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ANNUAL MEETING WRAP-UP

JON BUMSTEAD RECEIVES PISTIS AWARD

by Captain Eric Andersen, President

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 State Representative Jon Bumstead from the 100th district, Newago, MI. State Rep. Jon Bumstead is a leader in state conservation, hunting and fishing efforts for outdoor enthusiasts, hunters and fishermen. He has sponsored several state bills that are of special interest to us in the sportfishing industry: House Bill HB 5255 regarding the ban of open water aquaculture in Michigan waters and House Bill HB 5863 regarding changes in hunting and fishing licenses with fee increases to fund MDNR. These increases in fishing license fees will allow construction to begin at various state hatcheries for additional steelhead and Coho salmon stocking. Another direct benefit is the



MCBA President Captain Eric Andersen presents Pistis Award to Michigan State Representative Jon Bumstead (above left).

hiring of 40 new DNR officers and increased patrolling on Great Lakes waters regarding illegal gill netting. As an avid hunter and fisherman, a person who continues to fight for and represent sportsmen and sportswomen in Michigan, Rep. Jon Bumstead is certainly an individual worthy of our annual Pistis Award. 🦅

MCBA ANNUAL AWARD

by Captain Eric Andersen, President

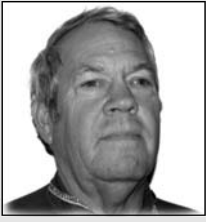
The MCBA Award is an award that is intended to recognize members of our association who have contributed of themselves above and beyond the call of duty for our association.

This year we are honored to present this

award to our own Past President Captain Terry Walsh. Captain Walsh, as president for six years, brought us through the troubled times with our random drug testing program and worked many hours to bring it up to date. He, along with the US Coast Guard, the late Capt. Dean Hobbs and our current drug administrator

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From the Helm . . .




Our fall Treetops Resort 2016 meetings and banquet gave me some time to meet several new captains and a couple who had been MCBA members but had never been to our fall workshop meeting and banquet. It was nice to see these captains there. The Saturday workshop meeting was very informative, especially in regards to revised changes in King Salmon cuts for Lake Michigan. We are following this very closely. More info about 2016 catch numbers for salmon and trout on the Great Lakes should be available from MDNR fisheries at the January 2017 Ludington workshop meeting hosted by MSU Sea Grant.

The board and I would like to personally thank Captain Bill Winowiecki for putting the fall 2016 Saturday workshop meeting together. He spent many hours of phone time to lineup our speakers. As most of you know Capt. Bill is also our Northern Lake Michigan Director.



On another topic, I have followed the MCBA Facebook page from the beginning on the "net". As one of the moderators, I get the stats on how many "likes" and "people reached" on various articles and fishing pictures posted each week. Our page on Facebook is normally running well above average in viewership and people reached. According to Facebook, we average in the 80 to 90 % range in viewership compared to all their other pages on Facebook. This is a huge success for MCBA and its members. We have a very large number of people looking at our Facebook pages each week according to the numbers I receive from Facebook people. Our computer and website person, Maxine Appleby, needs a big thanks for setting up our page and getting it up and running on Facebook.

In closing, I wish everyone a great Christmas and New Year from all of us on the MCBA board. I hope in the coming new year our captains have good catches and happy customers.

Capt. Eric Andersen President MCBA 

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have brought this program into the best maritime drug testing program in the Great Lakes region.

Captain Walsh has over 40 years' experience on Lake Huron waters as owner/captain of TER-MAR Charters at Au Gres, MI. As a person who cares greatly on fishing and conservation issues,

Captain Walsh is a member of the Lake Huron Citizens Fisheries Advisory Committee, member of the Bay County Conservation and Gun Club and a noted skeet shooter here in the Great Lakes region. Captain Walsh had a lifelong career as a English teacher, and an outdoor writer for various hunting/fishing publications through-

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(L-R) MCBA President Captain Eric Andersen & Past MCBA President Captain Terry R. Walsh

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out the Midwest. He currently helps edit the Cannonball.

