



Tribute to the Lady Anglers of Metro West

In 1998 I joined Metro West Steelheaders to learn how to fish on the Great Lakes after having been introduced to the exciting sport by 'Picture This' Captain Jim Robertson and his friends in '97. Nancy and I bought "The Alternative", a Fourwinns 225, in the fall of '97. Nancy's plan was family pleasure boating and going fishing with me from time to time and read a book and relax.



Nancy and I, along with friends Judi and Roger Edgington, decided we would try a salmon tournament in '98 and selected Harbor Beach as our first experience. Guess What!! Nancy and Judi were the only women at the tournament! It worked out very well; the BOYS were very welcoming and supportive of this new crew. Some had to clean up their language a bit but all went well!

Nancy has a pleasure boat! I have a fishing boat! Same Boat! It works for US! When "The Alternative" is a fishing boat, Nancy is First Mate about 2/3 of the time. Nancy loves being on the big water and loves the sunrises and sunsets! She also like 'her turn' at catching the fish!!! AND she loves to net the fish - the little ones and the big ones!! Thanks Dear for being my crew mate!

A lot has changed over the past fourteen years! More Lady Anglers!!

Not everyone is a lake angler - sea sickness seems to be one of the big reasons for the boys and the girls not fishing on boats. Some of the ladies do not participate because they think this is a GUYS thing.

Metro West Lady Anglers! Here are the Girls that DO - Fish!! And they DO it very well!

Lady Angler	Captain	Boat/River (*)	
Pam	Bieganski	Dave	R-Tyme 2011
Haleigh	Braden	Eric	Lured Away 2011
Michelle	Braden	Eric & Hermann	Lured Away & Reel Affair 2011
Karen	Bustos *	Phil	Wet Burrito 2011
Caryn	Davis	Henry	The Alternative 2011
Jen	Drum	Marty	Drum Beat/Ice 2011
Judi	Edgington	Henry	The Alternative 2011
Alessandra	Sepulveda	Fabian	Sonny 2011
Linda	Gable *		River Fishing PY
Julie	Green	Jeff	Fishin' Pol 2011
Brooke	Hartrick	Mike	Finful Addiction 2011
Heidi	Keifer	Henry	The Alternative 2011
Laurie	Lewallen *	W Mark	River Fishing 2011
Renee	Lubaway *	Eric	Lured Away 2011
Jeanine	Makowski	Scott	Copy Cat 2011
Nancy	Nabors	Henry	The Alternative 2011
Allison	Platt	Mark	Willy Joe 2011
Cassandra	Platt	Mark	Willy Joe 2011
Rachel	Platt	Mark	Willy Joe 2011
Michelle	Post	Dave	Toucan 2011
Carli	Ringer	Ted	Fish Eye 2011
Linda	Ringer	Ted	Fish Eye 2011
Marilyn	Thompson	Chris	Fishin' Fool PY
Sheila	Thompson	John	Defiant PY
Tammy	Westman	Bill	Lucky Strike 2011
Karen	Westphal	Jim & Karen	Picture This & Ice Breaker PY

This tribute is for the many Lady Anglers we now have in MWS! These ladies are the ones that make this Club the FAMILY oriented group it is today!

Most of the Lady Anglers were active crewmembers in 2011; others were active in past years (PY) but they all love to fish. Note that some the ladies are active on the river scene! Some of the ladies that do not fish but attend the tournament picnics are Goldie Maschke, Caroline Platt and Cherie Kelley. These ladies are frequently involved when their husbands are the host for the tournaments! Thanks ladies! There are other ladies that attend the tournaments as well; thanks for being an important part of MW outings!





An Invitation to New Lady Anglers!

Guys, if your wife or girlfriend has ANY interest in participating in lake or river events as a Lady Angler or just to participate in a tournament picnic, talk to one of the active Lady Anglers, to one of the captains in the list or to Nancy or me about their getting involved. Get them to participate in a few Club events and go fishing on the Great Lakes or on one of the many beautiful rivers here in Michigan.

Renee Lubaway is ONE NEW LADY ANGLER - she sent this story about her first fishing experience on the Great Lakes! Enjoy!

"Last summer Matt and I enjoyed fishing with Metro West Steelheaders, Eric and Michelle Braden, on the Lured Away at Ludington, a once-in-a lifetime experience I will never, ever forget. What a thrill it was when I spotted some serious down-rigger activity and Captain Eric ordered me to "reel it in." We caught a 13 lb. king salmon, a tournament winner that day. I've got a picture to prove it! I use it for my annual summer Facebook profile pic, giving me a chance to retell the story to my friends."

"I've taken up fly fishing, too. I am the proud owner of one of Matt's custom rods - a beautiful St. Croix SCV Belize Blue Fly Rod with seven feather inlay. You can see pictures of it here: <http://mattlubaway.com/CustomRodsProjectGallery.html>. We've caught some blue gill and are ready to start catching some Bass or Trout. I'm learning that fly fishing is all about practicing your cast. If you don't catch any fish - you can still feel good about landing a good cast."

More of our Lady Anglers out having fun on the Great Lakes or out on the Ice closer to home!



Submitted by Henry Nabors, Captain of "The Alternative"