

## Midnight Marble-eyes

*Notes by Stan Nichols*

Cast out, twitch, twitch, pause, count-one-one thousand, two-one thousand, three-one thousand, four-one thousand, five-one thousand, twitch, twitch, bang. You have a midnight marble-eye. May be the largest one of the season. That is the cadence Noah Humfeld recommends for catching fall walleyes from shore, after dark. Noah is a Madison area guide, gives a fishing report on 98.7 radio at 5:30 A.M. and 6:30 P.M. and has a website at [MadisonAngling.Com](http://MadisonAngling.Com).

Walleyes move into shallow water after dark to feed in the fall, usually when water temperatures drop below 55 degrees. That is where the forage is. Warm water and daylight push the walleyes into deeper water.

The first problem is finding the fish. There is a lot of shore access on the Madison Lakes such as the Tenney Park, Olbrich Park, and Warner Park break walls. Go around with your headlamp and shine it in the water (not too bright and not right in the walleyes eyes). Walleye eyes shine in the light. An area with scattered weeds is best. When you find fish, start casting. Sometimes those fish won't bite-go look for another spot where the fish are more cooperative or be patient until the fish start to feed.

Noah likes a long (7.5 foot or longer) spinning rod with a medium-light action, spooled with Suffix 832 ten-pound, braided line. Bright line is easier to see at night. On the end of the line he puts an 18-pound titanium leader and a size 3 VMC snap (toothy critters besides walleyes are likely to hit).

For lures he tries to match the hatch. Forage species this time of year are brook silversides, golden shiners, and fathead minnows so he likes translucent colored lures about four-inches long. Rapala Husky Jerks, Shadow Raps, shallow Shad Raps and, Rip Stops, Storm Junior Thundersticks, Smithwick Rattlin Rogues, and Vexan Rattling Wasps are all good choices. It is important to use suspending lures.



There are other options such as using big fathead minnows or small shiners on a dropshot rig, Rattle Traps for dirty water, soft plastic for clean bottom areas, silent jerk baits for neutral fish, and blade baits on open sand flats. For clear water he likes more stealth and doesn't use rattling lures.

Besides your fishing tackle you should take along a headlamp, a long handled net, a long handled needle nosed pliers, and a hook cutter-bolt cutter.

Depending how much you like dark, cold nights you can fish this way until the lakes ice up. Be careful out there. There are a lot of things going on in Madison in the dark of night besides a walleye bite.

**THE NEXT MEETING IS THE CHRISTMAS PARTY AND WILL START AT 6:30!!!!**

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# Jeff ("Northern") Western is at it again!



Please enter a 41 1/4" Pike in the YFC Contest for me. It was caught on Lake Mendota on November 8 on a glide bait. Larry Mothershead was the witness. Photos attached. Thank you.

Should add. This pike had such a large head. My head could have fit in his mouth. If it had a proportional body, it would have been over 50".

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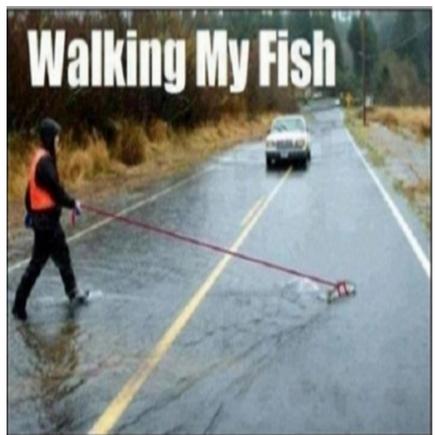
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## From Facebook



**Jim Pankratz**

November 28 at 7:55pm

Come join Charlie and Terry Grimm on our club white fish outing February 10-11 in Sturgeon Bay. We currently have 10 people signed up and many more expected. Don't miss this great club outing! Sign-up any club meeting or contact me directly.

Jim Pankratz 709-6442



## December—Club Pot Luck—6:30 Start!!

Bring a dish to pass. We will have the Pete Froland Award presentation, Paul Zoch will present the winners of the fishing contest, and there will be a brief business meeting.

## YFC Kid's fishing day raffle 2018

We've already started getting some great prizes for our raffle at the WI Fishing Expo 2/25/18. We need YOUR HELP selling raffle tickets and getting prizes too! If you would like to donate a prize or know of a business that may donate something to our club please let me know. We will be handing out tickets to sell at our October 11th club meeting and will do so every month until the expo. You can also get tickets by making special arrangements with me at any time.

Top prize \$1000, second prize \$500 plus many other great prizes. Let's make this our best raffle ever!

Jim Pankratz 608-709-6442 or [jimannepan@aol.com](mailto:jimannepan@aol.com)



Anyone know what this is about? Picture taken this summer of a sailboat in front of the Memorial Union.

