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From the Helm

On January 17,2024 we held our annual organizational meeting for the MCSFA. Phil Sedelmaier and Brennen O'Keefe decided not to rerun and allowed Kevin Hughes, Austin Swaitlowski, and Tyler Reed to be elected to the board. During the organizational meeting, Kevin Hughes was elected President, Logan Skiera, vice president, and Michael Linke, Secretary /Treasurer.

Again, Lisa Froning has been our executive assistant for the past several years. She keeps the association running day to day, pays the bills, writes the newsletter, monitors membership, updates the web site, and many other functions. She has done a fantastic job for the association, but has decided to step down this year because of increased work load at her day job.... Luckily, she is staying on until after the Tri-Port in June and helping transition her replacement, Sherri Wehrmeister. We appreciate all that Lisa has done to enhance the organization and the mentoring of her replacement exemplifies her commitment to the MCSFA.

Next, 2023 was a banner year and the association continues to grow and stay fiscally solvent, which allows us to continue our mission, help and promote the sport fishery and tourism in Manistee County. One pleasant surprise was when we received a 5,000 check from the Manistee County Chamber of Commerce's 2023 leadership class. These funds are ear marked for Kid fish and will be used to help underwrite the event for years to come. Another area of growth has been the fun fish league. These outings happen throughout summer evenings and allow members to fish on different lakes in the county. Many species are caught and some are targeted for prize money that night. It is a great evening on the lake, and allows our members to experience the quality fishing that our inland lakes in the county exude.

Also, we have been very actively supporting the CPMR (Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources) and have allocated over 2000 dollars to assist in the legal fight to protect the fishery from overfishing by the use of gill nets. We also penned a letter to the NRC to confirm our support for the steelhead limit reduction on streams around the state. Our voices are also being heard as we have a seat at the Lake Michigan Citizens advisory council that meets biannually.

Finally, we are busy meeting monthly setting up all the events and activities in 2024. Please look at the upcoming schedule and get these dates in your 2024 calendar. Thanks for you continued membership and support and remember Manistee County has some of the best freshwater fishing in the world.... Let's keep it that way!

Captain Kevin Hughes - President, MCSFA

2024 MCSFA Events

Small Boat, Big Fish
Tournament
May 4th

Annual Spring Banquet
May 4th

Salmon Derby
Saturday, May 25
through
Monday,
September 2nd

Fun Fish
Wednesdays beginning
May 29 thru July 31

Kids Fish Day
Wednesday, June 19

Captain Fred's Ladies
Classic PRO/AM
Tournament
June 21st

Manistee Tri-Port
Challenge
PRO/AM Tournament
June 22nd & 23rd

Fun Fish

The 2024 Fun Fish season will see a slight change in number of events this year, we will be reducing the number of events down to 10. We have noticed over the last few years that once the kids start the fall sports seasons and preparation to go back to school our participation drops considerably.

This year we will again fish every Wednesday starting May 29 thru July 31, eliminating August. The schedule and locations are finalized, see below and make sure to follow us on Facebook where this information will be posted along with our on our website.

May	29	Manistee Lake	6 - 9pm
June	5	Bear Lake	6 - 9pm
	12	Manistee Lake	6 - 9pm
	19	Portage Lake	6 - 9pm
	26	Bear Lake	6 - 9pm
July	3	Manistee Lake	6 - 9pm
	10	Portage Lake	6 - 9pm
	17	Manistee Lake	6 - 9pm
	24	Portage Lake	6 - 9pm
	31	Tippy Pond	6 - 9pm

Reminder: 2023 payouts for Fun Fish BIG FISH will be cash payouts at the Spring Banquet on May 4.

Any questions call Logan Skiera (231) 233-3236.

Small Boat Big Fish Tournament

Manistee County Sport Fishing Association
Saturday, May 4, 2024

Back-up Date: May 5, 2023 (due to possible inclement weather on Saturday)
This is a Big Fish Tournament being held by the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association for ALL fishermen & women.

Boats must be from 14 to 23 feet in length. The entry is **\$50.00** per boat. At least one person on each boat must be a member of the MCSFA (Fun fish membership or any big lake membership).

Registration for the tournament can be completed from 6-6:30 PM on Friday at the Insta Launch Campground and Marina, OR Registration by mail or in person, must be received by MCSFA no later than Wednesday, May 1, 2024. Registration forms are available @ www.MCSFA.org.

There will be a Captains meeting following the final registration period at 6:45pm on Friday.

This is a one-day tournament beginning at 6:30 AM and concluding at 12 PM. The weather back-up date is Sunday, May 5, 2023. In the event both days are canceled, all entry fees will be refunded. In case of bad weather, a tournament committee of MCSFA officials will determine a GO/NO GO status at 6:30 AM or sooner and will make appropriate announcements on VHF channel 68 and by the MCSFA Facebook page. After that time, responsibility will be assumed by each captain for their boat and crew. In case of early termination, all fishing is to cease and all boats must return.

