Beals-McMahon Painting
Richard A. “Mickey” McMahon
Proprietor
454-3676

BayShore Marine Services
(814) 455-1598
Jim Byham
Owner
26 West Front Street
Erie, Pennsylvania 16507
www.bayshoremarinens.com

Silkscreen Unlimited
1702 West 8th St
Erie, PA 16505
814.453.4543
fax 814.455.3911
www.silkscreenunlimited.com
Screen Printing • Embroidery • Advertising Specialty
Promotional Products & Awards

WOLVERINE PARK MARINA & SHIP’S STORE
• TRANSIENT DOCKAGE
• BOATING SUPPLIES
• NAUTICAL CHARTS
• BOOKS AND GIFT ITEMS
34 STATE ST - ERIE - PA - 16507
(814) 874-0698

JOSEPH P. DANOWSKI
PLASTERING
Ceilings • Arches • Patching
New Construction
SERVING ERIE SINCE 1950
INSURED
PO Box 3808 • Erie, PA 16508
Phone 455-1007

Pennsylvania
Promoting the ecological and
economic sustainability of
Pennsylvania’s coastal resources.
seagrant.psu.edu
814-217-9011

Elk Creek
Steelhead Cabin
Overlooking Elk Creek
Girard, Pa
World Class
Steelhead Fishing
Great Vacation Spot
(814) 434-3620
www.elkcreekcabin.com

PARTY BOAT FISHING ABOARD
EDWARD JOHN
HEAD BOAT
$40 Adults • $35 Seniors and Vets
$30 Kids
All bait is included
details: 814/881-7611
www.EdwardJohnPerchFishing.com
SONS CONTINUE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE EFD WATER RESCUE TEAM

In 1995 after several years of planning and negotiations, the City of Erie Fire Department launched the new “Water Rescue Team” manned by Erie Fire Dept. active duty firefighters. Each member of the team was trained in diving and surface and underwater rescue. The idea is to have trained firefighters on duty around the clock in the event of a water emergency. Each of the divers joined the team voluntarily. Mayor Joyce Sovochio and Chief Greg Martin were on board with the program and were quite enthusiastic with the plan.

The SONS of Lake Erie added our support by providing funds and equipment which included scuba gear and cold water rescue suits to the program. We funded some of the training expenses too. We also purchased and donated a surplus step van with an aluminum body to be for equipment transport. The van is still in service today (See photo below). In late Spring this year EFD Dive Coordinator, Don Sauer, asked for help to cover the cost of training for new members of the dive team. Our board of directors voted to provide a grant of $5,500.00 to the City of Erie Fire Department to provide training and the purchase of three new cold water rescue suits. A check was presented at a news conference in Erie City Hall on July 18, 2019.

SONS TO HOST EMMAUS SOUP KITCHEN FISH FRY

The SONS of Lake Erie will be hosting its 5th annual fish fry for our less fortunate brothers and sisters on Friday, September 13th at the Emmaus Soup Kitchen on East 11th and Holland Street in Erie. The fish for the event were donated by the participants in the Erie, Pennsylvania Sport Fishing Associations Summer Slam fishing event, which was held on August 10th and 11th. If you would like to help out call 814-453-2270.

FOR SALE:

**Boat:** 1990 Carver Montego 26 ft Model 2557, Fiberglass hull, Merc Cruiser 350, galley, head, shower, radio, power trim tabs, AC/DC refrigerator, nice, low hours, $8,500 or best offer Call Dennis at 814-450-0190
Can be seen at Lampe Marina.

**Boat:** 1988 Penn Yann, model: Game Fisher 180, 4.3L Mercruiser I/O, Bimini top and fish finder included, 624 hours, very good condition, Shorelander trailer included, all fiberglass inside and out $4750 call Dave 814-602-4461

**Canoe:** 14 ft fiberglass excellent condition includes 2 paddles asking $150 call Gary at 814-602-8060

**Cottage** on Crooked Creek in North Springfield, PA Call David at 814-882-2927. More information and photos can be seen on line at http://www.infotube.net/search_detail.php?photo=1&Adnumber=264667
**2019 MEMBERSHIP PIN**

If you would like to have a 2019 S.O.N.S. member pin, you can pick one up at one of the upcoming events or our meetings. If you would like one mailed to you, send $3.00 to the S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie PO Box 3605 Erie, PA to cover mailing costs.

**SONS VOLUNTEERS PICNIC WAS HELD ON AUGUST 5TH**

On August 5th 117 dedicated SONS of Lake Erie volunteers took some time off to enjoy our annual volunteers’ picnic at Shade’s Beach to celebrate a year’s worth of service to our club. As we posted in our July Bucket, “Since July 2018, our super team of volunteers has generously donated their time and hard work on at least 55 different occasions. 166 different individuals volunteered at least once during that 12 month period working over 5000 hours at family fishing events, hatchery operations, shows, habitat building, kids’ events and more.” A list of those individuals who were invited to attend was also listed in our July issue.

Sadly not all of the eligible volunteers attended the picnic. They missed a great event thanks to the expert preparation by SONS Director, Ron Lubak and his family including his wife Audrey, son Kevin and his wife Leslie and several Lubak granddaughters. “Team Lubak” as we like to call them has provided us with great picnics for so long I can’t remember. They hired Trawka’s market to furnish the food and as usual it was outstanding and there were plenty of beverages to wash it down.

