

# Walleye Fishing Education Weekend

presented by Innovative Outdoors and Lance Valentine's Teachin Fishin

## Dunkirk, NY September 5-8, 2019

**Mission:** Learn and understand techniques, tackle and locations for catching walleye in Dunkirk, New York and how the lessons can be applied to walleye fishing in other locations, while promoting sharing of information and peer to peer learning in a relaxed and enjoyable setting.

### Attendee Goals:

- 1) Learning walleye fishing techniques, tackle and presentations
- 2) Better understanding of fall walleye location and movements
- 3) Applying previous lessons to on the water performance
- 4) Enjoying the company and information sharing with other like-minded anglers

| Thursday, September 5 <sup>th</sup> |  |                                |   |
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| 11:00am – 5:00pm                    | Put Boats in Slip (if applicable)      | Holiday Harbor at Chadwick Bay | Marina Staff                                |
| 11:00am – 4:00pm                    | Line Calibration                       | Econo Lodge                    | Staff                                       |
| 11:00am – 5:00pm                    | Traxstech Rigging Evaluations          | Holiday Harbor at Chadwick Bay | Jeff Miller, Traxstech                      |
| 11:00am – 5:00pm                    | Sonar Updates                          |                                | Walleye 101 Staff                           |
| 11:00am – 5:00pm                    | OTW Sonar Interpretation (by apt)      | Holiday Harbor at Chadwick Bay | Captain Dean Cushman                        |
| 7:00am – 7:00pm                     | Fish Cleaning Station Open             | Holiday Harbor at Chadwick Bay |   |
| 4:00pm – 6:00pm                     | Check In                               | Econo Lodge                    |   |
| 6:00pm                              | Dinner                                 | Econo Lodge                    |   |
| 7:30pm – 8:00pm                     | Welcome and Basic Fishing Info         | Econo Lodge                    | Captain Lance Valentine & Captain Jim Steel |
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| Friday, September 6 <sup>th</sup>   |  |                                |   |
| 6:15am – 7:00am                     | Breakfast                              | Econo Lodge                    |   |
| 7:00am – 7:30am                     | Morning Fishing Information Meeting    | Econo Lodge                    | Trevor Sumption, Fish Hawk                  |
| 8:00am – 3:00pm                     | Fishing                                | Lake Erie                      |   |
| 8:00am – 10:00am                    | OTW Sonar Interpretation (by apt)      | Holiday Harbor at Chadwick Bay | Captain Dean Cushman                        |
| 8:00am – 8:45am                     | Sonar Interpretation Seminar           | Econo Lodge                    | Captain Lance Valentine                     |
| 9:00am – 9:45am                     | Trolling Basics Seminar                | Econo Lodge                    | Captain Lance Valentine                     |
| 10:00am – 10:45am                   | Advanced Trolling Seminar              | Econo Lodge                    | Captain Jim Steel                           |
| 7:00am – 7:00pm                     | Fish Cleaning Station Open             | Holiday Harbor at Chadwick Bay |   |
| 3:00pm – 5:30pm                     | Traxstech Rigging Evaluations          | Holiday Harbor at Chadwick Bay | Jeff Miller, Traxstech                      |
| 3:00pm – 4:00pm                     | 8 Steps to Becoming a Better Angler    | Econo Lodge                    | Captain Lance Valentine                     |
| 4:15pm – 5:00pm                     | Open Forum Q & A                       | Econo Lodge                    | Staff                                       |
| 6:15pm                              | Dinner                                 | Econo Lodge                    |   |
| 7:30pm – 8:45pm                     | Proven Deep Water Tactics and Theories | Econo Lodge                    | Captain Jim Steel & Captain Craig Sleeman   |
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| Saturday, September 7 <sup>th</sup> |  |                                |   |
| 6:15am – 7:00am                     | Breakfast                              | Econo Lodge                    |   |
| 7:00am – 7:30am                     | Morning Fishing Information Meeting    | Econo Lodge                    | Captain Jim Steel                           |
| 8:00am – 3:00pm                     | Fishing                                | Lake Erie                      |   |
| 8:00am – 8:45am                     | Underwater Current & Temperature       | Econo Lodge                    | Captain Jim Steel                           |
| 9:00am – 9:45am                     | Crankbait Basics Seminar               | Econo Lodge                    | Captain Lance Valentine                     |
| 10:00am – 10:45am                   | Harness Basics Seminar                 | Econo Lodge                    | Captain Craig Sleeman                       |

