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LOC DERBY NEWS

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Zane Smith won \$25,500 in the 2021 Fall LOC Derby

**Smith Holds on for Win
By Bill Hilts, Jr.**

Zane Smith, 19, from New Brighton, Pennsylvania, managed to hold on to a slim two-ounce lead into the final Labor Day weekend to claim the \$25,000 Grand Prize and a little piece of fishing history for the Fall Lake Ontario Counties Trout and Salmon Derby held August 20 to September 6. His winning catch was a 32-pound, four-ounce salmon while fishing out of Olcott. It was an odd set of circumstances that put him there in the first place.

It started last year when he graduated from the Freedom Area High School in Freedom. His father Jamey bought him a Lake Ontario fishing charter as a graduation present and they were scheduled to go, until hurricane complications forced the cancellation. They rescheduled, but Zane broke his wrist, so they went back to the calendar. They decided on August 31 with Capt. Kurt Driscoll of Newfane aboard the Stalker, a 34-foot Chris Craft. The stage was set. It was Zane's first fishing trip on Lake Ontario.

As they headed out of Olcott in the morning, Driscoll had a tip from a fellow charter captain that he should start a couple miles west of Wilson and troll northwest. Driscoll did that and set down in 60 feet, pointing his boat northwest. His mate Craig Heitzenrater of Barker started to put rods out with flasher set-ups rigged with their custom herring fillets soaked in Pro Cure herring oil. It wasn't very long before the port side diver Torpedo wire (set at 180-foot) started screaming out line and Zane was the first person on the rod.

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Finnan Murphy won \$15,000 in the 2021 LOC Spring Derby

**Late Heroics for Grand Prize Catch on the Final Day ...
by a 12 Year Old
By Bill Hilts, Jr.**

Finnan Murphy of Pittsford was still excited over what had happened earlier that day, May 16, the final day of the Lake Ontario Counties (LOC) Spring Trout and Salmon Derby. At 9:30 a.m., he hooked up with the biggest salmon of his young life while fishing out of Wilson in Niagara County with Capt. Kip Mammano of RochesterSportfishing.com. Also on board were Finnan's father Shane, and two other father-son couples (Joel and Josh Bezel and Jeff and Jacob Liberman of Pittsford) as part of an annual trip on this Great Lake. Thirty minutes later, they netted the 26-pound, 10-ounce salmon and took it directly to the Wilson Boatyard scales for their official weight. He won the Grand Prize check for \$15,000!

The Spring LOC Derby, held May 7-16, enjoyed some good weather and great fishing across the lake. The salmon seemed to focus on the Western Basin of the lake, and it is where Mammano was fishing all derby. They headed west out of Wilson and tried the Niagara Bar, but derby and tournament boat pressure were difficult to deal with. He steered his 275 Crestliner clear and headed near 4-Mile Creek. Running a wire diver set at 2.5 out 100 feet, the salmon hit a Yellowtail Warrior spoon and screamed out line. Three long runs later, the Barker Road Middle School 6th grader completed the task of reeling in the winning fish, a personal best as far as size.

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2022 Derby Dates

Spring - May 6th - 15th Summer - July 2nd - July 31st

Fall - August 19th - September 5th

REGISTRATION OUTLETS You can also register online at www.loc.org

Niagara County

Lake Ontario Motel*
3330 Lockport-Olcott Rd.
Newfane, NY 14108
716-778-5004

Niagara Outdoors
223 Witmer Rd.
N. Tonawanda, NY 14120
716-695-5873

Creek Road Bait & Tackle
4419 Creek Road
Lewiston, NY 14092
716-754-2949

The Boat Doctor*^
Lake & Jackson St.
Olcott, NY 14126
716-778-8592

Wilson Boatyard Marina
57 Harbor
Wilson, NY 14126
716-751-9202

Bootleggers Cove
60 O'Connell Island
Wilson NY 14126
716-751-6466

Orleans County

Captain's Cove Resort ^*
14339 Rt. 18
Waterport, NY 14571
585-682-3316

**Narby's Superette
& Tackle ^***
1292 Oak Orchard Rd
Kent, NY 14477
585-682-4624

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Tackle & Lodge ***
1764 Oak Orchard Rd.
Albion, NY 14411
585-682-4546

Monroe County

S&R Bait & Tackle
4423 Culver Rd.
Rochester, NY 14622
585-323-1182

Port of Rochester Marina
1000 N. River St
Rochester, NY 14612
585-428-7432

Wayne County

Bay Bridge Sport Shop ^*
9555 Ridge Rd.
North Rose, NY 14516
315-587-9508

**Davenport & Son
Boat Livery & Marina ^***
Resort Rd
(East End of Bay Bridge)
North Rose, NY 14516
315-587-4434

Hughes Marina
5003 East Lake Rd.
Williamson, NY 14589
315-589-2752

Cayuga County

Screwy Louie's ^*
596 Main Street
Fair Haven, NY 13064
315-947-6348

Oswego County

All Seasons Sports *
3733 State Route 13
Pulaski, NY 13142
315-298-6433

Fat Nancy's Tackle Shop
3750 State Route 13
Pulaski, NY 13142
Phone: 315.298.6357
Toll free: 877.801.FISH

K&G Lodge *
1917 County Rt. 1
Oswego, NY 13126
315-343-8171

**Salmon County
Marina Inc.**
58 Mexico Pt Drive West
Mexico, NY 13114
315-963-8049

**Woody's Tackle
& General Store ^***
7402 NYS Rt. 3
Pulaski, NY 13142
315-298-2378

Jefferson County

Henchen Marina Inc. ^*
13442 Cnty Rt. 123
PO Box 36
Henderson Harbor, NY 13651
888-848-3821

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Weigh-In Stations

Niagara County

Creek Road Bait & Tackle
4419 Creek Road
Lewiston, NY 14092
716-754-2949

Bootleggers Cove
60 O'Connell Island
Wilson NY 14126
716-751-6466

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NOT ALL WEIGH IN STATIONS STAY OPEN UNTIL 8PM
CHECK OUT WWW.LOC.ORG FOR LATEST UPDATES**



Rules and Regulations

EACH PARTICIPANT IN THE DERBY:

1. May enter fish caught in the U.S. and Canadian waters of Lake Ontario by hook and line and retrieved and brought to net by rod and reel in a legal manner as designated by New York State DEC or Province of Ontario MNR. Derby waters are limited to those where lake regulations are in effect. Niagara River boundaries are the Lewiston-Queenston Bridge for shore anglers and Devils Hole for boat Anglers. Tributary and special regulation waters are excluded.
2. Must officially register by 7:00 A.M. on the day you wish to fish and **prior to fishing** and be in possession of proof of registration at all times and present it to any official Derby personnel upon request.
3. **Anyone 10 through 15 at the time of registration will be registered as a youth. Minimum age for entry into any LOC Derby is 10. Anyone 16 or older must register as an adult. All registrants compete for the same divisional prizes.**
4. Agrees to abide by the LOC Official Rules and Regulations and agrees that failure to comply with any of the rules will result in automatic disqualification, forfeiture of all prizes, recognition as a prize winner and the right to enter any future LOC Derby. LOC Derby reserves the right to deny participation in a LOC Derby to anyone.
5. Anyone disqualified in another Lake Ontario fishing Derby or tournament will be ineligible for any prize consideration in any LOC Derby.
6. Agrees that all persons aboard the same boat (private or charter) must be registered in the Derby, including captain and mate. In the event that there are any persons on board the boat who are not registered (whether they are fishing or not), all fish caught during that particular outing may not be offered or considered for any prizes. A supporting affidavit may be required by all registered contestants aboard the same boat, affirming the integrity of the catch and also that no unregistered person was aboard the boat. **EXCEPTION: Youths under the age of 10 are allowed on the boat or charter as observers only! Numbers of rods and fish limits are based solely on the number of registered participants.**
7. Must be fishing with at least (1) other LOC Derby registered participant (minimum of two (2) persons per boat). In the case of stream, pier, shore fishing, etc. the witness must be in the immediate company of the person who caught the fish. When entering their fish, must be accompanied by their witness who signs an affidavit which corroborates the method, time and location of the catch, which will not be official until signed by the Weigh Master. The minimum age of a witness is 10 years old.
8. Official weigh-in will not take place until the entrant and their accompanying witnesses present their official registration to the Weigh Master in charge.
9. Agrees that each contestant who offers a prize winning fish and all registered affirming witnesses will be subject to a polygraph (lie detector) or voice stress test if so specified by the Derby Rules Committee. And further agrees that failure to pass the test will result in disqualification. Disqualification will result if an entrant refuses a polygraph or is determined to be unfit for a polygraph due to drug or alcohol consumption. The official LOC polygraphist shall make this determination.
10. Agrees that the Weigh Master must weigh in all fish entered in the LOC Derby at an official LOC Weigh Station on the day caught. Derby hours vary by station, but must fall between 9:00 am and 8:00 pm. **CHECK YOUR STATION FOR HOURS.** Spring Derby Ends at 1:00 PM May 15th. Summer Derby ends at 1:00 pm on July 31st and Fall Derby ends at 1:00 pm September 5th.
11. **Must enter the fish whole, not gaffed, gutted or snagged and winners will be determined by the weight of the fish only. Any fish containing any foreign materials (including but not limited to water, ice, and weights) will disqualify that fish from consideration for any prize. Black salmon will not be eligible for entry in this Derby. Fish will be examined for gill net marks, bleached or slimy gills, hook and/or gaff marks, fin rot or fungus, freezer burn, clouded eyes, unresponsive flesh – any of which can disqualify the fish.**
12. Agrees that the Weigh Master prior to weighing will remove all bait fish or ice visible in the mouth of any fish.
