

Thunder Bay Walleye Club

Newsletter

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NO MEETING IN AUGUST

Club Activities

Recent Tournament Results

Thunder Bay- July 11th

The TBWC had another great tournament on the home waters of Thunder Bay with most of the boats catching limits of fish. It was the team of Jon Kruttlin, Erich Carlson, and Bryan Lapine taking the top spot and the first place check with a very nice weight of 22.91 pounds caught mostly on straight gold and silver Bugsy Blades in shallow water in the Lafarge area and when it got sunny and flat in 30 to 40 feet of water Southeast of the Sulfer Island reef. They had had a solid 23-24 inch average with a 6.69 kicker. Taking the second spot with a hefty weight of 20.11 was the team of Jim Leeseberg, Rob Frantz, and Greg Trelfa, they were fishing the same general area as the first place team and they were also fishing with crawler harnesses. They also tried the same deep water bite, but finding limited success returned to the shallower water to find the fish still on the bite. Team Chum Bucket comprised of Steve, Richard, and Pam Hubert along with Bob Kowalski took the third place spot with 18.33 pounds caught while working in and out of the buoy area of the Lafarge Channel. They also had a dandy 6 pound plus fish. Way to go!!

Apparently a boat came in at 2pm thinking the tourney was over however the quit time was 3pm. They weighed 5 fish but think if another hour of fishing could have done. Perhaps in the money???

Michigan Brown Trout Two Day Walleye Extravaganza July 17th and 18th

Congratulations to Jon Kruttlin, Eric Mackenzie, and Larry Donojkowski on their repeat win of this event. Jon was able to put to use the information from the previous weeks tournament, fishing a lot of the same areas as well as Scarecrow to stay on a tough bite and earn the first place check. Awesome showing.

Saginaw Bay – Au Gres – August 1st

This time of year almost always finds the fish pushed into the outer bay and beyond, and this year was no exception. There are still a lot of fish to be caught in the bay, but this year the size is smaller than what we are experiencing in Thunder Bay. Still, Saginaw Bay is an exceptional fishery offering vast amounts of structure in both deep and shallow water. We even caught two nice Steelhead on crawler harnesses while pre-fishing. Big Walleye by our standards really were hard to come by but the team of Brian Matchett, Mel Matchett, and Jim Watts narrowly grabbed top honors in this tournament going through a dozen walleye with a five fish weight of 14.37 pounds. The trio caught most of their fish pulling spinners off of one of the Steeples but getting their two best fish off of the Bell Buoy in deep water. Wayne VanDyke and Erich Carlson came in a close second with a weight of 14.08 pounds. We went through 15 walleyes pulling all Buggy Blades fishing the outer steeple and two other locations out in the BIG BLUE. Jon Kruttlin and Bryan Lapine also worked the Steeples area and the Bell Buoy on their way to 12.02 pounds and the third place spot. They collectively caught seven Walleyes all on spinners.

The Triton had a Rough Day on Saginaw Bay

The morning started out like any other with a nice leisurely ride to the bay but quickly turned bad. Practically going airborne on a deer in the Black River hills was bad enough, but it got worse later that morning. A lot of us have heard about motors falling off during tournaments, and while it sounds terrible, we never think that it could happen to us. While working the waters around the Steeples area Steve LaPlaunt, Tom Sharp, and Greg Wieschowski had an experience they'll never forget. Tom risked life and limb (Really) as he made a diving save when the kicker let loose from the transom. The trio then exhausted themselves over the next thirty minutes trying to wrestle the 300 pound plus beast in to the boat. They were able to get the Beckman wrapped around the skag and prop and eventually a rope around the lower unit. From afar, something wasn't right, at 1/3 of a mile Wayne and Erich could see no rods in the holders, and all three men were in the back of the boat. With things looking out of place on the mighty Triton, Erich made a phone call to see what was going on. Wayne, and Erich quickly pulled lines and motored over to offer whatever help they could. The Mercury kicker wouldn't give up easy. It broke one net, and bent the heck out of a Beckman in its attempt to reach the bottom of Lake Huron. We were able to go boat to boat and provide a different angle of lift that allowed us to roll the kicker motor into the back of the boat. The boat is scratched up, the motor is soaked, but fortunately Steve got his kicker back minus the cowl. Hopefully after being thoroughly dried and inspected it will still run. I'm just glad someone was close enough to help these guys out. Check to make sure all your nuts and bolts are tight!

KIDS FISHING DAY

Saturday August 14th, if it rains then Sunday August 15 from 9am until 12 noon. Prizes, Burgers, Hotdogs, Pop etc. at noon. Any kid, grandson, daughter, granddaughter, someone on the block can attend, membership not required. Fishing will be from shore and bait provided. Bring a fishing pole and bobber along with a pail for a great time. RSVP to Darwin Grabow at 989 354 4788. Questions, call Darwin.

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FISH CLEANING STATION PLEASE READ THIS As of 8/1 People are still Grinding Catfish and Plugging the Grinders

Yesterday the Harbor Advisory had a meeting and one of the main subjects was >the Fish Cleaning Station. It has been getting plugged everyday and people are not using it right. The directions are very specific about how to use. Please turn the unit on before you put fish in it. (I don't care how noisy it is it has to be on and then put fish in.) This is important!!

We have asked some people to turn on 1st and they look at us like we don't have to do that, well you do. If you are cleaning catfish or sheep head put down tail first and make sure grinder is running. If you are cleaning other fish make sure grinder is running. Are we getting the picture? Please help out with this. The next step is a pay as you clean station with a combination lock like the state marinas use. I'm just trying to convey a message here and I know a lot of you use it right but if you see someone putting fish in before turning on, REMIND THEM and if they give you grief just call the cell# on the wall.

- ***Walleye Club jacket orders***
- If you are interested in getting a Walleye Club jacket, please give Steve Hubert a call 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.

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Search tbwalleye.com for the latest tournament results, newsletters, and blog. Todd has posted the up to date tournament results including weights, and points earned.

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Upcoming Activities

De Tour

Cookout

We need to know what you can bring and what is needed for the cookout(s). Do we want to do Thursday and Friday night or Friday and Saturday night or only one night? Jim Leeseberg is co-coordinating this effort and needs some info so suggestions can be made on what's needed. Call Jim

Other Events:

****- Please let Erich (I've taken over the newsletter for Romeo for a while) know the events you are involved with email me at walleysnyper@hotmail.com

We'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments -****

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Greg Durdik Lachine Mike Holmes Alpena Joe Storey Lincoln
Kyle Urban Alpena

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, September 8th, 2010 at 7:00 pm

- **ACC 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)

2010 Thunder Bay Walleye Club Best 5 Tournament Standings

Top 14 of 130 thru 8 of 11Tournaments

Name	Points Best 5 of 11	Rank
Carlson, Erich	474.22	1
VanDyke, Wayne	423.30	2
Matchett, Brian	402.53	3
Matchett, Mel	402.53	3
Watts, Jim	402.53	3
Hubert, Richard	396.42	4
Hubert, Steve	396.42	4
Kowalski, Bob	377.59	5
Harrison, Don	367.91	6
Skiba, Ben	364.13	7
LaPlaunt, Steve	358.81	8
Sharp, Tom	358.81	8
Kruczynski, Eric	358.28	9
Leeseberg, Jim	355.99	10