

# In The Trenches

Protecting Facilities, Families and the Future  
July Newsletter 2020



## MISS DIG 811 Marine Ticket gets the Cover

### The Marine Ticket

The State of Michigan is a unique place, with vast waterways that are used for many purposes. From tourism to

recreation, transportation to industry, our waterways serve a multitude of functions by keeping the economy flowing, tourists visiting, and wildlife flourishing. Michiganders are never more than six miles from some sort of body of water and never more than 85 miles from one of the Great Lakes. We can visit one of 11,000 inland lakes, 76,000 miles of rivers and streams, and 3,288 miles of Great Lakes shoreline. With the largest freshwater coastline in the United States, Michigan has 80 public harbors and 400 private marinas that never leave a boater more than 30 miles from a safe port. Michigan is the Great Lakes State.

To read the featured article in the Summer Issue of dp-PRO please click on the link below:

[MISS DIG 811's Marine Ticket Article](#)



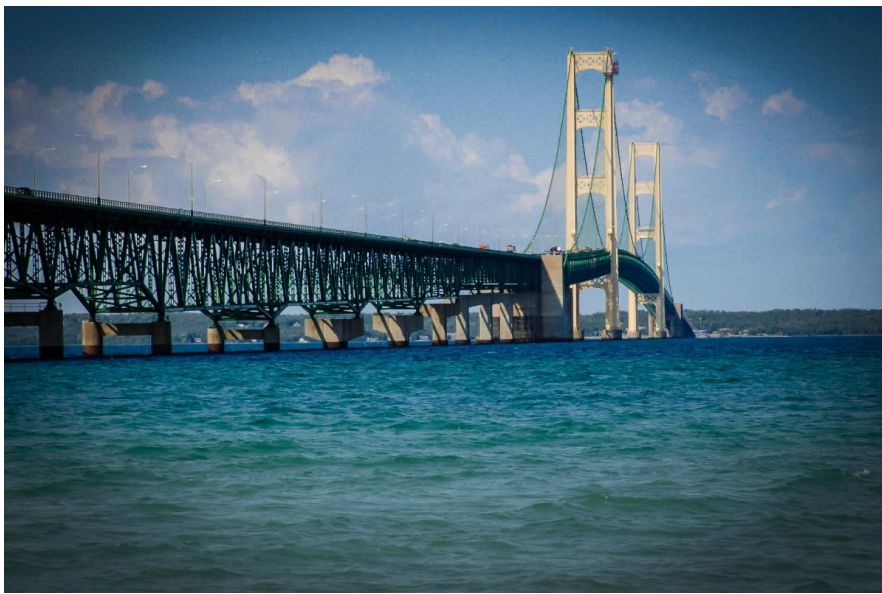
## The Importance of Protecting Submerged Infrastructure

The temporary shutdown of Enbridge Line 5, the major oil pipeline in the Enbridge Lakehead System, due to damage is making headlines. Many are concerned there may either be a total shutdown and replacement, or an extended shutdown for repair that would threaten fuel supply.

MISS DIG 811 is committed to the protection of Michigan's waterways and the environment by preventing damage to submerged facilities. We strongly encourage those anchoring and performing work on or near the marine floor to place a marine ticket with MISS DIG 811, as owners of submerged facilities are required to respond to all tickets placed via the MISS DIG 811 system.



The marine ticket was added in 2019 by MISS DIG 811 and is a free service to help protect our submerged infrastructure and those working around it. Michigan is the first freshwater state to offer a marine ticket. Gaining the attention of the industry, the marine ticket was featured in DP-Pro's June 2020 magazine in the article titled "MISS DIG 811 Marine Tickets." For more information on the marine ticket, visit our website at [www.missdig811.org](http://www.missdig811.org). If you are a facility owner with submerged lines, the MISS DIG 811 Member Support Department can assist you in protecting your infrastructure. Member Support can be reached at [membersupport@missdig811.org](mailto:membersupport@missdig811.org).