We want MCBA to wish our Past President our heartfelt thanks for all he has done for MCBA. 🐟



Maritime Licensing Specialist

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

SEA K'S LICENSING LORE

As my neighbor fired up his snow blower in anticipation of winter, I realized another fishing season has gone by and I didn't get a line in the water as much as I would have liked. Hope springs eternal though, and I'm already mentally preparing for 2017. For those of you who were unable to attend the fall conference in Gaylord, you missed a good time. I want to extend a special thank you to the "MCBA Ladies" who showed my wife Connie such a good time. She is already talking about attending next year's conference.

Not a lot new to report on the maritime licensing front. The Coast Guard in West Virginia continues to hire inexperienced evaluators and

it shows in the poor quality of many of the evaluations. Many of the most basic evaluations are taking anywhere from 2-3 months to complete. At their current rate of processing I'm anticipating a 3-4 month backlog this winter so if your current Coast Guard credential is due to expire between now and June 1, 2017, I would recommend you start the renewal process now. Remember, if you start the renewal process no more than eight months early, the CG will issue your new credential but it shouldn't become effective until your current credential expires. This has been another sore spot because many of the new evaluators are not following the regulations so make sure to double check your new credential when you receive it.

Things to remember when completing your paperwork. On the application form there is still no place to type your next of kin's name so make sure to write it in. On your physical make sure to indicate your name and date of birth on the bottom of each page and make sure to sign the physical on the last page beneath the doctor's information. If you wear glasses or contacts, make sure both the uncorrected and corrected vision information is listed. If you have a medical waiver, you must send a new physical and the medical waiver information to the REC in Toledo. Do not send it directly to the NMC or they will return it to you. You don't need to renew your TWIC card but I recommend you send a copy of the front of the expired card with your application package. When providing proof of ownership with your small boat sea service form, if the boat is owned through a corporation you will need to provide a copy of your business license or articles of incorporation along with the boat registration or documentation papers. Also, if you pay the CG fees with a corporate check, you must list your federal tax I.D. number on the check.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Captain John Giszczak



Captains / Mates! The 2017 fishing season is just around the corner. If you have not yet sent in your membership application, time is not on your side. December 31 is the deadline! Don't delay join today. Please make a copy of your application in the event your application gets lost in the mail, plus it's good proof for tax purposes.

If you have your wife or children fill out your membership application for you, please double check the information or lack there of. I can only assume from the missing information on your application, you no longer own a boat, dumped your cell phone carrier, sold your business, don't accept email, or moved

off the grid. Unfortunately I can't call every member who neglects to fill out the application completely. Please take your time and print legibly. If you don't have a regular #10 envelope to mail your application in with, borrow one from the neighbor. It's tough to read an application that's been folded up as small as a business card.

If you need help or have questions please call the 800#. If you have to leave me a message, please speak slowly/clearly. Your message is digitally recorded and sent to me via email. 🐟



**ALL MCBA Memberships Expire 12/31/2016
Stay Compliant - Renew Today!**

Hope you all have a safe and happy holiday season and a special Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Sea K's Licensing Service. 🐟



S. Lake Michigan
Captain Mike Nelson
MCBA Director



MCBA Welcomes New Director

By Capt. Eric Andersen - Pres MCBA

Michigan Charter Boat Association would like to extend a big welcome aboard our new Southern Lake Michigan Director, Captain Mike Nelson. Captain Mike operates Nelson Charters out of Grand Isle Marina located at the port of Grand Haven, MI. Having been an active member in MCBA for many years we are very pleased with Captain Mike Nelson's decision to take this important position on the MCBA board of directors.

We also want to take this time to say a big thank you to retiring Captain Ron Wes-

trate who sat on our board of directors for many years. Captain Ron was there for us as Southern Lake Michigan Director providing input on the many decisions we made as a board over the years, he will be missed. 🐟



Central Lake Michigan

By Captain George Freeman - MCBA Director

The Annual Fall MCBA Business Conference was held at The Treetops Resort in Gaylord October 21 -23. The program was well put together and very informative. The food and accommodations were excellent. Thank you to all the CLM members who attended and to Northern Lake Michigan Director Capt. Bill Winowiecki for planning the conference, Secretary Capt. John Giszczak for the Hospitality Suite, Capt. Frank

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English for the Tackle Raffle and the rest of the crew who helped make this event a success. At the Sunday morning business meeting elections were held. All the officers were re-elected except for Southern Lake Michigan Director Capt. Ron Westrate. Capt. Ron retired from his position and Capt. Mike Nelson was elected to fill the opening.

