Ludington Charter Boat Association Net Alert !

May 24, 2014 Net Alert.

At this time no one is operating a trap net fishing operation in the Ludington area, however the six nets listed below are still in the local waters. The net positions listed below represent the most likely net locations at this time.
This net alert is based on information provided to the Association from DNR net patrols.
Please watch the net report for changes and updates as they are reported to the Association over time.
Due the fact that the nets have not been maintained since august 2013, and the severe winter, the nets are not properly marked at this time. The MDNR and hired contractors are currently attempting to locate and remove all the nets, but are having difficulty locating the remaining nets. The nets may have been dislodged or destroyed by the severe winter.
The normal net marking flags and buoys are not in place at this time for any of the remaining nets.
Due to wind, currents, the non-working of the nets, and the severe winter, locations may vary by large distances.
Boaters and fishermen should exercise extreme caution when in the vicinity of the listed nets.
Divers line and other long lines can be far to either side from the boat due to currents, resulting in net entanglement. Lines caught by the net gear will be lost.
It is best to give the possible net locations a wide berth. (1500 ' is suggested.)
Nets are listed from South to North. This list is the best possible list of nets in the Ludington vicinity.

Anyone encountering any loose line or any other possible net related gear are urged to call the RAP line immediately as there are active efforts under way at this time to locate and remove all remaining nets.

Additional information will be added when/if it can be learned. All nets stand 30' up from the bottom when fishing.
None of the nets remaining in the water are actively fishing at this time.

Net	Type of Staff	Latitude	Longitude	Depth
1	King Anchor Staff (West)	43° 51. 094	086° 30. 659	131
	Pot Staff (Middle)	43° 51. 213	086° 30. 935	120
	Inside Staff (East)	43° 51. 280	086° 30. 318	114
2	King Anchor Staff (West)	43° 51. 794	086° 28. 300	62
	Pot Staff (Middle)	43° 51. 905	086° 28. 111	60
	Inside Staff (East)	43° 52. 006	086° 27. 822	52
3	King Anchor Staff (West)	43°52.582	086°28.395	62
	Pot Staff (Middle)	43°52.634	086°28.319	53
	Inside Staff (East)	43°52.781	086°28.000	43
4	King Anchor Staff (West)	43°56.690	086°36.818	172
	Pot Staff (Middle)	43°56.719	086°35.485	150
	Inside Staff (East)	43°56.688	086°36.092	142

5	King Anchor Staff (West)	43°57.639	086°36.202	126
	Pot Staff (Middle)	43°57.717	086°35.744	110
	Inside Staff (East)	43°57.802	086°35.538	106
6	King Anchor Staff (West)	43°58.719	086°35.874	121
	Pot Staff (Middle)	43°58.718	086°36.564	120
	Inside Staff (East)	43°58.741	086°35.342	113

It is VERY IMPORTANT to report all net related incidents to the MDNR RAP Line: 800-292-7800. When reporting a net incident, be sure to give complete Lat-Lon information, including both north and west numbers in degrees, with minutes in decimal format. Please include the depth if possible, also.
This is extremely important for the MDNR record keeping and helps to lead to corrective actions. Anyone observing any length of yellow polypropylene line floating loose at or just below the surface in the vicinity of a net location (or elsewhere) is urged to promptly report the exact GPS location including the depth, to the DNR RAP (800-292-7800) line as soon as possible.
Net entanglement or other net related incidents may also be reported to the Mason-Oceana County Emergency Hot Line at: (800) 364-7332. Emergency help may be provided.
In the event of eminent danger of loss of life or vessel, call the USCG on FM 16 or by cell: 231-843-2447.

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