



Yahara Fishing Club July 2026 Newsletter

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Kids Fishing Day 2026 – This Is Why We Do It!

We had a beautiful morning on June 6 for our summer Kids Fishing Day! The event featured lots of kids, plenty of fish being caught, and an abundance of smiles! Here are some pictures to provide just a small sample of happy participants (there are many more photos on our Facebook page). Thanks to all the club members who helped out in preparing for and conducting our signature community event!



More pictures from Kids Fishing Day 2026 on pages 2 and 3

THE JULY 8 ON-THE-WATER MEETING IS ON LAKE KEGONSA

Ok, Mother Nature hasn't been kind to us so far with our on-the-water meeting plans (lucky for you, white bass), but you know it won't stay that way forever! Join club members at 6 p.m. on July 8 at the Fish Camp Boat Launch to take on Lake Kegonsa. Dinner will be served and then hopefully fish caught. See you on the water!





Help Needed for Major Club Fundraiser: All-Fishing Garage Sale

The Yahara Fishing Club is again putting on the largest all-fishing garage sale in southern Wisconsin – a two-day sale, rain or shine, on Friday, July 17, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, July 18, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The sale location is 209 Garnet Lane on Madison's east side, just off of Milwaukee Street.

Set-up is on Thursday, July 16, from 1 to 6 and we will need as many people as possible to help get everything ready. On Friday the garage sale runs from 8-5, and on Saturday 8-4. We will need at least two people for each shift and the shifts run for three hours each day. And we will need as many hands on deck as possible on Saturday when we tear everything down.

The garage sale is the club's second-biggest fundraiser of the year and we'll need volunteers to make it a success. Look for a signup sheet arriving via email soon. Thanks!

And It's Not Too Late to Pitch In for Fishing Has No Boundaries

Fishing Has No Boundaries is a great organization that gives people with various disabilities the opportunity to get out and enjoy the water and the wonderful sport of fishing! (<https://fhnbmadison.com/>) We fishermen know how therapeutic a day on the water can be so we are looking for volunteers to help make this year's event successful. FHNB is wondering if any YFC members could help with this one-day event on July 11, 2026, at Governor Nelson State Park. Once a relationship between FHNB and the Yahara Fishing Club is re-established, it will probably be wanted and looked forward to for years to come.

FHNB is looking for volunteers at all levels of the event – everything from helping participants into the boats, holding boats, making lunches, to helping participants off the boats. The group is also in high need of boat

owners to come out and drive their boats around for the day.

Finally, the organization is also looking for fish cutters at 11 a.m. through 1 p.m. and then again at 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. There may be a few fish, there may be a lot of fish. The fish cutting is being geared up at the event because it is being asked for.

Any boat owners interested can contact the main director at the contact below for further information on what that looks like for the day. They are looking for both V-hulls and pontoons. Contact Heather Horn at (608) 215-7805, email becmegsam@gmail.com or feel free to reach out to YFC member Bob Gracia (graciarj04@yahoo.com) for more information. Let's see what we can do to help with this extremely worthy cause!

Club Outings

Madison Chain Outing

Well June is gone and the weather took out our on-the-water meeting and two outings. Let's make up for it in July on Wednesday 7/22 and 7/29 with rainout days on Thursday 7/23 and 7/30 if needed. We will pick a lake on the Madison Chain with the hottest bite and avoid the weekend crowds. Sign up if you're bringing a boat or not so we can get as many people out as possible.

Sturgeon Bay Salmon Charter

We have two boats going on Thursday morning, August 27th. This will be prime time for king salmon and your chance at catching a 20-plus pound fish! This is a 5-hour charter and about \$160 per person. WE STILL HAVE TWO SPOTS OPEN FOR THE EARLY BOAT. PLEASE CONTACT US IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN GOING.

Port Washington Salmon Charter

We had two great coho outings in June and still have one opportunity left. We have TWO OPEN SPOTS on our August 28th charter. The cost will be about \$95 with a full six-person charter and we're asking for a \$50 deposit to secure your spot.

This charter will be chasing large king salmon and is your opportunity for a fight of a lifetime. This is a 7-hour charter for the price of 5 which makes it a great deal!

Sign up for any of these outings through our club email (yaharafishingclub@gmail.com), at a meeting, or by contacting me by phone or text.

We are a fishing club. Let's go fishing together!

Jim Pankratz (608) 709-6442

Former Club Member's Boat Still for Sale – and a Great Value

Editor's note: In our April newsletter, we posted a boat-for-sale notice for the boat of former club member Rich Vogt. His boat is still for sale and now is available at a firm price of \$6,500 (down from an original \$9,000). I had the privilege of fishing with Rich at a club outing back in 2018 and found him to be a very skilled and conscientious fisherman (as well as an extremely interesting person) – I'll bet he took great care of his boat! Here again are the details about the boat provided by Phil James in our April newsletter. – John Pribek

Boat for Sale – now for \$6,500

Some of you may remember Rich Vogt, who was a member of the club until a couple years ago. He died recently after a long battle with cancer. His wife has asked for help in selling his boat, so here are the details if anyone is interested: 2005 Alumacraft Lunker 165 This is the console model (i.e., not tiller, has a steering wheel) and comes with a 40-hp Mercury 4-stroke engine (also 2005), Humminbird Helix 7, Minnkota 55-pound thrust Power Drive trolling motor with 48-inch shaft, all in good condition. Also includes a cover and the trailer, and has a 21-gallon livewell and 7-foot rod locker. Contact Joanne Vogt at vogt4jo@gmail.com – Phil James

How about a couple more pictures of happy kids at Kids Fishing Day catching nice bluegills? Heck yeah!



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The July 8th meeting is on the water on Lake Kegonsa

We will meet at the Fish Camp Boat Launch on Lake Kegonsa at 6 p.m. on July 8. Food will be provided. Club members are encouraged to bring their boats to accommodate any members without boats. After three-in-a-row rough Wednesdays for weather in June, let's get back at it!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wednesday, July 8, 6 p.m.: On-the-water meeting on Lake Kegonsa (see above).

Saturday, July 11: Fishing Has No Boundaries, Governor Nelson State Park. See page 4 and <https://fhnbmadison.com/> for more details.

Friday, July 17, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, July 18, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.: Yahara Fishing Club All-Fishing Garage Sale. Set-up will be on Thursday, July 16. See page 4 for more details.

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 6 p.m.: On-the-water meeting currently planned for Lake Monona. We'll meet at Olin Park.

ALSO: Spots available for salmon charters on Aug. 27 (Sturgeon Bay) and Aug. 28 (Port Washington). See page 4 for details.

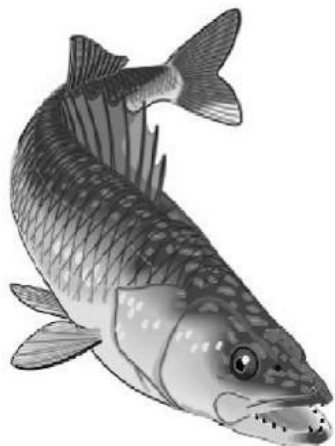
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