



The Outrigger



Special points of interest:

- Next issue of this newsletter will have photos from the "Awards Banquet" & Wild Rose Hatchery, Bus trip
- April 25th, KSFCA Club Benefit/ Fundraiser @ Coins Sports Bar
- May 9th, Kids Fish-N-Fun @ Anderson Pond
- Fly Tying Class held Tuesdays @ 7:00pm in the Moose Lodge (lower level) thru end of March, 2015.
- If you know a business owner or individual that may be interested in becoming a supporting member of the KSFCA please contact Jon FioRito at 262-220-4606 for additional information and details.

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Great Lakes rebound, but rising tides pose problems

Jim Lynch, The Detroit News

The Great Lakes are coming back, but the rising water levels are reminding some Michigianians to be careful what they wish for.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials are predicting that Lakes Superior, Michigan, Huron and Erie will likely be several inches above their long term average in June. Lake Ontario's level, which is controlled, should be right at its historic level. Lake St. Clair, which is not part of the Great Lakes, will be 10 inches over that mark.

This is a reversal of fortunes from the past dozen years, when Michigans boating season outlook included lake levels that fell below their historical average. Those low waters have meant headaches for anglers, marina operators and the shipping industry.

Many in and around the lakes have been waiting for lake levels to rebound closer to their historical averages because they allow commercial vessels to carry more cargo, recreational boats to get in and out of marinas and harbors more easily, and property owners to enjoy their more traditional shorelines. They also help stop development of algae in shallow areas, which have created toxic blooms.

But the return of higher waters isn't necessarily welcomed by all, including the homeowners along Shore Drive in the southwest Michigan community of New Buffalo.

Since Halloween, when a major storm on Lake Michigan sent 20 foot-plus waves crashing onto shore for more than a day, the stability of the small bluff where homes sit has been a question mark. In years past, when the water level was as much as three feet lower, the storm wouldn't have been as much of a problem for the community near the Indiana border.

In the last two months, however, the ground between the water and the houses has been eaten away. As her backyard gradually disappeared, one homeowner moved out, fearing for her safety.

"The homeowner did not feel comfortable staying there, so she actually vacated the property and had all of the utilities disconnected," said Jay Guetschow, New Buffalo's acting city manager. "Our building inspector is keeping tabs on it because if it erodes back further to expose the foundation, then he will have no choice but to tag it uninhabitable."

Beaches around Michigan widened in recent years as the lake waters receded. The exposed sands can be washed or eroded away quickly.

"We expect to see rapid changes in the beaches," said Guy Meadows, director of the Great Lakes Research Center at Michigan Technological University. "What has built up over time can sometimes go away in a single storm."

The shifting sands can also make for dangerous beaches. Only the Polar Bear Club is likely to be swimming in the lakes anytime soon, but unstable beaches also can increase the opportunity for the creation of riptides. The dangerous tides, often linked to drownings, are created when currents break through off-shore sandbars, creating something like a jet stream.

The dilemma is different for marina owners 90 miles to the north of New Buffalo at Barrett Boat Works in Grand Haven.

Two years ago, with levels several feet below where they are now, the marina oversaw a \$40,000 project to lower the facility's docks. Now that the waters are higher, it may be time to raise them.



Photos by: Dick Kessler

Jacks' Flies of the month

Article by: Jack Springer

March is devoted to tying Terrestrials: (A land based insect or animal that ends up in the water as potential fish food, usually by accident).

- * Mar. 3rd; Amy's Ant: This fly has it all: tan and brown foam in the body (floatability), brown rubber legs (movement), and an elk hair overwing with crystal chenille and peacock dubbing (flash). Try it you'll like it!
- Mar. 10th; Morrish Mouse: A foam body and a suede tail with shorter deer hair has this mousey terrestrial looking like fish food. It's cousin is called the Mouse Rat.
- Mar. 17th; Turck's Tarantula: The deer hair collar and head combined with a segmented body and flashy up-wing along with rubber legs has very unique fish attention getting properties.
- Mar. 24th; Baby Boy Cricket: This fly is tied on a short shank, wide gap hook that accommodates 2mm foam and a deer hair upwing. It has a cricket profile with small foam legs.
- Mar. 31st; Flashtail Whistler: The use of red chenille, bucktail, and saddle hackles make this a terrific musky, pike, and bass fly that hits a predators "strike button".

