



Compass Rose

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Message from the President

Dear Members,

The EPSFA Summer Slam will be occurring in early August. This is the Association's anchor tournament of the year and by eliminating the June one, we hope this helps with attendance. Time will tell. The BOD has discussed eliminating the SLAM as well if attendance is not what we hope for. The effort, sponsors and volunteers needed to make this happen for two days is only worth it if the participation is what we feel is worth it. Even though I am writing this message post SLAM, I am placing the BODS thoughts in writing because this was discussed pre SLAM. So, the future of the SLAM and other summer tournaments will be a topic of discussion this winter.

Events like The Kids Day which was a huge success again are the type of event that we may be doing more of in the future. There are less "dock politics" involved.

The LEPMAG (Lake Erie Percid Management Unit) has decided to meet once annually to keep abreast of the years of data and input that took place and to see how the "models" are performing. This was a good move on behalf of all of the players involved. This will allow stakeholders from the entire Lake to provide feedback on the fishery as it relates to yellow perch and walleye.

The fall is upon us and that means our last event is approaching. The Fall Trout Challenge is Sunday October 20th. See website for details. Don't miss out on this always challenging event. Whether it's the weather or fishing, these Challenges end up just that. Also, on the line is the Trout Cup Championship. Even if you don't fish the event, stop by the weigh-in at the Sloppy Duck.

Walleye fishing has been great all year with the bulk of the fish within a few miles of port. Combine the record hatch in 2018 with what's swimming out there now, expect stellar walleye fishing for years to come in Lake Erie waters!

Sharp Hooks,
Captain Pete Alex

Current Events:

EPSFA Fundraiser Results for 2019:

Raffle #1: Long time member Jim Kocsis was the winner of a charter with BLACKTOP

Raffle #2: BOD member and volunteer Mike Vincent was the winner of the Tackle Cooler.

THANK YOU to all who contributed and to those who purchased and sold tickets for these two events. Also, a big thank you to Captain Ken Nulph (EPSFA assoc. BOD member) for donating the charter and FishUSA, SHIMANO and Bay Rat Lures for cooler contributions

Fall Trout Challenge: October 20th, 2019
(there will be an overall Trout Cup Champion)

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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: TBD

There will be no BOD meeting held in August

EPSFA will be publishing its winter meeting schedule in the future. The BOD may decide to host (1) annual public meeting or none in 2020. Stay tuned*

EPSFA Speakers, Activity & Events

Lake Erie algae bloom covers 600 square miles: Report

<https://patch.com/michigan/rochester/lake-erie-algae-bloom-covers-600-square-miles-report>

Harmful algae blooms around the country have been the cause of sickness and, for some dogs, even death.

MICHIGAN — A recent increase in toxic blue-green algae in lakes around the country has caused the death of several dogs, and a similar bloom in Lake Erie is causing problems of its own.

The harmful algae blooms happen when cyanobacteria overproduces in a body of water. In the right situations – such as sunlight, hot and calm waters and high nutrients – the bacteria can cause a bloom that's toxic to humans and animals.

In humans, [exposure to the bacteria](#) by swimming in it can cause rashes, allergy-like reactions, flu-like symptoms, skin and eye irritation, and gastroenteritis. According to the Michigan Sea Grant, algae blooms "can look like a scum, foam, or mat on top of the water or like paint that has been spilled in the water. They are also sometimes accompanied by an earthy, pungent, or musty smell."

What if Presque Isle became an island again, Part 1

<https://www.goerie.com/news/20190911/what-if-presque-isle-became-island-again-part-1>

With the very high water we are having on the Great Lakes, I have been asked the question "What if the peninsula becomes an island? Well, Presque Isle has done exactly that five times in the past.

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!