

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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NO MEETING OR NEWSLETTER FOR NOVEMBER

CLUB TOURNAMENT RESULTS

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

The weather leading up to the last tournament was less than ideal with rain, wind and cool temps. Hubbard is in a bowl which tempers the wind somewhat especially out of the east. Saturday for pre fishing was very windy 20 to 30 and gusts to 40 possible out of the east and rain in the forecast. Jackie and Denny opted to not prefish. Sunday was supposed to be about the same however it proved to be somewhat less. Being the leader in the "Angler Of The Year" Romeo Bourdage did pre fish Saturday even tho he was somewhat under the weather from the rigors of fishing in the UP the previous week. Here are the results of that tourney.

1st place is Romeo Bourdage, Seth Haugerud and Steve Moore weighing 14.20 lbs. and their largest of the tournament at 3.69 lbs.

2nd place is Jon Kruttlin, Travis Boik and Nate Gauthier weighing 11.69 lbs. and their largest 3.14 lbs.

3rd place is Vic Ross and Jerry Yarch weighing 10.66 lbs. for a close .03 lbs. to tie second place and their largest of the tournament at 4.17 lbs.

		Hubbard Lake September 9th 7a-3p				
Name	Weight	Big Fish	# of Fish	Rank	Points	# Fished
Bourdage, Romeo	14.20	3.69	5	1	100.00	1
Haugerud, Seth	14.20	3.69	5	1	100.00	2
Moore, Steve	14.20	3.69	5	1	100.00	3
Kruttlin, Jon	11.69	3.69	5	2	82.32	4
Boik, Travis	11.69	3.14	5	2	82.32	5
Gauthier, Nate	11.69	3.14	5	2	82.32	6
Ross, Vic	10.66	4.17	5	3	75.07	7
Yarch, Jerry	10.66	4.17	5	3	75.07	8
Bisamz, Zach	10.32	2.38	5	4	72.68	9
Wiedbrauk, Spencer	10.32	2.38	5	4	72.68	10
Francis, Natalie	5.67		4	5	39.93	11
LaPlaunt, Steve	5.67		4	5	39.93	12
Burns, Denny	5.07		2	6	35.70	13
Oliver, Jackie	5.07		2	6	35.70	14
Douglas, Al	0.00			7	0.00	15
Hume, Adam	0.00			7	0.00	16
Karner, Mike	0.00			7	0.00	17
Kindt, Steve	0.00			7	0.00	18
Prevo, Ed	0.00			7	0.00	19

CLUB TOURNAMENTS CONTINUED

**Romeo Bourdage is the 2018 Angler Of The Year
Congratulations Romeo and all anglers that fished on his boat.**

FINAL

2018 Thunder Bay Walleye Club

Angler of the Year Standings

Top 17 By Rank of 92 Entrants Thru Tourney #8

Best 5 of 8 Tournaments

Name	Points Best 5 of 9	Rank
Bourdage, Romeo	491.67	1
Haugerud, Seth	480.84	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
Kruttlin, Jon	371.74	6
Kruczynski, Eric	304.03	7
Graham, Kevin	296.88	8
Mackenzie, Eric	274.98	9
Tucholski, Jeff	264.64	10
Karner, Mike	257.68	11
LaPlaunt, Steve	234.92	12
Gauthier, Scott	189.22	13
Hume, Adam	188.22	14

2018 Anglers of the Year

Romeo Bourdage

The club will be reviewing the TBWC tournament rules thru the winter months for the 2019 year.

If you have any ideas on what changes you would like to see contact Denny Burns @ jackieodennyb@frontier.com
or mail to TBWC Box 812, Alpena MI 49707.

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.

