

# MICHIGAN ONTARIO MUSKIE CLUB

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## Bill Maertens 40 lb. Derby & Summer Slam

The annual Bill Maertens 40 lb Derby will be held @ Belle River Marina August 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. The waypoints of Belle River are located in the annual yearbook with a map of the lake on page 123.

A delicious lunch will be served on **SATURDAY from 2-4 PM**. Take advantage of an afternoon break and enjoy a fabulous meal of rosemary chicken, Italian sausage, pasta salad & broasted potatoes. Please have your membership card with you.

The weigh station hours will be as follows: Saturday 9:00am to 10:00pm, Sunday 9:00am to 5:00 pm. Awards will be held promptly @ 5:30pm Sunday. If you wish to enter the Summer Slam side bet, the last day the MOMC will be accepting funds will be Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Cost for the side bet is \$40.00 per boat. You may mail your check to the P.O. Box, apply online at our website or contact a director.

Belle River has limited wells available. Please call Helen @ (519) 728-2245 to reserve your well.

## Homer LeBlanc Derby

The annual Homer LeBlanc Tournament was held at Shore Club Marina July 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>. Saturday morning was a great start for the tournament weekend with lots of big fish being caught. Mother Nature was playing tricks on us Saturday evening calling for thunderstorms with strong winds and hail. The evening turned out beautiful with the wind dying down and a gorgeous sunset. Sunday was a bit windy and that kept us fishermen busy at the rods.

First place went to John Obidzinski aboard Miss Megan. His fish weighed in @ 34.60 lbs., with a 54 ¼" length, & a 20 ½" girth. Jim Schiller aboard Double Trouble took 2<sup>nd</sup> with his fish measuring 33.80 lb., was 51 ½" long, had a girth of 21". Donna Soulliere aboard The Donna was able to hold on to 3<sup>rd</sup> place with her fish weighing 32.65 lb., with a 51 ¾" length, & a 20" girth. Great Job Guys!!!!

There were 2 Adult Releases turned in this tournament: 1<sup>st</sup> - Dave Smith aboard DeeBookee – 52" – caught @ the Roscum on a Wiley green perch painted by Joe Pierce & 2<sup>nd</sup> - Adam Heinrich aboard Jammin – 51 ¾" – caught @ the Belle on a St. Lawrence Gotcha.

There were also 4 Jr. Releases turned in: 1<sup>st</sup> – Brendan Lane aboard Just One More - 52 ½" – caught at the Red Barn on a crackel frog Loke, 2<sup>nd</sup> – Alec Pascua aboard Medicine Man– 51 ¾" – caught @ the Ruscom on a black perch Wiley, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Tony Biafora Jr. aboard Sundown - 40" caught on a brown bass Baby Lochness, & Honorable Mention – Evan Lane aboard Just One More – 34" – caught on a perch Bucktail. Way to go!!

## Directors Meeting:

**Director's meetings are held at Gilbert's Lodge on the second Tuesday of each month. They start at 7:30 pm and are open to the general membership.**

- 1 Bill Maertens 40 lb. Derby & Summer Slam  
Homer LeBlanc Derby
- 2 Boat US Info/ Homer LeBlanc Cont. / Rule Reminder  
Calendar of events
- 3 Great Lakes Drilling Article  
MOMC Classifieds/Take a Veteran Fishing
- 4 Homer LeBlanc Results

### **Boat US Discount**

We are once again an affiliate with Boat US this season. If you are an MOMC member and would like to join Boat US you will receive a 50% discount on your yearly membership dues. The regular cost is \$25 and for MOMC members it is \$12.50. Our Cooperating Group Profile is: GA83799B. Please take advantage of this great offer.

### **Homer LeBlanc Derby cont.**

Thank you to Kevin Backus for his annual donation of his grandpas handmade baits!!!! The club would like to thank Louise the manager of Shore Club and is looking forward to working together next year. Once again Richard was a great weigh master for our club. Thanks for your time and effort that goes into supporting catch & release for the M.O.M.C.

The Club would also like to thank Tim Adams & his wife, Greg Sultana, Tom Jeanette, & Al Castrodali for all their hard work and effort they put into this tournament and providing an excellent dinner on Sunday. A special thank you goes out to Richard & Joanne Koch. With out their generous donation the fish fry would not have been possible. Thank you!!

### **Rule Reminder**

Please remember the new rules:

2.3.2 – When M.O.M.C. Tournament Headquarters are closed, during scheduled tournament fishing hours, a current MOMC Board of Director or Derby Committee member **IS** permitted to perform Weigh Master duties for a MOMC member in good standing, at their discretion. This is done as a courtesy, in an effort to help those releasing their muskie for another day. A Board of Director is **NOT** allowed to register his/her own muskie, without another MOMC Board of Director present, who is **NOT** fishing on their team.

2.4.1 – The MOMC Tournament Scale **IS** an official MOMC Authorized weigh-In Station, and is recognized as such, at the discretion of any MOMC Board of Director, for the entire MOMC fishing season.

As an active member of the MOMC it is your duty to know and comply with the MOMC Rules and Regulations. This will make for enjoyable and satisfying fishing experiences.

