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West, Anderson Boat Sales, Freeway Sport Center in Fenton, and Grand Pointe Marine in Lansing are among the biggest downstate dealers bringing more than 200 new fiberglass and aluminum fishing boats to the show. Other major dealers include Bee's Sports in St. Johns and Chapman's Boat Sales in Lapeer. The dealers will take the wraps off boat/motor/trailer packages designed for catching bass, walleye, steelhead, salmon, panfish and other popular Michigan species.

The fleet of new boats includes pontoons, offshore trolling craft, canoes and kayaks—more than 40 brands in all.

The huge show always occurs early in the new year when major boat and motor manufacturers announce their annual rebate programs, special discounts and other buying incentives. Factory experts will be on hand to answer technical questions and help anglers compare prices and features.

4 acres of fishing stuff

The Ultimate Fishing Show – Detroit offers 4 acres of boats, tackle, gear, and specialized fishing equipment, a veritable supermarket for buyers looking for new product selection and value. Frank's Great Outdoors, Lakeside Fishing Shop, KD Outdoors and other key Michigan retailers are among the 150 tackle exhibitors.

The dealers include traveling vendors from other markets, like Mik Lurch Tackle from Chicago and web-based Brett's Place on the Bay. Big Jon Sports in Traverse City is bringing a special display.

Many are one-of-a-kind makers of lures, tackle components and accessories. Anglers can choose from the plethora of brand names as well as customized, specialized gear that includes cutting-edge electronics, fishing-boat accessories, and the newest offerings in downriggers, rods, reels, nets, lines and other gear.

Because of its sheer size, the show attracts representatives from major manufacturers such as Stren, Berkley, Fenwick, Lowrance, Okuma, Shimano, Offshore Tackle and Bert's Custom Tackle.

Many guides, outfitters, lodges, charter fishing captains and other destination vendors have reserved space. "Outfitters Expo" is a show within the show that offers fishing and family vacations throughout Michigan, the Great Lakes, and Canada and beyond. Patrons can compare costs and services by speaking directly to lodge owners, fishing guides and even bush plane pilots.

New this year is the "Canada's Great Outdoors" section featuring Ontario-only outfitters, lodges and guides.

Angling instruction, free with admission
The nonstop seminars, which are free with admission, cover the latest tips and techniques for catching bass, walleye, salmon, steelhead, muskie, pike and panfish. Joining Kevin VanDam for bass seminars are several experts



For Sale

This 1998 Lund Tye Gran Sport has been used twice in the last two years. It sells complete with: 115 Horse Johnson, 9.9 4-Stroke Johnson, Minn Kota Auto Troller, Two live wells, anchors, four air cushion seats, am/fm radio, Lorance fish finder, new covers and trailer, and all safety equipment. Also included will be over \$1,000.00 worth of tackle. Down The Road for \$ 20,000. Call Gillett's Bait and Tackle 269-672-5371 and tell them The Fish and Game Finder magazine sent you.

Michigan's biggest fishing show is coming to Novi,

January 13 to 16 at Rock Financial Showplace

World's greatest angler, Kevin VanDam from Kalamazoo, to headline more than 75 seminars, all free with admission

NOVI — Want to catch the big one? Don't miss the **Ultimate Fishing Show – Detroit**, January 13 to 16 at Rock Financial Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue in Novi. It's Michigan's biggest all-fishing show, and it occurs in North America's largest freshwater angling market.

The world's best fisherman will be there. Last year Kevin VanDam won the coveted Bassmaster Classic championship for an unprecedented third time, repeating his stunning successes of 2001 and 2003. Since turning pro in 1992, the Kalamazoo native, 42, has now surpassed \$4.5 million in tournament earnings.

VanDam has carved time from a crowded schedule for exclusive appearances on Saturday to present his standing room-only seminars. The seminars are free with admission, along with more than 75 other presentations from many of America's top angling experts.

America's biggest angling supermarket

More than 400,000 licensed anglers live in southeastern Michigan, an hour's drive or less from the venue. Besides schooling up at Novi to "go to school," they come for the show season's best value on fishing boats and angling gear and to book angling adventures from the many professional guides, charterboat captains, lodges and outfitters.

on the National Bass Anglers Association. Other top speakers include Mark Martin, Mark Romanack, Lance Valentine and new speaker Marianne Huskey on walleye; Mike Pittiglio and Don Miller on muskie; Chip Cartwright on salmon; Bob Brunner on pike and muskie; and David Rose on panfish.

New specialty seminars include Mark Martin presentations on ice fishing.

Lake Ultimate, the ultimate in fishing seminars

Lake Ultimate, the nation's largest indoor lake with 110,000 gallons of water, holds big rainbow trout that speakers will try to catch using flyfishing, vertical jigging, boat control and precision casting from fully rigged boats. No other venue in North America offers an indoor lake this large for such real-time seminars.

Fee-based weekend Super Clinics for walleye and Great Lakes trolling are limited to 100 students each who can register right at the show. Registrants receive a free "goody bag" worth at least twice the typical \$25 instructional fee.

Colton Bay Outfitters in Ann Arbor will present free "hands-on" flyfishing and flytying demonstrations all four days of the show. A Shore Lunch Fish Fry occurs daily.

Appealing to anglers of all ages and persuasions

The show attracts anglers of all ages and levels of experience. The Trout Pond will have live rainbows for kids to catch, and they can try their skills on the Virtual Fishing Simulator. Members of the Michigan B.A.S.S Federation Nation will host a free, Casting Kids Contest on the weekend.

