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BIDS FOR FISHING PIER HIGHER THAN EXPECTED

Bids for the construction of the Liberty Park fishing pier were opened on November 18th at Erie Western PA Port Authority Offices. The low bidder was the Russell Standard Co. at \$659,000. The high bidder was \$830,000 by Swank Construction Co. The current commitment for funds from the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Coastal Zone Management and PA DCNR totals \$325,000 for the project falls short by \$334,000.

The bids were presented so that the project could be completed in phases. The available funds would only allow about half of it to be completed in the first phase.

A meeting was held on December 2nd and representatives from all of the partners were in attendance. It was decided that we would go back to our funding sources and ask for more money so as to complete the fishing pier in its entirety. We will keep you up to date, as more news is available.

PRESQUE ISLE STATE PARK NATURALISTS HONORED

Those S.O.N.S. volunteers that participate in our fishing clinics at Presque Isle State Park are quite familiar with park naturalists Brian Gula and Ray Bierbower. Brian and Ray have spent countless hours organizing and working with us at our fishing events. These two individuals have probably done more than anyone outside of our club to promote fishing amongst our local children. For their dedicated service, it was decided to honor them by presenting them with a plaque to commemorate their service. Ed Kissell presented them on November 17th at the Presque Isle Partnership meeting. The plaques read: "In appreciation for all of your contributions and support to the S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie and their children's fishing programs at Presque Isle State Park."



Brian Gula (L), S.O.N.S. VP Ed Kissell center and Ray Bierbower (R) pose with the plaques that were presented to them on November 17.
Photo by Ann Dessarro PISP

Fishing Report: If you are a steelhead fisherman you are probably still enjoying the sport. The piers and docks are still seeing some action. As winter is starting to set in most of us are watching fishing shows on TV.

NOTE!!! THE S.O.N.S. DECEMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING WILL BE HELD ONE WEEK EARLY

Our December meeting will be held on Monday, December 19th so as not to conflict with the day after Christmas and the holiday festivities.

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD AT DECEMBER MEETING

Nominations were taken at our November meeting for our 2012 officers and directors. Jerry Skrypzak was nominated to be president, Ed Kissell for vice president, Ralph Corvaglia for secretary and Terry Pfeffer was nominated for the treasurer's position. There were no other nominations from the floor for the officers' positions, so Jerry, Ed, Ralph and Terry will serve in their present positions through 2012.

Nominations for the four director's positions were also open. The chairman of the nominating committee, Joe Bruno, nominated incumbent directors Ken Plonski, Jack Klapthor and Jim Mattson to their current positions. Bill Henderson and Gerry Vollentine were nominated from the floor. Since there are five nominees for the four open directors' positions it will be necessary to hold an election for the directors at our December 19th General Membership Meeting. Those individuals that are elected will serve a four-year term.

S.O.N.S. DIRECTOR STEPS DOWN

Regretfully Rick Nyberg, who has served as a S.O.N.S. director for the past four years, has chosen not to run for the office again. Rick has served us well and his service will be greatly missed. Rick has promised to remain active in our club.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday Dec. 19 General Membership meeting at the Polish Falcons Club

Monday Jan. 23 General Membership meeting at the Polish Falcons Club

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.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY, DEC. 19, 2011 7:30 P.M.

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Note: A video about Trap Netting in Lake Erie's Western Basin will be shown. Pizza and refreshments will be provided.

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STATE REP TO INTRODUCE RESOLUTION: ERIE COUNTY AS FISHING CAPITAL

In response to the article written by outdoor writer, Mike Bleech "Maybe its time for the State Legislature to proclaim Erie County the fishing capital of Pennsylvania" that appeared in the Sunday Nov. 6th issue of the Erie Times News, State Representative, John Hornamen plans to introduce a resolution to the State House of Representatives that will proclaim Erie as the Freshwater Fishing Capital of Pennsylvania.

FISHING LICENSE VOUCHERS MAKE GOOD CHRISTMAS GIFTS

On December 1st the 2012 Pennsylvania fishing licenses were made available for sale at license issuing agents.

You can also buy a voucher for a PA license. Fishing license vouchers make great holiday gifts and stocking stuffers. Purchasing vouchers for family members and friends is easy and convenient. Vouchers – and licenses – can be purchased online through the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission's (PFBC) Outdoor Shop at www.pa.wildlifelicenses.com. A voucher may be redeemed at any of more than 900 issuing agents across the state.

They are easy to purchase and require only a method of payment. It's just like a gift certificate. The recipient then redeems the voucher for a fishing license.

A resident annual fishing license can be purchased for \$22.70, add a combination Trout Stamp and a Lake Erie Stamp for \$15.70 and an angler can enjoy more than a year of fishing for \$38.40. It's most likely cheaper than a round of golf.

Holiday Greetings!!!

The officers and directors of the S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie would like to extend their sincere hope that each and every member of our club and their families experience a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



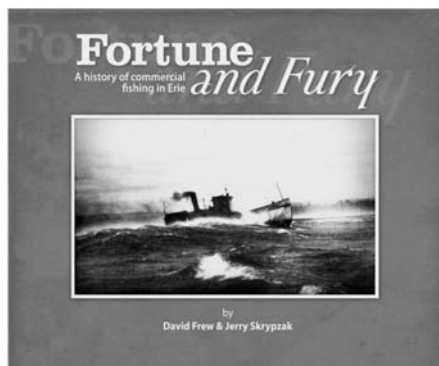
CONTRIBUTORS WELCOME

We would like to encourage any of our Bucket readers to submit photos or articles of a fishing or boating nature for this publication. This includes photos of your great catch or a story of how it was done as well as any fishing tips, recipes or links to articles of interest. Please submit them in Microsoft Word form via email to sonslakeri@aol.com. You can also mail your stories in to the S.O.N.S. of Lake Erie at PO Box 3605, Erie, PA 16508.

WCO Ed Stuart

related the following story at our November meeting – While checking and counting a catch of perch by an individual on one of the channel piers he noticed the individual take perch and place them in his pockets. The count revealed thirty perch in the bucket. When confronted with the accusation of possessing perch over the limit the individual denied the offense. WCO Stuart pointed out that he had three perch in his pockets. He was charged with possession over the limit.

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PRESS RELEASE

The Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority Announces the Winter Activity at Donjon Shipbuilding & Repair

This winter season we will see several vessel movements within the inner harbor. Seven vessels will be berthed throughout the Harbor, including Dobbins Landing. As vessels are being drydocked, tug boat movements will disrupt ice formations. The Erie-Western Pennsylvania Port Authority will be announcing these movements as they occur.

We request the public's patience and welcome Donjon's efforts to increase the economic viability of the Port. Watch the Erie Times News, the TV stations and our web site sonsoflakeerie.org. for announcements of vessel movements You can also check out the bay ice on our web cam.

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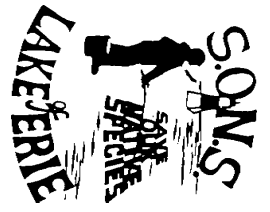
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