

Ludington Area Charterboat Association Net Alert

June 28, 2008 (replaces all previous net alerts)

Active Nets: At this time 11 identified nets located in the region covered in this alert. Three nets are south of Ludington. Eight are north of Big Point Sauble in our zone. Some are fishing, some are not and are being removed. Only known 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. Chub net buoys are also not reported. Several Chub nets are located in the area. Chub nets are all placed deeper than 240', and are marked with one staff buoy. Keep a watch for these buoys when in deep water and avoid them.

According to LRBOI regulations, trap nets should be well marked with staffs and flags at both ends, and with floats or staffs over the net anchors and wings. The pots are at the deep end staff; the lead ends at the inside staff. The king anchor may be marked by as staff or small float several hundred feet past the pot.

Net locations are approximate, and may change. (Note: GPS coordinates vary from instrument to instrument)

South of Ludington: (from South to North)

1. Deep end: 43° 42.011' N 086° 33.349' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 152'.
Inside staff: Inside staff: not reported. (Battice)
2. Deep end: 43° 42.760' N 086° 32.926' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 150'.
Inside staff: Inside staff: not reported. (Battice)
3. Deep end: 43° 44.241' N 086° 32.597' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 150'.
Inside staff: Inside staff: not reported. (Battice)

Note: (other nets exist south of these)

North of Ludington: (from south to north)

All information known at this time. Many nets reported to be not properly marked.

1. Deep end: 44° 03.86' N 086° 31.61' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 125'. *Hazardous Location (Stone)
 2. Deep end: 44° 04.37' N 086° 31.13' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 90'. *Hazardous Location (Stone)
 3. Deep end: 44° 05.16' N 086° 30.73' W ***Bullet Float*** Depth: Unknown: *Hazardous Location (Stone)
 4. Deep end: 44° 05.23' N 086° 30.67' W. ***Bullet Float*** Depth: Unknown: *Hazardous Location (Stone)
 5. Deep end: 44° 05.28' N 086° 30.60' ***Bullet Float*** Depth: Unknown: *Hazardous Location (Stone)
 6. Deep end: 44° 05.54' N 086° 30.69' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 165'. Inside staff: not reported. (Stone)
 7. Deep end: 44° 06.02' N 086° 29.83' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 120'. Inside staff: not reported. (Stone)
 8. Deep end: 44° 07.07' N 086° 28.97' W. Staff with orange flag. Depth: 125'. Inside staff: not reported. (Stone)
- (additional nets exist to the north beyond these listed.)

*Hazardous Location: Nets either not marked with a staff or better, or located in an area of steep contours; in a region of heavy recreational traffic or of high concentrations of sport fishing.

(this includes all nets properly or improperly marked between 43°58.00' N and 44°05.00' N.)

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: [www.http://www.fishmanistee.com/](http://www.fishmanistee.com/)

Special Alert! Net placing and net movements may occur frequently during the near future. Also floating yellow polypropylene line as been observed floating on the surface near some nets. Some nets, especially to the north, do not appear to be marked consistent with the 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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