



THE CANNONBALL

Plunging to the Depths of Fishing News
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Hello. I guess everyone's boat is put away buy now. The weather has been warm for November and good for steelhead fishing. Hunting is in now and bear season is over. Mark Boch shot a 280 pound bear and his son got an 8pt buck in bow season. Great job! We will have hams for door prizes this month. We have set the location for the banquet. Info is listed below. We have tickets to raffle off for the Glock, fishing charter and the laptop. Please take some tickets to sell. Have a Happy Holiday and see you at the next meeting. Bring a friend! Ride'm Bronco

The Table: Chances are now \$1.00 each and for members only. Members can purchase up to 20 chances at each meeting. 100% of the monies collected are added each month in prizes. Value is approximately \$140.00

Gun Raffle: Glock model 27 subcompact. Only a few more tickets left to sell, no time limit till drawing. \$10.00ea Please take a handful to sell and help us out!

Computer Raffle: We are raffling off a brand new laptop. HP Pavilion dv6z Quad Edition series.15" (diagonal) high-end laptop in dark umber or steel gray metal-finish design. Powered by latest AMD accelerated quad-core processors with discrete-class graphics. Includes Beats superior audio, USB 3.0, fingerprint reader, HP Coolsense technology. Optional HD 1080p display. Tickets are expected to be ready for December and the raffle will be the Pa Lottery on Valentine's Day 2012

Rod n Reel raffle: Will be held during each monthly meeting. Tickets are 1 for 5 and 3 for 10. Win a nice Okuma combo!

Banquet: The annual banquet will be held on Jan 14, 2012 at Siebs Pub, 3382 Babcock Blvd, Pgh 15207 (Ross twp, near 3-Degree Rd). \$30.00 per person. Sit down dinner...choose chicken marsala or roast sirloin. Any dietary concerns, please call Siebs at 412-364-3680. Checks payable to Pittsburgh Downriggers at the meeting or mail to Walt Holderny 133 Fifth Ave, Pgh, Pa 15229 PLEASE NOTE MEAL CHOICE ON CHECK Free happy hour 6-7pm. Dinner at 7pm. Cash bar after 7pm. DJ will entertain the evening. Complimentary ice tea, water and decaf coffee provided.



Charter Raffle: Buckets Charters will be hosting a fishing charter for 2012 as a fundraiser. Tickets are now available for purchase...please take some to sell for the club. Fishing date is set for July 14th 2012

Membership Dues: Dues are now being taken for renewal for the 2012 calendar year. Collections are being received from now thru the end of Feb. Pay up!!! Renewals are 40.00 per year and new membership is 50.00

Give-a-ways: December will have 5 hams for door prizes!

Christmas Party: The December monthly meeting night will hold a covered dish dinner for the Christmas holiday. Held December 27th. Please bring a covered dish of your choice to share!

Guest Speaker: Upon popular request, we will have a demonstration on how to navigate our website, solve login issues and how to properly use the message boards.

Tackle Swap: The EPSFA will again be holding the Tackle Swap Event. The event will take place January 28th. For anyone interested in setting up a table or attending please check out their website at www.epsfa.com

Great Lakes Report: Scientific evidence is sketchy about the causes of massive, smelly algae blooms showing up in most of the Great Lakes, and further study of the problem is needed, researchers contend in a report released Thursday. It's widely believed that phosphorus runoff from farms and municipal waste treatment plants is a leading cause of the algae problem, which has returned with a vengeance after it was considered largely solved decades ago. Climate change and invasive mussels are considered factors as well. But those assumptions are based largely on observations instead of more reliable scientific experimentation, researchers attest in the report, which was presented during the annual meeting of the International Joint Commission, a U.S.-Canadian agency that advises both nations on issues affecting the Great Lakes and other shared waters. Joseph Koonce, a Case Western Reserve University biology professor and the co-chairman of the group that wrote the report, said further research is needed to determine the roles of each of the presumed causes. "We're dealing with complexities that we don't appreciate," Koonce said. Overabundant algae choked Lake Erie and parts of the other Great Lakes decades ago. The situation improved dramatically after cities improved sewage treatment and laundry detergents containing phosphorus, which algae eat, were banned. But the problem has rebounded in recent years, and scientists say algae covered more of Lake Erie this summer than it has in a half-century. Dead algae absorb oxygen and create "dead zones" where fish cannot live. The foul mess washes ashore, chasing away swimmers and beach walkers. Environmental Protection Agency chief Lisa Jackson announced Wednesday that three watersheds plagued with algae would receive special attention under a Great Lakes restoration program. They include the Maumee River in Ohio, which flows into Lake Erie; the Lower Fox River in Wisconsin, a tributary of Lake Michigan's Green Bay; and Michigan's Saginaw River, which flows into to Lake Huron. But there's disagreement among some scientists and activists about how best to attack the problem. Many are pushing government officials for quick action. "We do not have time for more studies, more modeling, more anything," said David Spangler, a charter boat captain from Oak Harbor, Ohio. "We need to fix it yesterday." Spangler, a member of the Lake Erie Waterkeeper Association, said he has fished the lake for 40 years and was stunned by the reach of the algae bloom this year. "It's gone beyond anything I've seen before," he said. He called for more aggressive steps to limit phosphorus runoff from farm fields and upgrades to the sewage systems in Detroit and Toledo, which dump large volumes of nutrients into Lake Erie when they overflow during storms. Koonce said without further research, actions might be taken that cause further harm. For example, reducing phosphorus levels too much could leave too little algae at the base of the food chain, reducing fish populations. That's already happening in Lake Ontario, he said. "It's clear that the problem is getting worse," he said. "The public demands us to do something. But we need more information."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meetings: Monthly Meetings are held at the Coraopolis Sportsman Club the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm and board meetings are held at Rocky's II in McKees Rocks on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:30 pm

Monthly Meeting: December 27th 2011 Covered dish!!!

Website: pittsburghdownriggersclub.com

Banquet: January 14th 2012 (information below)

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Dues: \$50.00

New Member

Renewal

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Boat Name: _____ Length: _____

After completing the above application form, mail it along with your check made payable to:

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