

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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CLUB TOURNAMENT RESULTS

#6 Rockport - Launch Rockport, Alternate Grand Lake Sat Aug 4th 5PM – 1AM

Still has a walleye bite going on since the middle of July. Weather was OK for the evening, night tournament with 10 boats and 23 contestants looking for the best bite. All had fish with the majority of the bite before dark. Most used hard body baits.

1st place is Mike Karner and Eric MacKenzie weighing 5 fish for a nice catch of 22.65 lbs. and their largest of the tournament at 6.05 lbs.

2nd place is Adam Peterson and Chris Wade weighing 5 fish for a good catch of 18.56 lbs.

3rd place is Eric and Gage Kruczynski with Matt Mauzak weighing 5 fish for a good catch of 17.97 lbs. and their largest 5.00 lbs.

#7 Presque Isle Launch Larks Harbor Sun Aug 12th 7AM – 3PM

The club hasn't fished out of Presque Isle in quite some time. This location replaced the DeTour Tournament. Weather on the main lake was perfect with light winds and a 1 foot or so chop on the water. Grand Lake was the alternate if Lake Huron was not cooperating weather wise. Water temperatures were in the low 70 degree area and the walleye were there, nice walleye. Only 7 boats fished this unfamiliar water on Lake Huron which may have had some effect on the number of boats fishing. Catches were on hard body baits and crawler harnesses. While some went to Rockport most fished North Bay and Black Point just around the point going north out of the launch about 1 mile.

1st was the boat of Romeo Bourdage along with Mark and Seth Haugerud bringing in 5 to the scale for a whopping 29.52 lbs. and their largest at **10.60 lbs.** 31-1/2 " long. Yup that's right. The club hasn't weighed a tournament 10 lb. walleye since the 1990. See photos attached.



2nd place is Steve LaPlaunt and Tom Sharp weighing 5 fish at 21.25 lbs. and their largest of 6.98 lbs.

3rd Jon Kruttlin, Adam Peterson and Chris Wade bringing 5 fish to the scale at 20.39 lbs.

Only 1 tournament left to determine the 2018 angler of the year.

8 Hubbard Lake – Launch DNR East Bay Sun Sept 9th 7AM – 3PM

There are a number of TBWC tourney contestants that still have a chance at the 2018 Angler of the Year.

CLUB TOURNAMENT RESULTS Continued

Current standings for angler of the year are:

2018 Thunder Bay Walleye Club		
Top 17 By Rank of 89 Entrants Thru Tourney #7		
<i>Best 5 of 8 Tournaments</i>		
Name	Points	Rank
	Best 5 of 9	
Bourdage, Romeo	472.51	1
Haugerud, Seth	458.99	2
Peterson, Adam	423.72	3
Wade, Chris	423.72	3
Franklin, Matt	417.01	4
VanMassenhove, Dan	417.01	4
VanMassenhove, Gary	417.01	4
Haugerud, Mark	380.84	5
Kruczynski, Eric	304.03	6
Graham, Kevin	296.88	7
Kruttlin, Jon	289.42	8
MacKenzie, Eric	274.98	9
Tucholski, Jeff	264.64	10
Karner, Mike	257.68	11
LaPlaunt, Steve	194.99	12
Gauthier, Scott	189.22	13
Hume, Adam	188.22	14
<i>2013,14,15,16 Angler of the year</i>		
<i>Eric Kruczynski</i>		
<i>2017 Anglers of the Year</i>		
<i>Gary and Dan VanMassenhove</i>		

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.

On line you can find a number of articles and demonstrations for success used by pros using various methods for different times of the year.

BROWN TROUT

Brown Trout Officials write:

We would like to thank everyone for making the 44th Annual Michigan Brown Trout Festival a great success!

The official final results for all of our tournaments have been posted, and can be viewed on our website:
www.brownroutfestival.com/leaderboard.

Without our sponsors, volunteers, those that fish, and the tremendous support of the community this event would not be possible.