Fishing ends at 12 PM when all lines must be out of the water. It is a gentleman's agreement for each boat to have lines in by 12 PM. In the case of inclement weather or other unforeseen factors or conditions, three (3) hours of fishing will constitute a tournament.

All Michigan DNR rules and regulations apply to this tournament and there is a limit of 9 rods in the water at one time. Sliders may be used; however, you are limited to 1 per rod. The maximum slider length is 72 inches.

Fishing may occur in the waters of Lake Michigan from the West end of the stub pier of Manistee out into Lake Michigan (Michigan waters only). Tournament boats will stage near our just outside of the pier heads in Lake Michigan until the 6:30AM command begins fishing. All boats fishing must return to the same launch they departed from.

The weigh-in station will be located at Insta Launch Campground & Marina. Each boat may enter one fish only. Scales will be open for weighing in from 12:30 PM until 1:30 PM. It is the fishermen's responsibility to have their fish at the scales within the allotted time. Prizes and payouts to follow shortly after all fish have been weighed.

Payouts will be for at least the three biggest fish. 1st place is a **guaranteed \$1000.00 prize**. The number of entries to the tournament will determine any remaining prizes. In the event of a tie, the prize money for that place will be split and every place thereafter adjusted appropriately. A MCSFA member must weigh all fish. All fish weighed will require a signed affidavit that the fish was caught on your boat in accordance with the rules.

MCSFA officials will review all questions of concern or possible violations and their decisions will be final.

Questions should be referred to Michael Linke (231) 233-8191, or Logan Skiera (231) 233-3236.

Manistee County Sport Fishing Association
 Presents the:
Small Boat Big Fish Tournament
May 4th, 2023
*** Manistee ***
Register Today!

WAIVER OF LIABILITY: By signing this document, the person whose signature appears below acts as a representative of the team and agrees to the following:

1. I hereby release, discharge and waive all claims of any type against the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association, its officers, successors, assigns, employees, participating group and persons officially connected with this event from ANY AND ALL LIABILITY FOR ANY INJURY, LOSS, CLAIM OR DAMAGE OF ANY TYPE ARISING OUT OF RELATED TO OR CAUSED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS OR ANY EVENT, ACTIVITY, OR ACTION OCCURRING AT/OR DURING THIS OR ANY COMPETITION sanctioned by the Manistee County Sport Fishing Association.
2. I agree that I will abide by all tournament rules and will accept the decision of the tournament rules committee and agree that the decision of the tournament rules committee will be final and I will PURSUE NO ACTION contesting any decision of the rules committee.
3. I am fully qualified and have experience in events such as this.
4. I am of legal age and capacity (participants under the age of 18 must also have the signature of a parent or legal guardian).

I state that I have read this document in full and understand that I am giving up all rights to damages from injuries to me personally and/or my property, as well as giving up all rights to seek damages as a result of the tournament rules committee decision.

My signature appears voluntarily with full knowledge of the rights that I have under law. I fully understand and agree to the terms and conditions as set forth herein. I am under no disability legal, physical or mental, which impairs my ability to sign.

Boat Name: _____ Cell #: _____

Member's Name:

Address: _____

Member's email:

Return this form with payment by Wednesday, May 1, 2023, by mailing to MCSFA, PO Box 98, Manistee, MI 49660 or register from 6 – 6:30 PM at Insta Launch Campground & Marina on Friday, May 3, 2023.

Annual Membership Meeting and Spring Banquet

Manistee VFW Post - 28th Street - Manistee, Michigan
Saturday, May 4, 2024
Doors open at 5:00 pm
Cash Bar at 5:30 pm
Dinner 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Agenda

Payout for Salmon Derby - Paid in CASH
Payout for FUN FISH - Paid in CASH
Drawings
In-house raffle, door prizes, and more.
Make your reservation today!

RAFFLE Prize List

Mossberg Patriot 450 Bushmaster w/scope
Mossberg Patriot 350 Legend
Savage Axis XP 30-06 w/scope
Mossberg 500 12 gauge
Mossberg Patriot 270
Savage Axis XP 25-06 w/scope
Savage Axis Compact 7mm-08
Savage Axis Compact 6.5 Creedmoor
Savage Model 334 243
Savage Model 93 FV 22 Mag
Savage Model Mark II 22 LR

Dinner tickets — \$40 each-PAY ON LINE - Go to our website: www.mcsfa.org
OR — To reserve your dinner tickets, please mail your check to the
Manistee County Sport Fishing Association
PO Box 98
Manistee, MI 49660
Questions: 231-887-4474
Email: mcsfa98@gmail.com
www.mcsfa.org

The Manistee County Sport Fishing
Association depends on your support.
Please mail in your registration today. Your
application is enclosed.

THANK YOU.

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TO: