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Summer Fishing Slows Club Participation - But If You Missed The Fish Fry, You Missed A Good One!

Don Miller - Lake St. Clair's Monster Musky Hunter

By Captain Mike Zielinski

At the regular membership meeting slated for August 21, DWF member and Lake St. Clair Charter Captain, Don Miller of Saline will present a musky fishing seminar. Don is perhaps the top musky captain on Lake St. Clair, with a remarkable success rate. Don has averaged over 100 muskies boated a year, setting a personal record last year with 166 of these freshwater tigers brought to the boat.

Most of Capt. Don's fish are released, and he maintains a 46-inch rule on his boat, the Musky Hunter. On June 20th of this year, one of Miller's customers landed a 34-pound 53-inch musky.

Don will talk about his techniques, and the many years he spent learning to musky fish from the legendary Homer LeBlanc. In fact,

Don keeps his boat behind the house of LeBlanc's widow on 9 Mile Road in St. Clair Shores. His seminars are filled with great information accompanied by excellent graphics.

I personally have fished with Don, and took my biggest musky ever, a 31-pound, 48-inch long monster last October with Don as my guide. We released the fish to fight again another day.

Don't try to book Don for this year, as he currently is only taking reservations for 1996. He has filled all his trips for 95. Don is that good!

Captain Don Miller (right) with a 34lb, 53 inch Lake St. Clair musky. This monster was taken on June 25, 1995 and shows just how good the fishing can be. That, of course, assumes that you have all the knowledge that Don has!



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