



# Compass Rose

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## Message from the President

Dear Members,

We recently completed our 4th public meeting, and I would like to say thank you to all who attended. Also, thanks to our speakers from the PFBC. Chuck and Mark provided a very thorough presentation on our fishery and recapped 2018.

Based on their presentation and samplings from all over the Lake, 2018 produced a record walleye hatch. Expect great fishing for years to follow.

Congratulations to Team Nemesis for winning the Spring Trout Challenge. It was Captain Joe's 1<sup>st</sup> Trout Challenge win. Runner up went to Rock Bottom while the Big Fish winner was Team Ditch Chicken. Hats off to all who participated on a very wet, windy and cold day. Kudos!

The EPSFA BOD will not be meeting in May and will take the month off. The BOD would like to thank all those that took the time to attend our winter meetings. This summer, the EPSFA BOD will make a decision whether we want to continue public meetings.

The Kids Day was another success and the weather cooperated for us despite a not so nice forecast. The fishing was a grind for the kids and only (6) fish were landed. I guess this is reality really. We all have had these days and will continue to do so. LOL-just fish a STC or FTC and you will see 😊 Regardless of the weather or fishing, 75 of the 100 registered attended the event and its about the fishing opportunity, education, family time and for us to provide that venue for them to participate! Thanks to Paul O for spearheading this as well as the PI State Park folks, SONS of Lake Erie, Smith Hot Dogs, Society of Holy Trinity, St. Francis Ushers Club, Ameridrives Employees, David and Jane Thiemann, FishUSA and the volunteers who took time out of their day to help. **We could NOT have done it without your support**

Sharp Hooks,  
*Captain Pete Alex*

## Current Events:

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

**Raffle #1:** Up to 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: more than \$1,200.00. Cost: \$10.00 per ticket

Tickets are available at: our meetings, FishUSA, EPSFA tourneys, EPSFA.com, and from BOD.

- **Pro AM: August 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**
- **Fall Trout Challenge: October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
**(there will be an overall Trout Cup Champion)**

## Member News

- Through an anonymous donation, \$3,000 was added into this year's tournament payout. \$500 will be added to the winner's paycheck for the Spring and Fall Trout Challenges, and overall Trout Cup winner, \$1,000 to Open division and \$500 to AM division Summer Slam winners!
- 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.
- **Lakeshore Towing has \$5 discount to all EPSFA members.**
- 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.

### MEETING SCHEDULE:

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

OFF season-NO public meetings the remainder of 2019.

### EPSFA Speakers, Activity & Events: April Meeting: PA Fish and Boat

The EPSFA with the efforts of Ray Halt, investigated, researched and took a position years ago that the NEGATIVES far outweigh the Positives with these large objects being installed onto the floor bed of Erie. We oppose them. If Ohio gives, expect them to head our way into PA waters.

### **Voice Your Opposition Of Wind Turbines In Lake Erie!**

The initial goal of the Icebreaker plan is to place 6 wind turbines, with a final goal of 1,200 wind turbines in Lake Erie, costing \$24 billion. "Wind power has proved to be very high cost with low return," said MBIA Board Member Jim Coburn of Coburn & Associated in Macomb, Mich. "Many wind turbine projects in the U.S. and overseas have been abandoned because of this. Why this is even being considered in our Great Lakes is beyond me." The case against turbines is extensive, including the fact that exploding and burning turbines can be commonplace. Each turbine contains over 400 gallons of industrial lubricants in their gearboxes. Gearbox seals are known to fail and will leak oil into the waters below. But when they burn there is no way to reach and extinguish them. As the 300-foot turbine blades burn, they create toxic emissions polluting the air and waters below. **If opposed, submit your voice-and pass along to any Ohio residents.**

**Make your voice heard by sending a simple email to Ohio Power Siting Board asking them to: "Please Save Our Lake Erie. DO NOT permit wind turbines."** You can comment online at:

<https://www.opsb.ohio.gov/ContactUs/>. Be sure to reference "Icebreaker Proposal, Case number: 16-1871-ELBGN" Contact the following Ohio leaders in Washington D.C.: 1. Senator Rob Portman – 37 West Broad St., Rm 300, Columbus, OH 43215 | 614-469-6774 2. Senator Sherrod Brown – 200 N. High St., Rm 614, Columbus OH 43215 | 614-469-2083 3. Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur – 17021 Lorain, Cleveland, OH 44111 | 246-767-5933 4. Congressman Dave Joyce – 8500 Station Street, Mentor, OH 44060 | 440-352-3939 "

### **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!