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ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP

MCBA Honors Wesander, Westrate and Castonia

WESANDER RECEIVES PISTIS AWARD

The Pistis Award is given in honor of Chuck Pistis, former Michigan Sea Grant Program Director. It honors an individual or organization outside MCBA who is a defender of our Great Lakes and natural resources.

This year the Michigan Charter Boat Association proudly presented the Annual Pistis Award at our fall awards banquet to Donna Wesander.

Donna started work for Fisheries Division in 1991 as a Data Coding Operator at the Charlevoix Fisheries Research Station. She then worked as an Environmental Quality Analyst for MDNR Environmental Response Division, before returning to Charlevoix as a Fisheries Technician in 1993. She was first responsible for tagged fish collection, tag extraction, and evaluation of natural reproduction by Great Lakes salmon, but later shifted duties to support the Division creel survey and charter boat programs. She was promoted to Fisheries Technician Specialist in charge of the statewide Charter Boat Reporting Program in 2003.

Since 2003, Donna has worked to significantly improve Charter Boat Survey Program operations and products. These improvements include the development of the Charter Boat Survey Program web page, development of a searchable online creel/charter results database, and development of an online reporting system for charter captains. Donna's work has helped us keep pace with technology, cut costs for both the Division and for charter captains, and has opened up Great Lakes fisheries management options that were previously unavailable due to lack of timely data delivery. The MDNR Charter Boat Survey Program is a model for other similar programs throughout the country, and Donna is an outstanding ambassador for Michigan, the MDNR, and the state's charter boat industry.

In 2012, Donna Wesander was the recipient of



MCBA President Captain Eric Andersen presents Pistis Award to Donna Wesander, MDNR Fisheries Division (above right).

the "Tanner & Tody" award for her work on improving data quality and access to the state Charter Boat Survey Program. The Tanner & Tody award is given to Fisheries Division employees who have worked on specific projects which were of outstanding benefit to the Division, Department, and resource users of Michigan. This award's name comes from two former DNR Fisheries Division Chiefs (Howard Tanner and Wayne Tody) who were willing to take major risks on projects that have had significant impact on the fisheries we know today.

Donna represents everything that is good about public service. She has always worked tirelessly to do what is right for the resources and people of the state. Hallmarks of her career have been the way she has constantly worked to provide information and products that are useful to charter captains, and

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her consistent attention to providing data of the highest quality to Great Lakes fisheries managers. Reliability, accuracy, and timeliness of Charter Boat Survey Program products have improved greatly in the almost 20 years that Donna has been leading

this program, as has the strength of the collaboration between the charter industry and Fisheries Division. Much of this improvement can be directly attributed to Donna's hard work, her vision, and her strong relationship with the MCBA. Congratulations Donna, and thank you for all of your hard work! 🐟

MCBA ANNUAL AWARD

by Capt. Eric Andersen - Past President MCBA

The MCBA Award is an award that is intended to recognize members of our association that have contributed of themselves above and beyond the call of duty for our association.

This year we are pleased to present this award to Captain Ron Westrate. For many years, Captain Ron ran CoHooker Charter Service out of the port of Saugatuck for a period of 33 years until he retired.

Captain Ron also was MCBA's Southern Lake Michigan Director for 12 years until retiring in 2015.

During time of MCBA updating its drug testing program back in 2010...2011, Captain Ron put in many extra board meetings as a director to help move and update the drug program, for this MCBA and our officers and board members will always be grateful to Captain Ron Westrate for his years of service to the Michigan Charter Boat Association. 🐟



MCBA President Captain Eric Andersen presents MCBA Award to Captain Ron Westrate, CoHooker Charter Service (above right). 🐟

For Acts of Heroism and Bravery

On behalf of fellow members of the Michigan Charter Boat Association, this award is presented to Captain Trevor Castonia in recognition of his actions of bravery and heroism. On June 2, 2019, Trevor and his crew aboard Sportsmen Charters rescued two people from their sinking boat on Lake Michigan, waters near Pentwater, Michigan. His quick-thinking actions and servant attitude saved the lives of these individuals. 🐟



Lake Erie & St. Clair

by Captain Henry Walters
MCBA Director

Hello Everyone



As the season is winding down, it was time for the MCBA Conference. I look forward to attending every year. This year my whole family joined me for the weekend at Great Wolf Lodge. We all had a great time. Everyone should mark their calendars for next year's conference.

