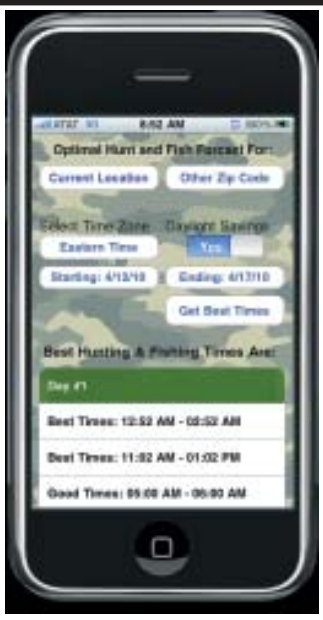


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Knowing How a Boat Handles Can Help Avoid Collisions

"I've been piloting boats since before I could walk!" Maybe so – but no matter how experienced you may be as a boater, it's worth paying attention to the handling characteristics of every boat you own or operate. Every boat – even boats of the same type, from the same manufacturer – handles differently.

Your own boat responds differently from day to day as a result of weather, current, temperature, load, and other factors.

The boater who ignores handling characteristics is risking his safety. Coast Guard data show that

"collision with another vessel" is the number one type of recreational boating accident; "collision with a fixed object" is second.

If you're interested in the technical factors that influence handling characteristics – things like side force, frictional wake current, and drag – a review of one of the many boat handling and seamanship publications, or the specifications supplied with your boat, will provide a wealth of useful information.

But in the meantime, there are simple steps that the U.S. Coast Guard recommends that every boater – including experienced boaters – go over as a matter of routine.

Drill It In

Whether you've been operating a particular boat for three years or three minutes, it's a good idea to try some drills related to boat handling. Pick an open area on a calm day. Practice turning, stopping, and reversing course at various speeds, and pay attention to your turning radius, stopping distance, and maneuverability when the boat has

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Captain Nate Suhr and his fellow Battle Creek Steelheaders brought in this Limit catch of Kings to Tackle Haven which they caught out of the port of St Joseph on April 23, 2011. Photo courtesy of Tackle Haven.

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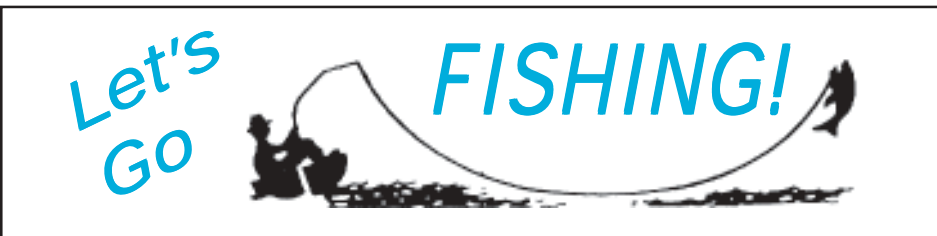
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**Hillman & Fletcher's
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 By: Pat Stewart

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more or less momentum.

Later, try the same drills in rougher water, with more wind, and with more or less weight in the boat.

You may be surprised how much these variables can change the way your boat handles. At a minimum, these drills should be conducted on an annual basis, especially if you live in an area of the country where your boat is stored during the winter. Once your boat has been launched for the summer boating season, take some time to reacquaint yourself with your vessel's handling characteristics.

A Weighty Issue

Do you know how much you weigh? Not trying to ask personal questions – but as the boat owner or operator, it's important that you know the total weight of the equipment and persons you bring on board, and make sure that it's within the limits listed on your boat's capacity plate (if one is provided). You must take into consideration everything you've taken on board, such as fishing



Tawas, Oscoda & Mio Area Report
By: Larry Sawicki

Walleye fishing on Tawas Bay has been fair/good. Jiggging minnows along the weed beds in front of Jerry's Marina has been the latest hot spot. Steelhead fishing on the lower AuSable River from Foote site to Oscoda has been heating up. Many nice chrome steelies have been caught drifting spawn/wax worm below Foote Dam. Hot shotting with Willy Worms working well in the lower portion targeting the deeper holes. For a current fishing report or charter information call Capt. Gene at Calypso Charters 989-739-2313.

