

May 12th, 2021

The seconds turn into minutes, the minutes into hours and the hours into days!!! The king of the Rainy tournament started out as a marathon of Dino hunters trying to build their stringer, and haus in that boss fish to put them on the top!! The hour glass is dwindling down as the we come into the last week of the tournament!! The Dutchman here to say, I've been feeling more like a mountain climber than a fishermen lately!! Trying to claw my way up to the top from 10th place!! The fish and numbers being put up on the board are truly epic!! I extend a huge salute to fellow tourney fishermen, there are some truly epic fish being entered!! You got to have a 67" average just to be in the top 5!! WOW!!! I will say the wolf pack and company, round out 5 of the top 10 spots and that's got me walking on sunshine!!! Good luck to all still on the hunt and I can't wait to congratulate This years King!!! Know this though, I will not rest till the last grain of sand has falling through the glass!!!

Fishing!!!! The Dino action has picked back up in the last few days, I feel some fish are transitioning back from spawn and putting the feed bags back on!! The walleye action should be hot for opener and we have been picking up some nice Pike while throwing out cut bait for Dinos!! The water temp is in the low 50's and the clarity of the river is mind blowing!!! Good luck to all traveling up to the Mecca this weekend!!!

The Dutchess had her dad make a cannonball run up in a plane today!! Her folks neighbor has a little plane and flew him up to check the place out and pick up The Dutchess's mom!! They just left the run way headed for home a few minutes ago and should arrive in Decorah, Iowa in about 3 hrs!! It was nice see the old boy and look forward to having him back up when he can stay more than an hour!!

Humpty is also in the King of the Rainy tournament and is currently holding 2nd place down!! I am waiting for him to get off the bus and then we will shove off to hunt Dinos till bedtime!! He is going to take Friday off of school as well!! He has his sights set on a title, lets hope the fish gods are on our side!!!

Let the good times roll, as we move into some of the nicest weather months this year will have to offer!! Make sure you take time to enjoy it!! We got your

summer base camp right here waiting!! Give us a call, I guarantee you'll get your money's worth of memories!! For those about to fish, we salute you!! I'll see you on the water!! The Dutchman signing out!!!

April 29th, 2021

The wind blows and the sun shines down on the land of walleye!! It's a beautiful morning!!! Hello to all you beautiful people! The Dutchman here and I got say I have missed you!! Have you ever got carried away by something and allowed it to absorb all your time??? Well lately, the Sturgeon have pulled me from reality!! The tug is my drug!!! Hi my name is Dutchman and I have a problem!!!! I'm addicted to fishing!! LOL!! I know I'm not alone so I'm thinking of starting a support group!!

The wolf pack has been on the prowl hardcore and the smell of victory is our sights!! Mitch Wilmer, fellow pack member and fishing addict, is currently in 2nd place and right on the heels of 1st. We may have to have an intervention!!! He has been living in his boat for the last week!! LOL!! Mr. James Beckman, also a fishing addict, will be back up tomorrow as well!!! He is currently holding 3rd place down!! The Dutchman sits in 8th place at the moment, but I have a good feeling about the days to come!!! One good fish and I could double Dutch my way to the top 3 standing!! Humpty Dumpty is currently in 1st for the youth division!! That's my boy!!! That's HOOOWL the wolf pack rolls!!! LOL!! As Tom Petty said once "It's good to be king"!! Good luck to all in the tournament!!

The Dutchess keeps the home fire burning and pulls me back to reality every now and then!! I'm gonna get some things done around RDR today, so tomorrow I can hopefully play!! The weekend is looking beautiful, spend it on the water chasing Dinos!! You won't be let down!! The best bite report is from Frontier to the east!! The action has really slowed from Vidas to the lake!! Hopefully they turn on strong for the weekend!!

Remember to give this world the best version of yourself!! You will be pleasantly surprised by what you get back!! For those about to fish, we salute you!! I'll see you on the water!! The Dutchman signing out!!

