

Pentwater Sportfishing Association, Inc. News

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Check out the web for the latest information on what the PSA is up to now!



“Big Fish” Contest current standings on Page 2.

Information on Ladies Classic on Page 3

>> Please read the PSA meeting minutes starting on page 4 to stay informed. Everyone is welcomed to attend the meetings held at the Friendship Center @3pm in Pentwater. See page 10 for meeting dates.

**The 1st Mini Tournament Results
- See Page 8 -**

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**Pentwater Homecoming is coming up! PSA will be present in the parade starting at 4:00 pm on Saturday, August 11th.**

**If you have the time & would like to participate please call Dean Jessup. All is welcome!!**



**It was the “Right” thing to do!**

**Read the story on Page 9**

## Your PSA 2018 Officers and Term Endings:

|                                                             |      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| <b>Dean Jessup — President</b><br>Boat ~ Dean’s Dream       | 2019 |
| Ph: (574) 596-1068<br>djessup303@gmail.com                  |      |
| <b>George Cornell — Secretary</b><br>Boat ~ Reel Dancer     | 2020 |
| Ph: (517) 490-4322<br>cornell@msu.edu                       |      |
| <b>Lyn Snider — Treasurer</b><br>Boat ~ Producer            | 2020 |
| Ph: (616) 291-2568<br>mslyn2@juno.com                       |      |
| <b>Dan Gettings — Director</b><br>Boat ~ Keeping It Reel    | 2019 |
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| <b>Rob Bannink — Director</b><br>Boat ~ Dreamin’ Screammers | 2018 |
| Ph: (231) 327-0841<br>robdogban@aol.com                     |      |
| <b>Steve Sauser — Director</b><br>Boat ~ Fish Eagle         | 2018 |
| Ph: (231) 301-0224<br>sk091695@yahoo.com                    |      |
| <b>Brad Smith — Director</b><br>Boat ~ Gray Fin             | 2019 |
| Ph: (616) 292-5918<br>bjsmith0028@gmail.com                 |      |

## Boater Safety Class

~ August 2nd & 3rd ~



This is a two day training class, held at Pentwater Yacht Club

To sign up call Oceana County Marine Deputy  
Tim Simon (231) 873-6771

\* See our website for more information.

## **WIN AND BETTE MATTESON Annual "Big Fish" Contest**

May 26 to August 19, 2018

Thanks to the generosity of Win and Bette Matteson, a plaque PLUS a cash prize of \$100 will be awarded to the winners of our Annual Big Fish Contest, listed below. These cash prizes are given in recognition and memory of our numerous PSA members who have contributed so much to our organization and our fishing family in Pentwater. Remember those who have passed with kindness and keep their memories alive with fish stories of past fishing exploits and great days on the Big Lake.

### **Current Standings**

| <b>King Salmon</b> | <b>Lake Trout</b> | <b>Brown Trout</b> | <b>Steelhead Trout</b> | <b>Coho Salmon</b> |
|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Gray Fin           | Dean's Dream      | Highway Man        | Highway Man            | Fish Eagle         |
| Doc Hickman        | Dean Jessup       | Darryl Highway     | Darryl Highway         | Steve Sauser       |
| 26.40 lbs.         | 12.70 lbs.        | 9.70 lbs.          | 14.75 lbs.             | 5.95 lbs.          |

Current Standings as of July 11, 2018



Gray Fin - 26.40# King - 7/1/18  
(Brad & Doc)



Highway Man - 9.70#  
Brown - 7/11/18



Highway Man - 14.75# Steelhead - 7/5/18



Fish Eagle - 5.95# Coho - 7/3/18

### **Official PSA Scale Locations / Contacts for Weighing Your Catch**

George Cornell—Reel Dancer Boat—(517) 490-4322

Capt. Dave German—Bad Habits Boat—(616) 889-4300 (at City Marina)

Lyn Snider—Producer Boat—(616) 291-2568 (at Charlie's Marina Long Dock)

Capt. Brent Daggett—Sportsman Charter (at City Marina)

The Pines Motel—(231) 869-5128 (North of Town)



