

FISH TALES

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BLUEWATER ANGLERS NEWSLETTER FALL 2007

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Fall Big Fish Derby

Saturday, September 22, 2007

Major Sponsor – Sarnia RV Centre

This is an open event and any person is eligible to enter, providing they have a valid fishing license. Entry fee is \$10. per person and cash prizes and draw prizes will be awarded for the 5 heaviest fish. Only salmon, rainbows and brown trout are eligible.

This derby is for both shore and boat anglers. Derby contestants are allowed to enter only their single heaviest fish. Weigh-in will be at the Fish Hatchery between 2:00 pm & 3:00 pm and the presentation of prizes will follow immediately after.

Entry forms with derby rules will be available at Sarnia RV Centre, Buck's Bait and at our September General Meeting.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, September 11th

Point Edward Optimist Hall
Pt. Edward Arena

Doors open at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting – starts at 7:30 p.m.

Guest Speaker – Tom Boyd
Top Water Bass

Village of Point Edward & The Bluewater Anglers WALLEYE DERBY RESULTS

On Saturday, August 11th a total of 65 anglers participated in the club's first Annual Walleye Tournament. Congratulations to all the winners.

As you can see, the prize structure was pretty substantial due to the support from our two major sponsors – Samia RV Centre and the Village of Point Edward that put up the \$500. cash for the first place winner.

1 st	\$ 500.	3.05 #	Eric Rayson
2 nd	250.	3.00	Dave Mallick
3 rd	200.	2.10	Stephanie Lobsinger
4 th	150.	2.09	Brian Somes
5 th	100.	2.07	Ian Crossett
6 th	50.	2.06	Mike Crabb
7 th	50.	2.06	Steve Callahan
8 th	50.	2.04	Brad Kuglin
9 th	50.	2.02	Mark Colbran
10 th	50.	2.02	Tricia Geerts

HANDHELD GPS WORKSHOP

There has been a request for the Handheld GPS workshop. We are attempting to get one put together for those interested. So for those people interested, please email me through our website or contact me with the following information.

Name
Phone Number
Email address
Manufacturer

This is being looked at to happen in late September, if there is enough interest. We will contact the registrants with the time, place and date, upon finalization.

Steve Paulovics

January 2008 – CLUB ELECTIONS

The annual election of new directors will take place at the January 2008 General Meeting. Five new directors for a 3 yr. term will be voted in. Anyone interested in running for office, please forward your name to club secretary Dave Hicks at 862-2360 or contact any club director prior to the January meeting. If you have been contemplating running but are not too sure of what is involved, as a club director, feel free to talk to any club director or better yet, attend one of upcoming director's meetings. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month. Our next director's meetings are Sept. 6, Oct. 4 and November 1.

Come forward, run for the directorship, make your views be known, give of your time and experience to promote and create a more prosperous club for the years to come.

SALMON HUNT TOURNAMENT RESULTS

On Saturday, June 9th, the club held its annual Boat Tournament of the year. Warm temperatures and light morning winds made for some good fishing for the 16 boats that participated.

Team boat captain Brian Somes, took top honours with a total weight of 36.01 pounds.

Second place went to Ian Crosset's team with a weight of 31.13 pounds.

Third place with 27.06 pounds went to Kris Foley's team and Don Tomlinson's team placed 4th with a total weight of 21.03 pounds.

Brian Somes registered the largest fish at 9.11 lbs.

John Klazinga, Stefan Jackson and their committee once again did a great job organizing this event.

1st ANNUAL FALL DINNER/DANCE

In November the Bluewater Anglers will be holding its 1st Annual Dinner/Dance for club members only. At press time, this event is still in the planning stages. The Point Edward Optimist Hall and DJ, for dance afterwards, have been booked and ticket will go on sale in October.

More information will be available at September's Membership Meeting or visit the club's website for details and ticket outlets.

FALL TROUT DERBY

Saturday, October 27th

Major Sponsor – SARNIA RV CENTRE

This is the club's last outing of the year and any person is eligible to enter. Entry fee is \$10. cash and all entries must be paid by 4:30 p.m., Friday, October 27th.

This is a single fish derby. Only rainbow and brown trout are eligible and only one fish per person can be entered. The overall heaviest three fish entered will be awarded prizes.

First	\$200.
Second	100.
Third	50.

Weigh-in will be at the Fish Hatchery between 1 – 2 pm and the presentation of prizes will follow immediately afterwards.

**For complete listings of all
Bluewater Anglers Events,
visit our website at
www.bluewateranglers.com.**

COMMUNICATION POLICY

Bluewater Anglers

Anyone receiving request for comments, interviews or generally speaking to any Media Source shall direct the inquirer to the person responsible for the area of inquiry.

