

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Newsletter

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CLUB TOURNAMENTS

We plan to schedule our 2018 tournaments at our December meeting. If you have issues with the cost, number of tournaments, where and when plan to attend or contact Denny Burns at 989 354 2419 or email at jackieodennyb@frontier.com.

Brown Trout Update

Brown Trout has committed to run the Walleye Extravaganza for 2018 being a two day tournament on the last weekend of the BT Festival. We have agreed to work on having a guarantee of \$5000 for first place and Romeo and Peggy are currently working to secure those dollars. At this time, they are working with a few businesses to sponsor the event but have not locked one/two down yet. If you have a possibility or know of a business that would like to anchor this tourney, please contact him right away. We want to get the advertisement out soon so that anglers from out of town can plan their tourney weekends. It will not conflict with any MWT tournaments in that they replaced Alpena with Port Austin but will run that tourney on July 14th and 15th. By Romeo.

2018

THUNDER BAY WALLEYE CLUB

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SIDE DOOR BAIT & TACKLE

ARE SPONSORING

WALLEYE & PERCH

FISHING TOURNAMENT

HUBBARD LAKE

JANUARY 27TH 2018

DARK TO DARK

- Registration is at Side Door Bait & Tackle beginning @ 6am (bait will be available); registration will not be taken after 11am. Pre-registration is available at the Side Door.
- \$10 per person- half the pot for largest WALLEYE and half the pot for largest PERCH. Winner will be determined by the total length of largest walleye and largest perch.
- In case of tie, in either category, draw card for winner.
- Measuring will take place at the South DNR Launch @ 7PM – 8PM; late arrivals will not be accepted.
- Winner takes all tournament: Largest Walleye and Largest Perch - 100% payback.

The tournament will be postponed and may be moved to a later date if there is not safe ice on the entire lake at the start of the tournament. Contact Romeo at bourdager@alpenaschools.com for questions.

OTHER HUBBARD LAKE TOURNAMENTS

Steve Holzworth will be hosting his Annual Saturday Walleye Sniper Tournament on February 3rd from dark to dark which is a fun tourney with a trophy to be had for the winner and a cash payout. Fish measuring will be done at Smokey's Bar following the night bite between 7-8pm. Romeo will have more in the January Newsletter for this tournament.

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.

"Shivering" on Thunder Bay

By Erich Carlson

Repeat

"Shivering" is a very fun casting technique that can be deadly on summer Walleyes. Last month, I had the cool opportunity to film a Next Bite show on Thunder Bay with hall of fame angler, Keith Kavajecz. Keith happened to be in Michigan filming a show on Saginaw Bay with Bruce and Nick DeShano from Off Shore Tackle Company and had indicated that he really wanted to do a show that featured casting "Shiver Minnows" on Northern Lake Huron. To my surprise, I received a phone call asking if I still had a casting bite going, and if so, would I be interested in filming a "Next Bite" **Shivering** show. I spent the few days prior to their arrival scoping out the bite with Adam Peterson, and was able to pin down a very good "Shivering" bite. Keith, Jake Romanack and (Cameraman) Jake Flaa came up and spent a couple days at my place and we were able to put together a great show. We were able to capture nine nice Walleyes on film casting Moonshine Shiver Minnows. This "Next Bite" episode will be aired sometime this coming January and February and will feature the technique of "Shivering" we'll explain the importance of cadence, boat positioning, and what to look for as far as locating fish. I will let everyone know the air dates when I find out. Very cool experience!

Michigan Out of Doors Episode

By Erich Carlson

Repeat

Last month, I also had the opportunity to film a segment on Michigan Out of Doors Television with Gabe VanWormer. Most of this segment will feature my wildlife art and frames, however Brady, Gabe, and I, did spend a few nice hours on Hubbard Lake as well. We put a few Walleyes in the boats and had a nice afternoon. I will also let you know when this is scheduled to air. Should be a cool show.

Erich Carlson will give club membership a heads up on the 2 above articles some time during the winter meetings in 2018...to be scheduled.

FALL FISHING AND HUNTING

Eric Kruczynski writes fished Saturday December 2nd out of Standish. Working with Dan and Gary Vanmassenhove we were able to find a massive school of walleyes that stretched from just south of the Pinconning bar all the way north to the Saganing bar in 18-23 fow. Fished averaged 4 lbs. in size and both Dan and I had fish that broke the 6lb mark. Dan had one that even broke the 7lb mark.

