

# Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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## FISHING IS STILL VERY GOOD

Fishing has been good since July. Fishing on all the inland lakes in August has been good as Grand has been so so and Long Lake have been putting up good number on both cranks and crawlers, and Hubbard was hot. Fishing on the bay and Rockport has been excellent in August with walleye out in 40 to 60 feet of water fishing about 25 to 30 feet down and should continue. The night bite continues and the day bite has certainly been more productive in August with the walleye moving out into deeper water. Perch are beginning to bite on all inland lakes.

## FISHING REPORTS

Must be dog days for me. Went above the seven mile dam a few days ago looking for pan fish. Got skunked. Almost never happens there. Launched at the fairgrounds on 8/26 and went west toward the four mile dam looking for pike or a walleye. Skunked, but a lot of bass. Moved to the shallows by the fairgrounds for pan fish. Skunked. Spent four days camping at Fletcher's a few weeks ago and did well on the pan fish. Was given a lead on a deep hole at Fletcher's where they are catching some nice perch. Hit a log and broke the transducer off of the boat and could not find the spot. Greg had one in stock and I am back up and runnin'. Will have to try again. Never say die!!! C. Kelly.

Eric Kruczynski wrote

I just spent Mon-Wednesday fishing in Green Bay. The bite was great and reminded me of how our fishery was in Alpena 15 years ago...less numbers but the size was a lot bigger. Most of the fish we caught were 5.5-9.5 range with the average being 6-6.5 lbs. Pulling cranks or spoons on lead core produced fish. Pulling cranks after dark in 15-20 fow was by far the most productive. Very few boats out fishing. Great walleye fishing vacation destination for those looking to do a trip that'll remind them of the good old days back home. 30" er, just shy of 10 lbs. caught on our second trip...released for another day...we landed 7-8 more this trip that were all 28-30" too. Released all but one that was gill hooked that night...

## Club Tournament Results

### Grand Lake August 16<sup>th</sup> 7a -3p

It was hot, hot, hot...Weather wise that is. With temps in the low 90 degrees and the bite was only very early in the morning it made for a, is it two o'clock yet day. If you did catch a walleye you better have pounded the area after the early bite for that one or two more fish. Fish were caught on meat around the 3 sister islands in the 20 foot or so water.

Jackie and Denny was one of the first boats at the launch and soon after the boats started showing up, lots of em....turns out the bass club from Hillman and Atlanta was having their tournament the same day, same hours etc. which made for parking out on the Grand Lake road a must for some. After some conversation it was decided they would launch at 7:30 and the TBWC would return at 2pm to break up congestion. Glad we decided to return at 2 pm temperature wise. After finding some shade to do the weigh in 6 out of 10 boats put some nice fish on the scale. Total weights were not that great but the size of some of the fish were larger than average. I'm sure the temps cut into the number of boats.

First place goes to Eric Kurczynski and Nick Gabara weighing 4 fish for a total of 8.06 # and their largest is 3.07 #.

Second goes to Adam Birk and Marc McCaleb weighing 5 fish for a total of 7.84#.

Third place is Mark Byce, and Jim Watts weighing 5 fish scaling 7.18# and their largest is 2.20#.

Other large fish were brought in by the crew of Romeo Bourdage, Brett Gilbertson and Brent Holcomb weighing in at 3.06#.

Jackie and I had one fish that we thought was a pretty good size so we threw it on the scale and were surprised to see a weight of 3.15# which was the largest of the day.

Which brings us to the Best 5 of 10 results. The top two Erich Kurczynski and Adam Birk are only 14.63 points apart and Nick Gabara is only 15.62# back so the angler of the year will not be decided until the weigh in at Mullet. Good fishing to all on Mullet.

### STILL NO ANGLER OF THE YEAR CONFIRMED YET

#### 2015 Thunder Bay Walleye Club

##### Top 12 of 135 Entrants Best 5 of 9 of 10 Tournaments

Name	Points Best 5 of 10	Rank
Kruczynski, Eric	483.59	1
Birk, Adam	468.96	2
Gabara, Nick	467.97	3
Kruczynski, Gage	437.40	4
Wade, Chris	436.66	5
Franklin, Matt	429.26	6
VanMassenhove, Dan	429.26	6
VanMassenhove, Gary	429.26	6
Kozlowski, Bryan	390.03	7
Gapczynski, Tony	377.06	8
Byce, Mark	370.02	9
Watts, Jim	370.02	9

## LAST TOURNAMENT OF 2015

Mullet Lake Launch ALOHA State Park Sunday September 13<sup>th</sup> 7a – 3p

Some members are going to camp at the park for prefishing and fun. The park should be relatively vacant as school has started and summer vacation time is over. Weigh in will be at the launch sight at the park. While summer is over this should still be a summer bite on Mullet. This is the first time this late on Mullet for the club. Hope weather is ok and the bite is good.

### AUGUST MEETING NOTES

**NO MEETING IN AUGUST so no notes**

#### FOR SALE

Strikemaster Mag 2000 gas Ice Auger - like new, only used about 5 times - haven't used it in about 4 years due to health issues. Auger, blade cover and Cabela's travel bag - \$300. I did start this to make sure it still ran last year - fired up after about 5 pulls after sitting for 3 years.  
Call Mike Mc Court 358-1595.

I have for sale 8-okuma dead eye walleye specific trolling rods. 7' ML action. \$25 each or \$160 for all 8. These are brand new still in the box. Retail on these are \$35 each plus shipping. Eric Kruczynski [eric.kruczynski@yahoo.com](mailto:eric.kruczynski@yahoo.com)

1996 14 ft. Smokercraft, Big Fisherman. 25 HP Merc 2 stroke tiller. 47# thrust trolling motor. Easy load Shorelander trailer. Everything is like new condition \$4250 OBO. Call Carl 248 701-8569 before 9 pm. Many extras.

2002 Hi-Lo camper, all metal- no canvas. Dual axle. Hydraulic up/down. 12 v./gas/a.c. Sleeps 5-6. Bathroom. Frig., Furnace. Fully serviced at Big Jim's this spring. Low profile when down allows expressway speeds with comfort and uses a standard 2" ball hook-up. Book value at \$5,725. Looking for a decent offer. C. Kelly 356-4694.

2014 Starcraft STX Viper 206  
- Professionally rigged and maintained by Augres Marine - Team Starcraft Pro Wrap, black with metal flake under wrap - Starcraft Lifetime +6 transferable bow to stern warranty - 2014 Mercury ProXS 250hp, only 70 hours and transferable warranty - SS Tempest prop - Smartcraft gauge - Trailmaster Platinum Package dual axle trailer w/ spare tire and swing tongue - Many extras - 989.385.1311 -\$48,000.00

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### Looking for upgrades, repairs, and now fall winter WORK? 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 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 September 9<sup>th</sup>, 7pm 2015

MEETING ROOM 126

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 Tourneys: Discussion on Nite Eyes and suggestions on all tourneys

### NOTE

The Alpena Longbeards, Walleye Club and Sportsmen's Club will be having a skeet shoot for the kids at the Sportsmen's Club on Oct. 3, Saturday. Will hopefully have the details before next Friday. Edith Utecht

No additional info as of the writing of the newsletter.

If you do not receive email info and are interested in the skeet shoot, contact Denny Burns at 989 354 2419 for further info later in September.