Steelhead fishing on the lower AuSable River has been heating up. Hot Shotting with Willy Worms and Wiggle Warts in the deeper holes has produced many large Steelies. Walleye fishing at the river mouth has been fair/good. Casting # 13 Husky Rapalas working best. Walleye fishing on Tawas Bay has been fair and should be improving with warmer weather. Trolling body baits along the drop off working best. May 7th, 2011, is the 4th Annual Tawas City Fire Department Walleye Tournament. Open to the public. For more information contact Dean Ulman 989-305-5880. For current fishing report or charter information contact Capt. Gene Kirvan at Calypso Charters, 989-739-2313.

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NOAA News is Good News

Finally, check the weather before you go out – and not just to find out whether or not you'll need a sweater. Wind and waves, in particular, can drastically change a boat's handling characteristics. Take a few minutes to listen to

the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) marine forecast on your VHF radio, even if it's currently bright and sunny. You'll be much better off making the conscious decision not to pilot your boat in 30-mile-per-hour winds than accidentally finding out you're incapable of it. For further information on NOAA, check out <http://www.noaa.gov>.

Yes, you may be an experienced boater, but even if you were born with tiller in hand, it's worth taking a little extra time to make sure you've mastered the handling of *this* boat on *this* day under *these* conditions.

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Walleye and steelhead are doing well. Turkeys are abundant and should make for some great hunting this spring.

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Southwest & South Central Michigan
 By: Dave Schroeder

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Coho's are still biting but lets face it... Spring Kings are NOW being caught! Winds have been blowing and rain has falling and it seems that we have been deprived of a full week of fishing. BUT, Fish still seem to be biting and we are hopefully back to catching limits of Spring Fish. All we can hope for is fair weather and light winds and calm seas.

What a way to kick off the Spring Fishing season here out of St Joseph and Benton Harbor. Fishermen are still taking limit catches of Coho

Salmon trolling on the lake. Pier fishing remains a bit slow but a few Coho and also a few Spring Kings have been caught.

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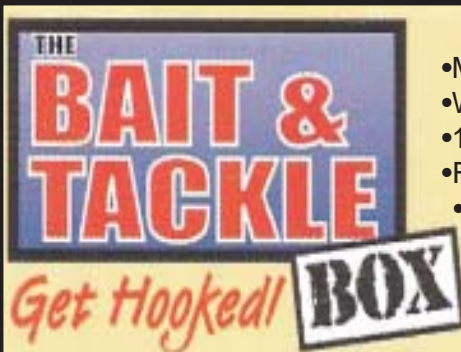
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Lake Erie/Downriver

By: Donna Marie

With our June issue, we'll give you the most important stuff first: Beginning May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012, the daily possession limit for walleye in the Michigan waters of Lake Erie will be six (6) walleye.

As we told you last month, there's a new kid on the block. Dave at **The Bait & Tackle Box (734) 301-3281** in Trenton has been doing a great job creating "regular" customers with his weekend specials and his 10% military discount for our troops. For May, June and July, every \$15.00 spent earns you an entry for a rod & reel giveaway each month. Also continuing until June 1st, the largest walleye caught wins a free mount from Murphy's Taxidermy in Howell. You can pick up a free entry at the store.

Because Lake Erie is known as the walleye capital of the world, many anglers travel from



John Haut used preserved shads to catch this "just-over-20-pound" carp at the Hot Hole by Edison in April 2011. The photo is courtesy of Jeff's Bait & Tackle.

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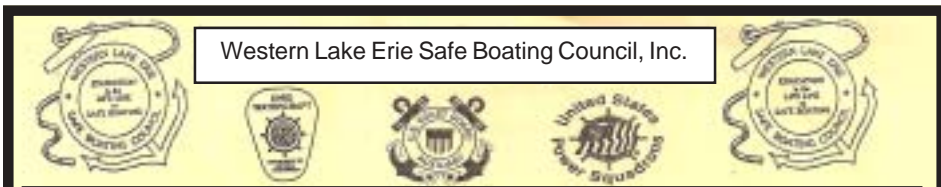
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Paul at **The Lake Shore Motel** reports the fishing was going strong at the end of April. Some nice Steelheads were being taken in the Big River. The Walleyes were hitting off the Wall. By the time you read this the Brown Trout will still be going strong. Pulling planner boards off the beach area is always a good producer for catching Brown Trout. The King Salmon will be hitting thru the end of May. If that's not enough the Lakers and Perch fishing will also be going strong. Life is good when you are lucky enough to spend your time fishing Lake Michigan in the Manistee Area.