The session of fly tying has ended, for the season, until October....

Guest Fly Tier, Pat Ehlers, Demonstration



The Feb 3rd fly tying session was a tremendous success because of our guest speaker and fly tier, Pat Ehlers, owner of the Fly Fishers Fly Shop, Milwaukee, WI. Pat demonstrated tying three different patterns, the Mickey Finn Streamer, and two of his signature flies, the Grim Reaper, and the Deer Hair Sunfish. (See below listed l-r)

The Mickey Finn Streamer uses a red/yellow body combination with gold tinsel on the hook shank. This fly is a traditional streamer pattern and is renowned by many fly fishermen around the country since 1932. The fly has a very interesting history in itself and has taken many fish.

The Grim Reaper is similar to a jig and pig bass/fly combination. The fly is tied on a 60 jig hook with the hook point riding up and has a great swimming action and colors similar to a real crawfish. The fly is practically weedless and can be bounced along the bottom with jigging action, again, for smallmouth and largemouth bass.

The Deer Hair Sunfish represents a wounded sunfish and is tied with a marabou tail, a deer hair Continued on pg 4



"The Mickey Finn"



"The Grim Reaper"



"The Deer Hair Sunfish"



"All eyes on Pat"

Fishing Report

Courtesy of: Lake Michigan Angler

On the Fox Chain, anglers are reporting catches of crappie, white bass, catfish and a few walleye. Small Jigging Rapalas and Slender spoons tipped with baby roaches have been best. Catfish are biting roaches on Automatic Fisherman. Pike fishing in Northpoint has been steady with a couple fish over 40 inches caught. Pan fish have been slow. Deep Lake has been productive for bluegills and crappie. Best baits are Bluegill Chuck Tadpoles and Money Bugs.



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Guest Fly Tier...

body of olive and red deer body hair, and a tapered head with red eyes. The fly resembled a wounded sunfish and is partially suspended in the water column.

A great time of fellowship and instruction was had by all in attendance, for Pat made the group feel at ease and comfortable. Pat is a very good tier and he can explain his tying techniques clearly and informatively. He gave the group a different perspective of fly tying and was a real pleasure to listen to. Our fly tying class benefitted greatly by his style of fly tying and instruction.

The fly tiers in attendance each received a 2015 catalog with a 15% off coupon and a DVD of Pat Ehlers signature Bass Flies, (with four of Pats signature bass flies being tied by himself). Pat has owned the Fly Fishers Fly Shop since 1988 and is located at 9617 W. Greenfield Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53214. His phone number is 1-414-259-8100 and online at www.theflyfishers.com. Orders can be made by mail, phone, and online, full service 24/7.



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Volunteer Opportunities

The KSFCA NEEDS YOU, to volunteer for the club fundraisers & functions- Assisting with upcoming events

- Jalenskys, February 28th & March 1st, Seminars, six for \$8.00 advance, or \$12.00 at door
- Lake Michigan Angler March 21st, (Concessions)
- Benefit/Fundraiser April 25th @ Coins Sports Bar
- Kids Fish-N-Fun May 9th @ Anderson Pond

Contact: viceprez@kenoshasportfishing.com



At the September meeting WDNR Warden John Sinclair spoke about the September to May night fishing rules. Any calls to the DNR can be anonymous. Report violators to 1-800-847-9367, do not confront violators.

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"We spent a lot of money to lower the docks... to make it easier for people to get in and out of boats—which was great two years ago," general manager Randy Styburski told WXMI last month. "But now that the water level is higher, now when you put a boat in there, you've got three feet of boat that you have to climb over to get back in."

Two years ago, these kinds of problems seemed unlikely. Early in 2013, Lakes Michigan and Huron set the record for the lowest mean average for any month since researchers began keeping track. The mean level for January—576.02 feet above sea level—beat the March 1964 mark of 576.05.

