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JUNE TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Here are the official audited numbers, for the winners at the Mystery Lake with tournament judge Susan Pickett presiding. Check the points on the Club’s website for further information.

**First Place with 17.35 lbs.,
Milton Kornegay and Mike Rice.**



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**Second place (1st Family) with 15.38 lbs.,
Todd and Blake Guernsey.**



**Third place with 10.88 lbs.,
Richard Abel and Yarik Malyuta.**



**Big Bass 4.75 lbs. and Heavy Stringer with 10.47 lbs.,
Milton Kornegay.**

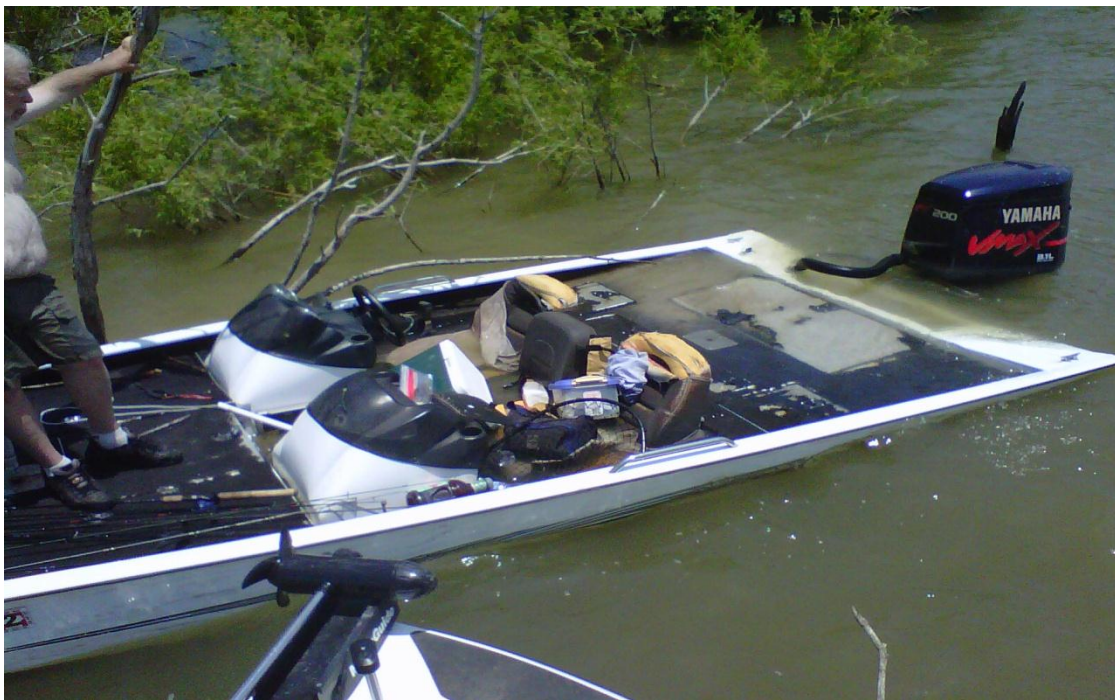


Fishing Stories

A couple of pictures are sometimes worth a story. But we'll have to ask the participants to explain this one at the next meeting or perhaps the Christmas party!



And later that same day!!!



Much thanks to whomever carried/towed these boaters to safety!!!!

Do you have a good fishing story to share (proof is allowed too), please provide it to Mary Ann for use in a future newsletter!

REMINDERS

1. Kid Fish and Family Picnic. Moved to September.
2. Open Tournament. Scheduled for Oct. 29th at Squaw Creek. The Boy Scouts have approved helping with the Tournament. We are waiting on Squaw Creek for approval and then the Finance Committee will determine the entry fee and prize money, once we determine all other expenses.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please send your Committee Chairperson some bulleted to do items. We need items that are missing and will need to be completed (read the charters for help and look for anything missing). We need the chairperson to submit bullet points to the Officers by June 30th.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Now that we are running into the time frame where we are sharing the water with the pleasure boaters, I thought it might be interesting to know some rules of the water. Did you know????

Your driver's license can be suspended if you're arrested for operating a boat while intoxicated.

Who must take boater education?

