 12, 2015 - Sheboygan will Host

Sunday, July 12 2015 will be our Inter-Club contest with the Ozaukee fishing club. This year it is being hosted by our club right here in Sheboygan. 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



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 Port Washington fishing club currently has the traveling trophy from last year's win and we would like it back here in Sheboygan. Our fishing club will provide a lunch for all participants entered in the contest. We had a good turnout last summer and would like to see the same amount of interest for this year's fishing contest. Now is a good time to start organizing your fishing party and sign up today for this great event!



New Club Brochure, Website & Facebook Page for 2015

Our club is sporting a new brochure, website, video and Facebook page for 2015. The color brochure describes many of our club's activities and events and includes a membership form and photos. We have these available at all our club events and many area tackle shops. The website and Facebook page are up and running and a great source for the most current club information. The website is

maintained by Jim Schlegel, but can be updated and changed by any member interested in helping. All club information is available online such as our club fishing contests, rules, 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 and Facebook page regularly for all the latest



club fishing updates and the current club newsletter at:
www.sheboyganfishingclub.com

2015 Sport Fishermen's Swap Meet - Another Huge Success

The Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen's club held its 13th annual Sport Fishermen's Swap Meet and fundraiser on Saturday, March 21, 2015. Doors opened to the public at 9:00 am and ran until 1:00 pm. This year's event was our best ever with over 80 vendor tables sold and a new record-setting attendance. Thousands of items exchanged hands and many bargains were found. This event has always been a good fundraiser for our club and has had great support from all our membership and our fishing community. The club profited approximately \$1800 from this year's swap meet which will be used for some good area conservation projects.

Russ Kleinert was this year's chairman and did an outstanding job of hosting



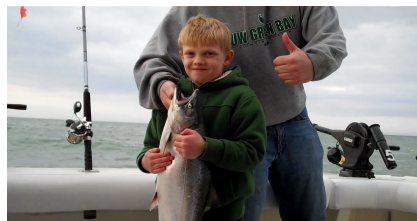
our annual swap meet. Please thank him for a well done job next time you see him. Thank you to all the vendors who participated, the volunteers who helped setup/take down tables, worked the sign-in table, 4H helpers and the kitchen staff. Thanks to all who joined us for another successful swap meet and looking forward to seeing everyone again next year.



Club Welcomes New Members this Year

The Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen club would like to welcome our new members for this season. Our club always benefits from new members with new ideas and an interest in our Great Lakes Sport Fishery here in Sheboygan. Please welcome the following who just recently joined our ranks this year: Keith Kaat from Elkhart Lake, Mike Ahrens from Sheboygan, Randy Mueller from Oostburg, Jason Schmidt from Sheboygan, Jesse Felbab from Sheboygan, Jim Klein from Oneida, Mark & Kate

Schmitz and children Zach, Tony, Lizzy and Conner from Sheboygan, Mark & LuAnn Ziegler and children Vanessa, Olivia, Austin and Landen from Sheboygan. Jeff & Sue Genac and children Lucas and Tony from Racine. Welcome aboard our crew!



Awards Banquet - Elks Club February 28, 2015

The clubs annual awards Banquet was again held this year at the Sheboygan Elks Club on Saturday February 28th. We had good attendance of 108 members and guests. Everyone had fun meeting with their fishing friends and enjoyed the great food served. Brian Hoffman as always did a great job as the MC for the evening. We would like to thank all of our raffle donors for their generosity by providing all the great prizes. Awards were presented for our club contest, Big Fish contest and membership participation.

A big thank you goes to chairman organizers Grace Brown, Amy Kretlow, Luke Hanson, Dean Arnsmeier, Jodie Arnsmeier and all the others that made our annual banquet another success. Congratulations to all of this year's trophy winners. Thanks for the following ten Sheboygan charter fishing businesses for the charter trip donation: High Roller, High Voltage, Intrepid, Sea Dog, Stars & Stripes, Wolf Pack, Mohr Fish, Reel Chaser, Schools Out and Head Hunter. We really appreciate all the support from

our membership, area businesses and the general public for recognizing the importance of our local sport fishery.



Presidents Report

Hello Club Members:

Spring has finally arrived and the time has come to get all boats ready for another fishing season. Always make sure your boat has the proper safety equipment on board and your motors are tuned up. It is also important that you always give someone your fishing trip plan so someone knows how long you will be on the water and when you are expected to return.