Amongst all of our volunteers there are some that go above and beyond. This year we would like to declare that SONS Director Joe Springer was our most active volunteer this year. He responded 151 times to our request for volunteers. Thanks Joe! Director Bob Zawadzki came in second logging in with 139 events. Following these two outstanding individuals was another group that volunteered on 50 or more occasions. We like to call them our 50+ club. Including Joe and Bob they are: Jack Bock, Ron Moorow, Don Tombaugh, Rich Brine, Ralph Friend, Rich Smith, Jack Hartman, Larry Lipinski, Chuck Miller, John Krupinski, Mike Felege, Bill Henderson, Jack Klapthor, Bill Stewart, Ed Kissell, Ron Lubak, Terry Pfeffer and Jerry Skrypzak. Each member of the 50+ Club were presented with a specially engraved flashlight as a token of the club’s gratitude. There were 66 members who volunteered more than 8 times. They were given a gift of a sweat shirt.

All of the men who attended were given a special commemorative multi tool. All of the lady guests received a Tim Horton’s gift card.

The weather was perfect, the company was outstanding, the food was great and we had a great time.

Our member volunteers are the greatest bunch of people that I have had the privilege to work with. I am so proud of what we have accomplished thanks to them and the rest of our membership.

**CURRENT LEADERS IN SONS SUMMER FISHING CONTEST**

As of Aug 13th the following fish are leading in the SONS Summer Fishing contest:

**Senior Division**

**Walleye**

Weighing: 10 lbs 6 oz  
Caught by: Bill Hammil

**Perch**

Weighing: 1 lb 5 oz  
Caught by: Joe Egnot

**Junior Division**

**Walleye**

Weighing: 7 lbs 13 oz  
Caught by: Skylor Fitzpatrick

**Perch**

None entered yet

For an update of contest leaders check our web page at sonsoflakeerie.org

**WALLEYE of the MONTH**

Bill Brown Jr. proudly holds a 31 inch Walleye he landed while out fishing with his dad, former SONS VP Bill Brown Sr. and former SONS Director, Paul Jenkins on August 1st.
2019 Volunteers’ Picnic

Photos By Tom Pruzenski
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sat. Aug. 24th** 8-12 Gem City Outdoorsman Club Youth Field Days Volunteers needed

**Thur. Aug. 29th** 11-2 Waterworks Pond LECOM

**Sat. Sept. 7th** 10-2 LEAF Festival at Frontier Park 6th St. Side. Volunteers Needed

**OCT ?** Fish Habitat Building Pl State Park See the September Bucket for more info later

**Watch for changes in the upcoming summer issues of the Bucket**

---

**FOR SALE:** Dock Grip: Attaches to boat dock to aid getting on and off your boat. See web site at dockgrip.com. Used 2 years. Asking $100. Please call 814-833-4581 for details.

**WANTED:** Boat Trailer for 16 ft deep V boat call Dan at 814-881-8567

**WANTED:** Old photographs of Erie’s Waterfront-Ships, Boats, Buildings, Fishing, and Fishermen, Railroads etc. Call Jerry at 814-452-6291. I would like to borrow and scan them for my slide presentations.

---

**CAN CLEVELAND’S “BURNING RIVER” SUPPORT STURGEON SPAWN AGAIN?**

According to a recent article in the Cleveland Plain Dealer by sportswriter D’Arcy Egen-" With the Cuyahoga River showing remarkable signs of cleanliness and fish life in recent years, experts are examining the possibility of returning the prehistoric-looking fish to its spawning habitat of long ago." If you can recall The Cuyahoga River in Cleveland actually caught fire because it was so badly polluted, Scientists say that the water quality of the Cuyahoga has improved and there are now at least 70 species of fish living in the river.

There are native species that require clean water throughout the Cuyahoga River as well as muskrat, mink and otter along the river, and pollution-sensitive freshwater mussels. Bald eagles now nest along the river from the Ohio & Erie Canal Reservation (in Cuyahoga Heights) to the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

A sturgeon stocking program was recently implemented on the Maumee River west of Cleveland. If further testing prove to be positive, a Sturgeon stocking program may be instituted on the Cuyahoga.

---

**WEATHER RADAR CAPTURES BILLIONS OF MAYFLIES HATCHING ON LAKE ERIE**

According to a July 5th article in the Detroit Free Press “It looked like an invasion of Cleveland and in a way, it kind of was.

National Weather Service radar in recent days has captured some dramatic images of billions of mayflies making their annual summer hatch. A particularly stunning June 27 hatch burst onto radar in a sudden, rapidly expanding blob over western Lake Erie. Then the winds moved and scattered the flies off the lake to the southeast. “Radar loop from last night showing ascent and downwind drift of several billion mayflies over the western basin of Lake Erie.”

A few days later, on July 1, another Lake Erie mayfly hatch burst onto the Cleveland area weather radar screen. Mayflies are actually a harbinger of good ecological news. The National Weather Service notes that mayflies are sensitive to gross organic pollution such as sewage in waterways. So the flies’ thick annual presence is a sign organic pollution isn’t present in large amounts. As a kid growing up on Lighthouse Street, there were many days that we found thousands of dead mayflies or “Canadian Sailors” as we called them stuck to our windows and porches. They were a nuisance but their presence was a sign of a healthy lake. There were no reports of a large mayfly hatch in our area.

---

**PLEASE DON’T LITTER.**
Fishing Report:
Walleye fishing has been unbelievable. The docks and ramps are abounding in stories of success. At last report fish are being caught in depth varying from 20’ to 70’.

NO MEETINGS
UNTIL SEPTEMBER!!!
HAVE A FUN AND SAFE SUMMER!