

Kids Fishing Day 2017

Mary Regel has been supporting the club's summer and winter Kids Fishing Days for many years through a generous contribution to the club via the Rod Regel Memorial Fund. This year she posted the following on our Facebook page. What great pictures!

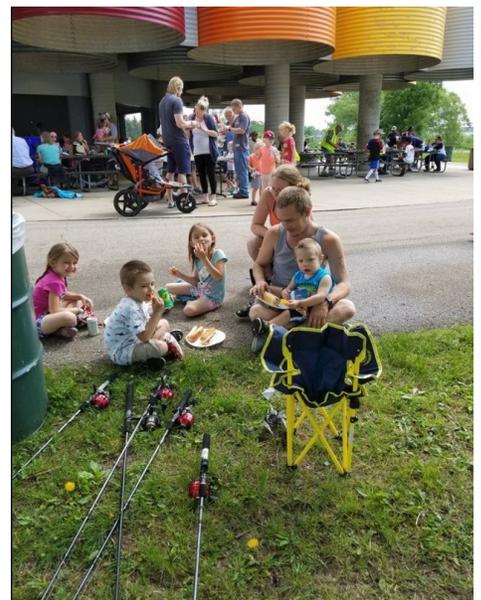


Mary Regel with Mary Anne Reed.

June 4 at 9:13pm · Madison, WI



A great Kid's Fishing Day organized by Yahara Fishing Club. Thanks to all the volunteers for making this another successful event. Hopefully we'll have some new fishermen!



What's a number? Big Bay Du Noc 2017

5 hours- That's approximately how long it took to drive to the Nahma Inn in the UP for our club outing to fish Big Bay de Noc.

10 is the number of club members who participated in this outing spread out over the week up to Memorial Day.

1 is the amount of giant porcupines we saw and almost hit on our way to the boat landing.

2 is the amount of nice days with the sun out instead of raining, cloudy, windy and cold for the whole month of May in Nahma, MI before we got there.

1 foot higher was the lake level this year compared to last putting the main dock under water most of our trip.

1-5 feet of water is where we caught all of our fish.

1/16 ounce was the size jigs we were using to catch them.

48-50 degrees was the water temperature Monday through Wednesday which equaled slow fishing.

58-65 degrees was the water temperature Thursday through Monday.

60, 80, 100, 200 were some of the numbers of fish we caught in separate boats during our time there.

So what is a number and how does it relate to fishing? The numbers this year at our Big Bay de Noc trip were everything! Earlier in the week club members Tom Raschke and John Pribek arrived to tough windy & cold conditions with water temperatures from 48-50 degrees. This made fishing challenging and a tougher bite. Then club member Eric Olson and his neighbor Corey arrived on Thursday to slightly better conditions but still a slower bite. Friday morning was more of the same until something happened that was rare that month, the sun actually came out. By the afternoon the water heated up quite a bit in the shallows and the fish came into them in big numbers. Eric and Corey had their hands full and were literally catching northerns on almost every cast and started catching big numbers of smallies too! The rest of us arrived that evening to have Eric meet us instantly at the bar and telling us about their epic 200+ fish day with most caught in just a few hours in the afternoon! The water temperature rose to 58-65 degrees and stayed that way the rest of the trip. The next day we were super excited to get out on the water and fishing was a little slower in the morning again but the afternoon made up for it. We had several bite offs with pesky northern but then settled into a 2-4 foot area of sand, rocks and pencil reeds which was the key to just hitting the smallies and finished the day with 40, 60, and 100 fish. Sunday we brought our numbers up to 80 fish and pulled a 21" over 7 lbs smallie which was literally caught in 1 foot of water and was the biggest smallie I have ever seen! As a group we caught many 19-20" fish at 5-6 lbs. Although all baits seemed to work which included Senkos rigged wacky style, beaver tails, crank baits and swim baits we settled on simply using 4-5 inch Kalin's grub tails on 1/16 ounce jigs. The swim baits seemed to attract the northerns just as much as the smallies although we had plenty of bite offs on the Kalin's too. The real reason was that we were fishing really shallow and over the top of or in between pencil reeds and the Kalin's didn't get snagged as much or the tails broken off like the swimbaits and those Keitech are a lot more expensive!. Color didn't matter at all and after a bet and lecture from me about it I switched to purple and we caught fish on that, white, smoke, brown, avocado, pumpkin and silver. It was another great trip with great hospitality, fish and porcupine stories to be told and numbers! Finally the numbers of Widowmaker beers were plenty and the amount of smiles for the trip as a whole a 10!