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Jim J. of Houghton Lake, bagged this fine 8 buck that weighed 132 pounds. He shot it on the Stonington Peninsula. Photo from Lyman's on the Lake.



Manistee, Baldwin, Bear Lake & Brethren

Paul at the **Lake Shore Motel** reports the Steelhead fishing was **still good at the end of November**, when Mother Nature would cooperate. In fact when I called up for a report he was out fishing. They were catching some nice fish right off their beach the pier and in the river. You can always stop by or call Paul at the Lake Shore Motel for the up to date (Honest) fishing report. They are located on lake Michigan and lots of times you can catch fish off the beach, right out your back door. Be sure you stay at the Lake Shore Motel when you are in the Manistee Area.

Don't forget, The Lake Shore Motel is conveniently located with a full view of Lake Michigan. They also have a fishing pier that is in walking distance. They have Clean rooms, fish cleaning with freezing, a housekeeping unit and a gift shop. They also have a clean cabin to sleep four with all the conveniences of home for rent. They even offer a Special Price Rates for us fishermen. You can call (231) 723-2667 for reservations.



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The group of antlers that was staying at Lake Shore Motel when they caught these fish sure had a great time.



Mt. Pleasant To Cadillac

By: Larry Sawicki

As of the 4th week of November, Greg from **Schafer's Bait & Sporting Goods** in Weidman, MI. (989-644-3501) reports not many fishermen out lately. Waiting for ice fishing. The main focus now is on hunting. Greg reports the deer herd looks good in the surrounding areas. Turkey hunting good. Not many rabbits seen. Either they're hiding or just not around as last year. For a current report call Greg.



Roscommon County & Houghton Lake

By: Larry Sawicki

Jack's Place, (989-275-4218) Serving quality food at reasonable prices. Specializing in both seafood and regular American food varieties. Delicious brick oven baked pizza available now.. Heading west on M-18 from Roscommon, past the Hiawatha Canoe rental is Jack's Place. Fresh fish flown in weekly from Alaska. 3-4 tons served annually. Friday, all you can eat cod for \$9.95 or ½ pound perch for \$9.50. Always fresh cole slaw. Meals served 'til closing time. A popular entertainment and dining center. See photos and story of Randy Hall's 'all alone' moose hunting expedition to Alaska.

As of the 4th week of November, **Lyman's Bait and Tackle (989-422-3231)** reports off shore fishing for pike using minnows good. Also night fishing for walleye good casting rapalas and other stick baits. Shanty rentals for ice fishing are going fast. Reserve your shanty now. There

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seems to be a very good herd of deer in the vicinity. For a current report call the store.

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Sherry of Southgate, caught this 18 inch walleye during the summer while fishing in Muddy Bay with a crawler. Photo courtesy of Lyman's on the Lake.

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 **Jordan Valley**
By: Pat Stewart

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FROM THE FISH
& GAME FINDER
MAGAZINE**

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Promotions and incentives galore


The first 500 attendees on Thursday and Friday receive a \$6.95 commemorative Dardevle fishing spoon, compliments of Eppinger Manufacturing in Dearborn. The first 500 patrons on Saturday and Sunday claim a free fish scaler from Carlisle Float Company.

Admission is free on Thursday for patrons who bring 6 cans/boxes or 4 pounds of non-perishable food items to donate to the annual Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger food drive.

It's the Ultimate Fishing Show – Detroit, and it comes only once each year. The 2010 dates again are January 13 to 16 at Rock Financial Showplace in Novi.

Show hours are Thursday, 2 to 9:30; Friday, Noon to 9:30; Saturday, 10 to 9; Sunday, 10 to 5. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$4 for children 6 to 14. There is no charge for children 5 and under. For more information, go to www.UltimateFishingShow.com or call 800-328-6550.

You can also follow late-breaking news and developments on Facebook and Twitter.

 **Northwest Michigan**
Inc. Traverse City & Buckley
By: Larry Sawicki

Get your bait & goodies at the Cherryland Grocery, Inc. (231-275-7755) on us #31 in Interlochen, a couple of miles down from the light. A gas station, grocery store, and a bait & tackle shop. Cherryland pride themselves with their home made plain and smoked sausage, hot dogs, jerky, subs and sandwiches. They do their own smoking. Beer, wine, liquor, groceries, deli sandwiches and tasty ice cream. Live bait, minnows, worms, etc. From the light on #31 at interlochen, the store is located about 4 miles west on the right at the 'green' BP station. ATM machine on premise. Hours: Mon-Thur 6:30-10, Fri 6:30-11, Sat 7-11, Sun 8-10.



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Mahayla, of Jackson, was fishing with nightcrawlers when she caught this 10 1/2 inch bluegill. Photo courtesy of Lyman's on the Lake.

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Dan Gettings with a nine pointer that has an inside spread of 18 inches. Photo from Franks in Morley.

 **Oakland, Livingston & Washtenaw Counties**
By: Gary Talarico

Flint & Frizzen (248-625-3333) is one of the last real gun businesses in this world of box stores. Bruce is a seasoned gunsmith with vast experience in antique, modern and muzzleloader guns. They have a complete supply of muzzleloading and black powder supplies. If you need work performed on one of your prized guns or maybe need just some sound advice, stop by and see Bruce.

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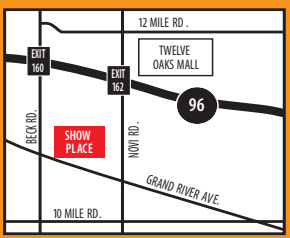
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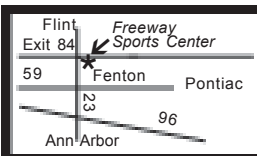
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