



# Compass Rose

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## Message from the President

Dear Members,

The Summer Slam-Pro AM is coming up this month. Again, we are going back to the prior format which has a split division, fish Saturday/ and/or Sunday, double down Calcutta, 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 captain's meeting as well. Contact one of the directors if you or someone you know would like to volunteer.

I cannot speak for the BOD or members but feel that if this event is not supported well, then my recommendation will be to invest our time into more community fishing events and issues, versus tournaments.

Again, 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. This is an example of what an Association with members can do versus one person. Support the EPSFA with your ongoing membership.

Sharp Hooks, *Captain Pete Alex*

## 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, EPSFA.com, 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.

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## 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 though 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, Big Cat 3<sup>rd</sup>, Office Day 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

Meeting at American Legion

January 2019

*\*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: Sandy Flesh (myofibrogranuloma)

Ever see this in a fish? I see a few each year and most recently on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to Captain Mark Haffley (PFBC) for providing this information.

That is a fish disease present in Walleye and known commonly as Sandy Flesh (myofibrogranuloma) caused by *Heterospurus Spp*, a bacteria present in the Lake. It is typically found in older fish but has been observed in smaller ones like this. No disease present in fish is communicable to humans if cooked properly but I have always been told that that disease taints the texture and the taste and should not be consumed for palatability reasons. Also, that fish and its remains should be disposed of properly and not thrown back into the water because that is how the bacteria reinfests other fish.



## 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!