## **MOMC – 2008 Calendar of Events**

- Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>&10<sup>th</sup>** Bill Maertens 40lb. Derby & Summer Slam  
Belle River Marina  
Belle River, ONT
- Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>&14<sup>th</sup>** Joe Pierce Memorial Derby  
Len's Gas Dock  
Emerald City Marina – S.C.S.
- Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>&12<sup>th</sup>** Ken Valley Memorial Derby  
Michigan Harbor  
St. Clair Shores
- Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>** M.O.M.C. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Perch Derby  
Michigan Harbor  
St. Clair Shores
- Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>** General Membership Meeting  
7:30 PM @ VFW Bruce Post  
St. Clair Shores
- Jan. 24<sup>TH</sup>** 2009 Annual Awards Banquet  
MacRay Harbor & Banquet Center  
Harrison Twp.
- Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009** General Membership Meeting  
7:30 PM @ VFW Bruce Post  
St. Clair Shores-Elections

**Reminder from the Muskies:  
If I'm too small for the top 3,  
please release me!!!**

## **Great Lakes may harbor lots of oil, but their bottomlands are off-limits**

BY DAWSON BELL • FREE PRESS STAFF WRITER •

*LANSING* -- There is one underground location in Michigan that virtually everyone in the know believes contains a measurable amount of oil and gas available for extraction. But, almost certainly, no drilling rigs are headed there because the deposits lie below a resource Michiganders cherish even more than cheap petrol -- the Great Lakes.

Even as onshore drilling activity heats up in Michigan and President George W. Bush and congressional Republicans call for more domestic drilling at every opportunity, Great Lakes bottomlands remain more or less untouchable -- off-limits by both state and federal law.

Frank Mortl of the Michigan Oil and Gas Association finds the situation frustrating and incongruous. Canada, he notes, is extracting natural gas from deposits beneath Lake Erie with 600 offshore wells. "They're pulling in Ohio's natural gas, and then selling it back to them," he said.

But drilling under the Great Lakes off Michigan, even using land-based directional drilling techniques, has been a political nonstarter since an attempt to permit it by the administration of former Gov. John Engler in the late 1990s ran aground. In 2002, Engler's lieutenant governor, then running to succeed him, disowned the idea. And polls conducted at that time showed that nearly two-thirds of the voting public said no to drilling.

More current public opinion data are unavailable. A Rasmussen Reports poll conducted earlier this month asked Michigan voters whether they supported drilling offshore, "off the coasts of California, Florida and other states?" By a 2-1 margin, respondents supported drilling. But when it comes to Michigan, it's another matter. Earlier this week, most of the state's Republican members of Congress issued statements urging Democrats to approve legislation to increase domestic oil drilling in places from North Dakota to Alaska and the coasts of California and Florida. None supports drilling in the Great Lakes bottomlands. Ditto for Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

## **MOMC Classifieds**

- 1988 28' Wellcraft Costal - 10' beam - Twin 350 Crusader Inboards - Fully equipped - 1100 hours – Asking \$12,950 – Contact Mike McMonigle @ (586) 954-9328

- 2005 Artic Cat 400cc. – 4x4 ATV – Mossy Oak – Plow – Winch – Windshield – Garmin GPS – 600 miles – Contact Rocky @ (586) 243-8168

- Moved out of state – Approx. 400 new & used muskie baits – also other misc. equipment (rods, reels, other baits) – For all you hunters: 10 acres of prime hunting land in thumb near Croswell for sale - \$65,000 – Contact Jared Frank (586) 215-1905 or (305) 743-3385

If you would like to place an add in the MOMC Classified section you can contact any director or call Christine Soulliere @ (586) 634-0296 with your info.

## **Take a U.S. Veteran Fishing**

A few of our MOMC members, have teamed up with area U.S. Veteran groups to take returning veterans out muskie fishing. Most of the veterens are returning from tours in Iraq or Afganistan, but could include Vietnam, and other foreign wars, and do not have much opportunity to experice muskie fishing. There seems to be good interest on part of the veterans, and anyone in the MOMC interested in taking a veteran out, is welcome to do so. If you are interested in paying respects to our U.S. armed forces, by taking out one or a few U.S. Veterens, for a day of fishing, please contact Tug Orr (248) 568-4310 or Greg Virga (586) 634-0217 for more details.

### Homer LaBlanc Derby – July 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup>

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Girth	Location	Released
John Obidzinski	Miss Megan	34.60	54 ¼"	20 ½"	Belle River	YES
Jim Schiller	Double Trouble	33.80	51 ½"	21"	Belle River	NO
Donna Soulliere	The Donna	32.65	51 ¾"	20"	Red Barn	YES

### Homer LaBlanc - Junior Release

Name	Boat	Length	Lure	Color	Set Up	Location
Brendan Lane	Just One More	52 ½"	Loke	Crackel Frog	Slider – 40' & 4 oz.	Red Barn
Alec Pascua	Medicine Man	51 ¾"	Wiley	Black Perch	Board – 40' & 2 oz.	Ruscom
Tony Biafora Jr.	Sundown	40"	Baby Lochness	Brown Bass	Board – 40' & 2 oz.	Ruscom

### Homer LaBlanc – Adult Release

Name	Boat	Length	Lure	Color	Set Up	Location
Dave Smith	DeeBookKee	52"	Wiley	Green Perch	Board – 20" & 2 oz.	Ruscom
Adam Heinrich	Jammin	51 ¾"	Gotcha	St. Lawrence	Board – 2 oz.	Belle River

### Captains Open

Name	Boat	Weight	Length	Lure	Location	Released

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