So direct the inquirer to the Media Coordinator or Hatchery Manager, In-house Event Chairman, Salmon Derby Chairman, President and so on. The complete listing of people responsible for each activity is listed on our web site. We must present ourselves as a united group and be careful and consistent in what information we give out. If seemingly innocent information gets released it can be devastating to our organization.

If in talking to other groups re assistance to our organization please just get information on contact, group name, person talked to and date. Give this information to one of the executive to continue. But if you are in a position that time and place does not allow, please let one of the executive know about it—who, group, date and information about the conversation.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Stephen M. Paulovics , President Bluewater Anglers

ST. CLAIR RIVER BASS FISHING

When I talk to anglers coming to Samia about fishing the St. Clair River, I pretty much get the same response.

Are the fish edible? What about the river blob and all the chemical plants?

I give them the same answer every time. It is "when was the last time you saw the headline of the Bluewater Anglers Newsletter read - Angler dies from eating fish".

That's what I thought you would say.

And as for the blob, I have never seen it, and the water is cleaner now then it was 40 years ago.

And for the plants, well the lights just make the boat ride back to the launch, with my fish, a brighter ride.

ST. CLAIR RIVER

The St. Clair River offers a lot to the angler. Seriously think about this, where else can you launch your boat, travel less than 20 minutes along the river (Samia, Corunna, Sombra gravel docks, McDonald Park) and catch as many as 23 different species of fish. Here is a list of some of the different species.

Chinook Salmon, Coho Salmon, Lake Trout, Rainbow Trout, Brown Trout, Yellow Perch, White Perch, Silver Bass, Walleye, Pike, Muskie, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Sturgeon, Rock Bass, Suckers, Bluegill, Pumpkinseed, Freshwater Drum, White Crappie, Black Crappie, Carp and Channel Catfish.

The St. Clair River is a 45 mile highway stretch for fish between Lake Huron and Lake St. Clair. Depths in the main channel are 40' or more with deeper holes present. I once read that the St. Clair River totally flushes out Lake St. Clair every 3 days. That's a lot of water. The bottom is primarily rock & sand, water is fertile and clear. This comes as a surprise to me, that there is no thermocline. When you add some current, eddies, rock shoals, humps and sharp break lines it sounds like a pretty good river to fish.

To be honest, the big river can be intimidating to fish, with the strong current, ever changing winds, shallow to deep water and bait location. *But it's like learning any type of new water, you just fish it.* All those intimidating things I mentioned above are what make this river a fishing bonanza. And to prove it, a very good friend of mine Jeff Glass won a Bass Classic Tournament, on the river a few years ago. I love looking at the bottom of the river with my underwater camera. I have seen trees; concrete blocks the size of a kitchen table, old anchor chains and piles of logs. All these types of structure create homes, which in return create eddie breaks. The fish will be located on the down river side of the structure to ambush the prey. The population of fish in the river is healthy and very plentiful. I also see lots of pickerel, perch and sturgeon.

I have been all over Ontario fishing bass tournaments, and with out a doubt, we have some of the best smallmouth bass fishing right here in our own backyard and some of the best largemouth fishing within a 45 minute drive, but that's another article.

T. Boyd

RODS & REELS

First I would like to talk about the type of rods & reels I prefer to use. I prefer a 7' MH rod with a fast tip. With the longer rod I can pick up the line quicker on the hook set, plus it gives me better leverage and control on fighting the fish. The reel I like to use is a standard bait casting reel. I like a reel with a fast gear ratio, and a smooth drag system. I spool my reel up with 50 lb Power Pro braided line. The sensitivity and no stretch are keys to feeling the bottom and getting of a good hook set. When you are fishing the rocky bottom, the braided line doesn't fray like the regular mono does.

T. Boyd

TECHNIQUES

I like to use the standard carolina rig system, if you fish pickerel at the mouth of the river, then you will have no problem fishing this rig for smallies. I keep my rigs very simple. On one rod I like to have a 7' fluorocarbon leader with a minimum of 10 lb test in clear water. What I consider clear is a visibility of my bait down 5' or more. In stained water which is 5' or less, I will use a heavier 14 lb. leader. With the fluorocarbon it is relatively invisible and it offers very little stretch and is very abrasive resistant. Weight of sinker depends on water depth, current speed and wind. I normally start off with ¼ oz., but if needed I will go to ½ or ¾ oz. I like using a quick clevis rig. This allows me to change weight quickly and if the weight snags up, with a sharp snap or pull, the weight comes off. Replace your weight and your back fishing quickly. For types of weights to use I like a no snag sinker. It hangs up less and maintains the feel of the bottom better. The only downfall is the cost, they are not cheap. You can use pencil weights but the lead has a tendency of snagging more, which in return you go through more sinkers, so the cost probably weighs itself out to be about the same. Many times when I have my camera down, the smallies are within 2' of bottom. Smallmouth will school up. If you catch one, mark your spot and make numerous drifts over the same location. Remember the smaller fish are more aggressive and faster, so you will have to wean out the 3 pounders in order to catch the 5 pounders.