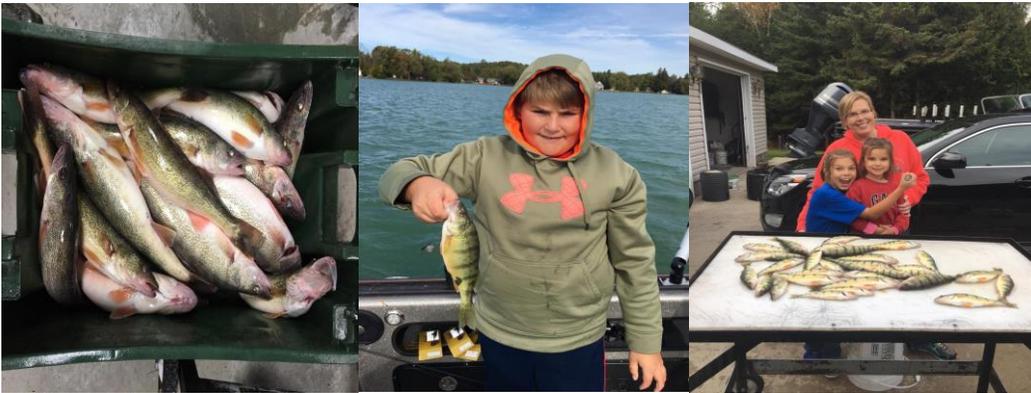
Slow trolling cranks was the ticket. And when I say slow, I mean slow. 1.0 mph was the target speed. At the end of the day I even slowed down to 0.8 mph. The slower we went the harder they hit.

It didn't matter the type of crank as long as it was a Berkley Flicker Minnow! Both size 9's and 11's worked well. My boat alone landed well over 30 fish in approximately 4 hrs. of fishing. Dan's catch rate was the same.

Pictured below are the ones we kept. Keeping your boat out for an extra month or two can buy you a world class fishing trip!

Catch rates like that are a great way to introduce new people and kids to the sport. Pictured below is Kim Wesaw and her daughters Addie and Avery. They were able to experience what Grand Lake has to offer and take home some "fish sticks" as the girls referred to them...if you get an opportunity, please take the time to introduce someone, especially kids to the sport!

Saginaw Bay Dec 2nd



Ever fall I have to shift gears a bit as Gage enjoys perch fishing on Grand Lake, deer hunting, and trapping as much as he enjoys walleye fishing in the summer. Gage had an excellent deer season this year. He was able to shoot this 8pt in the youth season at the end of September.

Gage has also had some luck trapping this month. Here is one of his catches...a beautiful mature male red fox.

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Adam Birk writes fishing on Saginaw bay in the fall is always fantastic as most know. This year has been exceptional!

We have been fishing down there the last few weeks both in the river and out in the bay. Last weekend we fished the bay out of Patterson launch and did very well. Boating 20 to 30 walleye in 3 hours each time out. Key depths for us have been 19 to 21 fow trolling 1.1 to 1.3. Bandits and flicker minnows have been the bait of choice.

When jigging the river we have been doing well on 3/8 to half ounce jigs tipped with fin s minnows. Hot colors have been blue ice and purple ice. Down town Bay City has been the best area for us. Since the water has dropped below 40 degrees a lot of small walleye have flooded the river. It is easy to go through 60 plus fish to get a limit, but there are still some real nice fish in the river.

With the good weather forecasted for this weekend it might be one of the last opportunity to get out on Saginaw bay before it starts to ice up.

Hope everyone has had a great Thanksgiving!

TBWC BANQUET IS SET FOR SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17TH

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 and "CHRISTMAS" is coming.

Clem's Bait & Tackle has really picked up some great products and have customized clothing for the fisherman that is great for the holidays. Stop in and see all that Matt has to offer.

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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**

NEW

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.

NEW 7/4/17

Lund Pro-V 2075 IFS

Black 2009 Lund Pro-v IFS, 250 Mercury Verado (369 hours), 9.9 Mercury 4-stroke kicker, 101 lb. 36v MinnKota Terrova with I pilot, Lowrance HDS-12 Gen1 with cisco mount at counsel, 3 new DEKA AGM Group 31 batteries in the bow with Cabelas 3 bank 20 amp charger, 2 Exide XRF-31D ROADFORCE AGM-200 for the main motor with Cabelas 2 bank 20 amp charger, 5ft Traxstech rail with 6 rodholders, snap-in carpet, walk thru windshield, Trollmaster, Bimini top. Shorlandr trailer, tires are 2 years old. Boat is well maintained. Asking \$39,500 OBO, will provide extra pics upon request.
Price: 39,500 Contact Jesse Spicer 989 464 8249 Email jessspicer@hotmail.com

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 Van Dyke

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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/Winter Layups.**

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 DEC 13th 2017 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.

(Please note: If the college is closed due to weather conditions the meeting will be rescheduled or cancelled)

Agenda: Club Tournaments for 2018,
Brown Trout Walleye entry fee, payout??
Banquet to a different date,
Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tourney,
Open discussion on any topic.

DAVE BIRMINGHAM IS TRYING TO GET DNR DAVE FEILDER LAKE HURON FISHERIES MAIN MAN FOR A MEETING WITH US FOR A PRESENTATION ON RESEARCH THIS SUMMER.
KEEP YA POSTED.

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