

Thunder Bay Walleye Club Monthly Newsletter

July 2020

P.O. Box 812, Alpena, MI 49707

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Next Meeting: 6:00 pm Wednesday August 12th

Last Meeting Recap

- For those of you that missed last meeting we primarily met to cover updates for the Browntrout.
- Browntrout will be holding all portions of their normal tournament. Biggest walleye will pay \$1,200. The rest of the places and payouts will only be based on entry \$ collected. Entry fees are \$50 per person. No boat entries this year. For anyone that paid \$45 prior to them announcing the price increase, they will honor that price.
- You cannot launch and fish out of Rock Port this year. The TBWC executive board was against this move for obvious reasons, but please be aware of this change if you plan on entering the regular BT tournament. The only launch's you can use are Presque Isle Harbor and Alpena Boat Harbor.
- There will be a small tent and food served at the weigh in areas. No drinks of any kind will be sold at the festival. You can bring your own beverages but have to consume them outside of the small tent in the parking lot.
- Huge thanks to all TBWC members that are volunteering to work hours on behalf of the TBWC at the festival. This is currently our second largest fund raiser and your efforts are greatly appreciated.
- Walleye Extravagana is Saturday July 25th. This is the best payout vs entry fee walleye tournament in the state this year. \$10,000 guaranteed first place, and a large big fish optional side pot. We expect high participation. I hope our club is well represented. With the new one-day format, anything is possible in a one-day format. This realistically could be won immediately outside of the harbor mouth, so everyone has a chance. This is a huge accomplishment for our club, and our community. Huge thanks to all involved, but especially Dan Vanmassenhove, Romeo Bourdage, and Jon Kruttlin!!!! Awesome job guys getting all the sponsors on board and getting everything lined out to make this happen...

Club Merchandise

At our August meeting we will be selling at a discount all club gear that has our old logo on it. If you want some, make sure you attend this meeting.

If all goes well, we plan on having some sample items available to view with our new club logo on it at our August meeting as well.

Angler of the Year

Next Tournament is at Rock Port. Saturday August 2nd, 7a-3p.

Name	Points	Rank
Jon Kruttlin	99	1
Nate Gauthier	99	1
Eric Kruczynski	98	2
Gage Kruczynski	98	2
Matt Matuzak	98	2
Romeo Bourdage	97	3
Mark Haugerud	97	3
Matt Spragg	96	4
Dan VanMassenhove	91	5
Gary VanMassenhove	91	5
Matt Franklin	91	5
Jeff VanTorre	90	6
Eric Lenz	90	6
Chris Wade	89	7
Adam Peterson	89	7
Nick Bisanz	88	8
Bryan Kozlowski	87	9
Spencer Weidbrauk	86	10

Here's the standing for the AOY. These were some critical early points. Next event is Rock Port. Be sure to make it!!!

New Gear Review

This section is devoted to new fishing gear reviews. Each newsletter, we'd like a different member to share their personal review on some new (or new to them) fishing equipment they recently obtained. This is a great way to give some real-world feedback on new products to help the rest of our membership make purchasing choices. Gear is defined as any equipment used for the sport of walleye fishing, any

season, any size. From ice cleats, shanty's, snowmobiles, boats, rod socks, etc. everything is game for this section no matter how big or how small...

Nothing for July...too busy testing new gear, lol.

Fishing Reports

We are asking members to please contribute detailed fishing reports with photos. The idea here is to share our knowledge with our membership base. For those of you not wanting to blow your spot up by sharing information...well the idea here is to all expand our knowledge, it's one of the main focuses of the club. You don't have to give exact coordinates to your location, but rather focus on techniques, presentations, and structure features. Also, this is sent to membership several weeks after you submit your report, and THAT bite you reported is no longer there. So please share so we can all learn more!!!

For those of you that missed our last meeting or haven't had time to get out on the Bay in the last few weeks...the bite has been awesome. It took a while for our schools of big fish (6-9 pound class) to show up this year. The last week of June they showed up in high numbers. This time of year, all techniques work...however, the casting bite has truly been world class. If you have not been on this bite you are seriously missing out. Get out and get after them!!!

Classifieds

Please email me: Eric.Kruczynski@yahoo.com if you have any for sale items you'd like listed. Items will be listed for one monthly newsletter cycle, unless requested for an additional extension each month

2017 Warrior V208 – I'll be selling my boat soon, as my new rig is scheduled to arrive the first of August. 300 & 9.9 yami's (650 hrs), 36v Terrova, 3-9" Lowrance Carbons, Wave Pro 2.0s, Traxtech rod holders, Cannon Mag 10s, Trim Tabs, Marine Radio, and much more. You will be hard pressed to find a better rigged and performing boat for the great lakes, and it is always well cared for and garage stored. If anyone is seriously interested, please contact me. Eric Kruczynski (989) 766-0289

TBWC Member Businesses. Please support our fellow members!!!

During this Covid19 pandemic, all businesses are having a very difficult time. Please show support for your fellow TBWC members!!! We all have a buying choice. I hope that each and everyone of our members consider buying from a fellow member to support them.

Nate Engstrom – The Boat House

(989) 340-1120

Full-service dealer for: Ranger Boats, Avalon Pontoons, Starcraft/Starweld, Smokercraft, Yamaha, Mercury, and a full line of associated OMC parts, and supplies. Sells and installs all major name brand electronics. Also sells Wave Pro suspension seats!

Brad Valley – Valley's Canvas

(989) 464-1191

Full-service dealer for Minnkota and Cannon. Full service custom canvas shop.

Jon Kruttlin – Alcona Motors Full-service Chevy and Buick dealer.	<i>(888) 572-3878</i>
Justin Champagne – Northern Dents Paintless Dent Removal.	<i>(877) 200-4245</i>
Jeff Tucholski – Gator Bait Tackle Walleye Tackle Supplier and More...	<i>(989) 255-0336</i>
Ed Reutherford – Trout Scout Charters Salmon, Trout, and Walleye Charters NE MI	<i>(989) 657-2681</i>
Carl Hatalja – Crazy Carl’s Sport Fishing Walleye, Trout, and Salmon Charters NE MI...Also Custom Rod Holders	<i>(989) 255-8744</i>
Erich Carlson – Carlson Wildlife Art Hand painted, one of a kind, wildlife art.	<i>(989) 464-5623</i>

Final Notes

- Personally, I’m tired of all the negativity in the news today. The day when Covid 19 is behind us, and the election is over will be a good day...Until then I find things much simpler out on the water chasing walleye. I highly recommend this therapy!!!
- Save a Gobie...Catch a Walleye...together we can make a difference!!!

2019 AOY.....Mark Haugerud