April 20th, 2021

From daylight to darkness and back again!! A view of the river from a boat that cannot truly be described, it must be lived to truly understand it's beauty and enlightenment!! The Dutchman here to tell I have lived it!! It seems like I crawled under rock and went off the grid, it's cause I did!! Only the rock was a 15' fishing boat!! I was walking a mile in Mr. James Beckman's shoes, he is the current leader of The King of the Rainy Tournament!! We started out as two strangers in a boat, we left that boat feeling more like brothers than friends I feel!! The relationship power of fishing amazes and fascinates me more than the fishing its self!! Anybody who gets together with buddies for fishing trips knows the feeling I'm talking about!! I see it in all my guest's faces when they arrive, I feel the energy the entire group is giving off, and I don't care how old you are, it's like your a kid again!! Is fishing the fountain of youth?? Come on up and find out for yourself!!

Five days of intense fishing with James Beckman!! I can't possibly fit all the memorable moments we had in those five days!! Some of the most amazing views and fishing I've had in a long time to say the least!! Beckman has about the most passion for fishing I have seen bottled up in one person!! He treats his time on the water like it is do or die!! He has a love for Sturgeon that is indescribable and that passion for the beasts goes beyond just setting the hook!! We are a lot alike and I look forward to our next adventure!!

Got the opportunity to feel like I was on an episode of Meat eaters last night!! Met up with fellow wolf pack members Mitch and Buck!! They are doing Sturgeon camp down at Birchdale!! We took in the amazing view of the river well Mitch prepared some gourmet venison Burgers!! He added Onion Pork flavored Stuffing mix and a couple eggs!! Yum!! Three guys 3lb pounds of patties= 3 stuffed dudes!! There was none left for later!! We enjoyed conversation and watched fisherman wrestle with Dinos until Mitch could take it no more!! I said my good byes and they shoved off for an evening of chasing Dinos!! Got to give Mitch a shout out on his new PB of 61.75". Alright wolf pack HOWL!!!! I broke my PB 4 times this week!! I'm at 62.5" and climbing!! Half the wolf pack is in the top ten for the King of The Rainy tournament, with other half right on the heels of top ten!! HOOOWL!! Good luck boys and I'm waiting to hear a donkey!!

The Dutchess has been busting @\$\$ well I've been off the grid!! LOL!! Much love to her!! I could never find another like her that's for sure!! She tells me there's an 83" Sturgeon out there named Stanley, who barrel rolls at the surface and sucks geese up like a vacuum cleaner!! Let the legend of Stanley be known!! He is muscle bound, missing an eye, busting rods, and destroying the goose population!! Can you put a stop to Stanley??? Only one way to find

out!! Get a line the water!!! For those about to fish, we salute you!! I'll see you on the water!! The Dutchman signing out!!

I almost forgot about the river conditions!!! The water has been full of debris, it was clearing little by little through the week, when I was out Sunday I had only little bits of weeds building on my weight!! The flow is up and I am now using 5/6 oz weights!! The water temp when I was last out was 43 degrees!! Tight Lines!!

APRIL 14TH, 2021



The land of walleye sits under overcast skies with lingering flurries in the air!! Good morning from The Dutchman!! Humpty's day of birthday fishing was short lived!! When you run a resort, things always seem to pop up to keep you busy!! We did not get the early start we had hoped for! A mixing valve for one of the showers decided it needed some attention!! Long story short we had the boat in the water after lunch, and just in time for the wind to pick up and drizzle to fill the air!! The debris building on our lines was a pain as well!! None the less we still had a good time chatting with The King of the Croix himself Mr. Beckman!! He has traveled to the Mecca in search of another title, King of The Rainy!! He has a few good fish under his belt, and we intend venture forth from the dock this morning in search of some truly massive Dino's!! Dino's the size of men!! Dino's like our guest Luke Scott's Father-in-law caught!! He landed a massive 70" Dino right out in front of Royal Dutchman!! These boys knocked some nice eyes for a few days and when conditions turn against them, they pulled out the heavy equipment and went to war with some Dinos!! Luke landed a 60" beast on walleye tackle that they thought would be the highlight of the trip!!! Oh, how they were wrong, Luke's father-in-law took the cake when he landed the 70" beast!! Awesome job boys, The Dutchman stands proudly and gives you a solid salute!!