All Captains and others interested are encouraged to attend the **Ludington Regional Fishery Workshop** to be held January 14th, 2017. 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 Mary Frein, Ottawa County MSU Extension Office (616) 994-4540 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. 🐟



Northern Lake Michigan

By Captain Bill Winowiecki - MCBA Director

It's been an unseasonably warm fall. Hopefully, the warm weather will help our alewife population in Lake Michigan.

As everyone knows King Salmon plant cuts are coming this spring. We will receive 330,000 Chinook on the west coast of Michigan. 150,000 will go into the Little Manistee River for future egg take. The other 180,000 will be planted in various rivers and ports up and down the

coast of Lake Michigan.

West Grand Traverse Bay has had low lake trout numbers the past couple of years. Our charter captains have been struggling to catch one to four fish per outing.

A couple of Traverse City charter captains made some phone calls to the DNR Charlevoix office asking questions. Their investigation determined that US fish and Wildlife has not planted any lake trout in West Grand Traverse Bay in the past seven years. This is not good news. Lake trout grow slow, and it would take six to seven years for this fishery to recover. The Michigan DNR and US Fish and Wildlife biologist are in discussions as to where adjustments in Lake Trout plants can be made next spring.

A meeting was held December 7th to get public input and discuss the future of the Platte River boat ramp in the Sleeping Bear National Lake shore. The National Park doesn't want to dredge the mouth of the Platte River and let it return to its natural flow. The Park Service has three proposals it's researching.

1. Continue with the boat ramp as it is now, dredge the river mouth when funds are available.
2. Let the Platte River mouth return to its natural flow with boat ramps remaining. Boaters get in and out of the mouth at their own risk.
3. Possibly putting a removable ramp in at the end to Tiesma Road. What type of ramp, or docking is to be determined.

Safe access to Platte Bay is in everybody's interest. Storms and north winds move in very fast on Platte Bay. Look at what happened in Glen Arbor two years ago. History on Platte Bay has been very deadly for sports fisherman. One person drowned and disappeared this past summer. This discussion has been going on since June 2015. New people come and go in the Park Service. Access and Safety for boaters should be top priority.

I want to thank everybody who contributed to the MCBA Tribal Negotiation Fund with their membership renewal. We have a long way to go, and the MCBA board will be discussing other fund raising proposals at the next board meeting. Your future support will be appreciated.

The Ludington Sea Grant meeting is Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at West Shore Community College.

I want to wish everybody a Happy and Safe Holiday Season. 🐟



Upper Peninsula

By Captain Brian Helminen - MCBA Director

Have you ever read or listened to the fable "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Spencer Johnson? In the story, cheese is a metaphor for whatever it is that brings you pleasure such as a sexy, loving spouse; fun, compatible clients; a great first mate; a nice fishing boat; or a cooler load of nice big King Salmon!

The tale depicts two mice, Sniff and Scurry, and two little people, Hem and Haw, who are in a maze (called life) searching for their cheese. All four of them find their cheese and enjoy it, and soon the little people become accustomed to having it. Hem and Haw get fat, happy and content, even to the point of feeling entitled to their cheese. They don't realize their cheese supply is running out, and eventually it's all gone. Hem and Haw don't want to accept the fact that their cheese IS gone and stay in their cheese-less situation, hemming and hawing.

The mice, whose minds aren't capable of analyzing things, also run out, and just move on, sniffing and scurrying about the maze searching for new cheese.

Well, I won't tell the whole story, but you get the correlation (I recommend listening to a re-

ording of the book.)

With the changing water-scape on the Great Lakes, you may run out of your preferred cheese and have to search for new cheese. There IS other cheese to be found out there and it just might be different than you are used to. Your new cheese may be lake trout if the supply of King Salmon keeps dwindling.

Trout are more abundant, making them easier to catch, so they bring better catch rates. lake trout is really good to eat, and they are fun to catch... for most people.

If the Chinook catch rates dwindle, will you lose customers? Yes, probably (initially), if they are hooked on the big fight that salmon give, but you may try to hook a different clientele – families, kids and retirees who don't care so much if they don't net Chinook. It may require changing your marketing to emphasize better catch rates, taking home healthy meals of fish high in omega-3 oils or just enjoying a relaxing day on the water.