# 16th ANNUAL Pentwater Sportfishing Association

## LADIES' CLASSIC Trout / Salmon FISHING TOURNAMENT

Saturday, July 28, 2018 Weigh-in at 1:00 pm

**New Rule: If we can't fish Saturday, fish when you can Saturday evening, Sunday morning.**

**Weigh-in / awards are then - Sunday July 29th - noon**

**1st Place - Big Fish**

**2nd Place - Most Fish** (Tie Determined by Heaviest Ten-Fish Weight)

**3rd Place - Mystery Weight** (Random weight chosen at weigh-in)

Prizes for Biggest of each species: King Salmon, Coho Salmon, Steelhead, Brown and Lake Trout

### \* RULES \*

1. HAVE FUN !!
2. D.N.R. Creel Limit Rules Apply. Minimum length - 18 inches - all species
3. Ladies Must: Set Hooks, Fight Fish & Net the Fish
4. Entire crew may Set Lines, Change Lures, Drive Boat & Unhook Fish
5. Maximum nine - rod limit
6. Boats must leave from and return to Pentwater channel.
7. Fish must be at scales by weigh-in time: 1 PM on Saturday, noon Sunday - Weigh-in at Pentwater Village Marina
8. Catch legal limits of fish, weigh-in ten fish. (Choose your 10 before weigh-in)
9. One prize per boat, each boat at weigh-in wins a prize.
10. Open to the public. No Charter boats.
11. \$15.00 registration fee for PSA members, \$20.00 (and a membership) for non-members per boat prior to fishing. **Sign up at Village Marina with Sharri German (616)889-4298 or at Charlie's Marina (see Juanita) or Pam Cornell (517) 719-5912. Call for more information or sign up with Lyn Snider (616) 291-2568.**
12. BOUNDARY WATERS: North end Consumers Project (N 43-54-45), 2 miles south of Little Sable Lighthouse ( N 43-37-00) and Pentwater Lake to Longbridge Road.

**PENTWATER SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MEETING – JUNE 16, 2018****PENTWATER FRIENDSHIP CENTER**

Directors Present: Dean Jessup, George Cornell, Dan Gettings, Bruce Koorndyk (Immediate Past President), Lyn Snider, Steve Sauser, Brad Smith – Absent: Rob Bannink (excused for work). Members Present: Kristy Sauser – Newsletter Coordinator

Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m. by President Dean Jessup

- President's comments: Dean J. thanked the Directors and members for their work on the MD Derby this year and commented on how smoothly it went. Everyone was in agreement things went very well. Discussion to be held later in meeting on suggestions for improvement of Derby.
- Secretary's Report: George Cornell went over the minutes from May 19th meeting as printed in the newsletter. No discussion and it was moved by Steve Sauser, supported by Lyn Snider to approve the minutes. Motion passed. George then reported on follow-up thank you to Derby sponsors and supporters – 36 thank you notes had been delivered or mailed with only one thank you note to Mike Cline yet to be delivered. Additionally, George received a very nice thank you note from Skip and Chris Petit (Ed's Mom and Dad) and a donation of \$250 to PSA. **THANK YOU SKIP AND CHRIS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF PSA!** After a discussion of the Board, it was decided to use the \$250 to honor Eddie Petit at the next 5 MD Derby's by sponsoring a Daily Prize in his name. That is a real contribution to the MD Derby since the \$50 is part of our operating budget every year. The motion was made by Brad Smith, supported by Bruce Koorndyk and was unanimously approved.
- Treasurer's Report: Lyn Snider handed out written reports on both our monthly balance and expenditures and the Derby breakdown. She also passed out Derby breakdown for recent events – and PSA is doing very well financially at this point in time. We are slowly rebuilding member base and attracting new members. Motion to approve report by Brad Smith, supported by Dan Gettings. Motion carried.
- **OLD BUSINESS** – Village sign update. Dean J. went over new sign protocol for PSA events. We will no longer be allowed to place banners at Village entrances but we are in the process of having a new sign made that will conform to Village standards and will be allowed to advertise our events at both south and north Village entrances.
- MSU Fish Stomach Study – Lyn Snider reported that she had finalized PSA donation of \$100 to support student workers on the study.
- Home Coming Parade: Steve Sauser will be handling the Parade duties for PSA this year. **THANKS STEVE AND FAMILY. IT IS A GOOD THING TO SEE PSA IN THE PARADE AND IT'S GOOD PUBLICITY FOR OUR PRESENCE IN THE COMMUNITY!** George C. will get paper work from the Chamber to register PSA participation with the Home Coming Parade. Additionally, there was a discussion of contributing \$100 to the Homecoming Fireworks as PSA has done in past years. After short discussion, it was moved by Dan Gettings and supported by Brad Smith that PSA contribute \$100 to the 2018 Homecoming Fireworks ..... Motion carried.