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## Winter 2017 Fishing Seminar Schedule

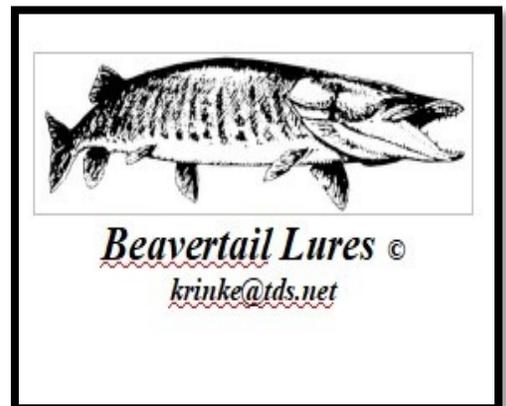
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### December 2017

12/7/2017 Pete Huph speaking on Jigging Tactics for Pan fish on Beaver Dam and Fox Lakes

12/14/2017 Brian Zubke and Austin Ragotzkie speaking on Bluegills and Crappies on the Madison Chain

12/21/2017 Jimmy Kusuda speaking on the Perch and Minnow Connection On Lake Mendota



## More from Facebook.

Ken Terrill posted in [Yahara Fishing Club Members](#).



**Ken Terrill**

November 29 at 10:23am

Finally found some waleyes yesterday evening fishing with John on Mendota using waleye minnows thanks to the advice from Gene at D and S Bait. Caught eleven fish all waleyes and one white bass all under 15 inches lost two larger waleyes.

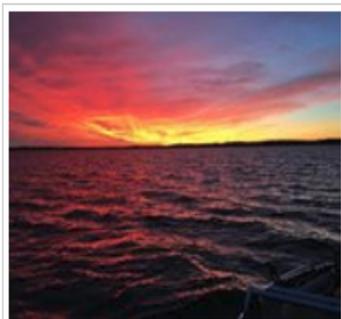
Fished off governors point and Duns bar in 15 to 22 feet and marked fish as deep as 26 feet. Also what a beautiful sunset.



**John Pribek**

November 29 at 10:36am

Well last night Ken completely out-fished me for walleyes – I got one puny one and he caught a bunch and was getting bites most of the night. But there's no reason to focus on that inconvenient truth. 😊 The way I see it, if I'm not good at catching walleyes, at least I can capture a beautiful sunset. So here it is from last night. If this is the last time I'm on the water in 2017, it was a nice end to the season. Thanks again, Ken.



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## YFC Board Changes for 2018

Karlette Schoen and Tom Wilke are joining the board, per the election held at the November club meeting. John Pribek and Roger Matiasek are stepping down.

### Mary Regel Helps Us Again

Once more Mary has donated \$500.00 towards the Kids Fishing Days from the Rod Regel Memorial Fund.

Thank You Mary!



## Notes from the Prez

This year's late fall weather has thrown us a bit of a curve ball. We suffered through wet, cold, cloudy, and generally uninspiring weather till nearly Thanksgiving, only to have the weather finally turn warm (and even occasionally sunny) going into the start of December. Now the forecast calls for winter to set in this week. All-in-all, it's been difficult to find some decent conditions for our favorite sport. After the marina closed for the season, my boat sat in the garage for a month as I waited for the weather to be good enough to make me want to get the boat out of the garage and into the lake for some late-season fishing. I finally gave up and took it out to storage, just as the weather improved a bit. The poor weather didn't get in the way of performing that annual fall chore that comes with owning a boat, namely winterizing the boat. At least that task doesn't seem quite as overwhelming as it once did; I even have a checklist to follow to make things go more smoothly, but it still takes a surprising amount of time. In the final analysis, it was nearly all work and no play this fall, as I scarcely wet a line. But next summer and fall will be better!

I am resolved (though admittedly somewhat hesitatingly) to do more ice fishing this winter. My lack of knowledge and experience certainly has held me back in the past, but I keep hoping to improve my skills. Maybe I can even find some opportunities to join some of our Club's knowledgeable ice fishermen for a couple of sessions on the ice, or maybe I can take in a couple of talks at D&S, to learn where and how to catch some fish through the ice. I did manage to acquire a rather good book on ice fishing, so at least I'll start with that. It's certainly good to be part of a great Club like ours where we have so many knowledgeable people who are willing to share what they know.