My fishery is predominantly lake trout in Lake Superior, and some of my best, repeat clients just want to target trout. I smoke some of it every summer, then vacuum pack it into snack-size portions to take along on my charters. When the bite slows down, I offer a tasty snack of trout to make the point that these are great eating fish. It also keeps monotony from setting in if fishing is slow.

Yes, I get it – King Salmon are really fun to catch with their aggressive fight, and they are good table fare, too. I'd love to have a fishery with abundant Chinook, and if I had it and was losing it, I'd be motivated to do whatever I could to keep it going.

At the end of the day, if you give your best effort to retain what you have, but the fishery changes in spite of your best efforts, don't be like Hem and Haw, move along to different wa-

ters and find new cheese!

P.S. Learn how to remove lake trout cheeks – they are really good tasting. I laughingly offer them to my clients as fish nuggets. If refused, throw them in a frying pan with butter, onion and garlic, and enjoy them in a salad. 🐟



Northern Lake Huron

By Captain Rick Konecke - MCBA Director

ONLINE CATCH REPORTING

Michigan Act 451, P.A. 1994 contains the charter boat catch reporting law. Section 44508 of Part 445 requires that all charter boats used for fishing in state of Michigan waters, report their catch (harvest) and effort to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR). The intent of the charter catch reporting system is to provide a bank of information for use in managing the fishery in Michigan and the Great Lakes. The law stipulates that the identity of the operators shall remain anonymous.

Until now, charter operators have been required to submit their monthly information to the MDNR using paper form PR 8206, the MICHIGAN CHARTER BOAT DAILY CATCH REPORT. The online reporting site provides the charter operator with the option of submitting reports electronically. Please note that reporting requirements are the same regardless if an operator uses paper form PR 8206 or this online system.

This web site and reporting system is intended for use by charter boat operators in the state of Michigan to report their fishing effort and harvest online. Only authorized charter operators or their agents are allowed to use this site. In order to use this web site, an account must be established in your name. After an account is established, a Reporter Identification Number (Reporter ID) and initial password will be assigned for your use to access this site.

If your not doing the on line reporting, I encourage you to give it a try. In the near furthers all reporting will be done by smart phone or computer so why not start now!

For those charter operations wanting to establish a new online account, contact the Michigan Charter Boat Fishing Reporting Administrator CharterFishingProgram@michigan.gov or call 231-547-2914 extension 223. 🐟



Southern Lake Huron

By Captain Ken Deaton - MCBA Director

Did You Know:

Michigan Sea Grant Extension works closely with the state's charter fishing industry to develop and propose resource management policies and regulations that achieve a balance between the economic benefits of charter fishing and the state's natural resources and conservation goals. We provide technical support in areas like increasing business opportunities and obtaining and maintaining licenses and certifications. 🐟



Lake Erie & Lake St. Clair

by Captain Henry Walters - MCBA Director

Hello everyone,

The EPA confirms there are non-native invertebrate species in the Great Lakes. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Great Lakes National Program office has confirmed the presence of a non-native invertebrate zooplankton species in the western basin of Lake Erie. This new finding is a result of a collaboration between EPA and Cornell University researchers as part of EPA's long-term biology monitoring program in the open waters of the Great Lakes. Cornell researchers identified the presence of a

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new zooplankton species *Thermocyclops Crassus*, in samples collected from 2014 through 2016.

Per the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the ecosystem risk from *Thermocyclops Crassus* is uncertain because there is no history or projection of harm from this species in the Great Lakes. EPA will continue to work with researchers and the agency partners to determine the extent of the population and further assess potential risk.

In Lake St. Clair, annual DNR surveys will track juvenile muskellunge populations over time. The Michigan DNR is preparing to start the second year of an annual survey which will focus on determining what the future of the fishery might look like. The muskellunge population has grown over the past 40 years due to an increase in aquatic plants, effective fishing regulations, and expanding popularity of catch-and-release fishing. This survey, conducted every fall in the shallow waters of northern Lake St. Clair, relies on an electronic fishing boat to stun young-of-year muskellunge so they can be counted and examined. This year's survey was to be completed the week of Oct. 31st. Last year's survey collected 34 young muskellunge from seven to 13 inches.

