

December 27th, 2014:

We have heard mixed reviews of fishing and today I talked to one group that just got in from fishing for the day. They ended up keeping 10 fish for the day and they said they were all nice keepers they are hoping to catch 6 tomorrow so they can go home with their limits. We had friends that were out fishing yesterday about 13 miles out and they did really good for the day. We have also heard of some groups not having as much luck but still having fun.

December 25th, 2014:

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone! We hope everyone had a wonderful time with friends and family.

November 6th, 2014:

There was one group of 3 out fishing for a few hours this afternoon after they checked into their room. They said it was slow but kept 3 fish and they were up by the church. They are thinking about trying closer to Clementson tomorrow. We talked to some locals that were out fishing on Wednesday evening and they did good right before dark for about 45 mins despite the wind and cold that day. Hoping the people fishing have some better luck and weather and the deer hunters have a safe hunting season and get the big buck.

November 1st, 2014:

We hope everyone had a fun and safe Halloween. Grant enjoyed the day pheasant hunting in South Dakota and I was able to go with some friends and their kids trick-or-treating. We haven't had many groups here fishing but a guy that rents by the month has been out the last few days and it has been slow. Today he was out a few hours despite the wind and caught a walleye right away, a sauger, and some northerns. Hoping the fishing picks up and the wind would quit so it would feel nice outside and not so cold.

October 28th, 2014:

We had one group out fishing yesterday that said they ended up keeping 7 fish for the few hours they were out on the River. It didn't sound like many slot fish were caught. My dad (Alyse's) went fishing on the lake yesterday with another guy and they had their limit in a few hours but nothing big. Today it was rainy and we even had some snowflakes this afternoon but that didn't stop the people from fishing. We haven't had a chance to talk to them to see how they did today but they did go out and fish most of the day.

October 26th, 2014:

Fishing over the weekend was either a hit or miss for most groups. We did hear that some groups were catching quite a few slot walleyes in the mid 20's but nothing huge. One guy had some good luck as he landed a 12 pound, 31 1/2 inch walleye to mount. Sounded like some groups caught their limits and ate fish a few times during their stay. They did say there were a lot of small ones caught too but they said it was still fun! I saw one picture of a small walleye that a guy caught and it was barely bigger than his shiner. The weather was pretty windy on Saturday.

October 19th, 2014:

This past Thursday thru today fishing was spotty for many groups with Friday being the worst

day for almost everyone. Sounds like some groups enjoyed a fish fry over the weekend and were able to take some home. Today we had some guys fishing in front of our place and one guy caught a 22 inch walleye right away. Grant and I actually went out for about an hour yesterday (Saturday) and we got 3 Northerns while pulling plugs and missed 2 fish while jigging before heading back in. Sounds like fishing has been good by the airport this past weekend but today the guy's said they didn't have much luck there so they tried many spots. We have one group with 2 boats that fished all day long and they are planning on having a fish fry I saw their bucket of fish and they looked like nice ones. Another group just checked in and said that today was pretty slow. Hoping the big walleyes move in soon for all the fishermen and fisherwomen out there.

October 15th, 2014:

Fishing has been slow for some groups on Sunday and Monday. Grant managed to get out fishing with some guys and said he caught one slot walleye on Sunday, the other guys caught one keeper, a few small ones, and missed a few.

We received an email from Brad, "My son's first trip to the Rainy River was a huge success. Sunday (10/12) was even better than Saturday (10/11). Sunday the fish were much bigger, not huge...but my 7 year old landed 3 in the 23-25 inch range."

We haven't had many people up fishing during the week but we did get a group yesterday that came to fish for sturgeon (catch and release season) and they got quite a few yesterday and today. Today one boat had 2 sturgeon over 60 inches and one boat caught about 13 for the day along with the other 2 boats fishing sturgeon doing very good too. We hope to have more reports tomorrow as more groups show up for the weekend. We hope the weather stays warm for them and they have good luck fishing.

October 13th, 2014:

I received this email from Aaron who was here October 9th-11th, here is what he said:

"We hit them pretty well between 9-1 on Thursday and Friday, then again after 3 but slower. Thursday of course was better than Friday. We may have been the only ones out there back trolling and moving around Thursday, but it gave us a full limit that day and we didn't have to mess with the anchor. Fished 18-20 of water at Airport, windsock, airport dock, houseboat with most success. Spent all day on Saturday (and it was gorgeous) at the houseboat in 20-23 feet of water. We did very well there and managed a couple 21's, a 23 and a 28 incher that all went back. It shut off when it got windy, and the bite came back but it was very light. We finished up that day with our possession limit by 5 o'clock and pulled out Sunday morning to head home. Hope all had good luck that day as well.

Used 3/8 to 3/4 and had best luck on green/chartreuse with short shanks, as well as the tricolor green/glow/orange as well as gold, some luck on bubblegum tricolor with glow as well. Some bites on everything, but nothing on the Lindy I can recall. They were a bit picky as to how you thread the minnow up."

October 10th, 2014:

Today was finally nice and not much wind (I think it was windy for at least 6 days straight). We talked to a few different groups today and one group said they did really good and got their limits. Another group said they had a little bit slower day but enjoyed the weather. We had about 3 boats in front of our place this morning and most of the afternoon. There were 2

different boats by our place this evening we are hoping the walleye are moving in closer to us so we might be able to go fishing one of these evenings. Sounds like tomorrow is going to be in mid-50s with not much wind. We hope everyone has a safe and fun weekend fishing! Remember to send us your pictures at royal_dutchman@hotmail.com.

October 9th, 2014:

Today was still windy and cold but some groups seemed to have a good day of fishing while another group said it was their slowest day so far. We had a friend go out this evening and caught 14 fish in just a few hours and ended up keeping his limit.

October 6th, 2014:

Today was windy again but didn't feel as cold as it has the last few days. I finally got flowers dug up and tulips planted for next year. The guys said that fishing was quite a bit slower by Clementson today but they did pick up a 25 inch walleye they released closer to our place. Another group fished by Birchdale and said they did really good today. Hoping everyone has a safe and fun fall fishing trip.

October 5th, 2014:

Sounded like most of the groups caught some fish and were able to have a good supper. The biggest walleyes I heard were a 19 inch and a 23 inch. It was windy pretty much all day but they braved the cold wind and caught some fish. One of the guys also caught a 42 inch Northern today and will hopefully have pictures soon of all their fish.

October 4th, 2014:

Yesterday we had 2 guys go out for a few hours and they said they caught some walleye but that it was cold. Most of the day it rained and then started snowing around 3:30 PM for a while but the snow didn't stay for too long. Today was very windy and cold but that didn't stop the guys from going fishing for the day. They spent most of the day out there and they said they caught some walleye on the river and called it a good day of fishing. I didn't get exact numbers but they were happy.

Here is a picture of the snow on my car on October 3rd, 2014:



September 29th, 2014:

We had 9 rooms that were fishing sturgeon during this past weekend with most of them saying that Friday was the best day. The biggest one sturgeon we heard of was 61 inches with some other in the mid-50s. We also had a group that was walleye fishing and it seemed the river had slowed down a bit so they headed out to the Pine Island area on Friday and kept 12 walleyes in just a few hours.

On Saturday it was so beautiful out I saw it was 85 degrees for the high at our place. The walleye bite on the lake had slowed down a bit but the same group that was walleye fishing ended up catching some to keep. The sturgeon fishermen said today was very slow but one group caught a keeper which was this guy's first sturgeon he has ever caught.

On Sunday a few groups that didn't head home tried sturgeon fishing until the rain came and said it was still slow but they caught a few. Most of Sunday it was raining and we ended up getting 3/4 of an inch of rain.

Today we had a group of 3 that came for the day to sturgeon fish they ended up catching a 52 inch one, a sucker, a northern and a small walleye. Today was cooler and cloudy we did get to see the sun for most of the afternoon.