**PSA MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED – JUNE 16, 2018**

- **NEW BUSINESS** – Committee updates – Clothing update by Dan Gettings: we have good supply of hats and shirts and are in good shape for our coming events. How we did selling was covered in Treasurer's Report for the Md Derby.
- Ladies Classic: Lyn Snider reported on the up-coming event on July 28<sup>th</sup>. This year, we will fish the event on Saturday afternoon in case of cancellation on Saturday morning. This change is occasioned by last year's weather resulting in cancellation of both Saturday and Sunday fishing. We could have fished Saturday afternoon ..... but rules as published did not state that. This year we will be making the published changes .... And if need be ..... will fish the event on Saturday afternoon in case of bad weather in the morning.
- Channel Lights update: Dean J. reported that we needed some new brackets made to get all the lights back up. Dan Gettings will work on securing new brackets and finding someone to weld them in place. Dan will request any help that he needs to get them in place as soon as possible.
- Community Relations: Dean J. reported that lighted No Wake buoys are in and Bruce K. stated that we may have a 4<sup>th</sup> lighted buoy in the future. All of our wall and pier lights are installed that can be at this point in time until we get our new brackets installed. Discussion also centered on fish cleaning station and the need to help Village find ways to support the cost of the fish cleaning station since a new grinder was installed and the cost was fairly high. The cost of pumping and disposal is an on-going cost to the Village. It was moved by Dan Gettings, and supported by Lyn Snider that we list the fish cleaning station as category for donations on our membership form. Motion was approved and the change will be made ASAP.
- Big Fish/ Mini Tournaments: George C. reported that the Big Fish Contest is in full swing and we will once again be using the web page as the most current source of information for pictures and listing of category leaders. Scales are located with George C., Lyn Snider, Capt. Brent (Sportsman), the Pines Motel, and Dean J. currently has the scale Dave German had .... Get your fish weighed and certified and we'll get it up on the web page should you catch "The Big One." First Mini Tournament is on June 23, and **YOUTH MINI TOURNAMENT ON AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>. GET YOUR CREW TOGETHER – 16 YEARS OF AGE AND YOUNGER ON BOATS. IT WILL BE A GOOD TIME FOR ALL ..... MEMBER BOATS WILL BE PARTICIPATING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND WE'LL HAVE A COOK OUT AS PART OF THE AWARDS CEREMONY. LET'S GET SOME KIDS OUT FISHING AND GROW THE SPORT!** Dean Jessup appointed a Committee of George, Bruce and Dean to get this event going this year for our first Youth Outing.
- Newsletter Report: Kristy Sauser reported on newsletter. We are going to get a few extra newsletters published each month so we can distribute them to Village Chamber of Commerce Office as well as Marina Day Rooms to publicize PSA and events.
- Web Page: Dean reported the web page was in good shape and was working well to distribute info to members.

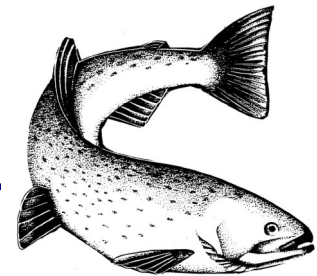


## **PSA MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED – JUNE 16, 2018**

- Re-Cap of MD Derby: The break down of Derby was included in the Treasurer's Report so there was really nothing new to report. Discussion followed of what we could possibly do with Brown Trout category since it has not filled in recent years but it was decided to leave it the way it is. The prizes will remain the same ..... Same categories and places.
- **BOATER SAFETY CLASSES FOR 2018 – THE BOATER SAFETY CLASSES WILL BE HELD AT THE PENT-WATER YACHT CLUB ON JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup> FROM 8 – 12 AND AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> FROM 8-12. YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THE CLASS. TO REGISTER CALL (231) 873-6771 AND YOU CAN VIEW INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLASS AT <http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/recnsearch/> ..... THANK YOU OFFICER TIM SIMON – OCEANA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – MARINE DIVISION – FOR MAKING THIS COURSE SO SUCCESSFUL IN RECENT YEARS!**

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by George Cornell, PSA Secretary



### **Note: About Pentwater Fish Cleaning Station**

The PSA fishing community has enjoyed the service of the Pentwater Village Marina Fish Cleaning Station for many years. The central location is a popular gathering spot for PSA members and visitors to view the day's catch and for fishermen to process their fish.