Thanks to all that participated in our off-season club events. We had a great turnout for our annual awards banquet. Congratulations to all the winners in our club contests and we would like to wish everyone the best of luck this season. We also had a record attendance at our swap meet. Many great bargains were found, and it was a good time to stock up on some new equipment to try out this summer. Thanks to all the guest speakers who presented some interesting topics for our membership during the winter months. I would especially like to thank the board members and our event volunteers' who donated their time and skills to make all of our events run smooth. Our fundraising events went well this winter so our club once again is able to make a number of Sheboygan fishing related donations. Our membership made an additional \$1000 contribution to the Junior Coho Derby. We have helped support this event for many years and hope to continue this partnership for our future fishermen. Additionally, our club donated another \$500 to the "Testing the Waters" high schools project sponsored by the Sheboygan Area River Basin Partnership. This is the second year we helped with this group. We also committed to repairing the sign located at the Deland Park fish cleaning station.

Our next event is our annual "Ride a Charter Boat Day" scheduled for 6:00 pm Tuesday May 19th. It's hard to believe our club has been doing this for the public for 11 years now. Free boat rides and a variety of salmon recipes will be available along the boardwalk originating from the Wharf. This is a great hands on event provided by the generosity of many of our club member charter captains and organized by Jim Schlegel. I hope everyone has a chance to participate. We will also be presenting our donation checks with the local media that evening. If weather permits, we plan to film the event with the use of a camera equipped drone.

During one of our recent club meetings, we had Jerry Fetterer as our speaker talking about bait rigs. Bait rigs have been used on the west coast for quite a while. Jerry indicated that he fishes with bait rigs on a regular basis, and emphasized that things have changed from the past, such as new colors, utilizing different flashers and methods. Jerry likes to use UV flashers and changes colors quite often. With some of the new meat rigs, you can also change the size and color of the bait holder head. Herring is the preferred bait, and the key is to store it in a brine mixture. The bait works best if it is stiff from the brine mixture, as the bait has to be bent slightly so it rolls when being trolled. Large flashers (11") are preferred. Some people prefer the spin doctors, while others like the standard flashers. Long leads behind both types of flashers should be used; 42" and longer from the flasher to the bait. Jerry has found that meat rigs catch fish when the bite is tough. Most tournament anglers pull at least one meat rig, which results in bigger fish being caught. Jeff Brown also showed us some new rigs that have interchangeable heads and colors. Jerry likes to pull them on divers or copper lines on boards. Downriggers are less effective. Thanks to Jerry for the lesson on bait rigs.

Hopefully, everyone will have better success in catching fish when utilizing Jerry's above referenced techniques.

Wishing everyone a great fishing season!

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Russ Kleinert



When fishing out of the Port of Sheboygan, be aware of the current locations of the commercial whitefish trap nets.