September 22nd, 2014:

We did end up with rain this weekend and some crazy wind along with a little bit of hail on Friday night. Today was gorgeous and looks like the last part of the Sturgeon keep season is going to be really nice. We talked to some groups that stayed here this past weekend fishing and they said they caught some sturgeon and one group of 3 even went home with their limit of walleyes even though they were fishing for sturgeon. One group caught a 61 inch sturgeon and

55 inch sturgeon this past weekend. Between all the groups there were 3 sturgeon kept. We talked to a local guy that has been fishing the river and has had some really good nights and some slower nights the past week or so. The walleye are starting to bite more now hoping that means October Fishing will be awesome! We have had a guy fishing off the dock and he has caught some slot walleyes this past weekend also.

September 15th, 2014:

I received some emails today with sturgeon pictures and some information. I would like to share the information from one group over this weekend about their fishing report, "Thank you for another great stay! We caught 28 sturgeon in 2 days (September 12th and 13th) on the river plus many other species and we caught over 40 walleye and sauger in one day (September 14th) on Lake of the Woods. We were even fortunate enough to bring home our limit of walleyes!"

September 12th, 2014:

The group of six guys from Wisconsin spent most of their last day out fishing before heading home. When they came in around noon they didn't have any keepers but said they caught 6 walleyes the night before with the biggest one being 26 inches. The biggest sturgeon caught since September 6th, 2014 for the group was 58 inches. They had caught a total of 27 sturgeon so far with just one being a keeper. They went back out for a few more hours this day to try and get 5 more keepers. They were fishing from 2PM-5PM and caught 7 sturgeon with 2 of them being keepers before they came back in and headed home.

September 9th, 2014:

During the night we had a thunderstorm and got about a half inch of rain. Today was cool and windy with some rain this evening. Despite the bad weather the group of 6 guys caught 9 sturgeon this afternoon/evening with one being a keeper. This was the best day of fishing so far on their trip. They got some walleyes and 2 big small mouth bass (18 inches and 20 inches).

September 8th, 2014:

Despite the wind all day everyone made it out fishing even including us this evening. The group of 6 only got one sturgeon today that wasn't in the slot so no keepers yet. They did catch some species also. A group of 4 that got here this afternoon caught 3 sturgeon with 2 of them being short of the slot and one that was smaller. The wind did die down tonight when Grant and I went out fishing. Grant caught and released a 22 inch walleye, I caught and released a mid-20s sturgeon and 2 small saugers. There are some walleyes in the River already as we were strictly sturgeon fishing and were lucky enough to catch those other ones. Towards the end of the evening the wind did pick up again, the temperature dropped, and it looked like it was snowing because of the fish fly hatch.

September 7th, 2014:

We have a group of 6 guys that have caught 8 sturgeon between yesterday and today. No keepers, a couple over the slot, a few just short of the slot and some smaller ones. They also caught some other species.

September 4th, 2014:

There have been 2 groups out fishing for sturgeons the last few days. It sounds like they have been having a fun time and caught a few so far. On Tuesday one group caught 8 and the other group caught 2 with the biggest being a 54 inch sturgeon. Today the one group said they caught some sturgeon today with the biggest one being 56 inches, they also caught a 41 inch northern, and a 16 inch walleye in the river. Grant and Jim (Grant's dad) had a bear hunter up here and he has been hunting since September 2nd, and Frank got his bear tonight! Here is Frank with his bear, Grant is thinking it is about a 2 year old bear...Way to go Frank!



August 20th, 2014:

The river water level have been dropping for about a week and half. We are now able to see our entire dock again. We have it all ready for the fall fishing with the only difference being the dock house is closed until further notice. There is a cleaning board on the dock to clean fish otherwise there is a cleaning facility on the other side of the highway. The water is clearing up and the current has dropped a lot and you can get by with 3-4 oz. for sturgeon fishing. Bass, Northerns, and Sturgeon are all biting in the river right now. We hope next week that we will be able to get out there and try our luck.

July 16th, 2014:

We were able to get out and walleye fish for a change with Alyse's parents while they were up visiting. We got out on the lake about 6:30PM and were back in a little after 9:00 PM. We went thru 2 packages of frozen shiners and then went to long line with crank baits for walleyes. We had a lot of small fish and a lot that would steal our bait. Grant ended up catching the biggest walleye which was about 23 inches. We ended up keeping 16 fish to have a fish fry the next day.