13. Agrees that fish weight is determined by full ounce only. No fractions of an ounce will be recorded. Partial ounce weights will be rounded down in all instances.
14. Agrees to submit, if required by a Derby official, their fish for microscopic tissue examination, internal examination, entering the cavity through an incision or through the use of a probe and not limited to temperature probes.
15. Agrees that LOC entrant who enters the prize winning fish will be the sole recipient of cash or merchandise awards. Dividing of prizes will be handled by entrant, NOT the LOC Derby Committee.
16. Agrees that all trout must weigh a minimum of ten (10) pounds and salmon must weigh a minimum of twenty (20) pounds for entry in the Spring and Summer Derbies. Minimum weight for Walleye in the Spring and Summer Derby is (8) eight pounds. Lake Trout must be at least 30 inches long. Only initial measurement by Weigh Master is valid due to imminent shrinkage. For the Fall Derby trout must weigh a minimum of ten (10) pounds and Salmon twenty-five (25) pounds.
17. Agrees that all fish in contention, as determined by the sole discretion of Derby officials, are property of the Derby until released by a Derby official. All weighed fish must be gill punched by the Weigh master. **It is the sole responsibility of the entrant to retain any fish submitted for prize consideration until the Derby results are declared official.**
18. Is entitled to only one division cash prize. No participant may win more than one of the division prizes, although contestants may enter more than one fish. If the succeeding fish is larger, the smaller of the fish with least weight will be withdrawn.
19. Agrees to submit all disputes to a designated Derby official within eight hours after the fish is entered, and agrees that all disputes will be submitted to the Derby Rules Committee, whose decision will be final. The Derby Rules Committee shall consist of Derby Organizers.
20. Agrees that the decision of the judges will be final and not reviewable in any form. In the event of a tie, the person who enters the first fish according to the date and time recorded on the fish entry form will be the winner. The second or subsequent fish, entered at the same weight, will assume the next lowest division position, and so on until all positions are filled. If two or more fish of identical weight should be entered on the same date and time, a toss of the coin will determine the winner and the loser will assume the next lower position in the division.
21. Agrees that award recipients are responsible for payment of all taxes on prizes \$600 and more. **Refusal to submit proper Social Security information will result in disqualification.**
22. Agrees that the LOC Derby Employees and their families may enter and fish in the Derby, but **are not eligible for prizes.**
23. Agrees to hold the Derby officials, sponsors, their agents, servants and/or employees, harmless from any liability of any nature and kind for injuries and/or damages suffered by the entrant during the period that the Derby is held.
24. Agrees to use good judgment in regard to existing and projected weather conditions. Listen to and heed the warnings of the U.S. Coast Guard and local weather reports, before and during each day's fishing and, not to place in jeopardy themselves or others on the boat during the Derby. To have personal floatation devices aboard and to operate under Coast Guard regulations.
25. Agrees that steelhead and rainbow trout are considered the same species in the Derby for purposes of awarding prizes. Chinook, Coho & Atlantic are all considered salmon. Grand Prize money will be awarded for the largest Salmon in each event.
26. Agrees that all **Grand Prize, First and Second** place division winners and witness along with their winning fish must attend the Awards Ceremony. The Spring awards ceremony is May 15th, Summer July 31st and Fall Sept 5th at Rileys Bar & Grill, 9660 Ridge Road, North Rose. You must arrive by 3 pm, ceremony to commence at 4:30 pm. Derby results will be certified as official by the LOC Derby Officials immediately prior to the Awards Ceremony
27. Must possess a valid New York State or Canadian fishing license unless exempted by law.

LOC FAQ



All 2022 Awards Ceremonies will be held at Riley's Bar & Grill, 9660 Ridge Road, North Rose. Grand Prize, First and Second place division winners must arrive by 3:00pm on the last day of the Derby.

LOC 2022 Derby Dates

May 6th - May 15th

July 2nd - July 31st

August 19th - Sept 5th

Making Plans for next year?

LOC 2023 Derby Dates

May 5th - May 14th

July 1st - July 30th

August 18th - Sept 4th

LOTSA will be awarding \$2750 during the 2022 LOC Derbies. \$1000 in the Spring, \$750 in the Summer and \$1000 in the fall. Check out the backpage for prize dates. You can join LOTSA at www.lotsa1.org



Karen Mang of E. Concord, NY won 1st place in the 2021 Fall Derby Steelhead/Rainbow Division with the 16 lb 12 oz winner weighed in at The Boat Doctors in Olcott.