This year, the Village installed a new grinder to upgrade the service of the station. This was at a large cost to the Village, along with the continued cost of pump-outs and maintenance over the season.

The PSA Board of Directors would like to help support the Village to help underwrite the cost of this service to our fishing community by collecting donations to be contributed to the Village at the end of the fishing season.

We are adding a donation line to the PSA membership form as a designated contribution to the fish cleaning station. We would encourage everyone to join our effort to raise funds to support this service. Having a centrally located, modern fish cleaning station is really a great service to PSA members and their guests.

You may send a contribution to PSA anytime, and we will earmark your donation to support the fish cleaning station and we will keep a separate accounting of that fund.

Thanks for your support. PSA Board

**Thanks for your support!**

**Pentwater Sportfishing Association—Membership Application / Renewal Form**

Fee: \$10.00 Self/Boat \$15.00 Self &amp; Spouse

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail To: PSA Treasurer, Lyn Snider

P.O. Box #173, Pentwater, MI 49449

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Boat Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership (Circle one) Self—\$10.00 Self/ Spouse—\$15.00

\$

\* Voluntary Donation for Channel Lights

Amount of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

\$

\* Voluntary Donation for Youth Programs

Amount of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

\$

\* Voluntary Donation for PW Fish Cleaning Station

Amount of Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

\$

Please check this box to receive your

Newsletter via e-mail:

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to assist on the following PSA

Sponsored Event: (check boxes that apply)

Memorial Weekend Fishing Derby May 26, 27 &amp; 28

Pentwater Ladies Classic Derby July 28

Youth Mini Tournament August 4

Bannink's Lines-Down Derby September 1

Channel Lights: (Placement in May -  
Removal in Oct)

Total

\$

Willing to assist please contact—info@pentwaterpsa.org

**\*\*\* Membership Sign Ups \*\*\***Please use the form at the left to sign up for the  
2018 fishing season.In accordance with PSA By-laws, membership  
payment is due on January 1st and carries thru to  
December 31, each year.If you would like to receive your newsletter via e-mail  
please check the box on your form and list your  
current e-mail address.Lyn Snider, 'Producer' boat is the PSA Treasurer and  
will be pleased to send your membership by return  
mail.If you need to verify that you have sent in your 2018  
dues or just wish to contribute to PSA, call Lyn at  
(616) 291-2568 or use PSA e-mail:

info@pentwaterpsa.org

For Fishing Tournament &  
'Big Fish' Information go to:**[www.pentwaterpsa.org](http://www.pentwaterpsa.org)**

The words "Thank you" written in a large, elegant, cursive script.

**PSA MINI TOURNAMENT – JUNE 23, 2018:**

The first Mini was held on Saturday June 23rd and 8 boats were entered. As you may recall, the Mini Tournaments are small scale competitive events that costs \$10 to enter. All the monies collected plus \$60 from PSA are paid out to the winners. To enter, you simply need to call a Director before fishing, and pay the \$10 at the 1 p.m. weigh in at the Village Marina gazebo. This event paid out \$70 for Big Fish and that went to Ryan Whaley and his "Ryan's Jule" boat with a 16.35 King .... Someone said it was Beginners Luck since this was Ryan's first mini .... But that point was hotly debated. Most Fish was taken by Mark Clark and "Our Down Time" and a catch of 6 fish ..... 4 Kings and 2 Steelhead and paid \$42. The Mystery Weight was won by Darryl Highway and the "Highwayman" boat for a King salmon that came closest to the MW of 7.20 lbs. and that paid \$28. Not bad for a \$10 entry fee! Congrats to all the winners and some nice boxes of fish!

