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October 2019

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WHY CAST? By: Rob Barnes

The majority of our club members and newsletter readers are familiar with the Great Lakes & river techniques that consistently put walleye in the boat. As we all know, trolling is a staple in our local playbook because it enables anglers to cover water quickly while efficiently presenting multiple baits. I view fishing as a lifelong journey and am always learning. This season I wanted to focus on learning different techniques and continue to break out of my comfort zone.

As a dedicated troller, you will find me hard pressed to let go of my Off Shore planer boards for even one trip to Lake St. Clair. However, I have found that under certain conditions it is more efficient to cast and pick apart the right patch of cabbage or structure where fish are holding versus make multiple long trolling passes at them. If I know fish are holding to a specific area it makes more sense to me to stay put and be held in place with a trolling motor rather than take long trolling passes and spend time outside of productive areas.

Think about it- take a look at your past GPS waypoints from your summer season and see if you can't identify tight concentrations of where you caught fish- this is often over specific patches of cabbage weed. The walleyes were there for a reason.

Imagine how much more thoroughly you could dissect a specific productive area by mapping it out on your electronics and making a series of strategic casts right to it. This is especially important during late summer patterns when walleyes 'dig in' to specific weed beds.

Everyone has an opinion and preferences for rods & tackle. For casting and live bait rigging, I personally prefer using a longer, medium to medium-light power fast action rod. My favorite is actually a 7 foot bass drop shot rod made by Lamiglas (model XP 703 S). Light jig & plastic combos along with Rapala Rippin' Raps are often my go-to selections for casting to walleyes in the weeds.

I will touch more on casting and live bait rigging presentations in further detail during a future seminar where I'll be sharing about fishing for inland lake walleyes. I'm confident you will be able to take what you learn and apply it to Lake St. Clair.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fall 2019

Oct 16th General Membership
 Oct 22nd Board of Directors
 Oct 27th Halloween Fun Fest
 Nov 15th..... Firearm Deer Season Opener
 Nov 15th & 16th..Buck Pole (Dick Huvaere's Richmond)
 Nov 28th..... Thanksgiving
 Dec 18th..... General Membership (Xmas party)

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

We had three people join the club during the month of September. I will list their names in the newsletter, so all club members can welcome them to the club!

Robert Looper

Sam Cappola

Nancy Kohnen

Please say hi and fill them in on how the club operates.

BUCK POLE 2019

Come on out to Dick Huvaeres Chrysler dealership in Richmond November 15th and 16th (Friday and Saturday) for their annual Buck Pole event. The event goes from 2-9pm. The ride and drive event will be going on as well as many great raffles to get involved in. As you mingle through the event, keep your eyes open for other club members to introduce yourself to or catch up with. The LSCWA has been involved with this event for the past few years and we look forward to it every year. It's a great opportunity to share hunting/fishing stories with friends, check out some locally harvested bucks, ring in opening weekend, and even test drive a new RAM truck.

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To protect, preserve, and promote the walleye fishing in Michigan through conservation, education, and enhancing fishing opportunities for all; celebrating our tradition since 1976.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Bueller, Bueller...actually that should read..perch, perch. It seems that the perch around here are still on summer vacation. The results of our perch tournament proved that. I have been looking forward to getting some perch for a month or so now, but I've been struggling to find them. It's the end of September and both the weather and water are still warm and the perch are... well, I sure don't know. If anybody does, let me know. Hopefully now that October is here the fishing will pick up-both for perch and walleye.



October is a great time, fishing should be fantastic and hunting seasons are under way. The only bad part I guess is not having enough time to do it all. I try and cram in as much as I can, but there is just not enough time. I will be spending time in the deer woods, on the water, and any number of other places. All I know is that we should all try to take advantage of the season and get out there and get-r-done, no matter what it is you are trying to do. Send in your pictures and we will put them in the newsletter! With no newsletter in November I want to take a second to wish all deer hunters a safe and successful deer season. Like great grandpa Alphonse use to say "good things come to those who shoot straight".

October 27th is the Halloween fun fest at Veteran's Memorial Park in St. Clair Shores. We will be participating again this year. Bring a youngster and come on out to say hi and see our spooky set up.

