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VACY CLUB TO MEET

J.K. Rogers of Dow Chemical Co. will discuss the status of the U.S. energy situation during the regular May meeting of the Saginaw Bay Yacht Club at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the club.

RADIO AID FOR BOATERS

Radio station KUP is on the air in Bay City, providing a marine radio station for Saginaw Bay area boaters.

KUP will monitor Channel 16 at all times and will place or receive telephone calls on Channel 38. Weather bulletins will be broadcast daily on Channel 38 at 10 a.m., 2 and 6 p.m. Additional weather information is available at any time through this channel.

MUCC DISTRICT IS TO MEET

District 38 of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Channing Conservation Club on W. Baldwin Road.

A spokesman for the Department of Natural Resources will discuss the effect on various programs as a result of the Legislative cut in the DNR budget, the status of Michigan's oil herd, a report on the whirling disease in one of the state's fish hatcheries, proposals for drilling for oil on the Great Lakes by Michigan, other Great Lakes states and Canada. There also will be a question and answer session.

CLEAN LAKE TROUT

The microwave or "fat" strain of lake trout, recently publicized as containing high levels of the chemical compound PCB, is seldom a part of a Lake Superior sports fisherman's catch since it lives in the deeper lake waters, the DNR reports.

DNR biologist John Hesse said PCB is the "bait" variety of lake trout found in the Superior waters fall well below the five parts-per-million guideline for human consumption set by the Food and Drug Administration.

Many calls to the DNR's Upper Peninsula Field Office indicate that Hesse's recent status report on PCB fish samplings has stimulated "lunatic alarm" about sport fishing in Lake Superior, Hesse said. The "bait" variety of lake trout, which lives in the deep lake waters, has more contaminant-storing fatty tissue, Hesse explained. Lake Superior fish samples taken from the Wisconsin border to Grand Marais have turned up slawest containing PCB above the 5 ppm level.

However, concentrations in the slawest strain are somewhat lower than in Lake Michigan lake trout, where a health warning against consumption more than once a week is in effect, Hesse reports.

Studies by the Michigan Department of Public Health to date have failed to reveal any correlation between health symptoms and PCB levels among people regularly eating the Lake Michigan fish.

The compound PCB should not be consumed with PCB which has been involved in cattle feed in Michigan. PCB is most often used in electrical transformers and brake fluid.

RED LETTER DATES

Spearing and archery season is open on suckers, carp and certain other rough fish in non-stream streams and a few designated trout streams of the Upper Peninsula and Lower Peninsula north of N 75. Fishing has resumed on muskellunge, northern pike and walleye in the northern part of Lake Huron.

Today is the end of the second spring season for the Saginaw Bay Yacht Club.

and the end of the first spring gobbler hunt in the Mile and Baldwin areas.

Monday through May 8 is the second spring turkey hunt in the Mile and Baldwin areas for permit holders.

May 14-15 is the third spring gobbler hunt in the Mile and Baldwin areas for permit holders.

May 15 opens the fishing for northern pike and walleye. Hook and line action also starts on muskellunge, except in Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers. Muskie season in those waters begins June 7.

May 34 is the black bass opener in all waters except Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair and Detroit Rivers where the season starts June 18.

May 31 spearing and archery seasons close on rough fish in certain streams throughout the state. Dip and hand net seasons on smelt, suckers, carp and other fish also closes on the Great Lakes and inland streams.

DUCK HUNTERS MEETING

The Tri-County Chapter of the Michigan Duck Hunters Association will meet at 9 p.m. today at the Orchard Acres Building on Gratiot (M 46), between Midland and Cedar Roads.

The group will discuss plans and the direction of the newly formed chapter, including work projects with state and federal wildlife personnel; an information network to keep duck hunters up to date on duck-related legislation; flyway information, and the status of waterfowl.

During its organization meeting recently, the group elected officers: President, Charles Nelson of Saginaw; vice president, David Gering Jr. of Saginaw; secretary, Quentin Levitt of Montrose; and treasurer, Jim Countegnan of Reese.

Anyone interested in ducks and duck hunting is invited to the meetings.

RIFLE INSTRUCTOR COURSE

A National Rifle Association rifle instructor course will be offered May 8-11 at YMCA Camp Timbers. Training coordinator for the course will be Saginaw Police Lt. Charles N. Duncan.

Successful completion of the course will lead to certification as an NRA rifle marksmanship instructor. Certified instructors must be 21 years old, and assistant instructors must be 18 years old. Individual NRA membership is required for certification. However, students not meeting these requirements will be given course completion cards.

The course will be conducted from 7-9 p.m. May 8; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7-10 p.m. May 10, and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. May 11. Housing and meals will be provided at Camp Timbers, but there will be no evening meal on May 9 or 11.

Fees for the course will be \$25 for NRA members and \$35 for all others, though this includes NRA membership. This covers board, room and instruction materials, but participants must bring their own bedding and towels.

Ammunition will be provided at the camp, but students should also bring camp type clothing, a small tarp or plastic sheet for a ground cloth while shooting, pad and pencil. Students also may bring their own rifles if they are .22 caliber, bolt action with rim fire sight and sling.

Registration for the course must be made by May 4 at the YMCA.

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