A few things discussed at the conference on Saturday with Randy Claremont, Lake Huron Basin Coordi-



MCBA President Captain Eric Andersen; Captain Mark Williams presents For Acts of Heroism and Bravery Award to Captain Trevor Castonia, Sportsmen Charters (above L-R). 🐟

nator, was that they have 180,000 Atlantic Salmon to be released in 2020. This is way up from previous years. They're currently looking for another port to release some. The number of Atlantic Salmon re-

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leased in Lexington has been 20,000 and this year 45,000 will be released – more than double.

Jim Francis, Lake St. Clair Lake Erie Basin Coordinator, talked about the Perch growth rate. Lake Erie – two years, 8" and Lake St. Clair – males, six years, 8" and females, four years, 8". Quite a big difference.

All related to food base.

The Muskie population is stable. The size is up but numbers are down.

According to the DNR when fishing and your limit is caught, you can keep fishing on a catch and release basis. But you cannot catch anyone's limit but your own.

The total number of charters reported from the 2018 DNR Charter Boat reporting system for all lakes are Lake Michigan - 13,252, Lake Huron – 2,629, Lake St. Clair System (Lake St. Clair, St. Clair River, Detroit River) – 2,198, Lake Erie – 1,117 and Lake Superior – 541.

Happy Holidays! 🐾



Central Lake Michigan

By Captain George Freeman - MCBA Director

The Annual Fall MCBA Business Conference was held at The Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City October 18 –20. The event was well attended and the program was very informative. The food and accommodations were top notch. Thank you to all the CLM members that attended to help make this event a success. At the Sunday morning business meeting elections were held. Capt. Bill Winowiecki was elected President and Capt. Rich Haslet elected Vice President. A big thank you Capt. Eric Anderson for his steady leadership during his terms as President. Also, thank you to Captain's Bill & Rich for stepping up to fill these positions,

All Captains and others interested are encouraged to attend the Ludington Regional Fishery Workshop to be held February 1, 2020. It will again be held at West Shore Community College. Experts will share information about the past season, including the most recent research data and other topics of interest to all charter fishermen. Contact Kelly Headley, Ottawa County MSU Extension Office (616) 994-4544 with itinerary questions. Contact Cara Mitchell at (231) 843-5825 for registration and location info or to register by phone. Hope to see you there.

I am interested in reporting news of interest to the readers of the Cannonball from Captains or Clubs in the Central Lake Michigan region. (From Muskegon thru Ludington) If you would like to provide news for the Cannonball from your part of our region, please give me a call (877-456-3474). Wishing you and yours a safe and happy holiday season. George Freeman, MCBA Director, Central Lake Michigan. 🐾



Northern Lake Michigan

By Captain Tony Radjenovich - MCBA Director

Hello Captains. I want to wish you and yours a blessed time during this Holiday Season. Now that the 2019 fishing season is ending it is the time in which we change our focus to the continual development of our businesses. Most of us will work on boat and equipment repairs and maintenance. We will also assess the print, internet and social media marketing tools we use to help grow our businesses. These important tools of our business are sometimes overlooked by the discussions of licensing, fish plants, bait fish abundance and Consent Decree. One suggestion to help grow our charter businesses is to get your MCBA membership application completed, paid, and sent in before the deadline. The

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From the Helm . . .



I want to thank the MCBA Board of Directors, and the membership of the MCBA for their support in electing me President of the Michigan Charter Boat Association. I look forward to working with the Board and all of the members of the MCBA.

When I became a Charter Captain, and before joining the Michigan Charter Boat Association, I was informed that I had to be in a qualified random drug program to operate as a legal Michigan Charter Boat Captain. Our local conservation officer told me what I needed to do. I contacted the MCBA, obtained a membership application, and with a little guidance, became a member.

The MCBA fall conference happened to be at the Holiday Inn in Traverse City that year. I sort of attended between my nieces wedding that weekend and the MCBA meetings. In addition to satisfying my need to be in a qualified random drug program, I came to the Association with an interest in DNR trout fishing regulations. At the time of that conference, my first, I was frustrated over the 20" to 24" inch slot on lake trout in Lake Michigan MM4 and MM5. I talked to anybody who would listen. Didn't get far, but at least gave it a try! But I was determined to pursue the issue in the future, and it became clear to me that I needed to work on the issue with the help of the MCBA.

