

# FISH TALES

## BLUEWATER ANGLERS NEWSLETTER

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**SPRING 2023**

### CLUB ACTIVITY CALENDAR

#### For April - July 2023

|                |   |
|----------------|---|
| April 11       | General Membership Meeting                  |
| April 22       | Club Spring Derby                           |
| Apr 28 - May 7 | 47 <sup>th</sup> Annual (2023) Salmon Derby |
| May 17         | Salmon Derby Awards Night                   |
| May 27         | Kids Training Day                           |
| June 13        | General Membership Meeting                  |
| June 17        | Shoreline Clean Up                          |
| July 8         | Family Fun Fishing Derby                    |

Pick up a copy of the **2023 Listing of Events** at the next General Membership Meeting. Check the Bluewater Anglers website for current information on upcoming club events at <https://bluewateranglers.com>.

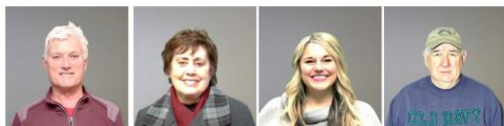
### 2023 Bluewater Anglers Board of Directors



Ralph Eves President   Gary Mitchell 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President   Dan Harbaugh 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President   Lou Dallaire Secretary   Bob Daly Treasurer



Jim Allen   Ron Allison   Ross Bishop   Al Dezort



Andre Dubois   Jo-Anne Eves   Tammy Harbaugh   Paul Heckley



John Klazinga   Cole Lauzon   Al Metcalfe   John Sipkens



Frank Turnbull   Jake Van Rooyen   Tom Watson   Garry Willock

### 2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ten directors were appointed for the 2023 – 2025 term at the January 10<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting. Jim Allen joins the Board of Directors along with nine returning directors ... Ron Allison, Ross Bishop, Al Dezort, Jo-Anne Eves, Ralph Eves, John Sipkens, Frank Turnbull, Jake Van Rooyen and Garry Willock.

The 2023 Bluewater Anglers Executive was chosen during the January 11<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting.

|               |                                  |
|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Ralph Eves    | - President                      |
| Gary Mitchell | - 1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President |
| Dan Harbaugh  | - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President |
| Bob Daly      | - Treasurer                      |
| Lou Dallaire  | - Secretary                      |

The remaining 2023 Board of Directors and their primary areas of responsibility are ...

- Jim Allen (Kids Training Day Assistant)
- Ron Allison (Media Coordinator)
- Ross Bishop (Shoreline Clean Up Coordinator)
- Al Dezort (School Hatchery Program Coordinator)
- Andre Dubois
- Jo-Anne Eves (Membership Coordinator)
- Dan Harbaugh (Salmon Derby Chairperson)
- Tammy Harbaugh (Instagram Coordinator, FACEBOOK Assistant)
- Paul Heckley (Newsletter Editor, Salmon Derby Co-Chair, Facebook Coordinator, Club Photographer)
- John Klazinga (Kids Training Day Coordinator)
- Cole Lauzon
- Al Metcalfe (Website Coordinator)
- John Sipkens
- Frank Turnbull
- Jake Van Rooyen (Hatchery Manager, Gov't Liaison)
- Tom Watson
- Garry Willock



The Bluewater Anglers raised  
**\$425** from the sale of  
ice fishing equipment donated by  
**Tom Dunford**

# Tuesday apr 11 general meeting

**OPEN TO THE  
GENERAL PUBLIC**

Point Edward  
Arena & Community Centre

Doors Open at 7:00pm  
Meeting Starts at 7:30pm

## **AGENDA:**

Hatchery Update  
Upcoming Club Events  
Salmon Derby Report  
Fishing Reports

Local Boat  
Captains  
will be on  
hand to  
cover their  
Spring fishing  
techniques and  
answer fishing  
questions from  
the audience.



## **SPRING TROLLING EXPERT PANEL**



**DAVE  
BOON**

**BLUE LINE**  
Fishing Charters

**FRED  
WONDERGEM**



**PETE  
RASTONIS**



**JAMIE  
SHAIN**



**Memberships Will Be Available**  
for purchase electronically, by cash, or by cheque

## ***Fishing*** and **MARINE GARAGE SALE**

Are you looking for  
good used fishing equipment  
or marine related items?

Rods/Reels • Lures • Downriggers • Fishfinders  
Life Jackets • Marine Radios and much more!

**COME OUT AND SEE WHAT'S AVAILABLE  
AT THE APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**



**SUNCOR**  
ENERGY

donated \$2,000 to the Bluewater Anglers  
in recognition of Suncor retiree Al Dezort's  
volunteer activities with the Bluewater Anglers.

