

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Dear Yacht Club Members: The following letter was sent to me by the Secretary of the East Hounsfield Yacht Club up in Sackets Harbor. Apparently, Big Jake the Carp has a cousin, Big Marty the Carp, who lives in Lake Ontario near the East Hounsfield Yacht Club. This letter was found floating under the EHYC docks and I am passing it along for your review and consideration.

The Commodore

August 21, 2007

Big Marty the Carp
c/o East Hounsfield Yacht Club
Sackets Harbor, NY 13601

Dear Big Marty:

Hello Cousin, I know it has been a long time since we have scraped scales together. However, I just remembered that you live near a Yacht Club and I am writing to warn you of the danger and the life threatening peril that you will face if your Yacht Club ever starts fishing.

What happened here at the Lake Delta Yacht Club all started innocently enough back in August of 1994 when a small school of humans gathered on the docks and tried to catch us. But they only caught a fin full of fish and I thought this **AWFUL FISHING CONTEST** was history. **BUT NO, NOW THIS YACHT CLUB IS WAY OUT OF CONTROL AND AFTER 14 CONTINUOUS YEARS OF FISHING, I HAVE HAD ENOUGH!** You see the Fishing Contest kept growing and getting bigger and eventually the humans discovered our weakness for magic and fire.

This year the Witch Queen and I fish-eyed the usual culprits (Jill McCarthy, Debby Hetherington, Maryann Ruby, Bill Schatz and all of the Princesses) plotting to put on their "**CEREMONY**" to drive off the Witch Queen and call on the Fire God to start the **HORRIBLE FIRE**. But the Queen and I got our old friend Lowe Pressure to finally deliver a huge thunder and lightening storm at exactly the right time to **WASH OUT** the **AWFUL CEREMONY**. All I can say is **HA, HA, HA!!!** Things were going great until Tom Ruby decided to find out if the huge bonfire that he and Scott Rabe built would actually burn. Somehow he got it going and you know what happens when we see fire, it drives all of us **FISH CRAZY**. It is no wonder that by the next day we were ready to **BITE ON BARE HOOKS!**

Big Marty, I want to show you why it is important to never let the Yacht Club up in Sackets to even think about fishing. Despite the fact that it rained hard, there was thunder and lightening, and a cold wind blew all night, the following humans not only came to the **HORRIBLE FISHING CONTEST** Saturday morning, they actually caught fish: Nicholas Stephan, Derek Sexton, Natalie Cook, Will Ball, Katie Gallagher, Josh Sexton, Elisabeth Ball, Maddie Reynolds, Emily Ball, Lauren McCarthy, Patrick McNamara, Zack Carrier, RJ Ferruci, Connor Richie, Sophie Stephan, Katie Cook, Daniel McCarthy, Dylan Furney, Brian Birnie, Joseph Entelisano, Griffin Eychner, Mitchel Eychner, David Goodmore, Ileana Bidwell, Bobby Bidwell, Mike Macri, Jennifer Tasco, Ann Marie

Guglielmo, Alexa Macri, Megan Kean, Jessi Gallagher and **BRIAN BURKE**. In addition, Bret Granger and Bret McKinney won the casting contest. That's right, there were 34 successful humans fishing on a morning you were more likely to catch a cold, than a fish.

Now for the worst part, **BRIAN BURKE** not only caught a fish, he caught me, Big Jake, and my lovely wife Wanda. How embarrassing, I want you to look at these pictures. These humans and especially **BRIAN BURKE** are having way too much fun at our expense.



This is me with that happy **BRIAN BURKE**. Guess what, **I AM NOT HAPPY**.



Look at the smirk on **BRIAN BURKE'S** face as he is holding Wanda suspended in the net. **WANDA IS NOT HAPPY!**



Look at this school of happy fishing buddies with stringers of fish who should have skipped breakfast.



I forgot to mention that they reward those who reel us in with fancy trophies.



Look at this big school of happy fisherhumans with their stringers, trophies, and smiles. These fry should be home sitting quietly, doing arithmetic problems, and memorizing spelling words. **Anything but fishing!**

Well Big Marty you have seen what happened here, but it would have been twice as bad if they could have had their “**CEREMONY**” with the magic of the **FIRE GOD** who starts the **FIRE FROM HEAVEN**. In fact things could have gotten so bad that all the fish in Lake Delta might have been caught. So look out, if they start fishing in your neighborhood, you could find yourself hanging on a wall.

See Ya Soon Cousin,
Big Jake