There have been a few massive Dinos pulled from the depths right in front of Royal Dutchman, hopefully a few more show themselves today!! Good luck to those out on the water today!! We look forward to greeting all you Dino hunters showing up here this week! If you're not in The King of The Rainy Tournament and headed this way chasing Dino's!! Go to fishdonkey and sign up!! \$40 gets you the chance to be king!!! For those about fish, we salute you!! I'll see you on the water!! The Dutchman signing out!!

April 13, 2021

April showers bring may flowers!! They have also brought poor fishing conditions to the land of walleye!! Hello and good evening from The Dutchman!! I spent the morning howling with the wolf pack on some docks alongside the mighty Murky Rainy river!! There was action to be had even with the murk and debris in the water!! Mike, fellow pack member hooked up with a 54.75" and Mitch hooked into 3 smaller Dino's, Old Dutchy was left saturated and smelling of skunk!! LOL!! That's fishing!! Even with the poor fishing conditions, the outing was a success in the sense of camaraderie!! The pack has big plans in the making, let's just say we will be on the water for an extended length of time!! Hopefully putting on a Dino catching seminar!! 2 days!! 2 days signals the end of spring walleye fishing!! I think it's a safe bet saying no one wanted it to end like this! That being said it will come to an end, and I know for a fact that it will be a season to remember for a lot of our guests for a lot of different reasons!! Some will remember the great fishing and there new PB!! Some no doubt will remember it as the worst spring fishing they've had in years, or maybe ever!! Some guest's fishing, good or bad will be over shadowed by the hazard in the water they hit and shelled their motor!! There will be a lot of memories taking home from this year's spring trip!! The good, the bad, and the ugly all involve one thing!! You being up here!! Surely an

awesome trip this year could be over shadowed by a bad one next year and vice versa!! You just don't know until you go!! That's the true magic of fishing!! The unknown, that's what gets grown men as giddy as can be and causes lack of sleep the week before you come!! If you knew you were gonna pound fish every time it just wouldn't be the same!! The motor issues I don't wish on any one's trip, but there's bound to be those miss haps in life. Fishermen and women are tough nuts to crack!! There's always a silver lining to be found!! What don't kill us makes us stronger!!

The land of walleye, will make a transition and the Dino hunters will be out in full force!! Epic battles will be had with mighty beasts in excess of 100lbs and reaching lengths of 6'!! Are you man or woman enough to become a Sturgeon tamer!! Give Royal Dutchman a call and make this your Dino hunting outpost!! Well, I guess that about wraps things up for tonight!! I can't wait to hit the water with my little buddy tomorrow!! For those about to fish, we salute you!! I'll see you on the water! The Dutchman signing out!

April 9th, 2021

The Mighty Rainy is clearing up and heating up!! The walleye action is on fire right now!! I talked to a guy yesterday that caught 40 fish over 28" and over a 150 fish for the day!! The water temp tonight in front of The Dutchman was 45.5 degrees and fishermen I had talked said they found spots that were closer to 50 degrees!! The key I have been told is to find larger boulders on the bottom and drop it on the down current side of the rock, the hogs are catching a break there and looking to feast!!! I don't for see the rain stopping the action any!! The wolf pack was out

chasing Dinos tonight and had trouble catching anything but eyes on the sturgeon gear!! Our biggest was 27", we landed 10 eyes and only one Dino!! I was feeling like a sponge out there, saturated to the bone!! I had to wait till I had full function in my hands to type!! LOL!!
Tight lines till next time my friends!! For those about to fish, we salute you!! I'll see you on the water!! Captain Dutchman signing out!!!

April 5th, 2021

Under overcast sky's on a boat anchored up in the middle of the mighty Rainy river in the still of the night!! Hunting Dinos in the darkness, Dutchman and son hoping to have an epic battle with one of the monsters lurking the depths below!! The night is filled with the sound of cackling geese and Sturgeon breaking the surface of the water!! No epic battles were had, but I can think of no better way to spend an evening with my son!!

Good morning from the land of walleye and Dinos!! The Dutchman here to report water temps and clarity are improving, along with those two things comes better fishing!! None of the reports I heard were of epic days of 100+ fish, but none the less fishermen and women were reporting putting more fish in the boat than days prior!! 15 seemed to be the magic number most have been reporting! Which is a big jump from two bites and one fish, that most guests reported earlier in the week!! The water temp on my graph read 40.5 degrees and the water clarity off my dock measured almost 12" yesterday!! I think that the fuse has been lit and by the middle of the week the walleyes will be putting on a heck of a fireworks show!! I for see fishermen

with tired arms from netting healthy Rainy river hogs by the masses, and smiling faces all around and good times being had by all!!

I start my class to get my captains license today!! Wish me luck!! That's about wraps things up on my end!! For those making the trip up to the mecca, safe travels be with you!! For those about to fish, we salute you!! I'll see you on the water!! The Dutchman signing out!!

April 2nd, 2021

The land of walleye sits under clear star filled skies!! Good evening from The Dutchman!! Typing to you from the banks of the mighty MURKY Rainy river!! The Forks didn't burst with hell fire and fury this year, but they did leave their stain as they thawed from there icy winter shell!!

Clarity- The water clarity measured 3" tonight at the end of the dock here at RDR, The Dutchess ran to I Falls today and stopped at a few landings on her way back home.

Manitou Rapids appeared to have 10" to 12" clarity, Birchdale was measured at 10" by a fellow fisherman who also reported dead sea conditions as did most other fishermen we have talked to. Both walleye and sturgeon action has been minimal as of late!!

The water temp- The water temp last Monday was 40 degrees, by Wednesday morning the water was 34 degrees!! That's a big swing in the wrong direction!! I feel this sudden drop in water temp is the biggest driver causing the fish to come down with tight lip syndrome!!

The one two punch mother nature has thrown us shows signs of passing, cleaner water to the east and warming temps give signs that things will be back in full swing maybe

as soon as the beginning of this week!! The water temp was 37 degrees today!!

Fishing trips are like playing cards some rounds you got the cards to win the pot, some rounds you fold!! I can say you gotta be here to get them, and that a dry line catches zero fish 100% of the time!

I will be out on the prowl tomorrow with some of the wolf pack chasing Dinos, trying to bring the title of King of the Rainy home to Royal Dutchman!! I'll keep you posted on current river conditions and fish activity!! If you see us out in front of The Dutchman give us a Hooowl!! Hopefully we'll be doing some howling ourselves!! Tight lines till next time!! For those about to fish, we salute you!! I'll see you on the water The Dutchman signing out!! Oh, one more thing make sure you got your boat tied off even if you think you've got it beached up on shore!! Mine decided to go fishing without me today!! LOL!! Good thing there ain't much current!! Thank you to the guest that gave me a ride to go get it!! Happy fishing my friends!

April 1st, 2021

Word on the street is the little fork opened yesterday!! There is some slush floating by the Dutchman this morning and water clarity is done quite a bit. I dropped a bright jig over the dock and could see it to about 6" down. the slush appears to be passing quickly and warmer temps today should help dissolve it. I plan to go check water clarity upstream from the resort to try to get a timeline on when things will get closer to normal again. There is no debris to speak of and no chunks of ice, just some slush and low water clarity. I'll keep you posted on conditions as they

change. Tight lines till next time!! The Dutchman signing out!!

March 31st, 2021

The land of walleye woke to the cold breathe of old man winter blowing on the neck of spring!! Good morning from The Dutchman!! BRRRR!!! Sunny and 60 degrees one day, currently as I type the thermometer says 20 degrees!! The heavy winds help the cold break the skin and chill you right to the bone!! I know it's stopped many, and slowed some on their fishing adventures the last few days!! But that select few haven't skipped a beat, and to those tuff as nails diehards The Dutchman stands and salutes!! No doubt that this cold front has slowed things down a bit, but let me be the ray of optimism you need!! Warmer calmer days are on their way!! The wheels have been put in motion and nature will follow course, more big fish are showing up every day!! Though it may not be on fire at the moment, most who have put the effort in have been rewarded with at least one nice healthy hog for their determination!!

