

# Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR

Things are starting to happen. Tourneys on Hubbard Lake in January and February, Reel Fun Ice Fishing tourney in February, and the schedule for the TBWC tourneys are set.

**The club Awards Banquet for February 17<sup>th</sup> has been move to March 17<sup>th</sup> due to some conflicts with other events.**

At this meeting we will be raffling a nice cutting board and 8" bowl hand crafted by Jerry Nowicki out of hard maple. Also we will draw for last years fish cleaners for the Friendship room. A lot of fish were cleaned last year and helped to feed those in need.

## REEL FUN ICE FISHING TOURNEY

This is set for Saturday the last weekend in February.

TBWC raffle prizes this year are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Vexilar FL-12 Ice Ducer	\$449.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eskimo 10" Auger Model Z51	\$370.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Vexilar Fish Scout Color Underwater Camera	\$309.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	Frabill Bunker 250 2 Person Ice Shanty	\$300.00
5 <sup>th</sup>	Vexilar handheld Sonar	\$149.00
6 <sup>th</sup>	Jet Sled XL with Hitch	\$130.00

Raffle licenses for this raffle and the 50/50 have been submitted to the State of Michigan Gaming Division.

Raffle tickets **may** be printed in time for this meeting however we still do not have our licenses. We need your help in selling these to make this as much of a success for the club as possible.

Keep in mind we will be needing hole drillers with augers and helpers for Friday before tourney day. More details at this meeting and the February newsletter.

## 2018

## TBWC Club Fishing Tournaments

<u>Location:</u>	<u>Date:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
1 Hubbard Lake - Launch DNR East Bay	Sat May 5 <sup>th</sup>	5PM - 1AM
2 Saginaw Bay Augres - Launch Augres	Sun May 20 <sup>th</sup>	7AM - 3PM
3 Grand Lake- Launch - South DNR	Sun June 10 <sup>th</sup>	7AM - 3PM
*4 "Nite - Eyes" - Launch Alpena Boat Harbor (Public)	Fri & Sat June 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup>	6PM - 1AM
5 Thunder Bay - Launch Alpena Boat Harbor	Sun July 8 <sup>th</sup>	7AM - 3PM
MI. Brown Trout/MWT Walleye Tourney - Launch Alp. Boat Harbor	Sat & Sun July 21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7AM - 3PM
6 Rockport - Launch Rockport, <b>Alternate Grand Lake</b>	Sat Aug 4 <sup>th</sup>	5PM - 1AM
7 Tawas City - Launch DNR Boat Launch	Sun Aug 19 <sup>th</sup>	7AM - 3PM
8 DeTour - Launch DNR DeTour	Sun Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	7AM - 3PM
9 NONE		
10 NONE		

### **Brown Trout Update**

Entry fee for the Walleye Extravaganza for 2018 was discussed and there was a consensus \$200.00 would be appropriate. There was discussion about the \$350.00 being too high however this is not cast in stone.

To this date no dollars for the guaranteed \$5,000 first place payout have been secured.

Brown Trout has committed to run the Walleye Extravaganza for 2018 being a two day tournament on the last weekend of the BT Festival.

We have agreed to work on having a guarantee of \$5,000 for first place and Romeo and Peggy are currently working to secure those dollars.

At this time, they are working with a few businesses to sponsor the event but have not locked any dollars down yet. If you have a possibility or know of a business that would like to anchor this tourney, please contact Romeo right away.

We want to get the advertisement out soon so that anglers from out of town can plan their tourney weekends. It will not conflict with any MWT tournaments in that they replaced Alpena with Port Austin but will run that tourney on July 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. By Romeo. 989 657, 3841 989-358-5310

**2018**  
**THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB**  
**&**  
**SIDE DOOR BAIT & TACKLE**  
**ARE SPONSORING**  
**WALLEYE & PERCH FISHING TOURNAMENT**  
**HUBBARD LAKE**  
**JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup> 2018**  
**DARK TO DARK**

- Registration is at Side Door Bait & Tackle beginning @ 6am (bait will be available); registration will not be taken after 11am. Pre-registration is available at the Side Door.
- \$10 per person- half the pot for largest WALLEYE and half the pot for largest PERCH. Winner will be determined by the total length of largest walleye and largest perch.
- In case of tie, in either category, draw card for winner.
- Measuring will take place at the South DNR Launch @ 7PM – 8PM; late arrivals will not be accepted.
- Winner takes all tournament: Largest Walleye and Largest Perch - 100% payback.