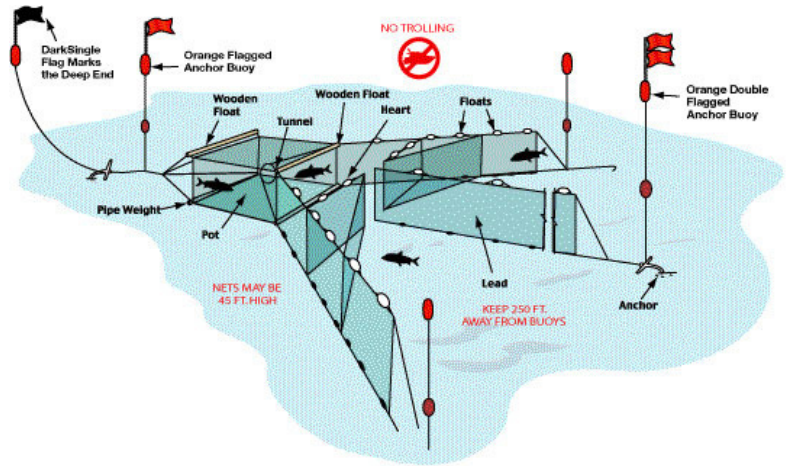
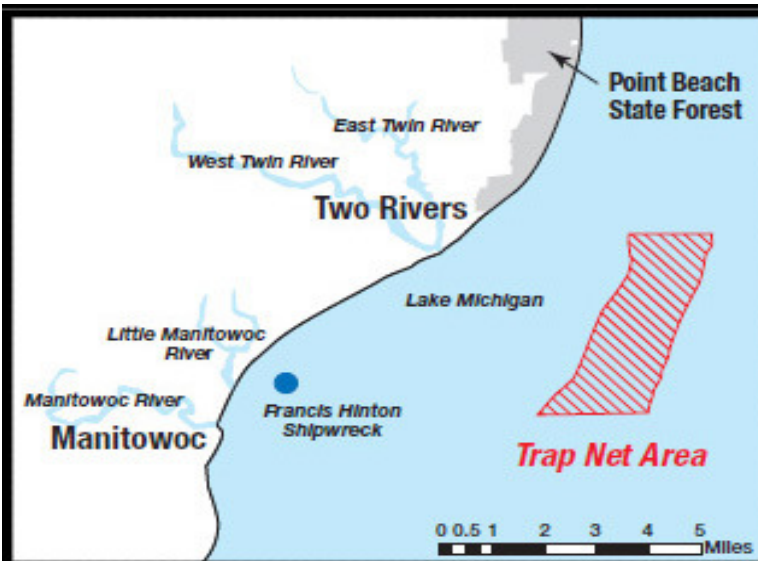
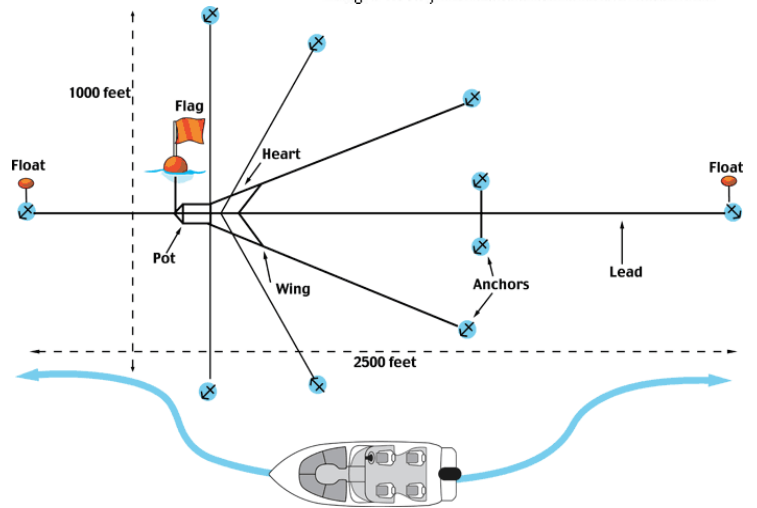


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The Two Rivers/Manitowoc trap net area is bounded on the north by 44° 8' 55" latitude and on the south by 44° 5' 33".



The Sheboygan trap net area is bounded on the north by 43° 40' 50" latitude and on the south by 43° 34' 39".

Visit our club web site for the most current Sheboygan trap net locations at www.sheboyganfishingclub.com

2015 Fish Net Pen Projects in WI - Per Email from Brad Eggold

We wanted to give you an update on net pen plans for 2015 (we are referring to pens used hold fish for more than 48 hours and/or rear & feed fish). There has been some recent information communicated to certain ports but we wanted to get some more details out to you. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has recently shared some results of the Coded Wire Tag (CWT) study or mass marking study with us. We have some very useful information that will help us with management decisions. There are a lot of details and we will be working on getting these results to you at various meetings and will put some information on our website soon. Relative to net pens, we have return rates for Chinook salmon based on where they were stocked in Lake Michigan and Huron. The general pattern is that Chinook salmon stocked in Wisconsin waters of Lake Michigan from Sturgeon Bay south to Kenosha County have very good survival and returns to the creel—this is very good news and means that current stocking techniques are working well and substantially contributing to the fishery (anglers are eventually catching the Wisconsin stocked chinook). Based on this information, we want to take a cautious approach to net pen use in Wisconsin.

Net Pen Study: Racine and Kewaunee angler groups will both be implementing net pens for Chinook salmon. These two rivers will be part of a research project to determine whether net pens increase returns or survival. All net pen fish in these two rivers will have the same coded wire tag batch code. The non-net pen fish for these rivers will be marked with a different batch code. When these fish return to the fishery and the weirs in those 2 rivers, we will be able to examine the tags to determine the ratios in which they are returning. If the net pen fish return at significantly higher rates than non-net pen fish, we can conclude that the pens are improving returns. If not, we will be able to conclude otherwise (either no effect or a negative effect). This research project is an essential step in determining what our future management should be—mainly, should we go forward with increased net pen use or not.