The following fall MCBA conference was in Lansing. I talked my wife, Sue into attending. I told her it would be a weekend away. There would be many wives in attendance. It should be fun. And it was both fun and interesting.

Sue and I went to Lansing. The MCBA board held a meeting during the Friday evening before the conference. Another young Captain, Dave Lindberg talked me into sitting in on the board meeting. I was hooked; I began to think, maybe I could make a difference. Soon after, I became a Port Captain.

As Port Captain I worked to change the slot regulation on lake trout in MM4 and MM5. We were killing too many fish that were not in the slot. Fish not in the slot had to be released, and many died. I spoke with Central Lake Michigan

Director Jim Fenner who advised me that he knew we had problems with lake trout regulations up north. He stated there wasn't anybody north of Manistee attending the Lake Michigan Citizen's Advisory Committee, or the Sea Grant meetings, and he encouraged me to attend. I ultimately became a member of that committee.

Jim Dexter had just replaced Kelly Smith as MDNR Chief of Fisheries. He promoted Todd Kalish to Lake Michigan Basin Coordinator. The MCBA worked with Jim Dexter and Todd Kalish; the biologists, and local fisherman. Lake Trout regulations were changed. It was helpful that the salmon fishery was strong at the time and we were only catching about 50% of our Total Allowable Catch (TAC) within the guidelines of the Tribal Decree. The changes reduced the waste that had resulted from fish released from outside of the previous slot limit.

The Tribal Decree:

I knew what it was. I live right in the heart of tribal waters. I was growing up during all of the turmoil that occurred prior to the creation of the Tribal Decree. The list of problems was long: gill nets; a fishery quickly being devastated; arranged sport fisher harassment days; guns. DNR officers; the Coast Guard; Federal Agents; Local Courts; State Courts; and the Federal Courts were all involved. I could go on and on with details, but somehow the Federal government, the Tribes, the State DNR, and the Sport Fishery, largely represented by the MCBA, negotiated an agreement that all could live with. None of the parties were happy, but we have made it work for the past 20 years.

Here we are today. We are presently trying to negotiate a new, updated agreement. Captain Tony Radjenovich President of the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources, and I monitor and assist wherever possible with the negotiations. Attorneys Steve Schultz and Chris Patterson along with four other core members of the CPMR are on the front lines trying to protect the fishery in Tribal Ceded waters.

It's different now. We, representing the sports fishery, have learned to accept the Tribal Decree, and the Tribal Fishers. The Tribes have learned to accept us. We both want to protect the resource for generations to come, but there are some very hard liners on both sides who have been hurt in one way or another through the history of our

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conflict.

I was told by a Tribal member back in 2017 that the new Tribal Decree will not look anything like the old document. From what I have seen there is some common ground to build on.


Among the other challenges facing us at this time are the proposed new Commercial Fishing Statutes, including House Bills HB 4567, HB 4568 and HB 4569; The State licensed Commercial fishers now want to harvest trout, walleye and perch; all previously protected for sport fishing only. If that were to occur it would affect the Charter Industry forever. The MCBA is attempting to keep these species closed to commercial fishing. To keep them in the sport fishing only category. Former MCBA President Captain Denny Grinold, our legislative liaison officer is closely monitoring this for the MCBA, and is providing assistance to us with the legislators. We need your support with letters, phone calls, and in-person conversations with your own legislator. The MCBA will also be

doing emails and e-blasts with calls to action. Hopefully, while we are also dealing with the Tribal Negotiations, the membership of the MCBA will step up and help us handle this problem.

These are two of the main issues confronting the Association at this time. There are others, and new challenges occur all the time, as your new President, I will attempt to guide the Association correctly as we approach each one.

Again, I want to say, I am privileged to be your new President. I am committed to represent all MCBA members to the best of my abilities. I will be working every day to continue to keep the MCBA the premier, most respected, and successful organization to ever represent the charter fishing industry in Michigan.

Finally, as the Holiday Seasons are now upon us, I want to wish each and every member, the very best and Happiest Holidays. Cheers!