The tournament will be postponed and may be moved to a later date if there is not safe ice on the entire lake at the start of the tournament. Contact Romeo at [bourdager@alpenaschools.com](mailto:bourdager@alpenaschools.com) for questions.

## OTHER HUBBARD LAKE TOURNAMENTS

Steve Holzworth will be hosting his Annual Saturday Walleye Sniper Tournament on February 3<sup>rd</sup> from dark to dark which is a fun tourney with a trophy to be had for the winner and a cash payout. Fish measuring will be done at Smokey's Bar following the night bite between 7-8pm. Romeo will have more in the January Newsletter for this tournament. Contact/Register at Register at Smokey's Bar the day of tourney-- \$10 Steve Holzworth contact 989-471-5659 Romeo 989-657-3841

**The Fletcher Library has magazines and DVD's on how when and where walleye fishing.**

**Take advantage of these, they may give you some ideas on how to improve your fishing attack instead of doing the same thing day after day.**

**These were purchased by the club for all to use.**

### **"Shivering" on Thunder Bay**

**By Erich Carlson**

#### **Repeat**

"Shivering" is a very fun casting technique that can be deadly on summer Walleyes. Last month, I had the cool opportunity to film a Next Bite show on Thunder Bay with hall of fame angler, Keith Kavajecz. Keith happened to be in Michigan filming a show on Saginaw Bay with Bruce and Nick DeShano from Off Shore Tackle Company and had indicated that he really wanted to do a show that featured casting "Shiver Minnows" on Northern Lake Huron. To my surprise, I received a phone call asking if I still had a casting bite going, and if so, would I be interested in filming a "Next Bite" **Shivering** show. I spent the few days prior to their arrival scoping out the bite with Adam Peterson, and was able to pin down a very good "Shivering" bite. Keith, Jake Romanack and (Cameraman) Jake Flaa came up and spent a couple days at my place and we were able to put together a great show. We were able to capture nine nice Walleyes on film casting Moonshine Shiver Minnows. This "Next Bite" episode will be aired sometime this coming January and February and will feature the technique of "Shivering" we'll explain the importance of cadence, boat positioning, and what to look for as far as locating fish. I will let everyone know the air dates when I find out. Very cool experience!

### **Michigan Out of Doors Episode**

**By Erich Carlson**

#### **Repeat**

Last month, I also had the opportunity to film a segment on Michigan Out of Doors Television with Gabe VanWormer. Most of this segment will feature my wildlife art and frames, however Brady, Gabe, and I, did spend a few nice hours on Hubbard Lake as well. We put a few Walleyes in the boats and had a nice afternoon. I will also let you know when this is scheduled to air. Should be a cool show.

***Erich Carlson will give the club membership a heads up on the 2 above articles at our February meeting along with any questions you may have.***

## WINTER FISHING

Only 1 report

Denny, I took my shanty out off of Maral Rd long lake on sat, fished Sun got 8 perch and Mon only got 3 perch and 1 small walleye. Just too \$#@%#+ cold.

## Club Clothing and Other Stuff

We have restocked our T Shirts, Hats, Decals and Sweatshirts etc. Contact Richard Hubert for more info 989-379-4614 or see him at our club meetings. This all high quality stuff.

Clem's Bait & Tackle has really picked up some great products and have customized clothing for the fisherman that is great for the holidays. Stop in and see all that Matt has to offer.