Conditions since have been on a quick upward trajectory.

"This trend stretches across two years of very wet conditions," said Keith Kompoltowicz, chief of watershed hydrology for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. "The spring of 2013 was extremely wet, and we all remember the winter of 2013-2014 with the record levels of snow. And since then, 2014 was a very wet year across the board."

The Army Corps makes lake level predictions six months ahead of time and the estimates for June show:

- Lake Superior will be close to last year's level and five inches above its historical average.
- Lakes Michigan and Huron: 14 inches above last year and eight inches above their historical average.
- Lake St. Clair: eight inches over last year and ten inches above its historical average.
- Lake Erie: six inches over last year and nine inches above its historical average.
- Lake Ontario will be slightly below its level of last year and right around its historical average.

The increases will be welcomed by the shipping industry, which was forced to take less cargo on ships when lowered waters produced shallower ports. The decreased payloads translated into millions of dollars in lost revenues in recent years, according to officials with the Lake Carriers' Association.

Those losses were compounded by last year's harsh winter weather that shut down shipping, resulting in an estimated loss of \$705 million and 3,800 jobs.

With no relief in sight from Mother Nature, industry officials had been pushing for the federal government to address a backing of dredging projects at ports around the Great Lakes. Now, the rising levels are being greeted as a positive, but not a cure-all.

"It's certainly great news if the water levels are going to remain up there," said Glen Nekvasil, vice president of the Lake Carriers' Association. "But there is still the need for the dredging work. Projections have been wrong before, and the lake levels are always fluctuating."

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"GLSF" invite us to go bus trip to the Wild Rose Hatchery...

The Milwaukee Chapter of the Great Lakes Sport Fishermen (GLSF) is putting together a bus trip to the Wild Rose Hatchery on Saturday, March 21st. We will leave our meeting hall at 8am and be back by 6pm. We are extending invitations out to our neighboring clubs, including Kenosha and Racine. There will be a cost for the bus and lunch will be at a restaurant, but "Dutch." The first bus will be a coach style bus and the overflow will be a school bus.

Details will be posted on their website in about two weeks.

Call or write with any questions.

Bob Wincek - President and Webmaster, Milwaukee Chapter - Great Lakes Sport Fishermen

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MARCH 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Jalenskys "Seminars" 262-654-2260	2 KSFCA Club Meeting 7:00 pm	3 Fly Tying 7:00 pm	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Fly Tying 7:00 pm	11	12	13	14
15	16 KSFCA Board Meeting 7:00 pm	17 Fly Tying 7:00 pm	18	19	20	21 Trip to Wild Rose Hatchery & LMA (Concessions)
22	23	24 Fly Tying 7:00 pm	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Fly Tying 7:00 pm				

Important dates this month		
•	3-01-15	Jalenskys (Seminars) Doors open at 9AM
•	3-02-15	KSFCA Club Meeting at the Moose @ 7:00 pm
*	3-03-15	Fly tying at the Moose Lodge, 7:00 pm—9:00 pm
•	3-10-15	Fly tying at the Moose Lodge 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
•	3-16-15	KSFCA Board Meeting @ 7:00 pm
•	3-17-15	Fly tying at the Moose Lodge, 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
*	3-21-15	LMA (Concessions)
•	3-21-15	Trip to Wild Rose Hatchery
*	3-24-15	Fly tying at the Moose Lodge, 7:00 pm—9:00 pm
•	3-31-15	Fly tying at the Moose Lodge, 7:00 pm- 9:00 pm

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2015 Schedule of Club Events	
•	01/05/15 - Board Elections
•	02/28/15 - Awards Banquet
•	05/09/15 - Kids Fish-N-Fun
•	05/17/15 - Monthly Tournament
•	06/07/15 - Monthly Tournament
•	08/09/15 - Monthly Tournament
•	09/19/15 - Pike River Revival (to be confirmed)
•	09/20/15 - Monthly Tournament
•	General Club meeting are held on the first Monday of each month at the Moose Lodge 7:00pm (no meeting in July)
•	Board meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00pm location T.B.D. (no meeting in June)

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