

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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(No Meeting in November)

Are you still fishing?

If you aren't in the woods, you should be out on the water as there is some great fishing going on in all the local lakes for those who are hardy enough to brave the cold. It's hard to ignore the call of the woods this time of year especially with the bucks tearing up the woods, but if the mood strikes you, get out and give some fall fishing a try. A lot of the spring patterns, like trolling shallow stick baits in 8-12 feet of water are working great right now, as is pitching jigs with either real minnows, or quality artificials like Berkley Gulp. Perhaps even try something out of your comfort zone like jigging spoons?

BROWN TROUT

The TBWC is looking to take over the running of the Two Day Walleye Extravaganza during the Brown Trout Festival. We are looking to implement REAL and effective changes in the way this tournament has been handled.

The following is a list of changes that are being proposed it is by no means complete or final. If you feel something is missing please let Dave Birmingham, Erich Carlson, or Denny Burns know. We want to get together with the BT executive committee in December.

The tournament will (should) be 100% PAY BACK unless the Brown Trout is a Major Sponsor. They took 10 percent of the sponsor donated money and entry fees from the tournament last year, yet had NO part in raising money or finding sponsors. In addition, they have never provided anything for the Walleye Tournament entrants similar to what is provided for the "Super Tournament" and Ladies Day. There was no verification of weights at the table as well as no weight slip to have entrants sign and receive a copy each day. Not able to weigh in for the largest walleye of the day or general BT tournament (if registered in the BT general tournament) until all walleye tournament contestants had weighed in. So you had to come back to the weigh station a second time.

- 1.) The TBWC will run the rules meeting at pre-determined location.
- 2.) The take-off sequence will be determined by order of registration.
- 3.) Each boat will be given a "Boat Board" with their number. The same number will be kept for both days.
- 4.) There will be a launch (take-off) boat that will lead the field out prior to take off.
- 5.) The launch boat will call off each boat's number and show boat board number when it is their turn to take off.
- 6.) Upon return, there will be a tournament official at the break wall to ensure all boats are back in, off plane inside the buoys by 3:00 P.M.) As you idle by, hold your boat board up to be recorded.
- 7.) Weigh in will be first come first serve.
- 8.) (Boat Board) and registration card must be turned at the weigh in.
- 9.) There must be NO band playing or any other music during the weigh-in.
- 10.) The TBWC will provide an MC/ANNOUNCER.
- 11.) Your biggest five fish will be weighed.
- 12.) After your total weight has been determined, you may choose to weigh your largest Walleye(s) if you are registered in the regular tournament.
- 13.) Your weight will be announced and you will receive a weigh slip which must be signed to verify your weight.
- 14.) Your (Boat Board) will be given back to you at boat search on Day 2.
- 15.) Take-off sequence will be reversed on Day 2.

Long Lake Walleye Plant

The Long Lake Improvement Association planted 3700 seven to nine inch walleye into Long Lake on Wednesday. They recognized the Thunder Bay Walleye Club in their newsletter thanking us for our \$500 donation enabling them to increase their total purchase from \$6500 to \$7000 worth of fall Walleye fingerlings for this fall's plant. These are good sized, healthy fingerlings, and will have a great survival rate. This is a great way to help ensure that we maintain a viable fishery in Long Lake. These plants, coupled with Cormorant control have resulted in much better fishing in recent years.

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NOT SO GOOD NEWS

Scientists Confirm Asian Carp Reproducing in Great Lakes Watershed

October 31st, 2013

U.S. Geological Survey and Bowling Green University report released Monday confirmed that at least one species of Asian carp – grass carp – are reproducing in the Great Lakes watershed. Grass carp found in Lake Erie were determined to be capable of reproduction. Though not as destructive as silver or bighead carp, grass carp are also an invasive species, require similar conditions for reproduction and survival and can also disrupt aquatic habitats.

“I can safely say that my members would say the failure of the federal government to act on permanent separation of the Great Lakes from the Mississippi River is . . . unconscionable,” said Erin McDonough, executive director of Michigan United Conservation Clubs, in an interview with MIRS News. She also suggested that the state create an emergency response fund to contain Asian carp.

Asian carp disrupt aquatic ecosystems by out-competing native species for species at the bottom of the food chain, starving out species higher up like popular sport fish. If they become established in the Great Lakes, they could disrupt the region’s \$7 billion sport fishing industry as well as the ecology of the lakes.

Originally imported to southern United States aquaculture facilities to clean retention ponds, Asian carp escaped into the Mississippi River and have proceeded steadily northward, disrupting the river’s fishery along the way. They’ve been found in the Chicago Sanitary and Shipping Canal which artificially connects the Mississippi and Great Lakes watersheds and their eDNA, which detects their presence, has been found on the lakeward side of electronic barriers designed to keep them out of Lake Michigan.

The Lake Erie finding is the first time a species of Asian carp has been confirmed to be reproducing within the Great Lakes watershed.

Other Member News

Wayne VanDyke and Erich Carlson finished a very respectable 4th place in the MWC World Walleye Championship on Bays De Noc on Escanaba..

Please consider contributing to the Newsletter!

Please consider contributing to the newsletter! Do you have a fishing or hunting story that is worthy of sharing? Do you have any fantastic pictures to share? Do you have an awesome recipe that you are willing to share? It doesn’t necessarily have to be about fish. It would certainly make the newsletter more interesting. If you have something you’d like to share please send it to Erich Carlson’s e-mail: walleynyper@hotmail.com. I’ll be sure it gets in! The author can remain anonymous if you so desire, just indicate your preference when submitting something to Erich Carlson.

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.

Here is a list of high quality hooded sweat shirts we have left.

Stone washed light blue, 1 M, 4 L, 4 XL, 1 XXL at \$30.00 ea.

Dark Grey, 4 L, 5 XL, 1 XXL, 3 XXXL at \$25.00 ea.

Light Grey, 1 M, 5 XL at \$25.00 ea.

Dark Blue, 4 XL at \$25.00 ea.

All have a small club logo on the left breast.

All items are at club cost.

Looking for upgrades, repairs, winter layup, shrink wrap? 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, Evinrude, 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.

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.

Please let Erich know the events you are involved with by calling 595-3295 or 464-5623 or email me at walleeyesnyper@hotmail.com we'd like to promote our member's activities and accomplishments.

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NEXT MEETING

December 11th, 2013

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)