Stocking locations with a demonstrated return issue: Based on recent CWT results, chinook salmon stocked in both Menominee River and northern Door County are not surviving very well and not showing up in angler catches very well. These two locations are in clear need of a modification in management approach. Sport clubs will use net pens at both locations this spring. Hopefully, net pens will help survival and returns in northern Green Bay.

Other locations: Based on recent coded wire tag results, all other Wisconsin locations have demonstrated relatively high survival rates and are showing up in anglers' catches in many Lake Michigan locations. We do not know why Wisconsin stocked fish are surviving and returning at higher rates. In addition, we only have a few years' worth of coded wire tag return data. However, at this point we do not want to drastically alter our stocking strategies given they are currently working very well. Therefore, net pens projects at all other locations will be considered on a case-by-case basis. For example, a net pen project in Port Washington was already in development for Spring 2015 and will continue.

In summary, for the 2015 season, net pen projects will proceed in the Menominee River, Gills Rock, Kewaunee River, Port Washington and Racine. If you would like additional information or have further questions please contact Brad Eggold (Southern Lake Michigan), David Boyarski (Northern Lake Michigan), or Mike Donofrio (Green Bay). We would also be glad to chat with you or your club further about these topics and new results and/or other fisheries management topics—just let us know when would be a good time.

Junior Coho Derby Date Set for June 27, 2015. Sign up Now

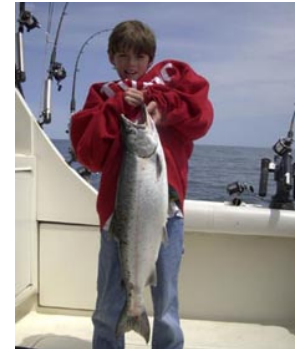
Now is the time to sign up for this year's Junior Coho Derby sponsored by the Wharf. This is a super event to give kids ages 7 to 15 exposure to our Lake Michigan salmon fishing. This event is designed as a learning experience to get kids involved in setting lines and rigging techniques for trolling on Lake Michigan. A maximum of 2 lines per child is allowed and 6 lines per boat. Event starts at 6:00 am and boats must be back at the dock at 12:30 pm. Lunch is provided to all participants of the derby and provided courtesy of Miesfeld's Meat Market. Our club also voted at our February meeting to contribute a cash donation of \$1000 for awards and prizes for the kids. All individuals are encouraged to contribute to this event. The Wharf is offering that anyone that contributes \$100 to the derby will receive a discount of 20% off "Jeff's Tackle" and 10% off all in store products this season. If you own a boat and would like to volunteer to take a few kids out fishing, we strongly encourage you to contact the Wharf as soon as possible at 920-458-4406. The more boats the more fun!



Big Fish Board Results - 2014

The following is a list of the largest documented fish caught out of the port of Sheboygan last season. Any angler is welcome to enter their fish on the "Sheboygan's Big Fish Board". You do not need to be a club member to register your catch. All fish must be caught in Sheboygan waters and the weight documented at either the Wharf or at a recognized local fishing tournament. A trophy will be awarded to all anglers at the end of the year and presented by the Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen Club. Awards will be presented at the club's banquet held in February. Best of luck this season!

<u>Species</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Angler</u>	<u>Boat</u>
Chinook Salmon	28.86 lbs	na	7/24/14	Trent Goldapske	Head Hunter
Coho Salmon	13.53 lbs	na	6/28/14	TJ Enders	Gold Stone
Rainbow Trout	17.22 lbs	na	9/21/14	Dawn Fitzmaurice	Sea Dog
Lake Trout	19.47 lbs	na	7/12/14	Eric Grittinger	Shore
Brown Trout	22.41 lbs	36"	6/07/14	Jeff Thorsor	Sea Dog



Club Fishing Contest Results - 2014

The Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen's club has been sponsoring a club fishing contest for more than 30 years. The following is a list of last year's results. You must be a club member to participate. The contest runs from April 1, 2015 to October 31, 2015. The adult division will be paying out cash for the top 3 places in all five Great Lakes species: 1st place - \$75, 2nd place - \$50, and 3rd place - \$25. The winner of the \$500 cash Big Fish Challenge will be drawn from the five members who have caught the biggest king, coho, rainbow, brown and lake trout. The blind drawing will be held at the club's annual awards banquet held in February 2016. The four other participants not selected will each receive \$75 cash. You must be a SAGLSF club member at least one day prior to registering a fish. A club member MUST have caught the fish. All fish registered must be caught on Lake Michigan or its tributaries. Official rules are posted on our club's web site. Congratulations to Andrew Sharpe, last season's \$500 Big Fish Challenge winner.