Anyone born on or after September 1, 1984 and under the age of 18 must complete a TPWD-approved course and be certified with TPWD to operate:

- any vessel over 10 horsepower,
- wind-blown vessel over 14 feet and
- **all** personal watercraft.

Here is an excerpt from the Safe Water Act document from Texas. I am sure the Coast Guard will have more items.

§ 31.065. Sound Producing Devices

A motorboat must have an efficient whistle or other sound producing device if one is required by the commandant of the Coast Guard. **I assume that a loud fishing partner may be OK?**

§ 31.066. Life Preserving Devices

(a) A motorboat must have at least one life preserver, life belt, ring buoy, or other device of the sort prescribed by the regulations of the commandant of the Coast Guard for each person on board, so placed as to be readily accessible. **The Club requires everyone fishing to have one on when the big motor is running.**

(b) A motorboat carrying passengers for hire must have a readily accessible life preserver of the sort prescribed by the regulations of the commandant of the Coast Guard for each person on board. **My fishing guide service has been so poor, that I don't think anyone could mistake me for carrying folks for hire.**

(c) The operator of a class A or class 1 motorboat, while underway, shall require every passenger under 13 years of age to wear a life preserver of the sort prescribed by the regulations of the commandant of the Coast Guard. A life belt or ring buoy does not satisfy this requirement. **Wonder if this applies to those of us that act like a child?**

§ 31.067. Fire Extinguishers

(a) A motorboat must have the number, size, and type of fire extinguishers prescribed by the commandant of the Coast Guard.

(b) The fire extinguishers must be capable of promptly and effectively extinguishing burning gasoline. They must be kept in condition for immediate and effective use at all times and must be placed so as to be readily accessible. **No, this does not mean that you can just claim to not have**

used the bathroom in so long that you could take care of a fire in an emergency.

§ 31.098. Hazardous Wake or Wash

No person may operate a motorboat so as to create a hazardous wake or wash. **WOW. Wouldn't it be nice if they would enforce this on the wakeboard boats.**

§ 31.099. Circular Course Around Fisherman or Swimmer

(a) No person may operate a motorboat in a circular course around any other boat any occupant of which is engaged in fishing or around any person swimming. **This would be another good one to have enforced. There were many personal watercraft violating this regulation at our June tournament.**

§ 31.100. Interference With Markers or Ramps

(a) No person may moor or attach a boat to a buoy, beacon, light marker, stake, flag, or other aid to safe operation placed upon the public water of this state by or under the authority of the United States or the State of Texas. **Here is the official word that we can't tie off to a buoy. You may think that you are enforcing the 100 yard fishing rule from our Tournament rules for being at anchor, but you will be in violation of TPWD rules if you tie off on a buoy.**

§ 31.106. Personal Watercraft Here are some fun facts from this one.

(a) No person shall operate a personal watercraft in the following manner or under the following circumstances:

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- (3) during the period between sunset and sunrise;
- (4) within 50 feet of any other vessel, person, stationary platform or other object, or shore, except at headway speed;

(8) by jumping the wake of another vessel recklessly or unnecessarily close to that vessel; or

(9) in a manner that requires the operator to swerve at the last possible moment to avoid collision.

FYI. Further down

(3) Headway speed—Slow, idle speed, or speed only fast enough to maintain steerage on course.

31.107. Operation of Motorboat Watch out if you let your kids operate your boat with the big motor going.

No person may operate a motorboat of over 15 horsepower on the public waters of this state unless the person is 16 years of age or older:

- (1) is accompanied by a person (18) years of age or older; or
- (2) is at least 13 years of age and has successfully passed a boating safety course prescribed and approved by the department.

Happy Boating and Fishing!

Lynn ☺

Next Tournament

Next tournament is one night on July 16 at Lake Fork. Tournament starts at 10 PM and weigh-in is at 8 AM on July 17th. Jim Pickett is the judge for this one. More details regarding the ramp for launch and weigh-in, and any side pot will be sent out in an e-mail prior to the tournament.

Fishing Quotes or Cartoons for the Month!

You practice catch and release don't you?



Do you have a good quote or cartoon that is not copyright protected.....give it to Mary Ann for use in a future newsletter!

Happy Fishing!