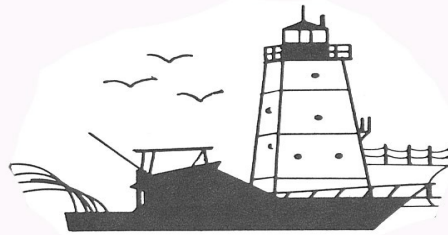


# Ludington Charterboat



## Association

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### *Spring 2021*

Spring has been more like late Winter as of late. May has been so cold at night that some of the local fruit farmers may run into problems. We had ice on my deck a week ago going to untie my bow lines to head out on the lake. Most Charter boats dockside inspections were completed this last week . At last, some prediction for above normal weather and the lilacs are blooming!

The good news is the lake trout fishing has been excellent for our first trips out on the lake and the morel mushrooms are popping. Visible clouds of salmon fry are in the Pere Marquette and it looks like a good hatch. We did not have very high water all Spring where it tends to put the fry up into the woods and when the water drops they cannot get down to Lake Michigan.

Steelhead numbers were down this Spring. The run was more of a trickle into the river system with some of the lowest river water levels in history. Lake Michigan is 15 inches lower than last year at this time and still 18 inches higher than the average level in May.

Please enjoy the Newsletter, its contents includes many important updates and news about the industry and community.

Good luck to everyone in their 2021 fishing season!





Thank you to each individual that volunteered to participate with the net pen project this year at the Ludington State Park's Sable River. This project takes countless hours for preparation, maintenance, planting, feeding, release of fish and pen removal / cleaning ! Special thanks to Consumers Energy, MDNR Fisheries, and Ludington State Park employees for your help!

This is truly a community event that enhances our Great Lakes fishery along with providing education, and supporting tourism. It is a symbiotic relationship... everyone wins.

We placed in net pens 15,000 Coho salmon and did a direct plant of 25,000 at time of release. The idea of net penning the Coho is to provide both the opportunity for “imprinting” so they return to this area and acclimation for a better chance for survival.

Though net penning King Salmon has been happening for many years in many locations, LCBA is the first and only organization to net pen Coho Salmon in the state.

At this time the nets have been pulled and the project is complete. We can hope to see a return of this plant as “Jacks” as early as Fall 2021 and mature fish in 2022. This fall we should see returns of mature Coho from our Spring 2020 plant as well.

Hopefully you can catch a bunch in the big lake at Ludington, in the river or enjoy watching them trying to jump the Sable River dam at the Ludington State Park!



## 2021 EVENT DATES:

### OFFSHORE CLASSIC FISHING TOURNAMENT/ BIG BOYS TOURNAMENT, **JULY 13-18**

Hosted by the Ludington & Scottville Area Chamber of Commerce



**Contact Captain Chucks II for details on the Big King Bonanza Happening now!**

### LCBA Member Meeting

Saturday, June 5th, 6:00 PM

Location TBD

### Sponsor Appreciation Day

TBD possibly late summer or early fall

### Blessing of the Boats

Have your boat blessed for the season and have some fun !

#### DATE AND TIME

Saturday Jun 26, 2021

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM EDT

#### LOCATION

Ludington Municipal Marina

400 W. Filer St.

Ludington, MI

#### WEBSITE

<https://www.ludington.mi.us/220/Municipal-Marina/>



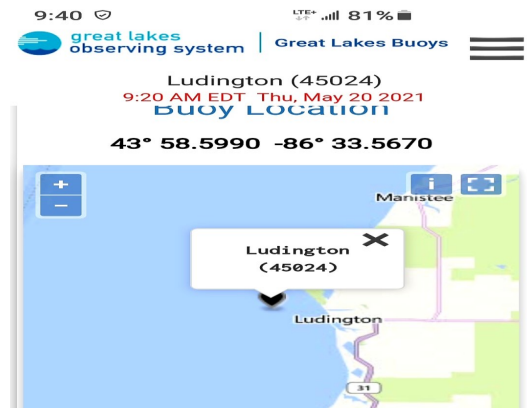
### CHARTER CAPTAINS !

**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**

**Thank You Ludington Municipal Marina  
for use of you facilities for our Dockside  
DNR Safety inspections this year!**



**It is in the water!!** The Ludington weather buoy was deployed last week and is operational! <https://glbuoys.glos.us/45024/>



**Did you know?** We provide updates to Tribal net locations, Weather Buoy Status, and Fishing activity on our Facebook Page! It is also a direct feed into our Website ... so if you do not do Facebook you can see it there:

<https://charterludington.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/LudingtonCharterFishing/>

## **Consent Decree Update**

The Tribal Treaty Negotiations appear to be moving forward slow at best. You can review information posted on both the MCBA Website and Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources as to the progress and for educational purpose. There is also a link for donation to support the Coalition to protect Michigan resources.

<https://mcbamembers.com/mcba-news/treaty-negotiations-update-slow-progress-at-best/>

<https://protectmiresources.com/>

Your LCBA Board has concerns about many potential outcomes that could stray from the current agreement in place. The current agreement (until the extension expires in June of this year) has been working and shares the resources between the Tribes, Commercial and Sports fisherman along with gear, season, locations and species restrictions. Many of today's fisher people have little to no knowledge of the efforts to develop and the positive impacts that the current agreement has had on sharing resources. We would encourage you to seek those websites for education purposes and hopefully support the Coalition through donations.

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Passionate about our fishery?

Supportive of our Charter Businesses?

Supportive of local business?

Have a commitment for our local community?

### **WE NEED YOU!**

Your membership helps to support our organization!

Your time as a volunteer helps to create strength through teamwork and growth of our organization!

### ***Interested in going beyond?***

**How about a board position?** We have two board members retiring their positions this year.

Serving as a LCBA Board member, provides Leadership, Direction and Strength to the organization!

Contact one of our board members with your interest!

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.

Scotty's, Luciano's and the Blu Moon Bistro