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Mt. Pleasant To Cadillac

By: Larry Sawicki

As of the 4th week of April, Greg from **Schafer's Bait & Sporting Goods** in Weidman, MI. (989-644-3501) reports ice is all gone. Bad weather along with winds has kept fishermen of lakes lately. Once the weather clears local lake will be producing good bluegill and crappie fishing. Greg reported a great number of turkeys observed in the area. For a current report call Greg.



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Jordan Valley

By: Pat Stewart

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Roscommon County & Houghton Lake

By: Larry Sawicki

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By: Gary Talarico

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Curtis & The Manistique Area

By: Gary Talarico

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Tony's Whitefish Inn in Curtis sits on the shores of South Manistique Lake next to one of the best snowmobile trail systems in the Midwest. They offer a full menu and bar that features "the best pizza in the U.P." and a Friday night fish fry that offers perch, walleye or whitefish. For your convenience free wireless internet is always on. Next time you find yourself in the Curtis area Tony's Whitefish Inn would be a great choice to warm up, quench your thirst and fill your belly with good eats.

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Wow, Don King was fishing out of East Jordan on the South arm of Lake Charlevoix when he caught this 17 ½ pound, 9 ounce northern. Photo courtesy of Tom's Bait & Tackle.



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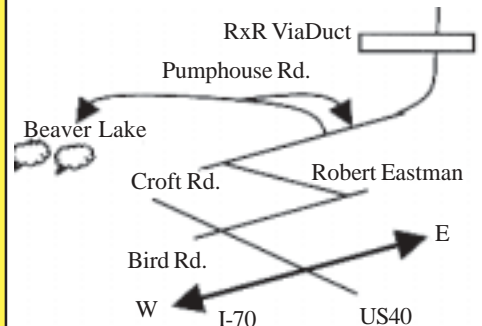
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Danville Report

by John Ashbaugh

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By the time you read this the Spring crappie, bluegill, catfish, and wiper bite will be going strong. Lots of BIG PIKE and TROUT can also be caught in the local rivers. Stop by Mifflin Lakes Trading Post for the up to date fishing report and all your fishing, camping or picnic supplies.



Mt. Vernon Area Report

by John Ashbaugh

Rick's Sporting Goods is located at 1326 Newark Road on the south end of Mount Vernon. They have become the premier sporting goods store for all your fishing and hunting supplies in the Mt Vernon area.

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This is a sample of the quality fishing waiting for you at Charles Mill Reservoir. Photo by Mifflin lakes Trading Post.



Knox County is known for its BIG Morels, but this one is crazy. For some reason this Happy Mushroom Hunter is keeping quite about his hot spot. Photo by Danville Outdoors.

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Knox Lake Area Report

by John Ashbaugh

Grandpa's Tacklebox & Marina is located on the south side of Knox Lake, just east of Fredericktown. They have rental fishing and pontoon boats. They also carry all types of live bait. Dave Hatley is the owner and he will make sure that you have an enjoyable day at the lake. They are located by the fishing pier. Grandpa's also carries a good assortment of tackle, pop, snacks and they can put you into the best fishing areas. Spring fishing will produce lots of crappies, BASS, catfish and bullheads. Best of all they are open from 7a.m. till 7p.m.. The crappies were running 9" to 11" and the large mouth bass fishing were all going strong at the beginning of May. **NEW FOR 2011 Grandpa's Tacklebox & Marina now has a 24 hour live bait machine.** This great addition has not only night crawlers but also live minnows, leeches, wax worms and more. It also has tackle and cold pop. Now if you need bait and Grandpa's isn't open, you can still get your live bait.

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Rohr's Lake

by John Ashbaugh

Rohr's Pay Lake is located south of St. Rt. 224 and west of Nova, Ohio. Just follow the signs. They are stocked with big bluecats, channel cats, bass, Panfish, and rainbow trout. My son, Shawn and I have had the fun of fishing at Rohr's Lake. It is a beautiful lake stocked full of delicious fish. We had a fantastic day of fishing. If you are looking for a clean, well shaded campground that over looks a beautiful lake, you are looking for Rohr's. Be sure you check them out soon. **Rohr's Pay Lake IS NOW OPEN FOR 2011.** Grab the kids and head to Rohr's for a FUN day of fishing.

