

Ludington Area Charterboat Association Net Alert

May 27, 2009 (replaces all previous net alerts)

Active Nets: At this time 8 identified nets are located in the region covered in this alert. One net is south of Ludington in this report zone. Four are from Straight out to the "double Zero's". Four are from Big Point Sauble north in this report area.

Only trap nets north of Little Point Sauble (43°39 N) and south of 44°10 N are listed on this Ludington alert. Nets further south/north are **NOT** included on this website. Also, chub net buoys are not reported. Several chub nets are located in the area. Chub nets are all placed deeper than 240', and are marked with a staff buoy at each end. Keep a watch for these buoys when in deep water and avoid them.

According to current LRBOI regulations, trap nets should be well marked with flagged staffs at each end, and with floats or staffs over the net anchors and wings. The pots are all supposed to be identified with a staff; the lead ends at the shallower end should also have a staff. The king anchor are at the deepest location and may be marked by as staff or small float several hundred feet past (deeper) the pot.

Net locations are approximate, and may change without notice. (Note: GPS coordinates vary from instrument to instrument)

South of Big Sauble Point From King anchor (deep end) to Inside lead anchor (shallow end) (from south to north)

1. King Anchor: 43° 50.954' N 086° 32.694' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 165'.
Pot Buoy: 43° 51.036' N 086° 32.376' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 156'.
Inside lead: 43° 51.075' N 086° 32.036' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 148'.
2. King Anchor: 43° 56.605' N 086° 36.249' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 186'.
Pot Buoy: 43° 56.720' N 086° 36.528' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 158'.
Inside lead: 43° 56.843' N 086° 36.530' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 142'
3. King Anchor: 43° 57.500' N 086° 37.280' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 200'.
Pot Buoy: 43° 57.506' N 086° 36.897' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 155'.
Inside lead: 43° 57.522' N 086° 36.562' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 145'.
4. King Anchor: 43° 58.609' N 086° 36.812' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 180'.
Pot Buoy: 43° 58.471' N 086° 36.436' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 154'.
Inside lead: 43° 58.299' N 086° 36.133' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 154'.
5. King Anchor: 43° 59.219' N 086° 36,280 in 160'. Orange/white float. Depth: 180'.
Pot Buoy: 43° 59.113' N 086° 35.978' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 168'.
Inside lead: 43° 58.948' N 086° 35.717' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 139'.
6. King Anchor: 44° 00.152' N 086° 35.328' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 200'.
Pot Buoy: 44° 00.016' N 086° 35.066' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 179'.
Inside lead: 43° 59.841' N 086° 34.846' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 160'.

North of Big Point Sauble: (from south to north)

All information that is known at this time. Some nets are reported not properly marked.

7. King anchor: 44° 06.347' N 086° 30.006' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 154'.
Pot Buoy: 44° 06.298' N 086° 29.744' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 110'.
Inside lead: 44° 06.142' N 086° 29.417' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 80'.
8. King anchor: Unable to Locate
Pot Buoy: 44° 07.049' N 086° 28.993' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 120'.
Inside lead: 44° 06.866' N 086° 28.720' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 90'.

Additional nets exist to the north beyond those listed here. Contact the Manistee Charterboat Association.

Caution: Additional nets may be placed or currently listed nets may be moved without warning.

Information about nets to the north of 44°10 may be found at: <http://www.fishmanistee.com/>

Special Alert! Net placing and net movements may occur at any time. Floating yellow polypropylene line as been observed floating on the surface near some nets. Some nets do not appear to be marked consistent with regulations.

It is VERY IMPORTANT to report all net related incidents to the MDNR RAP Line: 800-292-7800. When reporting a net incident, be sure to give complete Lat-Lon information, including both north and west numbers in degrees, with minutes in decimal format. Please include the depth if possible, also.

This is extremely important for the MDNR record keeping and helps to lead to corrective actions. Anyone observing any length of yellow polypropylene line floating loose at or just below the surface in the vicinity of a net location is urged to promptly report the exact GPS location including the depth, to the DNR RAP (800-292-7800) line as soon as possible.

Net entanglement or other net related incidents may also be reported to the Mason-Oceana County Emergency Hot Line at: (231) 869-5858. Emergency help may be provided.

In the event of eminent danger of loss of life or vessel, call the USCG on FM 16 or by cell: 231-843-2447.

Provided by: The Ludington Area Charterboat Association
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