



# Compass Rose

September 2018 Issue

## Message from the President

Dear Members,

Our next and final event is our Fall Trout Challenge being held this Sunday October 21<sup>st</sup>. Weigh-ins will be held at the Sloppy Duck Restaurant. The weather all of this week has been blustery and looks "challenging" this weekend. I would say-very November like weather upon us for this event. The good news is that the weather and temperatures should be driving home good numbers of steelhead for us to catch as I type. So, good luck to everyone entering the event.

Reminder: 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. Also this winter, we will be raffling off a tackle prize package.

The Lake Erie Percid Management Committee will be meeting on October 31<sup>st</sup> in Erie to discuss the Yellow Perch management and creel limit setting scenarios. The EPSFA has (2) members involved in the committee and will post the results in our November meeting minutes.

The weather Buoys are in need of much funding for 2019. You can go to the Buoy fund page on the TREC website to donate. If you are a frequent buoy web page visitor, you and your crew should consider making a donation. This is no different than paying to patronize something else you like. No money=no buoy! The EPSFA contributed \$1,000 in 2018 by having one of our director's make a \$500 donation and that employees company matched it during Erie Gives Days. Thanks Joe Nemet and Erie Insurance Group.

Thanks to **FishUSA**, Paul O, Jennifer, Theresa R., Todd R., Chris R, the S.O.N.S. and others for donating their wares and time for the EPSFA tourneys this year.

Sharp Hooks,

*Captain Pete Alex*

## 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](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.
- Apology to director **Todd Redmond** for not having him listed on the first page under directors. Terry was listed twice in error. Todd was to be listed under one of the director positions.

## 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:

Fall Trout Challenge

October 21<sup>st</sup>

## Fishing Topics: MISC Topics September Edition

**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.

**DEC's Don Einhouse retires on top of Lake Erie Fisheries Program:** Don Einhouse of Silver Creek has finally retired after 37 years of doing the things that he loved in what was essentially his backyard, Lake Erie. Einhouse worked for the state's Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) as a fisheries biologist and meant something special to the angling community. *Congrats Don, we will miss you at the meetings!*

**EMERALD SHINERS (Niagara River issue as well as Lake Erie):** The Emerald Shiner is a cold-blooded creature that regulates its body temperatures by migrating to Lake Erie in the winter, which is warmer than the river at that time of year, and returning to the Niagara River and its tributaries in the spring, which becomes warmer than the lake. In the river, the fish can grow and reproduce. Researchers are concerned that climate change could be helping to lay the groundwork for an eventual collapse of the Niagara River's ecosystem. Populations of the Emerald Shiner, a minnow that serves as the foundation of the river's food chain, have been cut drastically this summer. Researchers worry that as the region heats up, this could become the new norm. The [Emerald Shiner](#) is the primary source of food for many of the larger sporting fish in the Niagara River, such as bass, trout and walleye. Birds also feast on both the minnows and the larger fish that eat them. Because of the important role it plays in the river's ecosystem, a long-term decrease in the minnow's population could have ripple effects. The researchers found that the populations have decreased by about 90 percent since 2014, which is when they started collecting data. They also found that many of the fish have health problems, including liquefied livers and gills ridden with parasites.

## 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!