



Compass Rose

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Message from the President

Dear Members,

The EPSFA successfully completed its August Pro Am/Summer Slam event. The weather and fish both cooperated as every team in both divisions weighed in their allowable catch. This may have been the first time that this has occurred using the Pro Am format. So-just how good is the fishing and our anglers?? Thanks to all that participated, the volunteers, SONS of Lake Erie, FishUSA, SHIMANO, Ray Marine and others. Full results for this event can be found on our web page and FB page.

The **SONS** of Lake Erie wish to thank everyone that contributed fish during the two days.

Our next and final event is our Fall Trout Challenge being held on Sunday October 21st. Weigh-ins will be held at the Sloppy Duck Restaurant.

Thanks to Nemesis, Heart Beat and Vision Quest for donating a fishing trip this season. The EPSFA earned just over \$3,000 from these ticket sales.

This upcoming year, we will be selling tickets for a charter with Black Top Charters with Captain Ken Nulph. The winner will get to choose what they want to fish for; walleyes, steelhead, lake trout or smallmouth. Also this coming winter, we will be raffling off a tackle prize package. Value TBD at this time.

The EPSFA recently submitted pictures, designs and budget costs for fish cleaning stations for future consideration. These are possible if the Lake Erie Permit Stamp funds can be used. However, there is legislation that needs to occur first and that has been an ongoing process. Currently, there is over 4 million dollars in the fund.

Sharp Hooks,

Captain Pete Alex
Vision Quest

Current Events:

The EPSFA will be doing some club fundraising this next year:

Raffle #1: 5 person Lake Erie fishing charter aboard the **Black Top** with Captain Ken Nulph. Value \$800. \$10.00 per ticket

Raffle #2: Tackle prize package. Value to be determined. \$5.00 per ticket

Tickets will eventually be available at: FishUSA, EPSFA tourneys, EPSFA.com, and from BOD. 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
- 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.
- Congrats to **Nemesis** in the Open Division, **REEL Adventure** in the Am and **EyeCon** for taking the biggest fish overall! Visit www.epsfa.com to see results

MEETING SCHEDULE: Location: 4109 West 12th 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:

Fall Trout Challenge

October 21st

Fishing Topics: MISC Topics august EDITION

Lake Ontario Trout and Salmon announced record breaking catches this season. New

York announced that fishing for trout and salmon in Lake Ontario has set records this year, with veteran anglers reporting some of the best fishing in decades.

PFBC to sponsor two “Fall into Fishing” giveaways

The public can enter this giveaway by visiting [www. GoneFishingPA.com](http://www.GoneFishingPA.com) from August 31 through November 26 or by entering in person at the PFBC table at the at Penn State Football’s Fan Festival outside Beaver Stadium, University Park, PA during all home Penn State University Football games in 2018. “Fall into Fishing” Erie Giveaway: The first prize in this giveaway is a weekend get-away package from VisitErie. The getaway package includes accommodations for up to four people plus meals, and local fishing. The second-place prize is an Ascend FS10 Sit-in model fishing kayak donated by Bass Pro Shops. The public can enter this giveaway by visiting www. GoneFishingPA.com from August 31 through November 26 or by entering in person on selected dates that coincide with PFBC appearances at the PITT home sporting events.

PFBC launches search for Executive Director

The Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission began a nationwide search for a new Executive Director. Interested individuals should apply electronically no later than September 17, 2018 at <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/pabureau/jobs/2188868/executive-director-pa-fish-and-boatcommission?sort=PostingDate%7CDescending&page=2&pagetype=jobOpportunitiesJobs>.

Lake Erie walleye fishermen welcome near-record hatch in Western Basin; This year's survey found 112 walleye per roughly 2-1/2 acres of lake bottom, which was the second-highest to 2003's record numbers, and far above the 20-year average. The yellow perch hatch of 511 perch per roughly 2-1/2 acres of lake bottom was well above the 20-year average of 316 perch in that expanse.

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!