T. Boyd

LURES / PRESENTATION

When the water is stained I prefer to use the 5" Senko's. The larger version gives more action and a larger profile in dirtier water. I like using the darker colours such as Ozark Smoke, purple with gold flake or a touch of chartreuse on the tail. If the water is clean I like to use Erie Green, Watermelon, Pumpkinseed and any green/purple combination.

We also like to use Tube Jigs. Same colour patterns for the same water conditions, with one exception. When the fish are suspended, I like using a shinier colour tube jig.

To fish the Tube Jig, rig it with a standard Tube Jig head ¼ oz. to ¾ oz. depending on the speed of the drift or the winds. I prefer to use a fluorocarbon leader on my tubes tied directly to the main line with a uni knot. Just cast out, let it go to the bottom and drag it along the bottom. Every once in a while just pop it. If a smallmouth is around he will literally pound the tube.

T. Boyd

STRUCTURE

Structure & bait is everything when fishing, regardless of what type of species you are fishing for. Structure consists of everything from current breaks, rock piles, break lines, sharp drop-offs and points. The 2 most important key features in locating smallmouth is current & rock. Get yourself a good St. Clair river map. Look for where the contour lines come close together with deep water access near by. Smallmouth will come up and eat on the flats and sharp points, then drop back off into deeper water near by. Also look for key areas such as points, not just land points but deep underwater points. If you locate a good point and you are not getting the bites, look to deeper secondary points. If you find one of these sweet spots with rock on it, you have found a hot spot. A lot of anglers starting out to fish the river have a tendency of fishing to shallow. The best depth is between 27' to 30+ feet. If you think you are fishing deep enough, chances are you need to go deeper. I'm not saying bass are deep all year round. In the fall look for schools of baitfish (gobies, shiners, perch) to move shallow and the smallies will follow them. They are hungry and gorging themselves for the winter. This is the time of year for trophy smallie's.

T. Boyd

KEY SPOTS TO FISH

1. Stag Island between Corunna and Island, feel for the rock.
2. Indian reserve 25' - 30'.
3. North Slip rock point.
4. CSX Docks.
5. Where ever you find rock and the right depth (25'- 30').

SALMON DERBY COMMITTEE

As we all know, this year's salmon derby was a great success, thanks to the efforts of a group of dedicated club members. Starting in early October, this committee will be meeting monthly preparing the 2008 event.

All committee members from this year's derby have indicated that they are onboard for the 2008 derby. We are always looking for new committee members. If you are interested in being part of the 2008 derby committee, please contact Colin Brown at 519-869-4099 or Pete Bothwell at 519-869-4611.

At the October meeting, we will be reviewing the 2008 derby format and implementing any new ideas for next year's event.

BLUEWATER ANGLERS

STATEMENT ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND HARASSMENT

Harassment and discrimination are violations of the Ontario Human Rights Code and are illegal.

Definition of Harassment

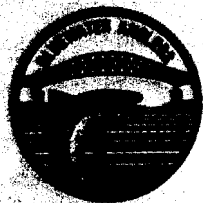
Harassment under the Code is defined as engaging in offensive behavior or conduct, on a single or repeated basis, against another person when the behavior is known, or ought reasonably to be known, to be unwelcome or unwanted. These actions may relate to but are not restricted to an individual's race, ancestry, place of origin, color or ethnic origin.

Racial Harassment may include, but is not limited to: Ridiculing, degrading or expressing hatred or intolerance, whether verbally, in writing or physically, based on race or ethnic origin.

The Bluewater Anglers and the Board of Directors **DO NOT** promote discrimination, hatred or harassment of any individuals, group or groups of people. We **DO** promote community involvement in what we do and what we stand for.

EVERY PERSON regardless of race, sex, or religion is welcome to our organization and treated as brothers and sisters. In this way we can continue to promote in our community the great sport of fishing and the out of doors. Thank you.

Stephen M. Paulovics, FCI, President Bluewater Anglers



BLUEWATER ANGLERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NEW RENEWAL SINGLE FAMILY

NAME _____ PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____
PROVINCE/POSTAL CODE _____ COUNTRY _____

email address: _____

MEMBERSHIP: Junior \$10 Regular \$20 Family \$30

Please complete this form and mail it with your cheque or money order to:
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