**YOUTH MINI TOURNAMENT ON AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>**

**\* 16 Years of Age and Younger on Boats \***

**It will be a good time for all..... Member boats will be participating with family and friends. We'll have a cook out as part of the awards ceremony. Great prizes for the kids.**

**Let's get some kids out fishing & grow the sport!**



**Please find more information on our website:  
[www.pentwaterpsa.org](http://www.pentwaterpsa.org) under the "Events" page.**

*Get your crew together now!*

**Fishing Tournament Labor Day Weekend**

**>> BANNINK'S "LINES DOWN" TOURNAMENT <<**

***Saturday, September 1, 2018***

**Alternate Date for Bad Weather is Sunday, Sept. 2nd**



## It was the “Right” thing to do!

Just after wrapping up the Awards Ceremony for our Memorial Day Derby, Shawn Dickinson, the Captain of the “Tuna Time” crew, brought his phone out of his pocket and said... “Hey, George, You’re not gonna believe this!”

He began his story: “This morning... We were in 110 feet of water down below the Bares and above the Dead Spot when we saw something in the water. The fishing had tailed off a bit and we were looking for fish and saw something moving through the water. We decided to troll over that way and see what it was..... and it was crazy..... It was a young buck struggling in the water.



It looked like he had been in the water a long time and he was clearly wearing down. The crew decided to see if we could help him out and steer him back toward shore a bit... after awhile it became clear though that he was just plumb worn out and every time we got close to him... he struggled a bit more. We didn’t want to make things worse... So we decided that if we were going to help him get back to shore... we were going to need to grab him and get him on board and transport him back to the beach. Wow... That was a bit of a circus... but Ed Bailey and Jim Olds finally grabbed him and got him on board. He was so exhausted he just laid there and we throttled up and headed to shore.

When we got close... I didn’t want to run the boat aground as we went over the last sand bar and one of the guys grabbed the deer and jumped in the water. It was funny but it was a bit scary too... Since after we got over the top of the last sand bar it got deep again and it was over the crew’s head! Wow... that was a wake-up call! After a bit of thrashing they found their footing and struggled to shore. Little Bucky was on high ground, safe and sound! After getting back on board, we headed out to deeper water... but fishing was over for the morning. We had a wet crew member and a cooler of fish to clean... too bad we didn’t get a fish to move up on the board though. That would have been the Topper... weigh a fish to move up the board and rescue a deer on the same trip!”

I had to laugh as I looked at the pictures, “That’s nutso Shawn.... I’m not sure I’ve ever seen that one before... 110 feet of water and a young Whitetail Buck swimming around. You did the right thing by that little buck though..... Too Cool!”

Shawn and his crew are regulars at the Memorial Day Derby. They always fish hard and find a solid spot on the Board. Shawn and the guys are deer hunters too! The object is to HUNT DEER not watch them drown.

GREAT JOB GUYS!!!..... THAT’S BETTER THAN REALITY TV ANY DAY OF THE WEEK. That’s the best wildlife on the water story we’ve heard since Jerry Chesness and Dewey Cameron said they saw a coyote swimming in the channel early one morning on their way out to fish!

**OUR HATS ARE OFF TO THE “TUNA TIME” CAPTAIN AND CREW.**

Story written by George Cornell, Secretary, PSA

## 2018

### Pentwater Sportfishing Association

#### Calendar of Events

PSA Meetings are held at the Pentwater Friendship Center at 3:00 p.m. ~ Everyone is welcome!

Mini Tournament Weigh-Ins will be held at the Village Marina at 1:00 p.m., any member can participate.

Boater Safety Classes are free & held at the Pentwater Yacht Club.

May 5: Install Channel Lights

May 19: PSA Board Meeting @3pm

May 26: Start of "Big Fish Contest"

May 26—28: Memorial Weekend Fishing Derby

June 16: PSA Board Meeting @3pm

June 23: PSA Mini Tournament

July 12 & 13: Boating Safety Class

July 21: PSA Board Meeting @3pm

July 28: Ladies' Classic Fishing Derby

Aug 2 & 3: Boating Safety Class

Aug 4: Youth Mini Tournament

Aug 10 - 12: Pentwater Homecoming

Aug 19: End of "Big Fish Contest"

Aug 25: Potluck Dinner / Annual Meeting @3pm

Sept 1: Bannink's Lines Down Fishing Derby

Sept 2: Rain Date for Derby

Sept 15: PSA Board Meeting @3pm

Oct 6: Remove Channel Lights

Dec 31: Pay 2019 PSA Membership Dues (Reminder)