Signing up for the Derby- There are two ways, online at www.loc.org and at the Weigh-in and Registration outlets listed on page 10. You must register prior to 7AM the day you are fishing and EVERY-ONE on the boat MUST be registered.

Youths – 10 to 15 years old at time of entry. There is no separate youth division, all entrants compete for the same prizes but the Youth entry is half price. There is an additional youth award (Trophy) for the largest fish entered in each division. Youth winners are not required to attend the Awards Ceremony UNLESS they are Grand Prize, first or second placed division winners. If youths do not attend the awards ceremony, they can pick up their trophy at the weigh station they weighed their fish. Youths under the age of 10 can be on the boat but the number of rods fished can only be fished for the number of registered entrants on the boat.

Weigh In – Weigh in must happen the day the fish is caught, there is NO WEIGH IN THE FOLLOWING DAY. Maximum weigh in station hours are 9am to 8pm but weigh in stations have different closing times and they can vary throughout the week. **CHECK THE WEIGH IN STATION YOU PLAN ON USING FOR CLOSING HOURS!!! EVERY WEIGH IN STATION IS NOT OPEN UNTIL 8PM EVERY DAY.**

When you arrive at the weigh in station, keep your fish in the cooler, please don't drag it through the store. If you see the scale hanging you can place your cooler underneath the scale but do NOT place your fish on the scale until told to do so. Do not place live fish on the scale, it can damage the scale. You must have your LOC Registration/Invoice on your person to present to the weigh master. This includes everyone that was on the boat.

Problems during weigh in - If there is a problem at weigh-in, make sure you KEEP YOUR FISH. Cutting up/destroying your fish will result in immediate disqualification. The weigh in station will record the weight and a Derby Representative will check the fish ASAP.

Pictures of your catch – We love great pictures of your catch and we post them on Facebook and our website. The sooner you take pictures the better the fish looks. Please try and hold your fish sideways and a little in front of your body, but not too far out in front, both need to be in focus.

Leaderboard – The leaderboard for the derby is located at <http://loc.org/Leaderboard.html>. The leaderboard is updated in real time so if you don't see your entry after a few hours or if any of your information is incorrect please check with your weigh in station or call the office at 315-333-5213.

Fish Weigh in Form. Please print legibly! Make sure you write down current address, phone number etc. We utilize information from this form to issue checks and incomplete/incorrect information can delay payment.

You won, now what? – Congratulations, if you are Grand Prize, first or second place you and/or your witness and fish MUST be at the awards ceremony.

The 2022 Awards Ceremonies will be held at Rileys Bar & Grill, 9660 Ridge Road, North Rose. On the final day of each derby, fishing ends at 1:00 pm. You need to be at the awards ceremony by 3:00 pm for pictures and interviews. The awards ceremony will commence immediately following.

You will get paid and receive your trophy. Tax information will be secured and you will get photographed and submit your story to the media. We will feed you pizza and wings. It's a good time!

If you aren't required to attend you will receive your check in the mail. If you won \$600 or more you need to submit an IRS form W-9 prior to getting paid. You can download the form at our website at www.loc.org and you can fax it to 315-333-5295, email it to locderby@aol.com or send regular mail to LOC Derby, PO Box 472, Ontario NY 14519. **You MUST submit this W-9 form in the year you win or you forfeit your prize.**

These checks are usually mailed the second week after the close of the event. We need to go around to all the weigh in stations and registration outlets and collect all the registrations and check them, so it takes a little while. After you get your check PLEASE CASH IT. If you don't receive your check within a month from the end of the derby, please call the office at 315-333-5213.

Have fun and good luck in the Derby!

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“He fought the fish perfectly,” said Driscoll at the awards ceremony at Capt. Jack’s in Sodus Bay on Labor Day. “He never yanked the rod or horsed the fish to the boat. When we finally netted the fish, the hook popped right out 25 minutes later.” They knew it was a big fish and decided to head to the Boat Doctors in Olcott to hit the weigh station at the 9 a.m. scale opening.

After all, it was Karen Evarts at the Boat Doctors who had given Driscoll a lucky penny before the day began.

For the younger Smith, he still seemed to be in shock at his winning catch. When asked about if he had any plans for the money, he said: “I’ll probably just buy another dirt bike.” Dad was hoping for a boat.

First place in the Salmon Division was a petite Theresa Hoodley of Pottstown, Pennsylvania with a 32-pound, 2-ounce king salmon she caught on August 23 while fishing out of Olcott with her brother Al Bodolus of Athens, Pennsylvania. She won \$5,000 plus an additional check of \$500 for fish of the day.

Not knowing where to go when they headed out of port, they decided to run their 25-foot Wellcraft named “Fatty” out to 500 feet of water where they had success earlier in the summer. The waves were a little rough and Hoodley soon became seasick. However, she didn’t want to give up.