Captain Bill Winowiecki - President MCBA 

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MCBA membership applications have been sent out and all Captains will need to have their 2020 membership application sent in with payment by the end of the year. MCBA membership provides our Captains with useful tools to grow their businesses. Yes, MCBA membership is more than being in a drug program. When a member selects to be included with the internet listing, they are automatically increasing their search results. This is because 80% of traffic that comes to the MCBA website starts at the port level. MCBA constantly monitors the search placement and in some cases will run ads. The value of the MCBA website is the mobile-ready application.

We had a great Annual Conference. Thank you to all who presented, the information shared was informative and valuable in the continued development of our businesses. Our Scholarship Fund Raffle was a success. A big thank you to all who provided donations to be raffled and those that help solicit the donations. I would like to congratulate and thank President Bill Winowiecki and Vice President Rich Haslett for accepting their roles and leading the MCBA. I would like to thank past President Eric Andersen for his leadership and commitment to MCBA members. You served us well.

The MCBA is a business association. The association is guided by the leadership of our members. We are blessed to have Officers and Directors

willing to donate their time and experience to help all of us be informed, compliant, advocate our interests to the legislature and MDNR, and grow our businesses. I find a tremendous value in the MCBA and I know many of you do as well. During this off season I encourage you to help non-members understand the value the MCBA could be to their businesses.

As I have said in the past, I'm looking for Port Captains. The role of Port Captain helps members be informed, share information and promotes the charter industry. Please contact me if you are interested.

As President of the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources I will be very busy over the rest of this year and into next year working with the MDNR and sportfishing organizations in negotiating the 2020 Consent Decree. The negotiations got started in September and we have met six times so far. There is much to discuss, and it is my goal, with the assistance of our legal and negotiating team, to best represent the recreational fisherman. Please contact me if you have questions. 

Your Membership Expires 12/31/19
Stay Compliant - Renew Today!



SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Captain John Giszczak



It is that time of year, the boats are put up and hunting season is in full swing.

If you have not mailed your 2020 membership dues, please do so by December 31, 2019. If you cannot find your application or know you lost it, please be aware that you can easily print a new application on line if you wish to use a printed application. Even better, you can quickly and easily do the whole renewal process on line. Go to the MCBA website and click on the 'Members' tab. You can download an application, or easily renew on line. It is quick and easy. Please take care of your renewal as soon as possible. If you have not renewed by December 31, 2019, your website listing will be taken down and it may take quite some time to get it back up after you rejoin. In addition, if you are delinquent in renewing your membership, you will run the risk of having to take and pay a pre-employment drug test to be reinstated.

Please be patient when calling the 800 number. I work during the winter months and cannot get to my phone for every call, plus the fact I receive

well over 300 spam calls a season. Your voicemail is digitally recorded and sent to my email, which ensures I have a printed version of your message. If you need to call Larry Lienczewski concerning drug program related issues, you need to be aware that you are calling his home phone. Please do not keep calling and hanging up. Repeated calls just fill his voicemail up, which prevents others from leaving a message. Please be polite; make one call and leave a short message. He will call you back; remember, he is just as busy as you are. Alternately, you can always send an email 24-7. Our entire phone numbers and email addresses are on the MCBA web site under the 'Members' tab. From there choose the 'About MCBA' tab.

If you run into a board member, please thank him for his service. All Board members are regular Captain Members and serve the Association on a voluntary basis. Directors spend much of their own time working to ensure we all have viable charter businesses now and in the future.

If you need help or have questions, please call 800-622-2971. 🐟

Merry Christmas



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A Retiree's View over the Transom

By Captain Jim Fenner

We enjoyed seeing our friends and colleagues at the fall conference at the Great Wolf Lodge. Lots of good information, and a nice fall get-away. Carolee and I enjoyed it very much. I still enjoy participating, even in retirement.

During my tenure on the MCBA board as Central Lake Michigan director and as Secretary of the Association, I worked on many issues associated with being a legal charter captain. In my most recent previous article, I recounted the legal requirements for boats designated as for passengers for hire as stipulated by the U.S. Coast Guard. I reviewed the requirement for documentation, and I reviewed the DNR requirement for displaying the DNR issued charter sticker(s). I encourage all members to comply with these requirements.

In this article, I want to bring to the attention of all charter boat operators of the provision in Michigan law that may allow them to save money

when they register their charter boat. This little known provision of Michigan law is often overlooked or mis-understood by the various Secretary of State offices. With a copy of the regulation in hand when one attempts to register or re-register your boat, you should be able to save a substantial portion of the registration fee compared to a recreational boat of the same length.

Please look at the following website:

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?mcl-324-80124>

This page is hard to find, but it exists, and it can save you money. When you find it you will see it is titled: Natural Resources and environmental Protection Act (Excerpt) Act 451 of 1994 324.80124 Section 80124

In this section is schedule for the registration fees for boats based on their length, including section (o) which says the following:

"Vessels carrying passengers for hire that are in compliance with part 445, or under federal law; and

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vessels carrying passengers and freight or freight only, and owned within this state or hailing from a port within this state.....45.00"

This section has been applied to Michigan charter boats in the past and to the best of my knowledge is still applicable.

Here is a tip: It is easier to register your vessel in a city with charter boats. The SOS in those cities are generally more likely to be knowledgeable of this obscure provision of the law. In any event, it may be helpful to bring a printed version with you to do the registration. In addition, some proof that your boat is in fact a Michigan charter boat. Once you have successfully registered under this provision, your subsequent renewal registrations will be based at this rate. If you are registering your boat this year, you may wish to use this provision. If your renewal is sometime farther away, you may want to save this article for future reference.

Finally, if you are planning to join me in retirement soon, and if you, like me, want to keep up with the constantly changing status of fishing in Michigan, I hope you will choose to continue your MCBA membership in the retired category. Again, this year, you can enroll on line as well as by paper and check. If you did not get an application in the mail, you can find it on the website. You will have your choice, print out a paper form, and send a check, or join on line. Either way, a retired membership is not expensive, and it will keep you 'in the loop'. Meanwhile, hope to see you at the docks again next spring. 🐟



Maritime Licensing Specialist

Lt. Commander USCG (retired)
Charles "Chuck" Kakuska

SEA K'S LICENSING LORE

After running the snow blower last evening, I decided open water fishing season is probably over for this year. As with most years, I spent more time working than fishing. I enjoyed seeing many of you at the conference last month. Hope more of you can attend next year. It's always a good time and plenty of good information was shared. As winter approaches, the local Coast Guard Regional Exam Center and the National Maritime Center will see a significant increase in the volume of paperwork. If you are due for a license renewal, I encourage you to start early. Inaccurate or incomplete forms are still the major reason for processing delays. Also, remember to only use the latest edition of the Coast Guard forms. I am still receiving some of the old forms and have to return them so the individual

can start over. The forms are available online or I can mail you a highlighted application package usually within 24 hours of your request. Hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season and for you ice fisherman, best of luck! 🐟

MBIA awards Captain Denny Grinold with Ray L. Underwood Lifetime Achievement Award

Commerce Twp., Mich., November 26, 2019 – The Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA) will honor Captain Denny Grinold, former president of the Michigan Charter Boat Association for his outstanding contributions to the recreational boating and fishing industries through leadership, dedication, innovation, and personal motivation with the Ray L. Underwood Lifetime Achievement Award for 2019. The award presentation will be made during the Awards Dinner at the Recreational Boating Educational Conference on December 4 in Lansing, Mich.

"Denny has spent a lifetime tirelessly advocating for fishing, boating and tourism in Michigan and has been recognized by many," said MBIA Executive Director Nicki Polan. "His list of accomplishments is long, and we are grateful for his advocacy on important legislative issues and his innovations and partnership building, which have brought us promotions like the "Catch and Cook" program in Michigan.



In addition to owning and running an auto repair business in Lansing, Grinold is a 30-year veteran charter boat captain based out of Grand Haven is an avid Salmon fisherman. Outdoor Life Magazine has included Grinold as one of the 20 best anglers in the planet more than once. The Michigan United Conservation Clubs named Grinold as the 'Fisheries Conservationist of the Year.' He has also been honored by the Michigan Salmon and Steelhead Fisherman's Association with the Dr. Howard Tanner Award, named after the man behind Great Lakes Salmon. The Great Lakes Fishery Commission honored Grinold with the C.D. "Buzz" Besadny Award for fostering Great Lakes partnerships. He also has been appointed to the Michigan State Waterways Commission.

"Denny's advocacy has always aligned with our MBIA mission to promote, protect and advance the recreational boating industry in Michigan. Because

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of his dedication, the MBIA Board of Directors has unanimously voted to award him the prestigious Ray L. Underwood Lifetime Achievement Award," said Polan.

MBIA is the official, state-wide marine industry association which serves as the voice for Michigan's \$7.8 billion marine industry and the four million people who enjoy Michigan's nearly one million registered boats. The MBIA is dedicated to the advancement, protection and promotion of boating across Michigan. The MBIA produces three association-owned boat shows, the Detroit Boat Show at TCF Center, the Novi Boat Show in Novi, and the Metro Boat Show in Harrison Twp. The proceeds from these shows benefit boating in Michigan through MBIA programs and promotions. For more information about the MBIA, and a full list of award recipients go to www.mbia.org or call 734.261.0123. 🚤

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United States Coast Guard



By Jason U. Bartholomew
Senior Investigating Officer, USCG Sector Detroit

Thank you for the opportunity to speak at the MCBA meeting,

It was a pleasure discussing current topics and the Coast Guard's stance on several issues. One of the questions that I did not have an immediate answer for was:

What is the difference between Federal and State Requirements regarding children's PFD wear?

The federal requirement is found at 33 CFR §175.15, which states in (c) the following:

(c) No person may operate a recreational vessel under way with any child under 13 years old aboard unless each such child is either—

(1) Wearing an appropriate PFD approved by the Coast Guard; or

(2) Below decks or in an enclosed cabin.

Additionally, note that 33 CFR 175.25 allows for the application of state rules or regs if more stringent than the state requirement:

§175.25 Enforcement of State requirements for children to wear personal flotation devices.

(a) This section applies to operators of recreational vessels on waters subject to the jurisdiction of any State that has established by statute a requirement for children of a certain age to wear an appropriate PFD approved by the Coast Guard, while aboard a recreational vessel.

(b) If the applicable State statute establishes any requirement for children of a certain age to wear an appropriate PFD approved by the Coast Guard, then that requirement applies on the waters subject to the State's jurisdiction instead of the requirement provided in §175.15(c) of this part.

Confirmation

I received confirmation from D9 legal that the Coast Guard's stance within the District is correctly stated below as the following response was received:

Marijuana

1. The message to the Charter Boat Association is that we will enforce all federal drug laws. While we are not issuing federal tickets for simple possession quantities of marijuana, anyone in possession of simple possession quantities may be issued a CG-4100 and have their contraband seized. Charter operators are taking on significant legal risk if paying customers bring illegal drugs on board, and so they should advise their paying customers in advance that they may be boarded during a charter, and that the USCG will enforce federal drug laws without concern for state laws.



PDF Enforcement

2. Yes. We follow the state law on PFD requirements for children in this case. (Within Michigan State Waters).

I hope this clears up any confusion. If operators on the Western side of the State within Lake Michigan encounter differences within enforcement, I recommend reaching out to Sector Lake Michigan Response Department at 414-747-7100. 🚤



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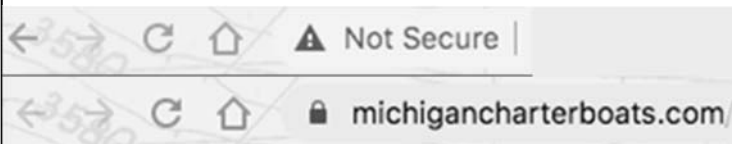
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Did You Know:

Google Chrome, Edge, IE, Firefox, and Safari Announces Rollout Plan for Blocking Mixed SSL Content Beginning January 2020

Starting in January of 2020, your website needs to show a locked key. That means it needs to be a https://www address instead of http://

Last week, the Google Security Team has announced a timeline for when Chrome will begin blocking mixed content by default in order to ensure that HTTPS browsing is more secure. Mixed content refers to HTTPS pages that load resources, such as images, videos, stylesheets, and scripts, over HTTP.



If your website fails to load over HTTPS, Chrome will automatically block it. Mixed images will still load but Chrome will display a BIG RED X "Not Secure" warning in the box next to your website URL when it loads.

What to do?

If you are hosting with MCBA a SSL is already included at no additional charge (member benefit). However, you will need to contact your website person and have them make the conversion.

If you have Godaddy or other webhosting companies, the cost for a SSL certificate varies. Once you have purchased the certificate the person taking care of your website can make the change.

If you have a wordpress website you can use a plugin to force SSL such as Really Simple SSL

To generate a report you can also use these tools:

Change that URL call to httpS where it's called (header) and the SSL should be fine.

These tools are even more explicit than my initial suggestion:

<https://www.whynopadlock.com/>

<https://www.jitbit.com/sslcheck/>

Questions or need Help
Contact MCBA

2020 MCBA Board Meetings:

- Jan 26 in Clare, MI - Doherty Hotel 10:00 am.
- April 19 in Clare, MI - Doherty Hotel 10:00 am.
- Sept 27 in Clare, MI - Doherty Hotel 10:00 am.
- Oct. 18, in Traverse City, MI
Great Wolf Lodge 10:30 am.

Get Involved:

All board meetings are open to all MCBA members who would like to attend. Please let us know in advance if you plan on attending so we have enough materials on hand to pass out. Contact any board member or call: 800-MCBA-971

God bless America and our troops





*Thank
you*



Support The Companies That Support Your Association

These companies have donated many prizes towards the MCBA Scholarship Raffle held at the fall conference.

- Advanced Tackle Company
- Cabela's Outpost Saginaw
- Church Tackle Co.
- Cisco Fishing Systems, Ltd.
- Double G Tackle Co.
- Dream Weaver Lure Company


- Dunham's Sports
- Empire Outdoors
- Gallagher/Charter Lakes Marine Insurance
- Grayden Outdoor
- Jays Sporting Goods
- Linwood Beach Marina & Campgrounds
- M & P Sports Products
- Moonshine Lures
- Off Shore Tackle Company
- O'Keefe's Reef, Inc.
- Ray Troll Web Store
- Silver Horde, Inc.
- Sonny's Fishing Center & RV Supplies
- The Fish Hook
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2019 MCBA Annual Conference and Business Meeting. . . Another Success!

This year's meeting was a huge success. Our Thanks goes out to The Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City for another great weekend.


The 2020 MCBA Annual Conference and Business Meeting will be held the weekend of October 16, 17 and 18, 2020 at The Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City. \$100.00 a night with no resort fee, for reservations: 866-962-9653 - Code: 2010MICH 



Show Chairman

Captain Rich Haslett - Vice President
248-542-1563
taloncharters@gmail.com

The dates for all trade shows are listed below:

- Ultimate Fishing Show Jan. 9-12
- Birch Run Hunting & Fishing Expo Feb. 7-9
- Outdoorama Feb. 27- Mar. 1
- Ultimate Fishing Show Mar. 19-22 

The 2020 Raffle Winners

Congratulations to Eric Andersen for winning the Titan 450 Bushmaster Bolt action rifle. He purchased ticket number 359.

Ron Tabiaddon won the G. Loomis E6x Walleye Jig Rod with ticket number 455.

The Dream Weaver Lure Company won the 120 quart Coleman Cooler, with ticket number 108.

Thank you to all the MCBA members, and friends of the MCBA for purchasing and making donations to the Tribal Decree fund.

The Raffle raised \$4205.00. All funds are going to be used to cover cost with the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources, in the Tribal negotiations.





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2020 Consent Decree Update

CPMR attorney Steve Schultz has provided all of us an updated list of Frequently Asked Questions. These can be found in MCBA Members Area.

<https://mcbamembers.com/> 

Random Drug and Alcohol Testing:

Did you know?


First Advantage® Screening Solutions has been hired by the MCBA to ensure that a random selection procedures which is fair and equitable for all captains and mates, using a random computer-generated process to select from the complete

MCBA drug membership.


Did You Hear?

Rumor: Only the youngest MCBA members are selected for drug screening.

Truth:

Only names and MCBA ID numbers are submitted to First Advantage® for selection. No age related information is supplied to First Advantage®. MCBA ID numbers do not contain age related information. 

USCG LICENSE RENEWAL HELP:

Lt. Commander, USCG (retired) Charles "Chuck" Kakuska a Maritime Licensing Specialist, has been assisting our members for the past 20+ years. We recommend him and appreciate his continued services to our association. Give him a call at (734) 847-1723 - SEAKsLic@aol.com for help with your USCG renewal. 

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