See everyone in the Spring. Stay warm! 🐟



A View from Over the Transom

By Captain Jim Fenner

I've been retired now for a few years, but I get down to the docks most days, to see my friends who are still active. Many of the captains I see at the docks are new since the days when I was on the MCBA board. Those who know me remember that I was very involved in keeping the membership informed about such things as Michigan charter boat regulations and USCG rules for UPV's. Recently, a

longtime captain friend asked me if it was legal to have passenger on board a charter boat at the fuel dock. I replied that it is a violation of the Michigan Charter Boat act to have passengers on board at the fuel dock. It occurred to me that a lot of the newer captains might also not be aware of the rule. I used to make publicizing the rules part of my articles in the Cannonball. It's been a few years since I wrote of such things; so maybe it might be worthwhile to mention some of these rules again.

The fuel dock rule is one, and it's a good one. Here's another: Is your vessel over five gross tons (around 25')? If so, it's a USCG regulation that UPV's must be documented and must be properly identified with the name on the bow and stern with a hailing port. I've seen a few charter boats that don't seem to meet the requirements. If stopped and asked to produce your COD (Certificate of Documentation) and your vessel isn't documented, the penalty could be substantial. It's not a state requirement, but it is a USCG law. (There is a small annual fee for documentation, but beginning next year it will be possible to renew for five years at a time.) State inspectors may only require an up-to-date state registration, but if there is an accident or incident that results in a USCG investigation or inspection, the USCG will care.

A few years ago the USCG also began enforcing the requirement for all UPV's to have a working PML (Personal Marker Light) on every type 1 PFD (Personal Flotation Device). That's required by the USCG, but not by the state. Recently I was asked if it is a requirement to place your state inspection sticker on the exterior of your charter boat. Some say it is only required that it be visible to customers. Not true. The regulation: (R 281.3123 Certification), part 4: "There shall be a sticker issued with each certificate, and such stickers when issued, shall be affixed to the port and starboard side of the vessel in a conspicuous manner". Well, enough

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on that legal stuff for now. For all of these issues: For-warned is for-armed.

The decision on the cuts and plants of various species in Lake Michigan in 2017 have been made. Complicated and emotional discussions with huge ramifications occurred during the late summer and fall. The catch rates for Chinooks and lake trout have changed a lot since I hung up my rods and reels. Even as a retired MCBA member, I could see how hard it was for the Association to help its members and the DNR reach the best decisions, given all the complications, and the inexactitude of the science behind the proposals. Kudos to the MCBA officers and many members for being actively involved in attempting to make the right decisions. At the MCBA fall conference in Gaylord, all the issues were discussed extensively. It's unfortunate that many of the members who were most passionate about how and what should be cut and planted were not present to hear the presentations and to make their voices heard. Now the decisions have been made. Let's all hope for the best possible outcomes for the decisions that had to be made.

Finally, if you are planning to join me in retirement soon, and if you, like me, want 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. It is easy to do. The option is on the renewal page. It is not expensive, and it will keep you 'in the loop'. Meanwhile, hope to see you at the docks again next spring. 🐟



**LAKE HURON CITIZENS'
FISHERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
By Capt. Terry R. Walsh - Past President

WISCONSIN RENIGS ON SALMON CUTS FOR 2017

Right when Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin thought they were all on the same page with next year's Chinook salmon stocking

cuts for Lake Michigan, the "Cheeseheads" pulled a fast one shortly after the Lake Michigan Fisheries Commission had adjourned. Somehow or other the Badger State biologists concluded that they would stock Chinook as planned but make greater cuts than planned with lake trout, browns, steelhead, ect. This has a very strong political smell to it, as it is well known Chinook consume a higher percentage of alewife (95%) than any other prey and are the greatest threat to a potential alewife collapse. What it boils down to is that while Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois are trying to do what is best for the fishery, Wisconsin seems more interested in doing what is best for them. In the end, the Lake Michigan Fisheries Commission ended up with egg on its face, as it appears it has no control over how its other members react once they have left the table. Trying to manage a fishery when all the major players are not committed to the same common goal is just not going to work. With Lake Michigan's alewife biomass at historic lows, it may not take much to turn it into another Lake Huron salmon-wise.