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Up-To-Date Fishing Report

Mogadore Area Report

Brimfield Bait and Tackle is conveniently located on the corner of state Rt. 43 & Tallmadge rd. One quarter mile south of I 76, with 8 motels and plenty of restaurants nearby. We buy and sell new and used tackle, the freshest bait around. Including minnows, shiners & leeches. Well winter is over and the first fishing reports are really good. Mogadore res. just down the road is living up to it's reputation as one of the best crappie fishing lakes in the state. Wingfoot lake (formerly private) is now owned by the state. It's just about two miles south on 43. Now we must say its almost virgin waters has a huge variety of really big fish. So stop in and ask for Justin" cuz he knows where all the hot spots are".



Tyler Bates caught this 19 1/2" 3 1/2 lb. S.M. Bass on March 21st, 2011 at Berlin Lake. Photo by A & C Fish 'n' Game.

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Try the the humps and breaks north and south of the 224 causeway. Crappie will be strong in May, bucktails, twisters, and tubes or a bobber and minnow fished in down trees, docks, and bridge pilings will produce nice slabs. Don't forget May 7th and 8th are free fishing days in Ohio, no license required! **A&C is on facebook, acbaitntackle check us out!** Stop in or call 330- 519 -6668 for the best reports on Berlin Lake.

Berlin Report

A & C Fish 'n' Game is your 1 stop fishing shop for the Berlin Area. They are conveniently located on the east side of the lake on St. Rt. 224, at Bedell Road. They have plenty of parking and room for cars and trucks pulling boats.



Jodi Smallwood is shown with This TROPHY L.M. Bass she caught. Photo by Hookers Only Bait & Tackle.



West Branch Area Report

Hookers Only Bait & Tackle reports that Spring is slowly coming and the water is warming up and its pushing the Crappie into the shallow water. The Crappie are staying outside the brush in 5'-9' of water. Green and white jigs along with pink and white jigs tipped with a small minnow have been working best. You can jig it vertical or twitch it under a float. Muskie fishing is very good right now on the west end of the lake trolling in 8'-12' around 3.5 mph. Shad colors and Fire Tiger have proven to be very successful. Walleye have been hitting on the east end of the lake by the dam drifting worm harnesses and chartreuse jigs also tipped with a night crawler.



Mosquito Lake

Causeway Sporting Goods is located on the east side of the causeway. Linda has boat rentals and boat and motor rentals. Causeway Sporting Goods has the areas largest selection of walleye trolling lures. They also have a boat ramp, carry-out beer, snacks, live bait, and ice. They are definitely your one stop fishing shop at Mosquito Lake. By the time you read this the Spring bite should be starting. **Flash**—Linda reports the end of April was still producing LOT'S of Walleyes and Crappies. **This WILL BE another great year for catching Walleyes and Crappies at Mosquito Lake.**

Linda at **Monty's Mosquito Lake Carryout** reports fishing should really be heating up by the time you read this. Lots of walleyes and crappies are caught each spring. Monty's has everything that you need from a great breakfast to delicious

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On the West Side of the Causeway



Josh had a GREAT day of Walleye fishing on 3-29-11 at Mosquito Lake. He was fishing Rapalalas. Photo by Causeway Sporting Goods.



Russ & Josh caught 10 Walleyes on 3-23-11 while fishing the North Side at Mosquito Lake. Photo by Causeway Sporting Goods.

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Allen & Nathan Kline had a GREAT day of Walleye fishing on the North Side at Mosquito Lake on 4-10-11. Photo by Causeway Sporting Goods.

broasted chicken. They also have a complete bait and tackle shop. Stop by Monty's for all your fishing supplies and live bait.

Don't forget Monty's is also a deer and turkey check station.

Be sure you plan on eating a great breakfast or a hot lunch when you go fishing this year at Mosquito Lake.

Don't forget, the Spring crappie and walleye fishing at Mosquito Lake can't be beat.



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