## HATCHERY REPORT

**We are filling up again.** As we approach another spring, it has been a very promising fish development year. We are getting close to being comfortably full. There are still a couple of empty tanks as of mid-March, but they will likely have fish in them before we stock in late April.

**Chinook salmon** are progressing on schedule, and we will have both the early and late egg collection batches ready for an April stocking. Over the next month, the challenge will be keeping them in the tanks as they approach the smolting stage. We will have 90,000 to 100,000 salmon to release between Port Franks, Blue Point and Brights Grove this spring.

The school hatchery program fish will be released at the same locations with a number of the schools participating in a stocking event. With the constant feeding these fish receive some are much larger than the hatchery fish. The children are very dedicated to the care of their fish.

We have about 24,000 **Brown trout** that are progressing very well. This appears to be one of the best batches we have seen recently. They will be stocked next fall. There will be 25,000 eggs started in late December ready for stocking fall of 2024.

At present there are 40,000 Ganaraskas **Rainbow trout** growing in the hatchery. Most of them will be ready for spring stocking. The fish will be graded, and the smaller ones will be kept until fall. Our next batch of 50,000 eyed-up eggs will arrive the end of April or early May and grow over the next 12 months.

Our batch of 200 domestic Rainbow trout were started last June and are ready for the public feeding pond after Kid's Training Day in late May.

Your hatchery crew keeps working. Get the boats ready. We have done our job, now you need to catch them.

Jake

## IN-MEMORIUM

**John Govert Van Barneveld**

September 9, 1950 – January 6, 2023



John Barneveld passed away on January 6, 2023. John was a long-time member of the Bluewater Anglers, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Board of Directors, a long-time Hatchery Operator, and a member of the Salmon Derby Committee.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU

### IN-MEMORIUM DONATIONS

\$650 in memory of  
**John Barneveld**

THANK YOU

THANK YOU

**KAREN KIRKLAND**  
donated \$100  
to the Bluewater Anglers

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**Dawn Finn & the Synopsis Foundation**  
donated \$175  
to the Bluewater Anglers

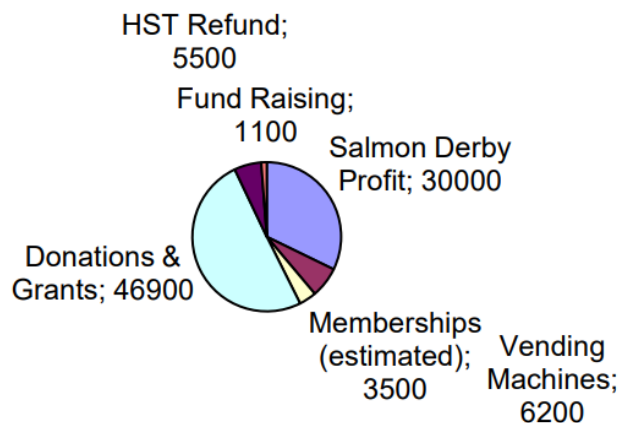
## BLUEWATER ANGLERS 2022 TREASURER'S REPORT

2022 was another good year for the Bluewater Anglers financially thanks to our Salmon Derby Sponsors, donations from the community, and our grants from the Ontario Trillium Foundation and Community Hatcheries Program. The Salmon Derby returned after 2 years off due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was very successful, along with the vending machine revenues at the hatchery feeding pond.

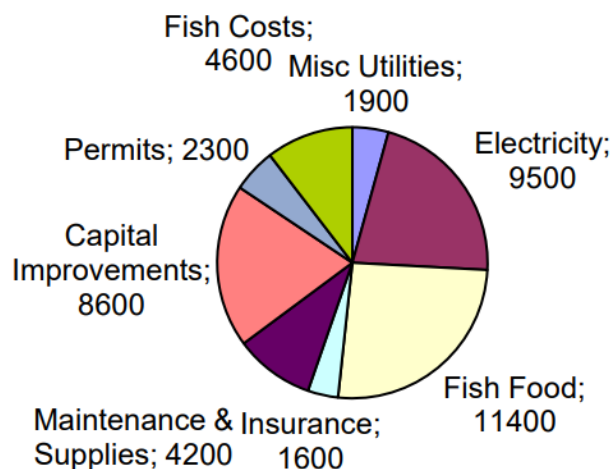
Significant improvements were made in the hatchery including the Wi-Fi installation, meeting room ventilation system and heat pump (Trillium Grant), and hatchery computer project (OFAH/CHP grant). Thank you to all who supported us.

The following charts show more details concerning our sources of funding and hatchery costs for 2022.