This year appears to be another year in a row of success for BT. Attendance for the big and small tent were nearly a sellout for all days and the new kids programs we attended well.

TBWC MEMBERSHIPS HAVE BEEN UPDATED FOR THOSE WHO VOLUNTEERED FOR THE BT FESTIVAL AND WORDED MORE THAN 5 HRS. THEY ARE:

Roger Barc, Dave Birmingham, Bill Boucher, Rissa Budnick, Denny Burns, Ernie Butterfield, Dave Golder, Darwin Grabow, Deanna Harrison, Pam Hubert, Glen Klimczak, Jim LaFleur, Jim Leeseberg, Reno Massetti, Mike McGirr, and Ken Wahowski.

With most time slots scheduled at 3 hr. intervals it was no so time consuming for those taking time out of their daily schedule.

If you feel you were missed contact Denny Burns. 21 people volunteered from the TBWC. Thank you very much.

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SALMON ARE STARTING TO COME INTO THE THUNDER BAY RIVER. REPORTS LAST YEAR THE ATLANTICS AND BROWN TROUT WERE IN ALL WINTER AS WELL AS IN THE BOAT HARBOR.

DNR IS LOOKING FOR HELP TRACKING

ATLANTIC SALMON CATCHES

THIS IS A PRIMARY FACTOR ON WHERE AND HOW MANY FISH ATLANTICS ARE PLANTED IN OUR AREA IF NO REPORTS MAYBE
NO MORE PLANTS IN OUR AREA

Bottom line is that all anglers should report their ATS catches to Tim Cwalinski, individually, via email or phone call. Having photos for verification helps. If their fish is observed by a creel clerk, than they can skip reporting to me, for I will get it from the creel analyst. -- 989-732-3541 -- cwalinskit@michigan.gov

Data TIM needs from them for each individual ATS is: Date caught: Length: Location: (TBR, Thunder Bay, etc.)

DNR CONTINUED

Mode: Shore or boat Harvested or released: If harvested, and its adipose fin was clipped, did they cut the head off and drop the snout off with this information in a Ziploc and drop off at Alpena FRO or the fish cleaning station at the Alpena Boat Harbor.

All this volunteer information helps us fill in the gaps of the ATS program that we cannot get from the creel program, which has some inherent loop holes. Creel clerks are unable to be everywhere, and at all times.

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8/21/2018 Cormorant management update (Randy Claramunt and Frank Krist).

Frank has been in contact with Congressman Jack Bergman's office. Our concern of protecting, free swimming fishes has not been addressed to date. Congressman Bergman held a hearing regarding his proposed Bill in Alpena. The Bill has been revised to allow the previous cormorant program to be implemented until the US Fish and Wildlife Service completes their required work and finalizes the required Environmental Assessment. There is a planned meeting on August 16 in Lansing with the DNR, Tribes and the US Fish and Wildlife Service to compile documentation of the need to manage cormorants to protect free swimming fish. The goal is to have the cormorants properly managed, so that the needs of the fisheries are balanced with adequate protection of the cormorants.

The public meeting in Alpena provided opportunity for the public to insist that the US Fish and Wildlife Service completes the needed work in a timely manner. Frank said that the US Fish and Wildlife Service indicated that compiling the needed data would be completed by November and the Environmental Assessment would be finalized toward the end of the year. John Walters asked if the DNR Fisheries Division or Wildlife Division is involved in the cormorant issue. Randy said both divisions are involved and will be represented at the upcoming meeting in Lansing. Gary Whelan said other states are watching closely what is happening in Michigan with cormorants a problem in Texas and pelicans an issue in Idaho.

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.

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

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.

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 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 LAYUP?

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 SEPT 12th 2018 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.

Agenda:

- Club Tournaments**
- Brown Trout updates**
- Kids fishing day**
- Kids clay shoot**
- Cormorant Control**

Open discussion on any topic.