



# Compass Rose

May 2018 Issue

## Message from the President

Dear Members,

Kid's was May 26<sup>th</sup> and went extremely well. The event sold out at a record pace and I would like to thank Paul O, the S.O.N.S. and all of the Volunteers for helping with the event. It was a great community project.

The Walleye Challenge is coming up in this month. Look to see the rules posted soon and read them closely so you don't miss a few of the changes in 2018' such as team membership requirements, cancellation dates, registration deadlines, etc... Contact one of the directors if you or someone you know would like to volunteer.

The Son of Lake Erie will be accepting walleye donations. \*These folks provide many volunteers to us to assist with our tournaments. **So, please try to be generous and consider donating part of your catch to this group at this year's Challenge.**

The EPSFA as well as other clubs such as the S.O.N.S need your support through membership. You spouse, neighbors, family can all join and show support through a simple membership. We all have a voice in what happens by membership, so please keep that in mind. It is much easier to accomplish changes when you have a strong voice versus a single voice. That is one of the reasons we are requiring membership in our tournaments this year.

The LEAC committee is alive again and we have a meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup> to revisit the Lake Erie Stamp money and how those monies can be allocated in the future. The EPSFA will be attending and recommending future fish cleaning stations throughout Erie County.

The fishing season is upon us and many of us have waited all winter for this. Walleye fishing should be good again and the fish much larger than last year.

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### Current Events:

The EPSFA will be doing some club fundraising this year:

Raffle #1: 3 person fishing trip aboard the NEMESIS with Captain Joe Nemet on **Lake Erie**. Joe is a serious recreational angler, and has shown his skills by finishing runner up in the Walleye Slam series in 2017 and has cashed in several other events. Let him take you out onboard the **NEMESIS** to show you how he catches fish. \$5.00 per ticket

Raffle #2: 5 person fishing charter aboard the new 40 ft. **Heart Beat**. Captain Bob is a serious angler with over 25 years experience. Bob and his team have many top 5 tournament finishes and is a hard core captain. \$10.00 per ticket

Raffle #3: 4 person fishing charter or instructional seminar aboard the **Vision Quest 6** on **Lake Ontario**. Captain Pete has 30 years experience and has won numerous tournaments on both Lake Erie and Ontario. \$10.00 per ticket

Tickets will be available at: FishUSA, EPSFA tourneys and from BOD. **Deadline for Raffle #1 and #2 is the Walleye Challenge**

## Member News

- Memberships are up for renewal for many of you. They can be renewed on our website. By becoming a member, you become part of a larger voice and are supporting the activities and agenda we represent and stand for. **Remember**----**NO MEMBERS=No Voice**
- Want to donate? EPSFA is accepting donations through our membership registration page on our website.
- The EPSFA website has been given a recent uplift recently. Check us out [www.epsfa.com](http://www.epsfa.com)
- The EPSFA has a face book page. Do you? If not, you can still find us and read what we have to say and look at our events-even tho you do not have a FB page.
- Recently several EPSFA member "Teams" competed at the Wilson Harbor Invitational and Niagara Pro AM. Congrats. to Vision Quest for finishing 5<sup>th</sup> at the WHI and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Niagara Pro AM.

### **MEETING SCHEDULE:** **Location: 4109 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street**

Meeting at American Legion

January 2018

*\*Note: all of our winter meetings are open to non-members as well as members. We also welcome spouses and children.*

*\*Food and beverages are available and folks can dine in on the member's side (west).*

### **EPSFA Speakers, Activity & Events:**

<b>Walleye Challenge</b>	June 23rd	(Volunteers needed)
<b>EPSFA SUMMER SLAM/Pro-Am</b>	August 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup>	(Volunteers needed)
<b>Fall Trout Challenge</b>	October 21 <sup>st</sup>	

### **Fishing Topics: Double Crested Cormorants**

Double-crested Cormorants are colonial waterbirds that seek aquatic bodies big enough to support their mostly fish diet. However, they may roost and form breeding colonies on smaller lagoons or ponds, and then fly up to 40 miles to a feeding area. In addition to fishing waters, cormorants need perching areas for the considerable amount of time they spend resting each day. After fishing, cormorants retire to high, airy perches to dry off and digest their meals—rocks, wires, tops of dead trees, ship masts. They tend to form breeding colonies in clusters of trees in or near water. After a while, masses of cormorant guano may kill these trees and the trees may topple, at which point the cormorants may switch to nesting on the ground.

A cormorant's diet is almost all fish, with just a few insects, crustaceans, or amphibians. They eat a wide variety of fish (more than 250 species have been reported), and they have impressive fishing technique: diving and chasing fish underwater with powerful propulsion from webbed feet. The tip of a cormorant's upper bill is shaped like a hook, which is helpful for catching prey. When cormorants happen to catch a crustacean like a crayfish, they exhibit a little flair in eating it—hammering the prey on the water to shake its legs off, then flipping it in the air and catching it headfirst for easy swallowing.

At this year's Great Lakes Fishery Commission meeting, the Advisors presented a resolution which would seek reenacting the population control methods for this bird. This was overdue and is very much needed due to the environmental and sport fishery impacts this bird has throughout the great lakes. This has to be recommended by the GLFC for future reenactment. I hope that our efforts are not in vain and that these control methods are reenacted!

[https://www.ofah.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Cormorant-control-FINAL\\_RL-council\\_Mar-2016.pdf](https://www.ofah.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Cormorant-control-FINAL_RL-council_Mar-2016.pdf)

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### **EPSFA Mission Statement:**

The EPSFA was formed to educate, enhance and protect the sport fishing in Pennsylvania, especially in Lake Erie, Presque Isle Bay and its tributaries. To that end, we have established goals which we believe will define our organization's activities by their significant diversity. We welcome and invite you!