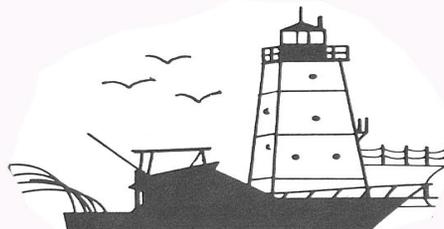


Ludington Charterboat



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The 2015 season is behind us. Our boats are patiently sleeping in anticipation of another successful season on the lake. We do not have the numbers of chinook we have had in the past but having them to fish for in our region is something to be thankful for. The mild Winter should mean a good growth and survival rate for the successful hatch of Alewives we had in the Spring. Ludington anglers were reporting steelhead catches in October that were full of baby Alewives.

The chinook salmon run in the Pere Marquette River was the worst one on record to my knowledge. I think a lot of it had to do with the second highest water in history we had 3 springs ago. The high water was after the fry had hatched in April. The river was way up into the woods and dropped, therefore leaving a lot of the fry with no way to get to the main river. I witnessed this when fishing in late April and could see swarms of fry stuck in puddles in the woods. Of course not all chinook spawn at 3.5 years of age (they are supposed to be 4.5 year olds) but research has shown that many do spawn at 3.5 years.

We are looking forward to the upcoming Brown Trout Season of 2016. By the way Winter is looking we may actually get our boats in by April 15th or before in 2016.

Brown trout plantings in Ludington were up from 56,000 in 2014 to 61,600 in 2015. Mark Tonello stated they were both mixed plants of Sturgeon River and Wild Rose Brown trout strains. He explained the benefits of having both of them and that the Sturgeon River Strain was likely to enter the river in the Fall to hopefully spawn and naturally reproduce.



"It is impossible to grow weary of a sport that is never the same on any two days of the year."

Theodore Gordon

Reminder that Ludington Regional fishery workshop Saturday January 9th 2016 at 8 am is now at West Shore Community College. We will host a meeting at 3 pm after the workshop.



Spring Kings will be here before we know it.



It is nice to mention to your guests that the following restaurants in Ludington participate in Catch and Cook– most everyone who takes their fish in to have prepared enjoys the “whole fishing experience” Make sure you register for it and read the regulations.

Scotties

PM Steamers

Blu Moon

Net pens

We need volunteers for: Net pen set up, fish stocking and removal of the pens. Please email captshane78@gmail.com if you can help- the dates in April that are not set yet.

Sponsor Day 2016

Will be on Tuesday July 12, anyone willing to take a crew of our supporting members contact Shawn Pomorski (231)690-3389

Tournament Dates 2016

Ludington Offshore Classic

July 16th – 17th, 2016

Manistee Salmon Splash

July 23rd – 24th, 2016



A nice lake trout from offshore

Keep an eye out for your 2016 renewal invoice or pay it online at www.ludingtonsalmon.com and please direct possible new members to our site.

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Fish on for Freedom

The inaugural Fish on for Freedom event that took place late this past June, was well received by our participating captains and mates, the honored veterans, and our loving community. The 2015 event featured 15 boats from our local charter boat community, and if it has not been said enough, thank you for helping us perform the task of showing our appreciation. The event showed gratitude to the men and women of the armed services that have risked their lives to protect our wonderful home. All of the vessels were able to catch some fish so that all of the veterans were able to take home some fish.

On a personal note, for me it was the best day I have ever had on the water. The fishing was typical for late June; the day was far more than the coolers of fish. The day just felt right on the lake, I knew what I was doing for our veterans was being supported. I did not expect the amount of support from our community as I witnessed from outside the harbor. I was overwhelmed, it felt great to have such a strong feeling of pride, to know that for one day I was able to show our protectors how grateful we are. As the fleet returned to port there was hundreds of flags of all sizes, people singing patriotic songs, and even a helicopter escort in. All of which drew up some strong emotions from a group of exceptional people.

The 2016 event is going to take place on June 24th. Fish on for Freedom is looking to expand its fleet to 25 boats this year, with the hope of entertaining 100 veterans. If anyone is interested in participating in this event, they can do so by going to the Fish on for Freedom website. Fish on for Freedom has started to accept applications from both sponsors and participants for the 2016 event. Myself or Adam Knudsen (231) 510-7010 can be contacted by anybody that would like to donate their vessel and expertise to tell a group of veterans thank you for keeping our home safe.

Thank You,

Capt. Shawn Pomorski (231) 690-3389