July 14th, 2014:

Today was a cool, rainy, and windy day. The River is still high and we still haven't been able to see our docks yet but we believe they are still there. The dock is closed and we advise everyone to not use the dock until the water goes down and the dock is above water again. With the wind today and rain we got the river rose a few feet today. We had a group of 7 guys go out about 2pm until about 7:30pm and they landed 10 sturgeon (1 at 62" which is over and was released, 1 at 47" which they kept, and other 8 were too small to keep). Alyse went with her parents today and picked blueberries they are just starting with a lot of them on plants that aren't quite ready but we managed to get over 3 pounds.

June 15th, 2014:

We have gotten a lot of rain the last few days! It finally stopped around 8:30PM for a bit to get some pictures of the flooding right by our house and pictures of our dock that looks invisible now.

Here is what the dock looked like on June 3rd when it was first under water you are able to see some of the dock and all the posts still:



Today (June 15th just before 8:30PM) you can hardly see the dock poles anymore and the dock house has water up to Grant's waist in spots:



This is looking straight off the deck on the front of the house: It is flooded in Canada and a lot of trees are now in the water that weren't before:





June 2, 2014:

We got about an inch of rain this weekend. Grant and I actually got to enjoy a weekend away and went camping with some friends at Pelican Lake in Orr, MN. We caught some sunfish, bass, and a crappie. We didn't fish very hard and were just enjoying a relaxing weekend. We did hear that fishing walleyes on the lake for some people was a little tough. As they tried jigging, using spinners, and trolling for them. They were able to catch a few still.

May 14th, 2014:

We woke up to 33 degrees this morning and it was snowing! It feels like spring is never coming but looking at the forecast we are supposed to be in the 60s starting Saturday! So I hope the weatherman is right. We are still hoping for decent weather for this weekend to try and get out there fishing. After the rain the last few days the water came up quite a bit in the River and stirred it up some too.

May 11th, 2014:

Happy Mother's Day to all the Mother's out there!! We were able to spend time with our mom's and still haven't gotten out fishing yet. We are waiting for warmer weather so hopefully this coming weekend we will make it out one day since it is supposed to be in the 60s. We talked to a group that left today and they said the biggest walleye they caught was just over 28 inches! We also pictures of friends that fished near the gap that caught some walleyes that were

30 inches!

May 10th, 2014:

After a rainy day on Friday, Saturday ended up being the nicest day we have had in a long time!! Talked to some groups that said they had trouble catching walleyes to keep that they were all in the slot. The biggest we heard for the day was 27 inches. Grant and I (Alyse) spent some time on the dock with friends and they tried fishing for some walleyes. We did watch boats just to the east of us catch some nice fish.

May 7th, 2014:

We had some guys fishing for sturgeon and they caught a nice 40 inch sturgeon. We also heard of some locals catching walleye while fishing for sturgeon sounds like they are in the river!

April 26th, 2014:

There were many boats fishing in front of our house today and we saw quite a few boats land some nice looking sturgeon. Some groups had good luck while another group only caught 3 for the day.

I did receive a few emails from previous customers with their fishing reports. A group of 3 that was here April 16-18 wrote: "Got 21. 2 60s. One had 28 girth. Cpl other 58+." Another group with 2 guys that were here April 23 and 24th wrote: "We got 12 total. 4 inches of snow built up on us last night but we still had fun."

April 24th, 2014:

1st day of Sturgeon Season and it starts out raining and turns to snowflakes later in the day. Hoping the rest of the season is better weather for all those fishing. Hopefully this coming week Grant and I will be able to try for our trophy size sturgeon.

I have talked to one group that was out fishing in the rain this morning. They lasted for about 6 hours and caught a total of 6 sturgeon for 2 guys! Hope to have some more reports either tonight or tomorrow morning. One of our big groups caught around 16 for the day with the biggest being 59 inches and the biggest yesterday was 60 inches.