One constant every year is the Club's activities during the holiday season. We have our official annual meeting in November, and elect new Board members. This year

we elected two new Board members, and now look forward to Karlette Schoen and Tom Wilke joining (or actually rejoining) the Board starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. The only unfortunate part is losing John Pribek as a Board member as he takes a small step back from his time commitment to the Club. We have been very fortunate indeed to have John as a Board member, and he will be greatly missed at the Board meetings. Thanks to John for all of the time and effort he devoted to helping to manage the affairs of the Club! We welcome Karlette and Tom, and wish John well (and I hope he has more time for fishing). I should add that at this fall's November meeting, we had an inspiring presentation by Noah Humfeld talking about late season shore fishing for walleyes. It got me out a couple of times in late November (though I can't say I enjoyed anything like the sort of success which Noah described to us). As for the rest of the holiday season, be sure to come to the YFC annual Christmas party in December (more particularly, Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>). We'll plan to start the meeting a bit earlier than usual – I have been telling people 6:30 p.m., but I'll probably get there even a bit earlier than that. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy good food and socializing with fellow Club members. We won't have a speaker, but in addition to most of the usual announcements and preliminaries, we will have the presentation of the Pete Froland Award, recognizing exceptional service to our Club, and Paul Zoch will announce the winners of the various categories in the Club's year-long fishing contest (and he'll hand out the money to the prize winners!).

So, dust off your ice fishing gear, and then come to the Christmas party on December 13<sup>th</sup> at the VFW Hall. Let's all get in the holiday spirit, and in the mood for some fishing out on the ice when winter comes to the Madison chain.

Happy Holidays to all!

Gard Strother

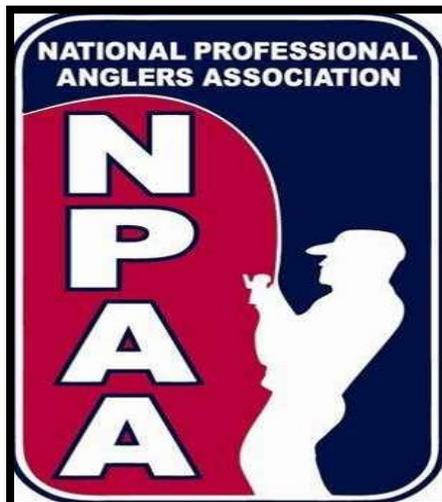
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## 2017 YFC Outings

Help create YOUR outings for our club! Let me know what you want to fish for and where and I will try to set an outing up. Better yet you can volunteer to lead an outing. Below is a calendar of likely and suggested outings for 2018. Thanks and looking forward to our best fishing year yet!

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January: Local ice fishing outing, 1/20 YFC Kid's ice fishing day, possible St. Louis River eel pout

February: Sturgeon Bay white fish 2/10-11, local ice perch fishing, possible Red Lake, MN walleye/perch

March: Local late ice fishing, Depere Fox River walleyes, possible Lake MI Coho, possible Oshkosh white bass.

April: Oconto river walleyes, Depere Fox River walleyes, Lake MI Coho/salmon, Clements Fishing Barge

May: Big Bay de Noc smallmouth, Lake MI salmon, local outing, possible Door County smallmouth, possible Vilas County smallmouth

June: Green Bay walleyes, YFC on water meeting, local outing, possible Lake Winnebago outing

July: local outing, YFC on water meeting, Canada Eagle Lake, possible Green Bay, Lake MI Charter

August: YFC on water meeting, local outing, possible Lake Winnebago outing, Lake MI Charter

September: Clements Fishing Barge, Lake Mendota northern, Lake MI salmon

October: Lake Mendota smallmouth/northern, Lake MI salmon

November: Tenney Park break wall walleyes

December: local outing



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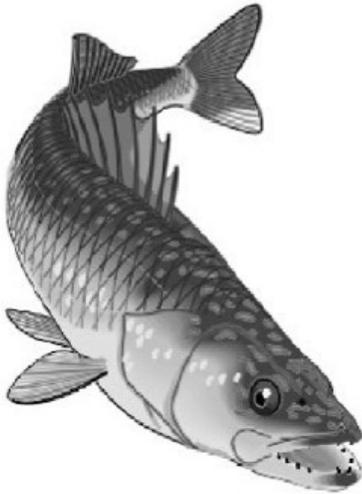
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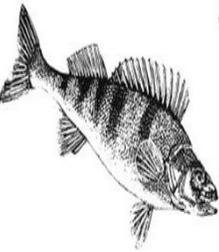
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The next YFC meeting is Wednesday, December 10th  
6:30 pm at the VFW Hall 301 Cottage Grove Road  
Christmas Party— bring a dish to pass.

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### December Events

December 13th, 2017, Christmas Party at the VFW hall at 301 Cottage Grove Road

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### January Events

January 10th, 2017, Regular club meeting at the VFW hall at 301 Cottage Grove Road.

Speaker club member Jim Kusuda speaking on new Perch Fishing techniques.

January 20th, 2017, a Saturday, Kids Ice Fishing Day at Brittingham Park.

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