

# Thunder Bay Walleye Club

## Newsletter

### May, 2010

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### Club Activities

#### Thunder Bay Tournament Results- May 1<sup>st</sup>

This was an extremely close finish with the top three boats finishing within a few ounces of one another. When it was all said and done, it was the Hubert clan along with Bobby Kowalski winning the first tournament of the year and a \$700.00 plus check, with a winning weight of 21.63 pounds. They found their fish in shallow water off South Point with Husky Jerks being their best bait. The Huberts were not the only ones to find those fish, as Jim Leeseberg, Greg Trelfa, and Ed Retherford fished the same water ending up with another nice basket of 21.33 good for second place. Their best baits were Rattlin' Rogues. Team PBR consisting of Brian Matchett, Mel Matchett, and Jim Watts finished a close third with 21.25 pounds. They went through 15 fish and in typical PBR fashion caught a shoulda- been- sorta- was monster 29 1/2 incher (wow) @ (7lbs ☺) in the last minutes of the tournament to give them a big boost. They fished the breakwall, the Abitibi Reef, and Whitefish Point, catching fish at all locations. Baits and color didn't seem to matter, but they did catch most of their fish very high in the water column. Overall it was a great tournament, with a lot of fish caught.

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The club fishing schedule has 2 errors.

Dates are correct but the day for Hubbard Lake May 22nd should be Sat. not Sun.

and the day for DeTour Village Aug 22nd should be Sun. not Sat.

Change your club fishing schedule to reflect this. This will be repeated in the upcoming newsletters.

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While we are talking fishing again let me remind you about the wealth of info on walleye fishing at the Alpena County Library. There are mega Infishermen tapes, dvd's and magazines the club purchased and donated to the library on how, when and where to catch these elusive critters. Check it out, it may give you new light on different tactics to improve your catch. Time on the water, using different methods, making notes on time of the year, locations, weather conditions a few days prior to your fishing day etc. are all important factors.

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#### **TBWC Web Sight**

Search for **Thunder Bay Walleye Club** to get past tourney results, newsletters etc. as well as a blog to air your views about whatever is on your mind.

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**Subject:** Lake Trout fry traps 5/3/2010

We removed the lake trout fry traps from the Cement Plant and CKD area reefs this morning. So 2 of the 3 reefs are now free of gear. We left 10 traps on the "East Reef", which is a quarter mile south-east of the deep end of the CKD pile reef. It is a separate hump out there. That reef continues to produce good numbers of baby lake trout and we will need to leave the gear on it for at least another week. Jim Johnson, Research Biologist/Manager Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment Alpena Fishery Research Station 989-356-3232 Ext 2571

## Up Coming Fishing Events

**Long Lake-** May 16<sup>th</sup> (7:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.) Launch and weigh in @ Alpena County Park. Hopefully we won't have to deal with the horrendous weather like we've had the last few years on Long Lake.

**Hubbard Lake** – May 22<sup>nd</sup> (6:00 P.M. – 2:00 A.M.) Launch and weigh in at East Bay.

**Nite-Eyes -Thunder Bay-** June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> (7:00 P.M.- 2:00 A.M.) Register, launch and weigh in @ Boat Harbor. (Public Tournament)

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**Lincoln Lions- One Day Walleye Tournament** -Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup> - **100% Payback** \$100 Entry per boat. Pay schedule based on boat entries. If you're planning on pre-fishing, you can also enter the daily or weekly big walleye part of the tournament for \$25.00 a boat. Fliers will be out soon.

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### *Asian Carp Update:*

The U.S. Supreme Court, rejecting a bid by Michigan, refused to order Illinois and the federal government to permanently separate the waters of Chicago-area rivers and canals from Lake Michigan to stop the migration of Asian carp. Today's rebuff was the third this year for Michigan at the nation's highest court, which previously declined to order the temporary closure of area locks and dams as a step to keep the carp from entering Lake Michigan. Illinois officials and **President Barack Obama's administration urged the court not to get involved.** Michigan and other Great Lakes states say that, should the carp reach Lake Michigan, they would spread rapidly, consume nutrients needed by other species and potentially devastate the region's \$7 billion sport-fishing industry and much of its tourism business.

