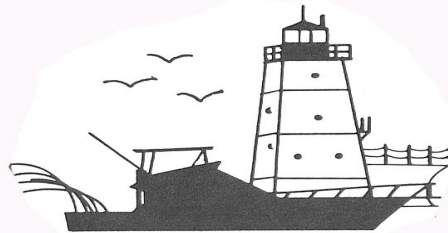


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2020 Post Quarantine

What a start to another year. 2020 will be remembered in history for as long as we live. A time when our government told us we could not charter, and for a brief period of time you were not even able to use a motor. You could not even buy paint from a big box store but could buy alcohol and lottery tickets. The whole world was affected by a pandemic along with tourism in the Ludington area.

The good news is that things are fairly back to normal and we are able to run charters again. Ludington has once again become a busy Summer destination over the 4th of July week despite the smaller capacity of restaurants and cancelling of Fireworks, the Art Fair, Gus Macker and other events. Many of us have lost trips with concerned clients over the virus but business seems to be picking up with more folks in the area on vacation.

Our lake trout fishing has remained strong to the date but typically slows down a bit at this time of the year when the water warms up. The trout move into deeper water and become scattered and harder to catch. We are seeing more king salmon every day and these awesome fish should become the focus of the rest of the Summer season. A few coho salmon are being caught and

The Ludington Offshore Classic is happening!

July 14th and 15th Big Boys

July 16th Ruboy Thursday

July 17th Women's and Kids

July 18th Ludington Offshore Classic Pro/AM

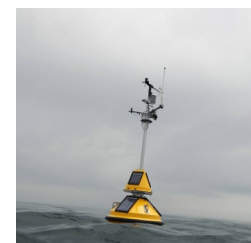


For important details about entry, weigh in and observers: <https://www.offshoreclassic.com/>

Weather Buoy launch date is planned for late July!

In the meantime, a temporary smaller buoy is being deployed on July 13th that will provide us with surface temp and wave height. It will be in the same location that the larger buoy has been located.

Please be on the lookout when navigating!!



Coast Guard Boat Boardings / Inspections

At our latest board meeting we met the Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Jesse W. Bruce from Manistee who oversees the stations at Frankfort and Ludington as well. He said that the local Coast Guard will be stopping charter boats with more frequency for routine checks than they have in the past. Officer Bruce wants to make sure every vessel is treated equally. Bruce said he would be happy to have Ludington officers present during our DNR inspections and provide a checklist that we would keep on board if stopped by the Coast Guard to make sure we were approved.

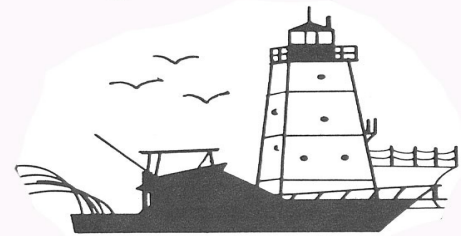


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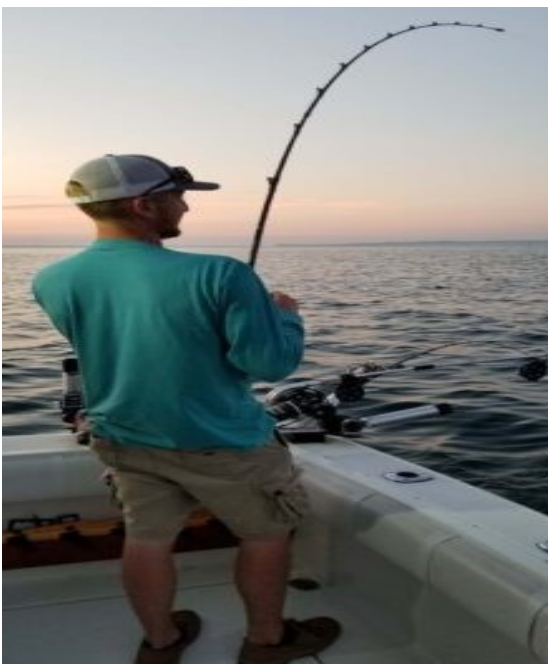
The LCBA board approved joining the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources as a "Class B Membership" and provide a monetary donation to help support legal fees for our sports fishery defense. With this Coalition membership, we will have our local opinion heard, keep up on negotiations and provide direction. Watch for more information as it comes available with the expiration of the decree in early August.

Stickers coming soon! We are having Ludington Charter Boat Association stickers made for our boats. Any member who has paid their dues will receive a 2020 sticker. New stickers will be dispersed each year to members and associate members.

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CHARTER CAPTAINS !

Do not forget to do your catch reports monthly. The MDNR will not be tolerating late submissions anymore. We have been notified they will be issuing tickets and not giving any more warnings.

Mark your calendar!

Annual General Membership Meeting will be at Lake Street Marine on August 26th 2020 at 6pm. Dinner will be served.

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40,000 Coho Salmon were direct planted at the Ludington State Park in the Big Sauble River in April 2020. We are looking forward to their return in the fall of 2021!



It is nice to mention to your guests that the following restaurants in Ludington participate in Catch and Cook. Everyone who takes their fish in to have prepared enjoys the "whole fishing experience" Make sure you call in advance and read the regulations.

Scotties, PM Steamers, the Blu Moon can cook your catch!