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Frank Krist writes
Hi Everyone,

Randy Claramunt has sent Fisheries Chief, Jim Dexter, his recommendation on the walleye regulations in Saginaw Bay for 2019. After careful consideration, the recommendation was no changes to the current regulations for 2019. Randy's recommendations and the reasons for the decision are below:

Randy's comments and recommendations on the Saginaw Bay walleye regulations for 2019

The LHC FAC reviewed the Saginaw Bay Walleye regulation and assessment data in February, 2018, and provided a recommendation to keep the regulations the same for this current fishing season (2018) but some of the representatives and fisheries managers wanted to consider scaling back the bag limit for 2019. Note that the process of changing the regulations in April, after review in February, is not possible as previously thought when the regulation scheme was first developed. There was concern about retaining the liberal regulations through 2019, but because the 2018 winter harvest data were not yet available, no formal recommendation was finalized through the LHC FAC at that time. Once the recent harvest information was available, we recorded a record harvest and when added to the stock assessment models it resulted in a higher stock size. However, management's view was that a modest reduction in the bag limit would alleviate some social concerns of excessive harvest during certain times of the year (i.e., ice fishery) and represent a very modest reduction in angler opportunity. However, the stock assessment models provided by the research section had a strong influence on the LHC FAC and the committee's vote was strongly in favor maintaining the existing regulations.

After consultation with research section on the confidence of the stock assessment models and based on the recommendation from the LHC FAC, there will be no proposed changes to the walleye regulations for the 2019 fishing season.

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BROWN TROUT**

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 WORKED 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.

The TBWC will be receiving additional money for your volunteer time during the 2018 BT Festival.

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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. *I went down to the dam Tuesday 10/2 and there were a number of people fishing casting and using bobbers with various bait presentations. Did see some surfacing of fish.*

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.)

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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Check out our unit website: http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-10364_52259_65083---,00.html

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.

DECEMBER MEETING NOMINATIONS FOR TBWC 2019 YEAR

TO BE VOTED ON IN OUR JANUARY 2019 MEETING

VICE PRESIDENT Currently held by Dave Birmingham
SECRETARY/TREASURER Currently held by Dennis Burns
BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2 of 4
Currently held by Kevin Cosbitt
Currently held by Eric MacKenzie

The following is a description of the scope of procedures and duties in our bylaws but may not limit any officer from other duties agreed to.

ARTICLE IV.

- A. General meetings shall be held monthly on the second Wednesday each month at a predetermined site unless an exception is made and posted in the monthly newsletter.
- B. Special meetings may be called by the President or a majority of the Board of Directors.
- C. 20% of the membership is required to conduct any business.
- D. Committees shall be made up of no less than two (2) members in good standing, and shall report their findings to the general membership. All committee action will be supported by a written report to the directors and/or membership.
- E. Executive board shall have a President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer.
They are elected for a one (2) year term and shall hold office until new officers are elected and are members of the Board of Directors.
- F. Nominations shall take place at the December meeting.
- G. Elections will take place at the January meeting with takeover in the February meeting.
- H. If any officer misses three (3) consecutive meetings without an excuse being presented to the President within this time, he/she shall automatically be suspended from office and the office declared vacant.

PRESIDENT

- 1. Shall conduct the meeting of the club.
- 2. Shall name committees deemed necessary to conduct the activities of the club.
- 3. Shall call meetings and special meetings as necessary to conduct all activities of the club.

DEC Meeting Club Nominations Continued

VICE PRESIDENT

1. Shall act for the President in absence of the president or his/her inability to perform the duties of the President.
2. Shall assist the President and/or Secretary/Treasurer in the organizational functions of the club.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

1. Shall develop minutes and be responsible for all records of the club.
2. Shall be responsible for financial transactions. Two (2) signatures shall be affixed to each check. The President, Vice President, Treasurer are eligible to sign checks.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. Shall consist of four (4) members in good standing.
2. Shall assist the officers in all operating functions of the club.
3. All officers shall be board members.
4. The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall be chosen by the board members at their first regular meeting. It shall be his/her duties to preside at all meetings of the Board and he/she shall have full authority to call special meetings of the Board when necessary. He/she shall at regular membership meetings give a report of the previous Board meeting.

TERMS

1. The President shall be elected on even years.
2. The Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected on odd years.
3. One half of the Board shall be elected on even years and one half be elected on odd years.
4. There is no a limit to the number of terms individuals may choose to run. Individuals may run for any position they choose.

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

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 October 10th 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:

Nominations for Officers and Board of Directors

Club Tournaments

Brown Trout updates

Cormorant Control

Open discussion on any topic.