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## 14 Day rule

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Place your tickets early and make use of the 14-day window. Public Act 174 of 2013 requires a dig ticket to be placed three business days but not more than 14 days before excavation occurs. By placing tickets early, facility owners and their locators can plan ahead and will be better prepared for increased locate volume. For our Remote Ticket Entry users, be mindful of the dig start field; use your scheduled dig start rather than the minimum three business days. If you place tickets through our online single address service, e-Locate, you will not see a dig start field since the legal dig start date and time cannot be determined until the MISS DIG 811 employee processes the e-Locate. However, if you are placing your tickets early using e-Locate make note of the actual dig start in the Additional Comments field. If you create multiple tickets on the same day but do not plan on starting all the projects on the same day, please stagger the start dates on your tickets to better reflect when the project will begin. Remember, you can place a ticket up to 14 days in advance of your start date.



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## Certification Training Expiration Change

Please be advised that MISS DIG 811 Safe Excavation Practices Certification has changed its expiration from three years to one year on July 1. Information changes and updates are made yearly; you must stay informed on PA

174, Best Practices, and new procedures. Many of you already take the class on a yearly basis. Those of you whose certification was completed over a year ago, please login to your SkillBuilder account at [missdig811.skillbuilder.co](http://missdig811.skillbuilder.co) to take your certification online or attend a webinar, when available.



If you need assistance with login credentials, please contact [lportelli@missdig811.org](mailto:lportelli@missdig811.org).

Thank you and have a safe digging season!



## Tree Wrap Campaign Still Going Strong



One Calls of America, marketing committee members launched a Tree Wrap campaign back in 2017 that has led to a safe digging partnership between 811 and the national home improvement stores, Home Depot and Lowes. The wraps include the 811 logo and instructions to "Call 811 before you dig – know what's below!" The tree wraps remind homeowners to call MISS DIG 811 before they dig to promote safety and awareness. Home Depots and Lowes are still using the Tree Wraps. This message can be found on long handled tools at Lowes. We are hoping to spread the messages on to bushes, plants, shovels and other gardening tools at other home and garden stores. If you would like more information on this campaign, please contact the MISS DIG 811 Education Team at:

[education@missdig811.org](mailto:education@missdig811.org)

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## "TUNING IN"

Coming Soon, Podcasts and Videocasts

MISS DIG 811 is working to develop Podcasts and Videocasts that will help inform our members and the public about safe digging procedures. The Podcasts will be recorded every Monday covering topics such as gas and electric safety, PA 174, Collaborative Design, and ticket scheduling. MISS DIG 811 will also be setting up interviews with MPSC, MITA, locators, municipalities, and major utilities. The MISS DIG 811 videocasts will cover topics related to the Marine Ticket. Interviews with those in the field of Marine locating and excavation are planned.



MISS DIG 811 is excited about this new creative media technology. Look for "TUNING IN" information in our August newsletter.

## RTE Forums

- Refresh your skills
- Join an RTE Forum Webinar
- Two RTE Forums held each month
- July topic: OPEN DISCUSSION: An Education Specialist will be available to answer all your questions.
- RTE Forums- Tuesday, July 28th at 1:00 PM and Wednesday, July 29th at 9:00 AM



For more information or to register contact Sandy Gunville at [sgunville@missdig811.org](mailto:sgunville@missdig811.org) or Stephanie Boe at [sboe@missdig811.org](mailto:sboe@missdig811.org)



## Trench Safety Stand Down 2020

The 4th Annual Trench Safety Stand-Down (TSSD), was held June 15-19, 2020. The goal was to reach out to workers in and around trenches in excavation sites to provide them with information on current excavation requirements and safety procedures. The hope is to reduce the number of fatalities and serious injuries that occur each year in the industry in and around trench work.

# MISS DIG 811 on Hire It Done Radio Show

Eric Urbain's guest spots on  
Hire it Done is BACK on the air!  
Tune into the The Ticket with Adam Helfman on  
97.1 FM on Saturdays:  
July 18, 25, and August 8