The King of the Rainy Tournament is heating up and more fish are being registered every day!! It runs till may 15th and at \$40 to enter what do you got to lose really??? To have the chance to claim the title of King of the Mighty Rainy river!! Ask The Dutchess I'm losing sleep I'm so obsessed with it!! LOL!! Good luck to all who are in it to win it!!

Don't forget if you're up here April 10th and 11th Uncle Sam needs your help catching walleyes and bringing the Emo committee Classic Can/Am tournament title home for the American side!! Download the FishDonkey App for rules and to enter! 300 CAN per team of 2 gets you a chance at 10000

CAN!! I'd say anyone on the river has a chance at that hefty pot!! Good luck to those entering!!

I feel the whip brushing past me as I type!! The Dutchess be cracking it!! If plan to go chasing Dino's anytime soon I better get to the getting!!! For those about to fish, we salute you!! I'll see you on the water!! The Dutchman signing out!!

March 27th, 2021

A wind of change has over taking the land of walleye!! The Dutchman here to say good evening!! How was your day on the water? Most folks I talked to today reported slower action than previous days outings!! The wind blowing against the current was making boat control and anchoring almost impossible. The best sturgeon reports were up by the lake and I got mixed reports on the eyes! Some folks started slow the Birchdale way and ended decent by the lake, others said the lake end was slow and found better fish the Birchdale way!! Flip of the coin the way it sounds along with lots of moving. The winds look to take a bit of a break tomorrow, hopefully the nets are working double duty and fishermen report tired arms from flinging fat fish in the boat all day! Tight lines on the horizon!!

Big news for those up to the challenge!! This great nation could use your representation in the Emo Walleye Classic Can/AM Tournament!! Pair up with your buddy and be here April 10th and 11th to take control of the border and claim your crown as the international walleye king!! Check it out on the wonderful fishdonkey app to get the full details, it's under Emo Walleye Classic Can&AM on the fishdonkey app!! I can say it costs 300 CAN per boat with 100% pay back, minus fees and puts you in the running for 10,000

CAN, plus a boat load of other goodies (we donated a few sweet hoodies)!! Will you rise to the call to bring title home to the American side!! I sure hope so!! May the best country win!! I will post a flyer of the event as well!!

Spring is here and soon we will be on to the dog days of summer, then the falling leaves autumn, and finally the drifting snow of winter!! I guess what I'm trying to say is as long as the open water season seems, it will pass right by, take advantage of every opportunity to get on the open water!! Don't think, oh I'll just go tomorrow!! Get out there today and then go tomorrow if you get a chance!! Don't leave your boat feeling like Cinderella at the beginning of the movie!! Give her love every chance you get my friend! For those about to fish, we salute you!! I'll see you on the water! The Dutchman signing off!!

March 5th, 2021:

On the lake side of things!! The lake is holding up well giving the daily high temps we've been having the last week! Things are getting sloppy around Pine Island and rough on Four Mile Bay, but out on the main lake things are holding up well. We will see what things look like going into next week. Pike fishing has sprung into action and it sounds much the same as the walleye action, hit or miss!! If I were targeting them I'd stay in the shallows on the main lake, as they seem to be held up out on the lake and not stacked in the bays quite yet. Have a guy doing some night fishing for sturgeon through the ice on the river tonight!! Best of luck my friend hope you land a giant!! Got my houses ready to go for the weekend. I have houses at 6.5 miles and 3 miles off the island. Some folks are still trekking way north, but I

honestly didn't find it any better out there. I also have a few of Barclay's Border Bait Co. houses in the shallows out in front of the gap. Hopefully luck is on the side of our guests!! They sure won the lottery on the weather!!