One rod was a wire diver set back 271 feet on a No. 2.5 setting, pulling a cut bait rig outfitted with Familiar Bite. A little after 11 a.m., the big king salmon hit their offering and started to scream out line. Hoodley was on the rod, alternating between reeling and getting sick over the side of the boat. It was 45 minutes before they finally netted her biggest salmon ever and then they were off to the races to weigh in.

Second place in the Salmon Division was Larry Wills of Lewiston with a 31-pound, 11-ounce king he caught Sept. 4. He was fishing with Tim Wills of Niagara Falls on the Niagara Bar, doing a little combat trolling on the ledge with his 24-foot Penn Yan “Reel Therapy.” They decided to head out to 185 feet of water. Using a 450-foot copper rod set up rigged with e-chip paddle teaser program and a MC Rocket in frog pattern for bait, they hooked into the bruiser. Forty minutes later they were netting the big salmon. MC Rocket is artificial herring strips. It was a personal best salmon for Wills.

Youth Division winner for the Salmon Division was 13-year-old Blake White of Lancaster. He was fishing with his dad, Chris on Sept. 4 out of Olcott in their 17-foot Starcraft. Using a spin doctor with a GRC 6-inch yellow dolphin with e-chip fly behind a diver set 165 feet back on a No. 3 setting, they were trolling in 170-180 feet of water in front of Olcott when the 30-pound, 9-ounce salmon hit. The fish ended up in fourth place in the Salmon Division overall.

In the Rainbow/Steelhead Division, it was just a planned fun day on the water fishing out of Olcott that culminated with an exciting turn of events. Karen Mang of East Concord was simply going fishing with some friends, including Nancy and Stuart Bantle of Delevan, Bill Schaffer of Grand Island, and Dan Owens of Farmersville. It was Owens’ boat, named “Relentless.” When they found out there was a derby going on, they all entered. It was Mang’s first derby and first time on Lake Ontario. Her fate was sealed.

They set out rods and one of them was using a Church Stern Planer in the prop wash of the boat. The lure was 45 feet down over 150 feet of water using a Moonshine spoon. “It was very exciting to reel in this fish,” said Mang. “It came out of the water three times, and it took me 20 minutes to bring it in.” It was the only fish she caught for the day, and she earned a check for \$3,000 with her first-place win and big fish of the day with one day carryover.

Second place was also caught off the shores of Niagara County when Mike Leising of East Amherst, fishing with his father Roy of East Amherst, were trolling off Wilson in their Sport Craft 232. They discovered that the inside water was cold after a northeast blow, so the duo decided to run offshore to 300 feet of water. As they headed towards the Niagara River, using 10 colors of lead core line with a Warrior Magnum “Steelhead Candy” spoon attached, they had their first hit – an 11-pound, 14-ounce steelhead that Roy reeled in. It would eventually place eighth overall.

Back the lure went into the water and almost immediately the rod went off again and this time it was Mike’s turn to

reel it in. Twenty minutes later he had a personal best 15-pound, 5-ounce steelhead.

In the Brown Trout Division, Gary Cregan of Rochester and Dave Maliszewsky of West Henrietta were fishing the derby together as they always do, alternating every 2 days with each other’s boat. This time it was Gary’s “Giganticus,” a 17-foot Lund and they were trolling in 130 feet of water between Point Breeze and Bald Eagle with a 600-foot copper line rigged with a Carbon 14 Moonshine spoon.

“We were fishing for kings,” said Cregan. “When the rod went off, we thought we had a small salmon. But it kept burrowing down deep. We didn’t realize it was as big as it was.” It’s not the first time that they have been in the winner’s circle. They combined for first place brown trout in 2015, but that time it was out of Dave’s boat.

Second place in the Brown Trout Division was Doug Harradine of Rush with a 15-pound, 12-ounce fish out of Rochester. He was fishing with Rich Schickler and Brian Schoor, both of Honeoye Falls, on the “Big Hitter,” a Baha boat operated by Capt. Jeff Goater of Rochester with Big Hit Charters. Goater had donated a trip as an auction item to the local Boy Scouts chapter and Harradine won the bid. It was the only brown trout that Harradine has ever caught, reeling it in from 80 feet of water on a diver using a green spoon. It was his first-time fishing on Lake Ontario and that was all he remembered. The catch paid for the charter and then some.

Youth winner in the Brown Trout Division was Bobby Mallory, 11, of Baldwinsville with a 13-pound, 7-ounce fish he caught between Hughes Marina and Sodus Bay fishing with his mom and dad (Bob and Elaine) and their dog Fitz out of the family’s 33-foot Tiara “Persistence.” It was the same general area that he won the Youth prize in the summer derby for the same division. This time it was a green and yellow Evil Eye spoon 65 feet down over 80 feet of water.

The 2021 LOC Derbies recorded a first ever during the spring, summer and autumn events. Two out of three Grand Prize winners were teenagers.