### 2022 SOURCES OF FUNDS - \$93,200



### 2022 HATCHERY COSTS - \$44,100



Here is summary of the major sources of income, and the donations and grants received in 2022.

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Salmon Derby Profit     | 30000 |
| Vending Machines        | 6200  |
| Memberships (estimated) | 3500  |
| Donations & Grants      | 46900 |
| HST Refund              | 5500  |
| Fund Raising            | 1100  |
| Total                   | 93200 |

### Donations & Grants

OFAH/CHP grant – 15,500  
 Anglers Atlas Walleye Derby – 1650  
 Friends of the St Clair River – 5000  
 In-Memoriam Donations – 2350  
 Muskies Canada Belle River – 500  
 Anonymous and numerous smaller donations – 1500  
 Enbridge – 1000  
 Trillium Grant – 19,400

Here is summary of the major Hatchery expenses incurred in 2022.

|                        |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Misc Utilities         | 1900  |
| Electricity            | 9500  |
| Fish Food              | 11400 |
| Insurance              | 1600  |
| Maintenance & Supplies | 4200  |
| Capital Improvements   | 8600  |
| Permits                | 2300  |
| Fish Costs             | 4600  |
| Total                  | 44100 |

### Capital Improvements – 8100

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Computer project (OFAH grant) | 2550 |
| Replace hatchery fridge       | 1000 |
| New belt feeders              | 850  |
| Hatchery Wi-Fi                | 3700 |
| Hatchery Smart TV             | 500  |

### Trillium Projects – 33,000 (not shown in chart)

|                                      |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Meeting room ventilation & heat pump | 19300 |
| Doors & sidewalk                     | 13700 |

### Major Maintenance items

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Oxygen Meter Repairs  | 700 |
| replace hatchery sign | 450 |

## CLUB SPRING DERBY

Saturday, April 22, 2023

### FISHING START TIME

12:01 am Saturday April 22, 2023

### ENTRY FEE / TICKETS / INFORMATION

Bluewater Angler Members are free. Just show up. Non-Members need to buy a \$10 derby ticket. Tickets will be available at the April 11<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting, and at *The Outdoorsman* and *Buck's Baits* until 5:30pm on Friday April 21, 2023.

### ELIGIBILITY

The club event is open to both boat and shore anglers. If fishing from a boat, all people fishing must either be a member or have a ticket or the boat will be disqualified. All shore anglers must be a member or have a ticket.

### BOUNDARY

Boundaries are the same as those for the Bluewater Anglers Salmon Derby ... in the St. Clair River south to the south end of Fawn Island ... in Lake Huron north to latitude 43'20" (from the water treatment plant at Grand Bend west to north of Lexington, Michigan).

### WEIGH IN

Weigh-in is at the hatchery between 2:00 pm-2:30 pm. You must be in line by 2:30 pm or your fish will not be weighed. Limit of one entry per category per person.

### ELIGIBLE SPECIES

Walleye, Rainbow trout, Brown trout, Lake trout and Chinook, Atlantic (1) and Coho salmon.

### PRIZES

Cash prizes will be awarded for the 3 heaviest eligible fish entered in each category.

| Shore Category  | Boat Category   |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| First: \$100.00 | First: \$100.00 |
| Second: \$75.00 | Second: \$75.00 |
| Third: \$50.00  | Third: \$50.00  |

NOTE: A bonus \$100.00 prize will be awarded to the Bluewater Angler member who enters the biggest fish.

Draw prizes will be awarded to derby entrants. You must be present at the weigh-in to win a draw prize.

## KIDS TRAINING DAY

Saturday, May 27, 2023

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The Bluewater Anglers' annual *Kids Training Day* will be held at the Bluewater Anglers' hatchery in Point Edward on Saturday, May 27, 2023. Club volunteers will show the kids some basic fishing techniques, including rod and reel selection, proper casting techniques, knot tying, boating safety and more!

The number of kids will be limited to a maximum of 100 (down from 150) to minimize crowding. Each kid will get a chance (15 minutes maximum) to catch a fish from the hatchery pond. Draw prizes will be available for the kids. Hotdogs and pop will be available courtesy of the Point Edward Optimists.

Pre-registration is required so we can accommodate as many kids as possible. You can sign up your kids, grandkids, or neighbours' kids (recommended 6 - 12 years of age) by contacting Jo-Anne Eves at 519-383-0873 or [r\\_gary\\_1217@outlook.com](mailto:r_gary_1217@outlook.com).

Registrations will not be accepted before May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bring the whole family ... kids, grandkids, great grandkids. Bring a friend or neighbour and their kids too! We hope to see a large turnout.

## SHORELINE CLEAN UP

Saturday, June 17, 2023

9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Spring is here and it is time to do some spring cleaning. Come down to the hatchery at 9:00 AM on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup> and help clean up the shoreline between downtown Sarnia and the Point Edward water treatment plant. Our annual shoreline cleanup is one way the Bluewater Anglers try to help improve the fishing experience in our community.

Bring your gloves and wear sturdy footwear. We will provide the garbage bags. There will be hotdogs, pop and coffee at the hatchery around 11 AM. We hope to see you on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Bring your family and friends!

For further information, contact Ross Bishop ([donaldrbishop65@gmail.com](mailto:donaldrbishop65@gmail.com) or 519-331-6253).

# 47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL (2023) SALMON DERBY

Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

It is time to get your tackle ready! The start of the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual (2023) Salmon Derby is less than one month away. There are over \$50,000 in cash and prizes to be won.

We are looking forward to some excellent fishing and another successful derby based on last year's encouraging Salmon Derby results. The Salmon Derby format, rules and prize structure are much the same as they were in previous years. Why change a good thing!

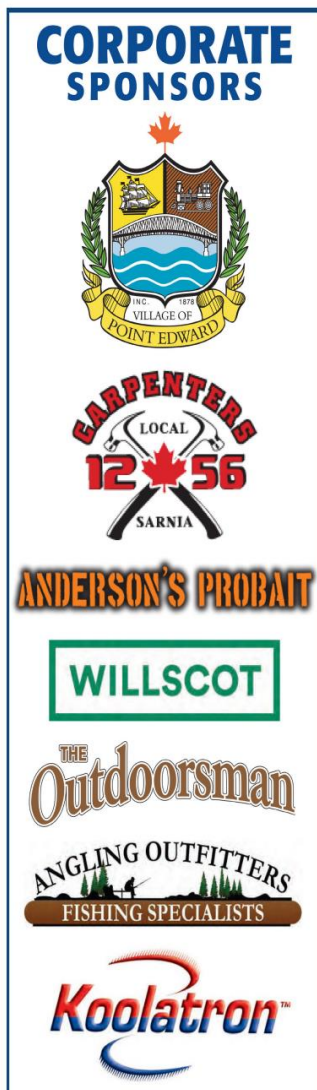
The **Village of Point Edward** continues to be a Salmon Derby Corporate Sponsor donating the \$5,000 cash prize for the largest salmon entered in the derby. The other six Corporate Sponsors this year are ... **Anderson's Pro Baits**, **Angling Outfitters**, **Carpenters Local 1256 Sarnia**, **Koolatron Canada**, **The Outdoorsman** and **Willscot**. In

addition, there are a large number of generous Gold Sponsors, Silver Sponsors and Bronze Sponsors.

We would like to thank the many Salmon Derby sponsors for their generous support. This event would not be possible without their generous assistance. Their support is very much appreciated. When considering your next purchase, please consider the many sponsors we have for this year's Salmon Derby.

Anderson's Pro Bait in Port Huron will be the location of the new, 3<sup>rd</sup> weigh station along with Sarnia Bay Marina and the Port Franks Community Centre.

We hope to see you and your friends on the water and at the weigh stations during the Salmon Derby. Good luck!



### - GOLD SPONSORS -

### - SILVER SPONSORS -

### - BRONZE SPONSORS -

- 3 Phase Electric
- A1 Security
- Allison Phair Hair Design
- B&B Taps & Grill
- Bayview Chrysler Dodge Ltd.
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- CAA Sarnia
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- Copper Blue Fishing Charters
- Crabby Joe's Restaurant, Petrolia
- Cross Works Physio
- Dowler- Karn
- Dreamweaver Lures
- Fenwick Motors
- Four Star Painting
- Sarnia Produce
- Great Lakes Spoons
- Grog's Pub & Grill
- Heywood Painting
- Iron Works Gym
- Liquid Mayhem
- Mackenzie Oil Limited
- MacPherson's Restaurant
- Mellon Inc.
- Mettler Toledo Inc.
- Play It Again Sports
- Purdy Fisheries
- Ranger Nets
- Raymond Blondin
- Refined Fool Brewing Company
- Wilson Plumbing and Hardware
- Salvatore's Restaurant
- Sarnia Heating & Cooling
- Sim Propane Limited
- Shelley Machine and Marine
- Silver Streak Lures
- Suncor Energy
- T.J. McCarthy's Ltd.
- Wesco Electrical Wholesaler
- Widder Station Golf and Country Club
- White Squirrel Golf Club
- Davy Jones
- Saucier Plumbing & Heating
- Sitara
- Wolverine Tackle

The Bluewater Anglers would like to pay **SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR SPONSORS**, many of whom have been with us since 1980 when we first took over the derby. They, like all of you, realize that every dollar raised by the Bluewater Anglers Salmon Derby goes right back into the fish hatchery account to cover operating expenses. So take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with our many derby sponsors. This event would not be possible without their much-appreciated support.

**Salmon Derby Awards Presentation**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7:30pm**  
The presentation of prizes will take place at the Point Edward Arena, Optimist Hall. Additional door prizes will be awarded.

**Our sponsors are the reason that the Salmon Derby is so successful each year. We appreciate their continued generous support. Please support our sponsors when you make your purchases.**



# 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Salmon Derby

April 28 - May 7, 2023

## 47<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL (2023) SALMON DERBY COMMITTEE



Jim Allen, Jeff Berry, Helen Blondin, Lloyd Blondin, Pete Bothwell, Matt Coqu, Mike Cybulski, Bob Daly, Al Dezort, Ralph Eves, Sarah Hall, Dan Harbaugh, Tammy Harbaugh, Harry Harris, Paul Heckley, Tom Watson, Fred Wondergem

## Salmon Derby Prize Packages

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|--|--|---|--|
| <b>TROUT - BOAT CAUGHT</b><br>Prizes will be awarded for the five largest Rainbow or Brown Trout caught from a boat.                                     |  | <b>TROUT - SHORE CAUGHT</b><br>Prizes will be awarded for the five largest Rainbow or Brown Trout caught from shore.  |  |
| <b>FIRST PLACE</b><br>- FOUR -<br><b>OKUMA Cold Water Rod &amp; Reel Package</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>THE Outdoorsman</b>                               | <b>- TWO -</b><br><b>CANNON Rod Holder and Track Combos</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>Islander Precision Reels</b>   | <b>FIRST PLACE</b><br><b>STEELHEADER Fishing Package</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>Lambeth ROD &amp; TACKLE</b>   |  |
| <b>SECOND PLACE</b><br><b>SIMRAD Cruise 5" 83/200 XDCR</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>ANGLING OUTFITTERS FISHING SPECIALISTS</b>                              | <b>THIRD PLACE</b><br><b>6 Hour Lake Ontario Fishing Charter FOR UP TO 6 PEOPLE</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>FISHING WITH FATS ONTARIO FISHING CHARTERS</b> | <b>SECOND PLACE</b><br><b>STEELHEADER Float Combo</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>Islander Precision Reels</b>  | <b>THIRD PLACE</b><br><b>LAMIGLAS 10'6" ML C1000 Rod</b> + <b>ABU GARCIA ZENON 30 Spinning Reel</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>ANGLING SPORTS</b> |
| <b>LAKE TROUT</b><br>Prizes will be awarded for the five largest Lake Trout.   |  | <b>WALLEYE</b><br>Prizes will be awarded for the five largest Walleye.  |  |
| <b>FIRST PLACE</b><br>- TWO -<br><b>SCOTTY Electric Downriggers</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>SCOTTY The Way To Fish</b>                                     |  | <b>FIRST PLACE</b><br>- TWO -<br><b>CANNON Electric Downriggers</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>JOHNSON OUTDOORS THE BEST OF ADVENTURE</b>  |  |
| <b>SECOND PLACE</b><br><b>SIMRAD Cruise 9" 83/200 XDCR</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>ANGLING OUTFITTERS FISHING SPECIALISTS</b>                              |  | <b>SECOND PLACE</b><br><b>SIMRAD Cruise 7" 83/200 XDCR</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>ANGLING OUTFITTERS FISHING SPECIALISTS</b>   |  |
| <b>THIRD PLACE</b><br><b>- 6 Hour - Lake Ontario Fishing Charter FOR 4-6 PEOPLE</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>FISHING WITH FATS ONTARIO FISHING CHARTERS</b> |  | <b>THIRD PLACE</b><br><b>- Half Day - Fishing Charter FOR 6 PEOPLE</b> + <b>- TWO - Rod Holder and Track Combos</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>SPORTY TOO Fishing Charters</b> + <b>Bert's custom tackle</b> |  |

## Salmon Derby Prize Packages

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| <b>1ST PLACE SALMON</b><br><b>\$5,000 CASH</b><br>compliments of<br><br><b>Village of Point Edward</b><br>Prizes will be awarded for the ten largest salmon  |  | <b>2ND PLACE SALMON</b><br>- TWO -<br><b>ISLANDER MR3 Mooching Reels</b><br>+<br>- TWO -<br><b>ISLANDER PREMIER SERIES Mooching Rods Combo</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>Islander Precision Reels</b>                   |  |
| <b>3RD PLACE SALMON</b><br><b>SIMRAD G09 XSE A1 3-IN-1 Chartplotter/Navigation System</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>ANGLING OUTFITTERS FISHING SPECIALISTS</b>   |  | <b>4TH PLACE SALMON</b><br><b>\$500 USD Gift Certificate</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>CISCO FISHING SYSTEMS</b>  |  |
| <b>5TH PLACE SALMON</b><br><b>\$1,000 Gift Certificate</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>Bluewater Padded Accents</b>  |  | <b>6TH PLACE SALMON</b><br><b>- TWO - Rod Holder and Track Combos</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>Bert's custom tackle</b>  |  |
| <b>BLUEWATER ANGLERS MEMBERS ONLY DRAW</b><br>To qualify you must be a paid up member by the day before you entered the fish.<br><b>\$1000 Canadian Tire Gift Card</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>CANADIAN TIRE</b> |  | <b>PRESIDENTS DRAW PRIZE</b><br>The winner will be drawn from all fish entered during the 10 day derby.<br><b>A Net Full of Fishing Tackle</b><br>(approx. \$500 value)<br>sponsored by<br><b>BLUEWATER ANGLERS</b> |  |

## Salmon Derby Prize Packages

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|--|--|--|--|
| <b>BONUS DRAW - PRIZE #1</b><br>The winner is to be drawn from all fish entered during the 10 day derby.<br><b>FISH HAWK Trolling System</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>THE Outdoorsman</b>   |  | <b>BONUS DRAW - PRIZE #2</b><br>The winner is to be drawn from all fish entered during the 10 day derby.<br><b>HALF DAY Fishing Charter FOR 4 PEOPLE</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>Blue Line Fishing Charters</b>  |  |
| <b>KIDS BIG FISH - BOAT</b><br>Presented to the child, 15 years of age and under, who enters the largest fish caught from a boat during the derby.<br><b>Mountain Bike</b><br>Model not necessarily as shown.<br>sponsored by<br><b>Jacobs</b> |  | <b>KIDS BIG FISH - SHORE</b><br>Presented to the child, 15 years of age and under, who enters the largest fish caught from shore during the derby.<br><b>Mountain Bike</b><br>Model not necessarily as shown.<br>sponsored by<br><b>Ed Jacques / ASSANTE HEALTH MANAGEMENT</b> |  |
| <b>LADIES DAY - BOAT</b><br>Presented to the lady, 16 years of age and older, who enters the largest fish of the day caught from a boat.<br><b>Saturday April 29, 2023 \$250 CASH</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>Jacobs</b>                         |  | <b>LADIES DAY - SHORE</b><br>Presented to the lady, 16 years of age and older, who enters the largest fish of the day caught from shore.<br><b>Saturday April 29, 2023 \$250 CASH</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>Ed Jacques / ASSANTE HEALTH MANAGEMENT</b>                         |  |
| <b>SENIORS DAY - BOAT</b><br>Presented to the senior, 65 years of age and older, who enters the largest fish of the day caught from a boat.<br><b>Wednesday May 3, 2023 \$250 CASH</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>Feige Family Denture Clinics</b>  |  | <b>SENIORS DAY - SHORE</b><br>Presented to the senior, 65 years of age and older, who enters the largest fish of the day caught from shore.<br><b>Wednesday May 3, 2023 \$250 CASH</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>Feige Family Denture Clinics</b>                                  |  |
| <b>DAILY BIG FISH PRIZES</b><br>Will be awarded for the largest fish entered each day during the derby.<br><b>OKUMA Downrigger Rod and Reel Combo</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>THE Outdoorsman</b>  |  | <b>DAILY DRAW PRIZES</b><br>The winners will be drawn from only those fish entered on that specific day.<br><b>Each Weigh-In Station will have Daily Draw Prizes</b><br>sponsored by<br><b>Koolatron</b>   |  |

## HELP WANTED PORT FRANKS WEIGH STATION

The Bluewater Anglers are looking for 1, or possibly 2, people to work at the Port Franks weigh-in station during the 2023 Salmon Derby (Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>).

**Responsibilities:** Identify and weigh fish at the Port Franks weigh-in station located at the Port Franks Community Centre.

**Requirements:** The successful candidate

- must be able to reliably identify the 5 species of fish (salmon, lake trout, rainbow trout, brown trout, and walleye) that can be entered in the Salmon Derby,
- must be willing and able to handle fish weighing up to 25 lbs. during the weighing process,
- must be available from Friday, April 28, 2023 to Sunday, May 7, 2023.

We would prefer to have one person who is available from 12:00 PM (noon) to 8:00 PM each day from Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> and 12:00 PM (noon) to 3:00 PM on Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, but the job could be split between two people who want to share the time at the Port Franks weigh station.

Please contact Paul Heckley ([pheckley@outlook.com](mailto:pheckley@outlook.com); [519-869-2593](tel:519-869-2593)) if you are interested or know somebody who might be interested in the position.



**IN-MEMORIUM DONATION**  
\$50 in memory of  
**Dan McDonald**



**IN-MEMORIUM DONATION**  
\$100 in memory of  
**Ivan Beauregard**



The following article was copied from the  
Great Lakes Sports Fishing Council  
January 2023 Great Lakes Basin Report

## **Lake Erie Walleye, Yellow Perch 2022 Hatch Results**

*COLUMBUS, Ohio – Results from the 2022 Lake Erie hatch surveys showed western basin walleye, central basin walleye, and western basin yellow perch hatches were above average, while central basin yellow perch hatches continue to be well below average, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Division of Wildlife. These results are consistent with the recent trend of highly successful hatches for both yellow perch and walleye in Lake Erie's shallowest and warmest basin, and strengthen the extremely positive long-term outlook for anglers.*

### **Western basin walleye**

*Division of Wildlife survey results are combined with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry surveys to configure a basin-wide hatch index. The 2022 western basin walleye hatch was 83 fish per hectare (a hectare is 2.47 times larger than an acre), the ninth largest in the survey's 35-year history and well above the average of 55.*

*"Lake Erie walleye anglers will continue to benefit from terrific walleye populations," said Division of Wildlife Chief Kendra Wecker. "This year's hatch will grow to catchable sizes in two or three years, when it will contribute to decades of excellent fishing in the Walleye Capital of the World."*

### **Western basin yellow perch**

*The western basin yellow perch hatch this year was also above average. The survey index was 572 young-of-year yellow perch per hectare, above the average of 461 and the seventh highest on record. Western basin yellow perch surveys are also combined with the Ontario MNR and Forestry to determine a hatch index.*

*Mid-summer and late fall yellow perch fishing in the western basin provided some of the best harvest rates observed in years, along with excellent size.*

### **Central basin walleye**

*In the central basin, walleye production continued a trend of above average hatches with survey results of 14 young-of-year walleye per hectare, well above the average of 6 per hectare. This was the seventh highest of 33 survey years.*

### Central basin yellow perch

For yellow perch, the central basin is split into two zones, the central zone (Huron to Fairport Harbor) and the east zone (Fairport Harbor to Conneaut). Results showed below average hatches in each, with an index of 3 young-of-year perch per hectare in the central zone, below the average of 39. Similar results were found in the east zone, with an index of 3 per hectare, below the average of 38.

Conditions did not favor the survival of newly hatched yellow perch in the central basin during 2022. Variability in regional hatch success is expected on Lake Erie because of the size of the lake, differences among basins, and prevailing weather conditions. Hatch success is largely determined by the timing and availability of favorable conditions for both spawning and survival of newly hatched yellow perch in the spring and summer. Strong lake-wide yellow perch hatches are rare. It is common to observe poor hatches in the central and east zones when those in the west zone are good, which is what has been observed for several years. When conditions favor the central basin, the pattern reverses. Long-term data support these observations.

