

FISHIN' LINE

Board of Directors

Pres: Kevin Hughes (26)
231-633-9631

V/P: Logan Skiera (27)
231- 233-3236

Sec/Trea: Michael Linke (27)
231-233-8191

Jan Burger (27)
810-499-5132

Lance Keene (25)
810-444-8114

Matt Protasiewicz (25)
517-896-3673

Zach Pietrasik (25)
231-794-9531

Austin Swiatlowski (26)
231-690-9418

Tyler Reed (26)
231-613-0168

From the Helm

On January 7, 2025, we held our annual organizational meeting for the MCSFA. The election results were tabulated and incumbents Jan Burger, Michael Linke, and Logan Skiera were reelected to the board. During the organizational meeting, Kevin Hughes was elected President, Logan Skiera Vice President and Michael Linke Secretary/Treasurer.

I am happy to report that our new executive assistant, Sherri Wehrmeister, has quickly learned her job and is excelling in her duties. This position is critical in the behind the scenes operations of billing, paying bills, updating membership, newsletter, updating web site and social media, and numerous other organizational details. On behalf of the board and membership I would like to thank her for her dedication to the MCSFA.

Next, 2025 was another record year, as the association continues to grow and stay fiscally solvent, which allows us to continue our mission, to help and promote the sport fishery and tourism in Manistee County. We have been getting tremendous support from many local businesses to help fund our events. The Small Boat Tournament, Spring Banquet, Fun Fish, Kids Fish, Derby, Captain Freds Ladies Classic, and Tri-Port Pro/Am are all being underwritten by local sponsors. We list these sponsors on our website, banners and tournament flags. Please thank these sponsors and solicit their businesses to show our appreciation for their support.

Again, the MCSFA has a seat at the table on The Lake Michigan Citizens Advisory Committee, CPMR (Collation to Protect Michigan Resources), Fisheries directors Fisheries Oversight Committee, and Manistee County Chamber of Commerce. Our representation on these boards allows the voices of you and fellow fishermen to be heard locally and throughout the state.

Finally, we're busy meeting monthly planning the events for 2025. Please look at the upcoming schedule and get these dates in your 2025 calendar. Thank you for your continued membership and support and remember Manistee County continues to have some of the best freshwater fishing in the world and our Mission is to keep it that way!

Captain Kevin Hughes, President, MCSFA

2025 MCSFA Events

Small Boat, Big Fish
Tournament
May 3rd

Annual Spring Banquet
May 3rd

Salmon Derby
Saturday, May 23rd
through
Monday,
September 1st

Fun Fish
Wednesdays beginning
May 28 thru July 30

Kids Fish Day
Wednesday, June 18

Captain Fred's Ladies
Classic PRO/AM
Tournament
June 20th

Manistee Tri-Port
Challenge
PRO/AM Tournament
June 21st & 22nd

Fun Fish

The 2025 Fun Fish season will see a few new fun themed events! We will continue to fish every Wednesday starting May 28th thru July 30th with a couple of these having a special theme.

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 28th	Portage Lake	6 - 9pm
June 4th	Bear Lake	6 - 9pm
11th	Manistee Lake	6 - 9pm
18th	Portage Lake	6 - 9pm
25th	Bear Lake	6 - 9pm
	(One Bait Wednesday)	
July 2nd	Manistee Lake	6 - 9pm
9th	Portage Lake	6 - 9pm
16th	Bear Lake	6 - 9pm
23rd	Portage Lake	6 - 9pm
	(Predator Pray Wednesday)	
30th	Manistee Lake	6 - 9pm

End of Year Classic

Location: TBD

Time: TBD

To qualify, each angler must make 80% of the Wednesday night Fun Fish nights. No entry fee, \$500 in prizes money and \$300 in tackle and prizes.

Reminder: 2024 payouts for Fun Fish BIG FISH will be cash payouts at the Spring Banquet on May 3rd.

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

Small Boat Big Fish Tournament
Manistee County Sport Fishing Association
Saturday, May 3, 2025

Back-up Date: May 4, 2025 (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 Manistee River RV Resort, OR Registration by mail or in person, must be received by MCSFA no later than Wednesday, April 30, 2025. 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 4, 2025. 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 Manistee River RV Resort. 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 3, 2025
*** 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: _____

Member's Social Security No. _____

Return this form with payment by Wednesday, April 30, 2025, by mailing to:
 MCSFA, PO Box 98, Manistee, MI 49660 or register from 6 – 6:30 PM at Manistee River RV Resort on Friday, May 2, 2025.

Annual Membership Meeting and Spring Banquet

Manistee VFW Post - 28th Street - Manistee, Michigan
Saturday, May 3, 2025
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!

GUN RAFFLE (\$10 each) Prize List

Browning Xbolt2 Hunter Maple AA DX NS 300win 26"
Browning Xbolt Speed OVIX MB 7mmRem 26" 3rd
Weatherby Vanguard Outfitter 308Win 24" TB
Weatherby Vanguard Outfitter 6.5Creed 24" TB
Weatherby Vanguard 2 270Win 24" TB Sporter
Winchester Arms XPR 270Wsm Combo 24" 3-9X40 Vortex
Weatherby Vanguard Obsidian 350Legend 20"

Dinner tickets \$40 each
Seating limited to 150, reservations are required
To reserve your dinner tickets:
ONLINE: go to our website: www.mcsfa.org
OR
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

MCSFA Membership Application

Please make checks payable to: MCSFA and mail to PO BOX 98, Manistee, MI 49660
To Complete Membership Application online visit www.mcsfa.org.

Member Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Boat Name: _____

Docked At: _____

Member Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email Address: _____

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

- _____ Non-Charter Boat Membership \$50.00
- _____ Fun Fish Membership \$30.00
- _____ Charter Boat Membership \$100.00
- _____ Website address: _____ Facebook: _____
- _____ Business Membership \$100.00
- _____ Website address: _____ Facebook: _____

(Note: Fun Fish Members are NOT eligible for the Salmon Derby.)

Membership (as indicated above) \$ _____

Spring Banquet Tickets (\$40.00 ea.) \$ _____

NOTE: RSVP is required.

Raffle Ticket (\$10.00 ea.) QTY _____ \$ _____

Stubs Are Mailed Separately

Donation \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Volunteers Needed! Please indicate the events at which you could be helpful.

_____ Kid Fish Day _____ Sell Raffle tickets _____ General help

_____ Ladies Classic Pro/Am _____ Manistee Tri-Port Pro/Am _____ Spring Banquet

_____ Weigh-in _____ Clean-up

_____ Yes, I would accept a nomination for a board seat.

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

THANK YOU.

MCSFA
PO Box 98
Manistee, MI 49660

TO: