

Southwest Michigan Steelheaders

A Chapter of the Michigan Steelhead & Salmon Fishermen's Association

St. Joseph, Michigan

May 2008



Letter from the President

The Okuma Southwest Michigan Steelheaders Tournament is May 9 - 11, 2008. We will not have a membership meeting in May (the membership meeting date falls on the same day as the captains meeting for the tournament). Join us on Thursday, May 8th at the Captains Meeting. We can sure use the help! If you are able to help, contact Theresa 269-208-0404 and get your name on the list. We need help Wednesday and Thursday evening from 5:00 PM until ??? and Friday and Saturday from 11:00 AM until ?? There is a lot to do. You don't have to be a Steelheader to help. There is something for everyone...including kids! This is a big event and we need helpers!

Charlie Broadhurst, President

S.W. Michigan Steelheaders

**NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING
IN MAY!!!!**

Monthly Membership Meeting

May's Membership Meeting has been cancelled due to the Okuma Southwest Michigan Summer Challenge Tournament.

Visit us at the Captains Meeting!

WE CAN USE ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET!



2008
SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS
SUMMER CHALLENGE
- OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM -

TOURNAMENT DATES - FRI MAY 9th & SAT MAY 10th
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN

Captain's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Boat Name _____ Boat Length _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	Pro Entry - \$450 if paid before May 1 / \$500 after May 1 until 7 PM May 8
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amateur Entry - \$200 if paid before May 1 / \$250 after May 1 until 7 PM May 8
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ladies & Kids Tournament - \$100 Entry (Sunday, May 11, register by 5 PM May 10)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Big Fish Contest - \$20 (separate divisions for pro & amateur, register by 7 PM May 8)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Second Chance Tournament - \$100 Pro / \$50 Amateur (register by 3 PM May 9)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Big Boys Pot - \$300 (pro only, register by 7 PM May 8)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Southwest Michigan Steelheaders MSSFA Membership - \$35 (see note below)

Notes:

- All entries for the Main Tournament must be received NO LATER than 7:00 PM on May 8, 2007.
- Registration will be at Pier 33 Showroom (Anchors Way) May 8, 2007 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The Captain's Meeting will immediately follow at 7:00 PM ... ALL CAPTAINS MUST ATTEND.
- All Captains must be a member of a MSSFA (Michigan Salmon & Steelhead Fisherman's Association) affiliated club. Proof of membership required at Captain's Meeting.
- Licensed charter captains must enter the Pro Division even if participating as crew; non-charter captains and crews are welcome to enter the Pro Division.
- Make all checks payable to: SW Michigan Steelheaders Summer Challenge.
- All payments made after May 1, 2007 MUST be in the form of CASH.
- There are no provisions for the return of entry fees, unless a written request for such a fee is received by the Tournament Director at least 7 days prior to the kick off of the tournament. If tournament is canceled due to weather conditions all entries minus 10% will be refunded. Three (3) cumulative hours of fishing between Friday & Saturday constitute a complete tournament.
- A complete set of the official rules are listed in a separate document found on the web at <http://www.mssfa.com/southwest/southwest.htm>.

My signature below indicates that my crew and myself agree to the following: All reasonable precautions will be taken by the tournament committee to protect persons and property during the tournament. Neither the committee, judges, officers, directors or sponsors can or will be responsible for the safety of persons, for accident, injury, theft, damage by fire, vandalism or any other cause for loss to a contestants property or person. Participants understand and agree to hold harmless the aforementioned groups and individuals from liability or damage as may be incurred from participation in the tournament.

Captain's Signature

Date

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2008 Southwest Michigan Steelheaders SUMMER CHALLENGE



May 8-11, 2008 - St. Joseph, Michigan

Thursday, May 8	Mandatory Captain's Meeting: 7:00 pm (Registration at 5:00 pm)
Friday, May 9	Fish Day 1, Weigh-In
Saturday, May 10	Fish Day 2, Weigh-In, Awards Dinner
Sunday, May 11	Ladies & Kids Tournament (Mother's Day)

Port of St. Joseph, MI – Pier 33 Showroom (on Anchor Way)

1st Place Pro Pays \$15,000* **1st Place Amateur Pays \$4,000***

**based on 60 Pro boats (observers required) & 60 Am boats*

Entry Fee:

\$450 Pro** \$200 Am** Ladies & Kids Tournament \$100 Pro or (Am deadline)

***\$50 late fee after May 2*

PLUS...



- Big Fish • 2nd Chance Tournament • Big Boys Pot
- \$1000 to top Am using Okuma product (must be in top 3)

For registration forms, rules and more information go to:

www.mssfa.com/southwest/southwest.htm or call Charlie Broadhurst at (269) 982-FIS

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TIPS ON PUMPING GAS

An Individual shares his knowledge of 31 years working in the petroleum industry.

He Writes:

Here are some tricks to get more of your money's worth for every gallon. In California we are paying over \$3.50 per gallon. Here at the Kinder Morgan Pipeline where I work in San Jose , CA we deliver about 4 million gallons in a 24-hour period thru the pipeline. One day is diesel the next day is jet fuel, and gasoline, regular and premium grades. We have 34-storage tanks here with a total capacity of 16,800,000 gallons.

Only buy or fill up your car or truck in the early morning when the ground temperature is still cold. Remember that all service stations have their storage tanks buried below ground. The colder the ground the more dense the gasoline, when it gets warmer gasoline expands, so buying in the afternoon or in the evening....your gallon is not exactly a gallon. In the petroleum business, the specific gravity and the temperature of the gasoline, diesel and jet fuel, ethanol and other petroleum products plays an important role. A one-degree rise in temperature is a big deal for this business. But the service stations do not have temperature compensation at the pumps.

When you're filling up do not squeeze the trigger of the nozzle to a fast mode. If you look you will see that the trigger has three (3)stages: low, middle, and high. In slow mode you should be pumping on low speed, thereby minimizing the vapors that are created while you are pumping. All hoses at the pump have a vapor return. If you are pumping on the fast rate, some other liquid that goes to your tank becomes vapor. Those vapors are being sucked up and back into the underground storage tank so you're getting less worth for your money.

One of the most important tips is to fill up when your gas tank is HALF FULL or HALF EMPTY. The reason for this is, the more gas you have in your tank the less air occupying its empty space. Gasoline evaporates faster than you can imagine. Gasoline storage tanks have an internal floating roof. This roof serves as zero clearance between the gas and the atmosphere, so it minimizes the evaporation. Unlike service stations, here where I work, every truck that we load is temperature compensated so that every gallon is actually the exact amount.

Another reminder, if there is a gasoline truck pumping into the storage tanks when you stop to buy gas, DO NOT fill up—most likely the gasoline is being stirred up as the gas is being delivered, and you might pick up some of the dirt that normally settles on the bottom. Hope this will help you get the most value for your money.

DO SHARE THESE TIPS WITH OTHERS! WHERE TO BUY USA GAS, THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KNOW. READ ON...

Gas rationing in the 80's worked even though we grumbled about it. It might even be good for us! The Saudis are boycotting American goods. We should return the favor. An interesting thought is to boycott THEIR gas. Every time you fill up the car, you can avoid putting more money into the coffers of Saudi Arabia . Just buy from gas companies that don't import their oil from the Saudis.

Nothing is more frustrating than the feeling that every time I fill-up the tank, I am sending my money to people who are trying to kill me, my family, and my friends.

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I thought it might be interesting for you to know which oil companies are the best to buy gas from and which major companies import Middle Eastern oil.

These companies import Middle Eastern oil:

Shell..... 205,742,000 barrels
Chevron/Texaco..... 144,332,000 barrels
Exxon/Mobil..... 130,082,000 barrels
Marathon/Speedway... 117,740,000 barrels
Amoco.....62,231,000 barrels

Citgo gas is from South America, from a dictator who hates Americans. If you do the math at \$30/barrel, these imports amount to over \$18 BILLION! (oil is now \$90 - \$100 a barrel (105.00 today 3/06/08 - AMS)

Here are some large companies that do not import Middle Eastern oil:

Sunoco.....0 barrels
Conoco..... .0 barrels
Sinclair0 barrels
BP/Phillips.....0 barrels
Hess.....0 barrels
ARCO.....0 barrels

If you go to Sunoco.com <<http://sunoco.com/>> , you will get a list of the station locations near you. All of this information is available from the Department of Energy and each is required to state where they get Their oil and how much they are importing.

Pass this information to everyone you know and Think about who you are buying your gas from.....



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of Coloma***

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***Brown Trout
taken from
Lake Michigan***



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OPEN HOUSE - SHAMROCK PARK On the St. Joe River, Berrien Springs, Michigan, Saturday, May 17, 2008 from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Come join the fun! Look us over, taste our fish boil, and have a shamrock cookie. Talk to charter fishing captains, meet the new (friendly) Park Managements. Enter to win: 2 nights free camping, free boat launches, season passes, 1 night in a cabin, free day charter fishing trips and more. We will have a drawing at 4:00 PM. We have primitive tent to 50 amp full hookup campsites, 3 cabins, a DNR boat ramp, clean/heated restrooms, covered pavilion and a fish cleaning station.

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2008 Big Fish Contest

<u>Charter Division</u>	<u>Non-Charter Division</u>	<u>Kids Division</u>
KING SALMON No Report	KING SALMON No Report	KING SALMON No Report
STEELHEAD No Report	STEELHEAD No Report	STEELHEAD No Report
LAKE TROUT No Report	LAKE TROUT No Report	LAKE TROUT No Record
COHO SALMON No Report	COHO SALMON No Report	COHO SALMON No Record
BROWN TROUT No Report	BROWN TROUT No Report	BROWN TROUT No Record
ATLANTIC SALMON No Record	ATLANTIC SALMON No Record	ATLANTIC SALMON No Record
PERCH No Report	PERCH No Report	PERCH No Record
WALLEYE No Record	WALLEYE No Report	WALLEYE No Record

Big Fish Contest Rules

1. Contestants must be a member of S.W. Michigan Steelheaders or their immediate family.
2. If a Steelheader catches a fish aboard another Steelheaders boat, it will be recorded with their name "Aboard" the Steelheaders boat the fish was caught on.
3. Eligible species: Steelhead, Coho Salmon, King Salmon, Atlantic Salmon, Brown Trout, Lake Trout, Walleye, and Perch.
4. Fish must be caught out of the Port of St. Joseph, Michigan (Boat or Pier), or in the St. Joseph River.
5. Contestant dues must be current prior to entering contest.
6. Fish must be weighed on a certified scale and entry form must be signed by witness at weigh in location.
7. Fish caught by A Licensed Charter Captain must be entered in the Charter Division regardless of boat he or she was aboard.
8. Children of Active Steelheaders, 16 years of age and under, may enter their fish in the Kids Division. Charter Division and Non-Charter Division does not apply to children.
9. Contest ends November 30th at midnight. Awards will be honored at the Annual Christmas Party.
(The S.W. Steelheaders Winter Challenge results will be included in the yearly contest regardless of the date the tournament is held.)
10. All entries will be verified by Big Fish Chairperson. Big Fish may be weighed in at B.J. Sports, Broadlow's Fishin' Hole, Klose Marina and Tackle Haven. If you weighed in a Big Fish that does not appear in this issue of the newsletter, your official weigh-in form was not forwarded to the Big Fish Chairperson for recording in time to make the monthly deadline. Contact the weigh-in location to make sure the responsible party delivered the weigh-in form. If your form does not get delivered to the Big Fish Chairperson, it will not be recorded or taken into consideration for the Big Fish Contest!

Calendar of Events 2008

all events subject to chang

May 2008 Calendar of Events

9th - 10th - Summer Challenge - St. Joseph, Michigan
 11th - Women and Kids Tournament = St. Joseph, Michigan
 16th - 18th - South Haven Steelheaders Big Jon Pro-Am - So. Haven, MI
 21st - State Directors Meeting

June 2008 Calendar of Events

12th - S.W. Chapter Membership Meeting * 6:00 Social Hour 7:00 PM Meeting
 VFW Club Post 1137 * 2616 E. Napier Avenue * Benton Harbor

July 2008 Calendar of Events

10th - S.W. Chapter Membership Meeting * 6:00 Social Hour 7:00 PM Meeting
 VFW Club Post 1137 * 2616 E. Napier Avenue * Benton Harbor
 21st - MSSFA Region II Meeting * Grand Haven Chapter Host * Grand Haven * 7:00 PM

August 2008 Calendar of Events

6th - State Directors Meeting
 9th - 10th - Big Lake Classic (Formerly Way Point Tournament) - Saugatuck, MI
 14th - S.W. Chapter Membership Meeting * 6:00 Social Hour 7:00 PM Meeting
 VFW Club Post 1137 * 2616 E. Napier Avenue * Benton Harbor
 23rd - SUPA Salmon Unlimited - North Point Marina, Winthrop Harbor, IL

September 2008 Calendar of Events

11th - S.W. Chapter Membership Meeting * 6:00 Social Hour 7:00 PM Meeting
 VFW Club Post 1137 * 2616 E. Napier Avenue * Benton Harbor
 17th - State Directors Meeting

October 2008 Calendar of Events

29th - State Directors Meeting

November 2008 Calendar of Events

December 2008 Calendar of Events

3rd - State Directors Meeting



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FYI - A MUST KNOW FOR ALL CHARTER CAPTAINS

Have you heard about the TWIC card? This is a MUST DO for all charter captains prior to September 25, 2008!

Go to: <https://twicprogram.tsa.dhs.gov/TWICWebApp/>).

REQUIRED FOR ALL CHARTER CAPTAINS. This information has been provided by Rich Landerson of Great Lakes Towing. Rich states he has heard that a lot of charter captains have been having a 6 month drug test performed (which is NOT enough) Charter Captains need to be registered in a random drug testing program and have a letter head stating they are registered in this program with them on board at all times.

2008 Southwest Michigan Steelheaders

Board of Directors

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OR: Hand deliver your payment to any S.W. Michigan Steelhead Board Member or bring payment to the next Membership Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATIONS

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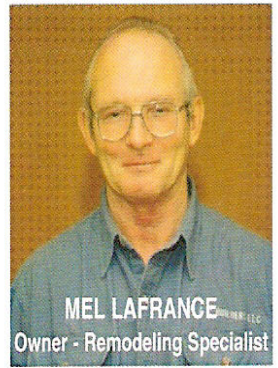
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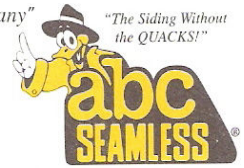
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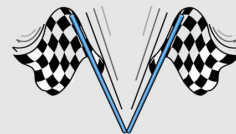
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Pier Fishing are picking up a few using Casting Spoons.

In Land Lake Fishing is starting to produce Crappie (in deep holes) and a few Pike. Remember, Catch and Release for Bass opens the 1st Saturday of May!

Report your catches to Theresa VIA phone: 269-208-0404
VIA e-mail: theresab@broadlows.com (this is a new e-mail address)



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*This is your last chance to sign up for the
Okuma Southwest Michigan Summer Challenge
Entry form included in this newsletter.*