

Manistee Tournaments Aug. 12th & 13th, 2023 Results

Submitted by Henry Nabors

The **Manistee tournaments**, like the Ludington events two weeks earlier, are usually a great time for Metro West members and friends! This year was a bit more eventful than in years past. Many of our boats arrived on Thursday or earlier to get in some pre-fishing while the weather cooperated. A few got out for the night bite on Thursday and all MW boats in town were heading out for the morning bite on Friday morning in the dark. Most boats were out enjoying the morning bite and did not know about one of our boats being in an accident until we returned a few hours later and noticed a boat on the harbor wall.

Boating Accident: At 5 am Friday, Captain Marc Traver had a boating accident on the south Manistee Harbor wall at speed. The boat landed on top of the wall. Marc and Jane were severely injured. Keith Traver also was injured with a cut to his head; he was not hospitalized. Marc had 16 broken ribs and significant chest trauma; he was transported to Grand Rapids Hospital by helicopter. Jane was in the hospital at Manistee until about noon when she was moved to Grand Rapids by ambulance. Kirk Traver indicated that Marc would be in the hospital for several days. Jane's injuries had her in the hospital for two days and then home to family for recovery time. Marc is now at home with a little more pain than is comfortable! Marc called brother Kirk as eight of us were having breakfast on Sat. morning about 10 am to give him the status for Jane, Keith and himself. Marc has kept us updated on their recovery status during the week. He is active via text. If you want more of the story you will have to talk to Marc!

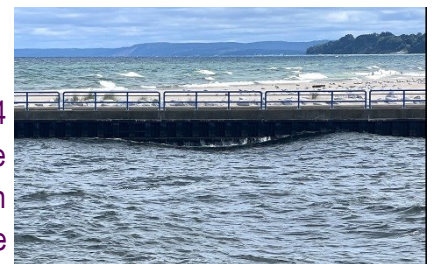


Gary Towns spent part of Saturday talking to the Coast Guard and local officials about the accident and how to prevent this kind of accident. Gary encouraged some of our members who live near that port to attend a Manistee City Council Meeting and speak about the danger of that pier in the dark. Perhaps the city (they own it) could apply for a grant to get a lighting system on the pier and prevent this type of thing from happening in the future. This is **NOT** the first time this has happened! The red light at the mouth of the harbor was a lot brighter on Sunday morning when we went out and a Coast Guard boat was out in to make sure boats were going slow until they left the harbor.

The following are links to news articles that covered the story on Friday afternoon.

<https://www.9and10news.com/2023/08/11/boat-crashes-onto-manistee-pier-early-friday-morning-3-injured/>
<https://www.manisteenews.com/news/article/lake-michigan-pier-boat-perched-atop-early-18291726.php>

Sat. Aug. 12th tournament was cancelled because high wind were predicted for the 5:44 am start time. Co-Port Captain Dave Hutton and I agree that it would be too rough for safe and comfortable fishing. The weigh-in/lunch was held at 2 pm at the Lion's Club pavilion next to the municipal boat launch as usual - no fish were weigh. Co-Port Captain Dave Hutton served our traditional chicken dinner as planned - very tasty. We all got updates on Marc, Jane and Keith! Sat. night all were invited to Captain Bill Dodge's home on Bear Lake for hors d'oeuvres, burgers, sausages, salad, and a few pops - and fishing stories. Very enjoyable evening. Thanks Bill and Gail!



Captain Marc's boat is named "**No Name**" after the pub on Big Pine Key in Florida. Several of us have been there!

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Sun. Aug. 13th tournament came off as scheduled and was hosted by Port Captain Kirk Traver. Co-Port Captain Marc Traver and Jane were not available to serve lunch as planned. As you can understand, the lunch plan was cancelled. Weigh-in was at 1 pm. Seven boats and 21 crew were involved. Captain Richard Spangler and crew took 1st place with five of seven fish weighing in at almost 80 pounds - the other two were not SMALL either! Second place Captain Kirk had the biggest fish for the day at 23.65 pounds! Enjoy the pictures! They tell even more of the story!

Last	First	Boat	Place	Total	Weighed	Lbs	Pts	Total	Big Fish	Big Fish	C of Y Place	Pts BF	Tot	Crew
Spangler	Richard	Mr. Barkie Too	1	7	5	79.85	25	104.85	19.35	17.40	14	1	15	3
Traver	Kirk	Sara Ann	2	5	5	74.05	25	99.05	23.65	15.90	12	4	16	3
Zawacki	Dave	Salty Dog	3	4	4	65.10	20	85.10	21.00	19.45	10	5	15	3
Schulz	Bob	Bounty Hunter	4	5	5	49.95	25	74.95	14.55	13.60	8		8	3
Nabors	Henry	The Alternative	5	3	3	20.30	15	35.30	10.90	5.70	6		6	3
Christoph	Chris	Reel Affair	6	2	2	15.55	10	25.55	13.05	2.50	4		4	4
Hinderson	Dennis	Texas True	7	1	1	13.05	5	18.05	13.05		3		3	2
Hutton	Dave	Fish Stix	Fishing but	NIT										3
Hartrick	Mike	Finfull Addiction	Fishing but	NIT										4
Dodge	Bill	Dodger	Fishing but	NIT										3
7 Boats in	Tournament					317.85			115.5	74.55				31



Twenty five fish weighed three hundred and eighteen pounds! The fish are out there and they are big!



New gear suggested by a fellow angler at Seng's and they both caught a fish during the tournament! The Silver Horde caught a morning-bite-coho before the ball was lowered! That was an exciting way to start the day!

Plan on joining Metro West at Manistee NEXT YEAR in August!