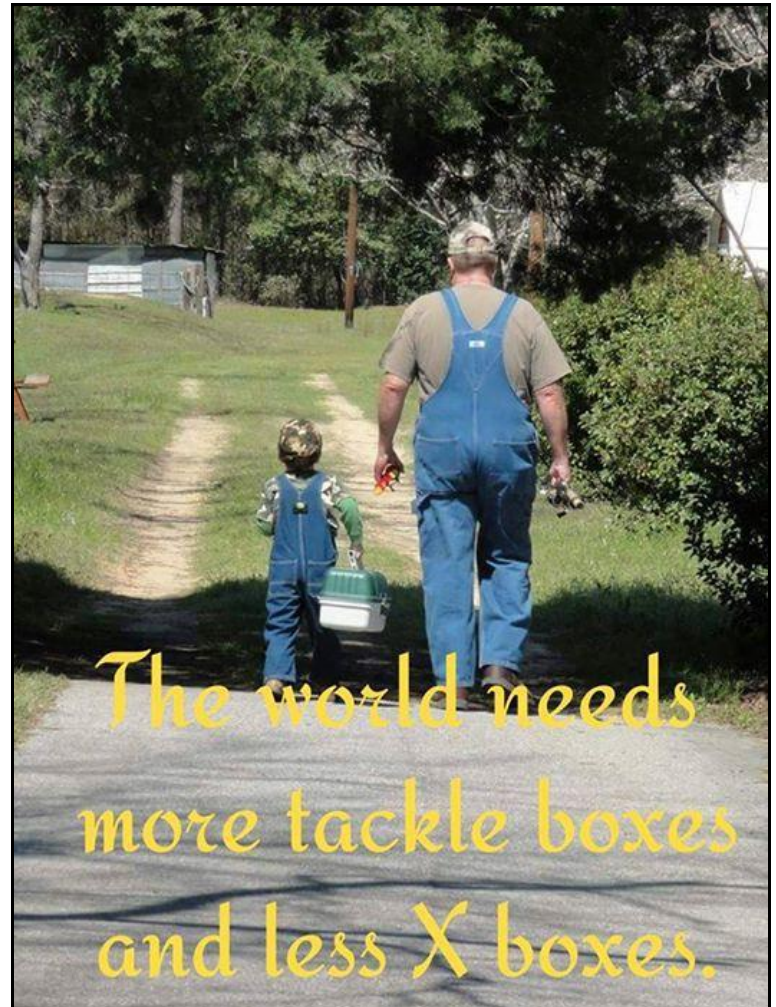
"Lake Erie yellow perch are surveyed and managed as regional populations within management zones. Our surveys during the past few years have shown a marked difference in the yellow perch hatch when comparing the west, central, and east zones," said Travis Hartman, DNR Lake Erie Fisheries Administrator. "The Division of Wildlife uses these zones to monitor perch hatches and, by comparing results to previous years, determine safe harvest levels."

### Lake Erie hatch surveys

The Division of Wildlife completes western basin surveys in August. Those results are combined with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry survey results. Additionally, central basin trawls completed by the Division of Wildlife from Lorain to Ashtabula in September and October are used in population models for characterizing regional yellow perch hatches.

Survey results are used in conjunction with results from the other Lake Erie Committee agencies to determine hatch success in each management zone. This information allows biologists to better estimate how many young fish will enter the catchable population two years later, which is one factor used to determine safe harvest levels each year.

The mission of the Division of Wildlife is to conserve and improve fish and wildlife resources and their habitats for sustainable use and appreciation by all. Visit [Division of Wildlife | Ohio Department of Natural Resources \(ohiodnr.gov\)](https://ohiodnr.gov) to find out more.



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The **Bluewater Anglers** are an affiliated club of the **Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters (OFAH)**. Membership in the Bluewater Anglers includes membership in the **Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters (OFAH)** since all members of an affiliated club must also be members of OFAH ([www.ofah.org](http://www.ofah.org)). Members can choose between an OFAH membership which includes the \$5 million personal insurance and OFAH benefits with or without the **Ontario OUT OF DOORS (OOD)** magazine. If you have a current **Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters (OFAH)** membership through another club or organization, then you only need to pay for your regular Bluewater Anglers membership.

Complete the form below to become a Bluewater Anglers member or to renew your current membership. More information about membership benefits can be found at [www.bluewateranglers.com/membership](http://www.bluewateranglers.com/membership) and [www.ofah.org](http://www.ofah.org). Contact Ralph & Jo-Anne Eves (519-383-0873 or [r\\_gary\\_1217@outlook.com](mailto:r_gary_1217@outlook.com)) for more information.

### BLUEWATER ANGLERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2023

Membership: New \_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_

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| (A) With a current OFAH Membership through OFAH or another club:<br>Bluewater Anglers Membership ONLY | OFAH Membership #                                  |  | OFAH Expiry Date  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior: \$10.00           | <input type="checkbox"/> Single: \$20.00   | <input type="checkbox"/> Family: \$30.00                      |
| (B) Without a current OFAH Membership Combined Bluewater Anglers AND OFAH Memberships                 | Membership Only - No Ontario Out of Doors magazine | Membership + Ontario Out of Doors magazine | Membership + digital Ontario Out of Doors magazine (by email) |
| Single Adult  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$47.00                   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$67.00           | <input type="checkbox"/> \$50.00                              |
| Family (** see Note 1)  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$69.00                   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$89.00           | Not Available   |
| Junior (under 18 yr. of age)  | <input type="checkbox"/> \$32.00                   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$52.00           | Not Available   |
| Bluewater Anglers Life Member   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$27.00                   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$47.00           | <input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00                              |

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**Note 1:** OFAH requires the Names and Ages of ALL members that are part of a Family Membership to make sure that each person is covered by the personal insurance and OFAH benefits.

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Make the membership cheque payable to the **BLUEWATER ANGLERS** and send the completed membership form to **Bluewater Anglers, c/o Membership Coordinator, P.O. Box 174, Sarnia Ontario N7T 7H9.**