April 23rd, 2014:

Talked to a few different groups today and sounds like the sturgeon are biting!! One group said they caught about 15 sturgeon for the last 2 1/2 days with the biggest one being 73 inches and right before that he landed a 59 inch one! Another group that fished most of today caught 8 total and had a blast! Can't wait to get pictures of that 73 inch to share with everyone he figures it was well over a 100 lbs.!

April 13th, 2014:

Today was very windy and most groups stayed out most of the day. Fishing was slow for most groups and we didn't hear any reports of big walleyes caught. The water was open in front of Vidas (customer told us they took a boat ride on the river) and we apologize we never got

pictures of it today.

April 12th, 2014:

After talking to most of the groups fishing was slower but still catching some fish and slot fish. One group was out less than half a day and caught 15 with the biggest just over 28 inches.

April 9th, 2014:

Today is a beautiful day around noon the temperature was saying it was 61 degrees! I think spring is here to stay and the birds are coming back and flying into the windows already. This afternoon one of our guests came in with their limit and said they caught about 18 fish this morning with a few in the slot and the biggest fish being 26 inches. He made the comment that there weren't as many boats at Birchdale as he thought there would be. Hope to have pictures soon. Talked to some other groups this evening and they said that fishing was good with many fish caught in the mid-20s. The biggest we were heard was another 26 inch and a 28 inch walleye. Remember to email us pictures at royal_dutchman@hotmail.com.

April 8th, 2014:

We talked to a group that was out fishing for about half a day today and they said they caught a bunch of small walleyes and a few slot fish. They also said the current was slow and the water clarity was good.

I just talked to the group that was here this past weekend and they caught some fish and even had a fish fry they invited us too. The fish was so good! They fished half a day Thursday, all day Friday and Saturday. They said Saturday was the best day with catching about 30 fish and nothing too big. I believe they said the biggest one caught was 25 inches they also caught some bigger suckers too. Check out the Spring Fishing Pictures as they had emailed me a few.

March 12th, 2014:

The weather has been nice lately with the temperature being in the 30s tomorrow! Our snow is slowly disappearing around the buildings. The fishing is still good for some groups and not so good for other groups. After supper on Sunday evening we caught this beautiful sunset behind the building on the other side of the highway. The picture doesn't show the pink as bright as it was the other night but it was still beautiful to see after a nice warm day. It makes it feel like spring!



February 17th, 2014:

Some groups did good fishing this past weekend. We ended up getting snow last night and into the early afternoon today. The temperature was actually above zero and felt wonderful for a change. We would like to thank everyone for a wonderful 2 second year! We enjoy getting to see familiar faces and meeting new people all the time. We are excited for Spring Fishing which will be here before we know it. We hope everyone has a safe rest of the winter!

January 26th, 2014:

We had two guys that braved the cold temperatures and wind to go out fishing in portables. They were back here by 1 PM with their limit! They enjoyed fish for supper last night. Today was still cold with the wind chill and they said fishing was a little slower.

January 14th, 2014:

I hope everyone has been enjoying the nice weather we had the last few days. Looks like snow and wind is headed our way soon. Just wanted to let everyone know about fishing the last few days. Grant and I went out on Monday from about 3:30-5ish Grant had one bite that he said was probably a good size fish but it got away on him. I didn't get any bites but for those of you that don't know I can't ever feel bottom on the river but Grant said I was on bottom (maybe he was lying to me just kidding)! Some other guys were fishing close to us for about the same amount of time and didn't catch any either. I talked to a few groups tonight that were fishing on the lake and they said that it was slower but still caught some fish. They said Monday was a better day for them! Here's to hoping this weather doesn't mess with the fish too much and that fishing is great for this long weekend!

January 10th, 2104:

Some groups reported keeping 13 or more fish for the day. We had beautiful weather and even some snow flurries later in the day. The groups were hoping fishing would be about the same today. They were fishing in about 27 plus feet of water. We haven't heard much for reports on the Rainy River lately but we have seen many locals fishing up river from us. One of our guests tried by the airport during the day and caught some keepers.