The commercial fishing regulations still are hanging out there. If you have not yet contacted your state rep and senator yet PLEASE do so. Tell them to support HB 4567 4568 and 4569 and oppose HB 4790. On the senate side, ask them to OPPOSE SB389. I have been very active in making sure our voice is being heard. I will continue to keep everyone updated through our Facebook page, website, meetings, and here in the newsletter.

Lastly, I would like to wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving.

Tim

290 CURRENT MEMBERS

SALMON SPAWNING SEASON

By: Sarah McNichol

Have you caught an Atlantic Salmon anywhere in the Great Lakes, or even closer to home in the St. Clair River system? If so, that Atlantic has come a long way from where it was originally stocked. Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, MI stocks around 30,000+ Atlantic Salmon into the Saint Mary's River every year. Some of you may be familiar with the St. Mary's because it was a stop on the Michigan Walleye Tour in 2018 and the National Walleye Tour in 2019.



The opportune spawning time for Atlantics is typically the end of October and beginning of November when the water begins cooling so we are preparing for egg take right now. The students catch adult salmon in the St. Mary's River using a gill net. Weight and length measurements are taken from all fish, and some fish are even tagged.

Once the males and females are ready to release their gametes, they are spawned. Females are stripped of their eggs by hand. The males then release a small amount of milt into the same bucket as the female's eggs. Those eggs will then become fertilized and will remain in the hatchery until they hatch and the fry/fingerlings grow to be about 7 inches in length.

These fish have been known to migrate down through all of the Great Lakes, including Lake Ontario. If you find yourself with an Atlantic Salmon on your line, please get ahold of the university or myself to age your salmon. (Atlantics are iteroparous meaning they spawn more than once in their lifetime unlike some other salmon so there's a chance it could be a fairly old fish.)

FISH DERBY ARTICLES

Hi LSCWA members I'm going to write a series of articles to help explain some of the club functions. The first article will hopefully explain the club's monthly derbies. We the board, want more members to join in on the derbies and hopefully this information will help.

The club has five derbies open to all members that are current with their dues. The five derbies occur on the third weekend of the month, April through August. The April derby is an exception, with only one walleye per angler. The other months are the angler's single biggest walleye to gain points. In addition, there is a team event called Super Six in the derbies as well. The Super Six is a team effort to get the heaviest six walleye.

The points are gained based on how the angler places in the derbies. It's a sliding scale of 1st gets 5 points, down to the 5th angler getting 1 point. The points are accumulated during the year which determines the angler's position in the division they are in.

If there are any questions, please call the club phone (586-778-0480) and leave a message. I will return the call.

PREPARATIONS FOR A TROPHY *By: Jeff VanTorre*

As we are now getting into the beginning of fall and we can look back on all the fishing we have done throughout the summer months- lots of trolling and some jigging. Our equipment takes a beating and sometimes we look over the little things that make a huge difference in being successful when you're hooked up on a fish of a lifetime.

During this time of year, we start hearing stories of the fall bite and guys that are going out targeting 8-10 pound fish and even bigger. We need all of our equipment from our rods to our offshore planner boards in tip top shape. Here is a list of things that I like to go over to ensure that I will not risk losing that fish of a lifetime.

1. Line calibration- very important when trolling crank baits to reach a target depth according to your precision trolling data app.
2. Rods- check over your rods, look over the guides and rod blank.
3. Reels- with cold temps make sure to add a couple drops of oil to the gears and moving parts, make sure everything is in smooth operation.
4. Lures/baits- take the time to do a quick inventory of your lures make sure you have what you need. Check hooks and split rings .. replace as needed.
5. Terminal tackle - extra snaps, split rings, hooks, snap weights.
6. Offshore planner boards - clips are in proper working order and no line slippage, tattle flag wires are straight and functioning, floats and ballast weights are in proper condition.

These are some of the things that I know we over look that can play a major roll in landing that fall giant we all love chasing. Just remember it's better have it and not need it to need it and not have it.

Best of luck to everyone this fall!

Take a look back at some of our club memories from the summer...



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