How Wisconsin's renegade decision will impact the fishery over the next three years remains to be seen. What we know right now is this: thanks to fin clipping and tagging, it is now possible to determine how wild fish and stocked fish contribute to the fisheries. During 2014-2015 in Michigan's waters of Lake Michigan, 71% of salmon caught April-September were wild. Only 7% of Chinook caught were stocked in Michigan's waters of Lake Michigan. Another 11% were Chinook originally stocked in Wisconsin. The problem is that natural reproduction has never been consistent. On average, 4.5 million wild Chinook salmon smolts enter the Lake Michigan fishery each year. However, in 2012 that number was 6.6 million while it dipped to 1.4 million wild Chinook smolts in 2013. So while Chinook salmon stocking for 2017 was reduced lake-wide from the planned

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1.80 million to 1.35 million, the total number of Chinook can rapidly increase with a strong year class of wild fish. This will put an undue strain on an already weak alewife base. Should a second strong year class of Chinook smolts follow the first, a catastrophic collapse of the fishery might well occur—as it did on Lake Huron when an unprecedented 10 million wild fish suddenly entered the fishery. That was 12 years ago, and except for some locations in the northern part of the lake, alewife and Chinook are non-existent.

Wild fish aren't the only big variable. The decisions for a given year's plants are always based on old data. The statistical information from the 2016 season will determine what stocking plans might be for 2018, not 2017. Next year's salmon are already only a few short months away from entering the Great Lakes, their numbers based on 2015 data and, unfortunately, politics. 🐟



SHOW TIME



Show Chairman

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The dates for the 2017 Sport Shows that we will be attending are:

- Ultimate Sport Show, Novi January 12-15
- Outdoorama, Novi February 23-26
- Ultimate Sport Show, Grand Rapids March 16-19, 2017

I want to thank everyone again who donated and worked the shows with us in the past years. 🐟

God bless America and our troops

MCBA Cookbooks

I want to thank my wife Linda, Sue Winowiecki and Pam Nelson on a great job creating the MCBA Cookbook. They had a table set up at our Fall Banquet in Gaylord so our members could look through and purchase them. They sold well over 100 books that weekend. I was glad to see that many of the captains purchased several books to have on their boat to show and sell to their customers. Remember that all proceeds that we take in from the sale of these books goes directly into our scholarship fund. If you weren't at the fall meeting and would like to purchase one or several of these books, you can e-mail me or come to one of the upcoming shows where we will have them on display and for sale. 🐟



Charter Boat Slips Available

The City of Grand Haven has two Charter Slips available for the upcoming season. The cost is \$5,00.00, includes a payment plan and a 20% year end discount if payments are made on time. For more information contact Char Seise, Community Affairs Manager for the City of Grand Haven at 616.842.2550. 🐟

Scheduled Board Meetings for 2017

- January 29, 2017 – Clare, MI Doherty Hotel – 10:00 am.
- April 23, 2017 – Clare, MI Doherty Hotel – 10:00 am.
- October 1, 2017 – Clare, MI Doherty Hotel – 10:00 am.



2016 MCBA Annual Conference and Business Meeting. . . Another Success!

This year’s meeting was a huge success. GoPro Camera winner was Captain Eric Andersen, our president Our Thanks goes out to the Treetops Resort of Gaylord for another great weekend. The 2017 Annual Michigan Charter Boat Association Business Conference will be held over the week-end of October 20, 21 and 22, 2017 at The Double Tree Hotel in Holland. 🐟

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- October 22, 2017 - Holland, MI
Double Tree Hotel – 10:30 am.

All board meetings are open to all MCBA members who would like to attend.

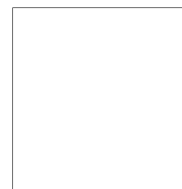
Please let us know in advance if you plan on attending so we have enough materials on hand to pass out. Contact any board member or call: 800-MCBA-971 🐟





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Pictures of boat are on my website www.newadditioncharters.com. My email is captainhdl@comcast.net for questions about the boat or I can be reached on my cell:

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USCG LICENSE RENEWAL HELP:



Lt. Commander, USCG (retired) Charles "Chuck " Kakuska a Maritime Licensing Specialist , has been assisting our members for the past ten 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. 

Random Drug Testing

Captains, Mates: When you report for a drug screening please inform collection facility of our companies name Michigan Charter Boat Association (MCBA) and who had sent member for the services. The information is needed for billing and for the proper services to be provided. 



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