"The fight to protect Michigan's jobs and environment now falls to President Obama and Congress," Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox said in a statement.

"While President Obama has turned a blind-eye to the other Great Lakes states in favor of Illinois, it is clear now that he is responsible for our economy and ecology. He could protect Michigan by either ordering the Army Corps of Engineers to take immediate action or by calling for the passage of Rep. Camp or Sen. Stabenow's bills". CARP Act (H.R. 4472), and Senate Bill, S.294.

**Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Reid could take action to protect the Lakes but have failed to make our region's concerns a priority.**

ACTION: Call Pelosi at 202-225-0100 and Reid at 202-224-3542 to let them know your opinion on the urgent need to protect the Lakes.

Visit

>StopAsianCarp.com and Sign Our Petition

## *August Tournament Reminder*

Here's a little reminder and a look ahead. The weekend of our Au Gres Tournament is also the Annual Pirate Festival which means hotels will be filling up fast for the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> of August. This comes from experience last year. Many of our guys had a hard time finding lodging last year. Think ahead. Team PBR passed on this information :

### **Harbor Inn (on US-23)**

**2 double beds are \$89.99 plus tax per night**

**3 double beds are \$99.99 plus tax per night**

**(Due to it being Pirate Festival Weekend a two night minimum is required.)**

#### **Amenities:**

**Fish cleaning station**

**2 freezers for fish**

**External plugs for boat batteries**

**Continental breakfast**

**Phone number: 989-876-8131 (Eric and Kim are the owners)**

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## *Club News*

**Congratulations to Wayne VanDyke and Bruce Mueller on their first MWT win. Wayne and Bruce took top honors on the 66 boat Detroit River event in April which is historically a very tough tournament to win. This event sees some of the best walleye fisherman around including many local guides and pros. They put themselves in striking distance by ending the first day in 4<sup>th</sup> place. A long ways out of the lead late in the afternoon of day two with a couple of small 17 to 19 inch weigh fish, they decided to live or die in one of their earlier more productive (Big Fish) runs where the bite seemingly had dried up. It proved to be the right move as in the last minutes of the tournament they pulled and 8 ½ pound beauty, and beat out the rest of a very talented field by a mere 3 oz. Wayne works very hard in these events and it finally paid off to the tune of several thousand dollars. Way to go. We're very proud of you!**

### **Club Banquet**

78 members, spouses, kids and friends gambled, partied, ate a good meal and most walked out with many great prizes. There were kids games and prizes along with more women's baskets. Fishing equipment of all kinds for those who fish club tournaments as well as door prizes and a great picture of a walleye painted on a large feather by Erich Carlson. Thanks to all who help to make this a great evening. Much goes on prior to the event.

- ***Walleye Club jacket orders***
- If you are interested in getting a Walleye Club jacket, please give Steve Hubert a call @ 379-4614, so he can make it worthwhile to put orders together. It is really not a cost saver to order one jacket at a time. If you plan on getting one, call ahead, so he can plan for orders. Steve will have hats, t-shirts, TBWC decals etc. at the monthly meetings for you to purchase. *An order was placed about 2 weeks ago for jackets and t-shirts and may be available at the May meeting.*

**\*\*Club Tournaments\*\***

**Upcoming Activities –**

BT Banquet... you missed it as of this writing...it was Saturday 5/8/10.

*Other Events:*

\*\*\*\*- Please let Erich (I've taken over the newsletter for Romeo for a while) know the events you are involved with by calling 595-3295 or 464-5623 we'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments -\*\*\*\*

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

Carl Anderson Alpena

Dennis Baker Alpena

John LaLonde Alpena

**NEXT MEETING:** Wednesday, May 12, 2010 at 7:00 pm

- **Besser Tech Room - Room 112** in the BTC

Meetings are the second Wednesday of every month

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

**AGENDA:**

➤ Old Business

- Banquet wrap up
- Recap of first T Bay tourney

➤ New Business

- Brown Trout
- Night Eyes Tourney