## FOR SALE ITEMS

IF YOU WANT AN ITEM IN THE FOLLOWING NEWSLETTERS CONTACT  
DENNY BURNS 989 354 2419  
OR EMAIL INFO TO [JACKIEODENNYB@FRONTIER.COM](mailto:JACKIEODENNYB@FRONTIER.COM)

### NEW

**THE PLAN IS TO LIMIT FOR SALE ITEMS TO 90 DAYS UNLESS ITEMS ARE SOLD EARLIER. IF ITEMS ARE SOLD OR YOU WANT TO CONTINUE THE ADD CONTACT DENNY BURNS AT THE ABOVE EMAIL or phone # 989 354 2419.**

### NEW 7/4/17

Lund Pro-V 2075 IFS

Black 2009 Lund Pro-v IFS, 250 Mercury Verado (369 hours), 9.9 Mercury 4-stroke kicker, 101 lb. 36v MinnKota Terrova with I pilot, Lowrance HDS-12 Gen1 with cisco mount at counsel, 3 new DEKA AGM Group 31 batteries in the bow with Cabelas 3 bank 20 amp charger, 2 Exide XRF-31D ROADFORCE AGM-200 for the main motor with Cabelas 2 bank 20 amp charger, 5ft Traxstech rail with 6 rodholders, snap-in carpet, walk thru windshield, Trollmaster, Bimini top. Shorlandr trailer, tires are 2 years old. Boat is well maintained. Asking \$39,500 OBO, will provide extra pics upon request. Price: 39,500 Contact Jesse Spicer 989 464 8249 Email [jessspicer@hotmail.com](mailto:jessspicer@hotmail.com)

### WavePro Air Suspension Pedestals

I have recently installed the WavePro Air Suspension Pedestals to my boat. I gave them a real test on my NWT trip to Lake Erie. I have to say they were GREAT! Nicest ride I have ever had on big, bad water. No launching or bouncing. No "bottoming-out" or back jarring. I highly recommend the WavePro Air Pedestals for anyone looking for an easier ride on rough water. The air spring chamber allows for 0-200 psi of air spring preload to accommodate a wide range of weights. The WavePro Pedestals can be purchased through John Unkovich (989-727-2797) at Viking Marine on Hubbard Lake. If you have any questions about the WavePro Air Suspension Pedestals, give me a call. (989-255-8442). Wayne VanDyke

## SERVICES

**Boat & RV Fiberglass repair--** Mid Michigan Fiberglass Inc. Owner Steve Schnettler, 1809 27th St. Bay City Michigan 989-895-7000  
[www.midmichiganfiberglass.com](http://www.midmichiganfiberglass.com) Factory Authorized. Highly recommended by Romeo 989-358-5310

### **Electric Motor, Canvas, and Downrigger Repair**

If you are in need of work on your Minnkota, need canvas work, or your Cannon Downriggers Serviced get ahold of Brad Valley @ Valley's Canvas Services and Repairs all Minnkota products including Cannon Downriggers. 989-464-1191.

Looking for upgrades, repairs, and now **Fall/Winter Layups.**

Call the Boat Keeper!

Most of you already know that TBWC member Greg Trelfa is a great mechanic. Why order from the big stores when Greg now has access to a full line of marine parts and accessories for all the major brands like Johnson, Evenrude, Mercury, Yamaha and more. He can also supply you with the latest in electronics from Lowrance and Hummingbird, and does professional high end installations as well. His kind of personal service and expertise is hard to come by, so if you are looking to upgrade some electronics or need some repairs or maintenance done and want it done right at very competitive prices, give Greg a call @ 595-3149.

## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday JAN 11<sup>TH</sup> 2017 at 7pm

MEETING LOCATION IS IN ROOM 126  
Besser Tech Center

ACC Besser Tech Center (Room -126) it's the large room to the *right* as you go in the front entrance in the BTC on the north side of Johnson St.

Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month unless otherwise noted in the newsletter.

(Please note: If the college is closed due to weather conditions the meeting will be rescheduled or cancelled)

Agenda: Club Tournaments for 2018,  
Brown Trout Walleye entry fee, payout??  
Banquet to a different date?  
Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tourney  
Open discussion on any topic.

DAVE BIRMINGHAM IS TRYING TO GET DNR DAVE FEILDER LAKE HURON FISHERIES MAIN MAN FOR A MEETING WITH US FOR A PRESENTATION ON RESEARCH THIS SUMMER.  
KEEP YA POSTED.