



# Compass Rose

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## Message from the President

Dear Members,

The June Walleye Challenge went very well despite some looming weather threats. This year, we went back to the original format requiring 9 fish, added membership requirements and added random boat and cooler checks.

The Summer Slam-Pro AM is coming up next month. Again, we are going back to the prior format which has a split division, optional days, double down Calcutta, optional day(s), random boat and cooler checks. The rules are posted and read them closely so you don't miss these changes for 2018'. Be aware of the registration deadline and required Fridays meeting as well. 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 at this event. \*These folks provide many volunteers for 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 Slam.** In June, I was able to offer 6 of those volunteers to a walleye trip aboard the Vision Quest. They were rewarded with a full cooler of fish in snotty north east conditions.

The EPSFA as well as other clubs such as the S.O.N.S need your support through membership. Your 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 appears we were successful in our request to change the regulation book and remove the regulation verbiage that does not allow harvesting trout from Lake Erie/PI Bay during that 32 hour period prior to opening day. That was never the intention of that verbiage, however, it was written that way. Hopefully, this is changed for 2019.

Sharp Hooks, *Captain Pete Alex*

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### Current Events:

The EPSFA will be doing some club fundraising this year:

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

Tickets will be available at: FishUSA, EPSFA tourneys and from BOD. **Deadline for Raffle #2 is the August Summer Slam**

Thank You to all of you that purchased tickets for the Nemesis and Vision Quest raffle. Those winners were chosen at the Walleye Challenge and posted on our FB page.

## 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 members/teams competed in the Northwest PA Walleye Tournament held out of North East, PA. Congrats. to Scott Bielanan for being part of the winning team, Rock N Reel for 2<sup>nd</sup>, Big Cat for 3<sup>rd</sup>, GW for 4<sup>th</sup>.

### 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:

**EPSFA SUMMER SLAM/Pro-Am**  
**Fall Trout Challenge**

August 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>  
October 21<sup>st</sup>

*(Volunteers needed)*

### Fishing Topics: **2018 Summer Slam Pro-Am event (entry deadline: Aug 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

This year, we elected to go back to the Pro-Am format for the event for a few reasons. One main reason was to split the Pro type boats from the Ams, while the others reasons were aimed at bringing more hype to the event in pursuit of attracting a larger turnout. We also amended the rules to allow teams to participate in either or both days. However, the overall winner will need to fish both days.

We hope we see some of the past participants return and keep our loyal following of current participants. This event should cater to all anglers and our intent is greater participation.

The original event started in 2006, began with fair participation because it was new to the Erie area. However, the event grew to more than 50 teams and created a lot of hype for a weekend in August out of our home Port of Erie, PA.

If you have never participated in a Pro- Am event, please don't be intimidated or think you're not good enough. These events are fun to participate in, help get your competitive fulfillment, are great for networking and seeing your peers and finally, you have a shot at the stage. Some guys believe it's about the chance at winning money first. However, I feel that that's one sure fire way to be disappointed at the end of it all. For many of us, it's really about the competition, strategy, thrill, pressure, beating your buddy and seeing friends at the meeting and weigh-ins. Winning or cashing a check is merely a benefit of it all!

**FishUSA** has offered us their facility and sponsorship along with **SHIMANO USA** also being involved in this year's event. If we have good participation at this year's tournament, we hope to build upon that with additional sponsorships, hype and make this event one we all look forward to year after year in Erie, PA.

### 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!