Bobby Mallory, was the youth winner in the Brown Trout Division with this 13 lb 7 oz beauty weighed in at Hughes Marina.

NYS Record Fish

Atlantic Salmon	24 lb 15 oz	Mike Dandino	Lake Ontario
Brown Trout	33 lb 2 oz	Tony Brown	Lake Ontario
Chinook Salmon	47 lb 13 oz	Kurtis Killian	Salmon River
Coho Salmon	33 lb 7 oz	Stephen Sheets	Lake Ontario
Carp	50 lb 6 oz	Charles Primeau	Tomhannock Res.
Lake Trout	41 lb 8 oz	Jesse Wykstra	Lake Erie
Rainbow Trout	31 lb 3 oz	Robert Wilson	Lake Ontario
Walleye	18 lb 2 oz	Brian Hartman	St. Lawrence



Michael Paddock of Albion, NY shows off his 31 lb 7 ounce Summer Derby Grand Prize winning Salmon.

Summer Derby Victors Tell Fish Tales of Fish Tails By Bill Hilts, Jr.

It was a complete role reversal for the Grand Prize fish in the Summer Lake Ontario Counties Trout, Salmon and Walleye Derby held June 26 through July 25, 2021. This time around it was 74-year-old veteran angler Michael Paddock of Albion winning the top prize. The 13-year-old youngster had to setting for first place in the Salmon Division and second overall ... this time around.

As Paddock's story goes, July 13 was a beautiful day on the lake. He was fishing with his wife Charlotte, and they were trolling west of their Point Breeze port about 11 miles in their 25-foot Pro-Line named "Aquarius." Mike rigs the lines and Charlotte steers the boat. With no other boat in sight, Charlotte picked up a book to read, occasionally looking up but letting the boat go wherever it wanted.

Meanwhile, Mike was messing around with his fishing program in the back of the boat. He had a 300-foot copper line out only 200 feet, rigged with a Pro Troll flasher he won in the Fish Odyssey Derby last year, adorned with cut bait.

"It was dead calm on the lake, and it was super-hot," said an excited Paddock at the awards ceremony in Sodus Point. "The flies were biting, too. Suddenly, the big king salmon hit and started to scream out copper. I knew it was a good one. I had to get Charlotte to turn the boat around before we ran out of line." Forty-five minutes later they had their Grand Prize winner in the boat, a 31-pound, 7-ounce salmon. "Charlotte did an excellent netting job."

For their win, they earned a check for \$10,000 for the Grand Prize, \$1,000 for the biggest salmon for the week, and \$750 for the largest salmon caught by a Lake Ontario Trout and Salmon Association member.

Runner-up, and first place in the Salmon Division, was 13-year-old Aiden Stafford of Rochester with a 30-pound, 6-ounce king salmon he caught while fishing out of Point Breeze with Capt. Chris Vogt of Albion. Also on board the 10-meter Trojan "U Betcha" were Suzanne Stafford, Sue Koch, and Todd Crooks of Rochester.

On July 18, they were about 2 miles east of port trolling west. The downrigger was set at 68-foot with a Moonshine Carbon-14 spoon over 120 feet of water. The big fish hit at 8:30 a.m. and 20 minutes later Aiden had his second Youth Trophy in as many years. This time, though, he was able to bring home a check for \$1,000 for first place and \$1,000 for the big fish of the week.

Second place salmon in the division was Joshua Milleville of Lockport with a 29-pound, 10-ounce Olcott king salmon. It was his first LOC Derby of his life and his very first salmon that he's ever caught.

He was fishing with his father, Andrew, and friends Jesse Snyder and his 9-year-old son Henry from Gasport aboard their 20-foot Robalo named "Knot Farming." On July 1, they were fishing straight out of Olcott in 250 feet of water. At 8:15 a.m., using a black and silver Dreamweaver spoon with a glow eye 50 feet down on the rigger, the early Grand Prize leader showed up.

It only took the younger Milleville 10 minutes to bring the fish to the boat. "The salmon barely fit in the net," said Milleville.

In the Brown Trout Division, John Gordon of Rochester was top dog with a personal best 19-pound, 15-ounce lunker. He was fishing in only his second LOC Derby, but it was with Capt. Kip Mammano of Rochestersportfishing.com. Capt. Kip had 5 brown trout in the Top 20 this summer event.

Fishing with Allen Salkic and Brandon Angora of Greece, as well as Chris Duma of Irondequoit, they headed west one mile out of Braddock Bay in Capt. Kip's 27-foot Crestliner on July 10. One of the lures was a Moonshine Carbon-14 spoon, set 24 feet down on the rigger in 25 feet of water after the lake had flipped. When Gordon fought the fish, it jumped 4 feet out of the water to add to the excitement. Twenty minutes later he had the winning fish, earning \$1,000 for first and \$500 for big brown trout of the week.

Second place brown trout was reeled in by Joseph LoConte of Rochester with a 19-pound, 13-ounce fish he caught on Mike Spinelli's 22-foot Trophy boat "Wind Breaker." Spinelli is also from Rochester, and they were fishing out of Braddock Bay.

On July 11, a day when many big brown trout were caught in the derby, they were running 2-1/2 colors of lead core line off an Otter planer board in 25 to 30 feet of water. A king salmon had hit moments earlier and Spinelli grabbed the rod. As they turned the boat on it, another rod went off – rigged with a Moonshine Carbon-14 spoon. LoConte loosened the drag and put it in the rod holder until the first salmon was to the boat. When the king was finally netted, LoConte grabbed the other rod and to his surprise the fish was still on. Fifteen minutes later he had the second-place brown in the net. "We thought it was a salmon," said LoConte. "It took 3 runs and we never saw the fish until it was at the back of the boat."

Youth winner in the Brown Trout Division was 11-year-old Bobby Mallory of Baldwinsville with a 15-pound, 3-ounce brown he caught while fishing out of Oswego aboard the family's 33-foot Tiara "Persistence."

Fishing with his dad Bob, his mom Elaine, and his dog Fitz (named after the Edmund Fitzgerald), the fish hit a Michigan Stinger "Doctor" spoon 30 feet down over 50 feet of water, 45 feet back behind the ball. It was not a personal best, having reeled in an 18-pound, 6-ounce brown trout the week before the derby started. He was the youth winner last summer for the largest brown. This youth winner placed 20th overall. Yes, "Persistence" was a good boat name.

In the Lake Trout Division, Hope Starling of St. Petersburg, Florida earned first place honors with a personal best 23-pound, 11-ounce fish she caught on July 11 fishing in the Oswego Pro-Am Salmon Team Tournament. She was part of the Custom Deluxe Team that included Capt. Jason Vendetti of Pompey, his father David of Fayetteville, Justin Vendetti of St. Petersburg, and Christina Nadeau of Vermont.

Fishing out of Vendetti's 29-foot Black Fin, they were trolling off Stoney Point with a 400-foot copper line with a Michigan Stinger UV Frog spoon trailing. At 8 a.m. over 120 feet of water, they hooked up with the big laker. It took Starling over 45 minutes to reel the fish in. They also lost a salmon at the same time, which would have helped their tournament status.

Second place lake trout was weighed in by Steve Kreydatus of Cayuga, fishing with Arin Keegan of Sackets Harbor aboard his 24-foot Thompson "Chaoss" on July 24. It tipped the scales a 23 pounds, 3 ounces.

"It was the first time that I ever fished on Lake Ontario and my first time in the derby," said Kreydatus. "We fished out of Stoney Creek in 154 feet of water on the bottom with black-and-silver cowbells and a black, silver and green Howie fly. The fish hit so hard we thought it was going to break the downrigger."

Youth lake trout winner was Lyla Fritz of Webster with a 19-pound laker. She was using a Gambler Rig to take her fish that placed 15th overall while fishing out of Rochester aboard the Fly-N-Fish. She caught it July 3.

For the new Walleye Division, Bert Lickers of Niagara Falls caught a personal best 10-pound, 10-ounce 'eye to lead the way in the month-long contest while fishing the Niagara Bar. He was fishing with brothers Pat and Richard Barber of Niagara Falls aboard their 18-foot Crestliner.

On July 5, Lickers was bouncing bottom with a 3-way rig that was loaded with a homemade worm harness with gold

blades in 40 feet of water. “It was supposed to be the last drift of the day,” said Lickers. “Of course, after we caught that fish, we had to take one more to see if his brother was around.” He won \$1,000 for first place and \$1,000 for a roll-over for big walleye of the week.

Second place walleye was reeled in by Brian Swartz of Watertown, checking in at the weigh station with a weight of 10 pounds, 8 ounces. He was fishing with Samantha Thomes of Watertown aboard the “Tin Missile,” a 19-foot Starcraft.

On July 24, the angling duo was trolling near Fox Island in 24 feet of water with an Emerald Shiner Flicker Minnow 100 feet back behind a planer board around 8:30 a.m. when the runner-up fish hit. It took him 5 minutes to reel the fish in.

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“Most of it will go to my college fund,” said young Murphy. “I would like to get my mom and dad a present, and maybe get a few toys and video games.” This was the sixth year that the father and son group has been fishing with Mammano and it paid off big time.

The last-minute heroics for Murphy came at the expense of 76-year-old Walt Zebker of Grand Island. Fishing with Capt. Mike Mongan and Mike Hooper of Grand Island, Team Beach House was fishing the Niagara Bar as they do every spring derby. On the final Saturday, Mongan’s 22-foot Penn Yan was working 120 feet of water northwest of the red buoy marker when a big king hit a NBK Michigan Stinger spoon 70 feet down. Twenty-five minutes later, Zebker was holding a 25-pound, 12-ounce king salmon.

They called Lisa Drabczyk at Creek Road Bait and Tackle to see if they could weigh the fish in. No, the scales didn’t open until 9 a.m. So, they fished until the scales opened.

“We didn’t even get all of the rods in the water when the fish hit,” said Mongan. “It was before 7 a.m.” They won \$2,000 for first place, plus \$500 for big fish of the day. It was also the largest salmon caught by a member of the Lake Ontario Trout and Salmon Association, earning another check for \$1,000.

Second place in the Salmon Division was derby diehard Ken Champagne of Chillicothe, Ohio with a 25-pound, 8-ounce king they caught on May 11. Fishing with Brian Marketich of Beaver Falls, Pa., their winning catch was surrounded by good Karma.

“We were fishing the Niagara Bar every day and slept in because of the winds,” said Champagne at the awards ceremony at Capt. Jack’s in Sodus Bay. “As we headed out, we saw a small deer trying to swim across Lake Ontario to Canada. We knew it would never make it, so we forced the deer to turn around and swim back to shore. We wasted about 45 minutes, but we felt it was worth it. Good Karma.”

At 9:30 a.m. that same morning, a 25-pound, 8-ounce king salmon hit an A-Tom-Mik blue hammer fly and double glow flasher 150 feet back on a diver set at No. 3 over 150 feet of water. It was the leading salmon at the time and ended up 2nd in the Salmon Division overall, winning \$1,000 plus \$500 for big fish of the day.

In the Brown Trout Division, Scott Libihoul of Clay caught a 20-pound, 1-ounce trophy on the second day of the derby – a personal best – to win a check for \$1,000 and big fish of the day for \$200. He was fishing with Bruce Raggi of Farmington aboard a 25-foot Pro Line named Salmon Illa near Bear Creek in 15 feet of water. Using a “gold stickbait” 125 feet back behind planer boards, they caught the fish at 9:45 a.m.



10 year old Lyla Fritz of Webster NY won the Youth award in the 2021 Summer Derby in the Lake Trout Division with a 19 lb Laker weighed in at the Port of Rochester.

Second place was Jeff Raggi of Fairport (Bruce’s cousin) with a 19-pound, 5-ounce brown. He was fishing with Richard Redsicker of Ontario and Jake Emmel of Sodus aboard the 25-foot Pro Line named Salmon Illa. They were fishing west of Bear Creek in 17 to 20 feet of water using a green and blue Koyote Ugly Spoon 8 feet down on the rigger with a 40-foot lead.

In the Lake Trout Division, Mike Kimsey of Lacona earned the \$1,000 and big fish for the day in his division (\$200) when he hauled in a 24-pound, 12-ounce fish on Mother’s Day. It was a personal best and it came at a perfect time. He was fishing with his friend Charlie Trump of Sackets Harbor aboard the Ramblin’ Rose, a 25-foot Chaparral.

They were fishing Henderson Harbor out of Stoney Creek using cowbells and a lemon-lime Spin-N-Glo to drag the bottom in 150-feet of water. The fish hit at 10:30 a.m. and it was the final fish of the day. Trump also put a 20-pound, 10-ounce laker on the board May 14 using the same tactic to place third.

Second place lake trout was Cassidy Foltz of Springwater with a 20-pound, 14-ounce fish. He was fishing with his father Ron Foltz of Springwater aboard his Dad’s 20-foot Trophy Bayliner “Against the Wind” near Braddock Bay in 170 feet of water using a green hammerhead cowbell set-up with a green Gambler Rig. It was close to a personal best for Foltz, catching it the final morning of the derby at 8 a.m.

Youth winner in the Lake Trout Division was Connor Vogt of Ontario. He was fishing with Richard Redsicker of Ontario near Pultneyville on the bottom in 135 feet of water using cowbells rigged with a white with green dots spin-n-glo. He broke his personal best lake trout 4 times on this May 15 trip.

In the Walleye Division, brothers Paul and Richard Farmer, both of Dexter, managed the perfect one-two punch by fishing out of their 16-foot Lund near Point Peninsula. Paul’s winning fish was a 12-pound, 8-ounce ‘eye he caught on May 13 at 9 a.m. in 30 feet of water. He was using a blue Husky Jerk 100 feet behind a planer board.

Richard Farmer caught his second-place fish, weighing in at 12 pounds, 2 ounces, after catching it at 7:30 a.m. on the final morning of the 10-day contest. He was also using a blue Husky Jerk stickbait, 150 feet back behind boards over 18 to 20 feet of water. For a complete list of winners, check out www.loc.org.



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