Adults' Chinook Salmon

A. Sharpe	28.69 lbs
J. Hemb	23.51 lbs
J. Repphun	21.80 lbs

Adults' Coho Salmon

A. Sharpe	9.83 lbs
J. Gruber Jr	9.15 lbs
N. Broetzmann	8.25 lbs

Adults' Rainbow Trout

R. Griessmeyer	17.10 lbs
K. Groh	13.81 lbs
D. Kalkopf	12.76 lbs

Adults' Lake Trout

A. Raasoch	18.72 lbs
M. Walsh	14.29 lbs
T. Felsing	14.23 lbs

Adults' Brown Trout

A. Pentek	17.65 lbs
D. Groh	14.24 lbs
J. Sharpe	12.26 lbs



Juniors' Chinook Salmon

A. Martin	22.57 lbs
M. Griessman	19.32 lbs
H. Martin	16.67 lbs

Juniors' Coho Salmon

A. Martin	7.02 lbs
L. Martin	9.87 lbs
Open	0.00 lbs

Juniors' Rainbow Trout

H. Martin	13.17 lbs
L. Martin	11.07 lbs
J. Buth	9.62 lbs

Juniors' Lake Trout

A. Martin	9.21 lbs
J. Buth	8.44 lbs
H. Martin	4.14 lbs

Juniors' Brown Trout

L. Martin	8.66 lbs
A. Martin	6.32 lbs
No Entry	0.00 lbs





**Sheboygan Area
Great Lakes Sport Fishermen**

Name _____		Annual Dues
Spouse _____		Family.....\$30.00
Children _____ Age _____		Husband & Wife.....\$25.00
Children _____ Age _____		Individual.....\$15.00
Children _____ Age _____		65 or older.....\$15.00
		Junior.....\$5.00
		New Member Fee.\$5.00

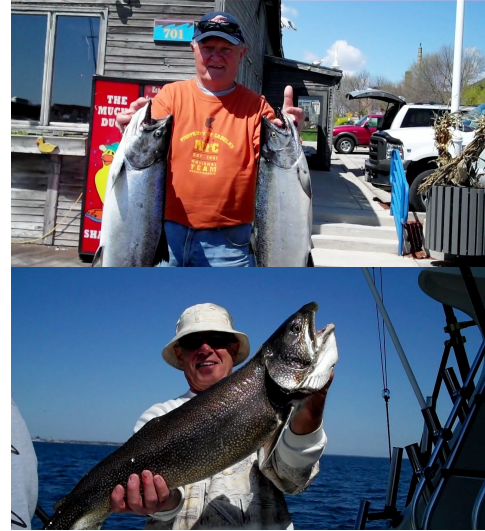
Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Boat Name _____

Email _____

Please fill out completely to update club records. Please have email correct and legible as newsletters will now be emailed. If you would like printed copies of the newsletter mailed to you, check here:



Club Donates \$500 to "Test the Waters Program"

Testing the Waters is a program for high school students that teach appreciation for the sciences, ecology, and the environment through hands-on experience. Area High Schools participate in two water testing days. One is performed in fall and the second in spring. After the spring testing day, the participating schools come together for a Spring Symposium. At the symposium, the schools analyze all their data and answer questions pertaining to the rivers tested. After a few years of diminished participation numbers due to limited funding, Testing the Waters is back in full force. This program has been in effect with Sheboygan County school districts over 11 years. Thankfully, with new partners such as Sheboygan River Basin Partnership, YMCA Camp Y-Koda, and Sheboygan Area Great Lakes Sport Fishermen, schools are once again able to participate in this exciting learning experience.

Participating Schools: South High, Kohler High, Random Lake High, Sheboygan Christian High, Plymouth High, Elkhart Lake High. As a Great Lakes club member, your participation makes this donation possible for our local high school students to get a good appreciation of our Sheboygan River, and it's water quality and inhabitants.