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| 7:00am – 7:00pm                         | Fish Cleaning Station Open             | Holiday Harbor at Chadwick Bay |                        |
| 3:00pm – 5:30pm                         | Traxstech Rigging Evaluations          | Holiday Harbor at Chadwick Bay | Jeff Miller, Traxstech |
| 3:00pm – 4:15pm                         | Hands On Workshops/Demonstrations      | Econo Lodge                    | Staff                  |
| 4:30pm – 5:00pm                         | Open Forum Q & A                       | Econo Lodge                    | Staff                  |
| 6:15pm                                  | Dinner                                 | Econo Lodge                    |                        |
| 7:30pm – 8:45pm                         | Walleye Telemetry and Population Study | Econo Lodge                    | NYSDEC Jason Robinson  |
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| <b>Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup></b> |  |                                |                        |
| 6:15am – 7:00am                         | Breakfast                              | Econo Lodge                    |                        |
| 7:00am – 7:45am                         | Morning Fishing Information Meeting    | Econo Lodge                    |                        |
| 8:00am – 1:00pm                         | Fishing                                | Lake Erie                      |                        |
| 7:00am – 7:00pm                         | Fish Cleaning Station Open             | Holiday Harbor at Chadwick Bay |                        |

## Event Locations:

**Holiday Harbor at Chadwick Bay Marina**  
**30 Central Ave, Dunkirk, NY 14048**

**Econo Lodge**  
**10455 Bennett Rd, Fredonia, NY 14063**



# Dunkirk, NY Walleye Education Weekend Equipment List

## **Rods/Reels/Line**

The most consistent and productive method of fishing this time of year is trolling in open deep water. To do this Line Counter reels on trolling rods of 7'6" to 8'6" are preferred, most commonly used in our area is 8'6" medium action.

For fishing line, we like low stretch monofilament with a diameter of .013" to match the dive curves on the Precision Trolling App and books. Remember, line diameter has a direct effect on how deep baits will dive and during this trip we will be sharing fish catching details among our group and having the same diameter line as others on the trip makes it easier to duplicate successful presentations. Our favorite line is Sunline Super Natural mono in 16lb test (.013" diameter). Other lines with the right diameter include Berkley XT 10lb, Berkley Sensation 14lb. Also be sure to have your line counters calibrated (watch how here *How to Calibrate Trolling Rods on the Teachin Fishin website*). We will have line available at the trip to purchase and an area to calibrate your reels will be set up at the hotel each morning starting Thursday.

Other common types of line are segmented leadcore(most common 27#), 30# braid, wire and copper.

## **Lures**

Shallow diving crankbaits and worm harnesses are best this time of year. Some of the most productive lures over the years have been the following ...

### **Crankbaits Manufacturers:**

Challenger, Bay Rat, Storm, Rapala, Berkley, Husky Jerk and Renosky in 3 ½-5"

### **Harness and Blade Manufacturers:**

Three D, Eyemax, Warrior, Silver Streak, in Colorado and Willow blades

### **Colors:**

Orange, Silver/Black, Purple/Black, Purple/Pink, Wonder Bread, Watermelon, almost any color is working at this time.

## **Planer Boards**

Planer boards make it easier to use multiple lines and keep them tangle free, inline boards are preferred. When using trolled baits with weight including leadcore it is important to set your spread properly. The most commonly used boards are Church Tackle Walleye Boards or TX-22s or Off Shore OR-12s.

## **Terminal Tackle/Other Accessories**

Don't forget to bring your spoons, leadcore line, inline and snap weights and Torpedo and (4-3/4") dipsy divers. Adding weight in front of a bait can get it deeper with less line out, make it easier to set and retrieve and get shallow baits to deeper depths.

Inline or snap weights in 1-4 ounces will also used and don't forget good quality rain gear. Also bring you fish cleaning accessories. Fish cleaning area is available at the marina with water and electricity every day but you need to bring your own knives and bags.

Equipment and gear will be available for sale or use on site or at a few local tackle shops or online at [www.innovative-outdoors.com](http://www.innovative-outdoors.com) or [www.walleye101.com](http://www.walleye101.com)