Left - 21 smallie over 7 lbs caught by Roger Aiello.
Above - Jim Pankratz with a bass



Emails from the pioneers to Jim Pankratz

John should add to this, but we caught fish every day, though it was hard work. We got pike and a bunch of smallies, some decent sized. The water is high - to the point of being above the dock at Nahma - and water temps between 48-50. It was pretty much impossible to fish without weedless hooks. I don't recall catching anything in less than about 5' of water. The Nahma Inn was great. It is pretty up there, a bit on the rainy side, but we were fine. All in all a good trip but no boatloads of fish. Tom Raschke

We fished the channels by Nahma and a bit to the west on Monday. It was too windy to do much else. Tuesday we fished from the landing at Ogontz south quite a ways, way south and west of the island, only picking up smallies in 5' about a mile south of the landing. The lake was a sheet of glass. Wed. we did Puffy and John got one smallie, but it was getting pretty rough. On the way back we fished the Menominee river at Stephenson Island and got a smallie and some bites. Laurie says the season seems 10-14 days late. John Pribek

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This kid was pretty excited over his first bluegill of the day!

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Outings

Want to go on an outing? Want to get to know other club members? Want to fish locally or new lakes out of town chasing the hottest bite? Have a place you want to go to? Then you simply need to sign up to say you're interested in going on any or all of these outings. An outing can happen with enough interest but if no one signs up then the outing can't happen. Outings without exact dates are either weather dependent, river levels and based on the timing of the bite. Once you're signed up you will get more specific details of the trip.

Summer 2017:

June 14 On the Water meeting on Lake Mendota: Let's use legendary YFC member Jack Hurst's technique to put a hurt on the white bass and the information learned from recent speaker Eric Haataja to catch smallies, walleyes and more! Meeting/fishing starts at 6:00 PM at Warner Park boat launch.

June 10th Lake Monona Panfish Outing: Lake Monona is on fire right now. Get out there! Look for a separate email on this.

Louisiana: We have club members wanting an outing chasing redfish and tuna. Contact me if interested so we can set this up!

Lake Michigan: We will be setting up a salmon charter fishing trip out of Port Washington. Join a group of club members for a great time. Please contact me if interested

Lake Erie: Want to go on a walleye, smallmouth or perch outing on Lake Erie this summer? Contact me.

Canada- I just booked my Canada trip for July 2017 how about you? If you want to go to Canada NOW is the time to prepare! We have a trip going to Eagle Lake again in July but you can go at ANY time with several resorts to choose from. How about Rainy Lake? Lake of the Woods? Lac Seul? Get excited and let's start planning a trip of a lifetime!

USA- Canada too far or other reasons? How about traveling within the US to the Minnesota sides of Lake of the Woods or Rainy Lake? Devil's Lake? Lake Oahe, SD? Lake Gogebic, MI? How about our Big Bay de Noc outing? Green Bay?

Guided trips on local lakes, Green Bay/Sturgeon Bay or others: If anyone would like to learn a lake better or techniques with a guide, join other club members to get a better rate. Contact me if interested.

All outings above are open to club members, our Rock Valley Angler friends, your family and friends! We need members with boats but you can participate even if you don't have one. Sign-ups will be at club meetings but look for a new link out on our website soon. As always you can contact me at any time to sign-up or if you have questions or just want advice.

If you have any outing ideas please let me or anyone on the board know!

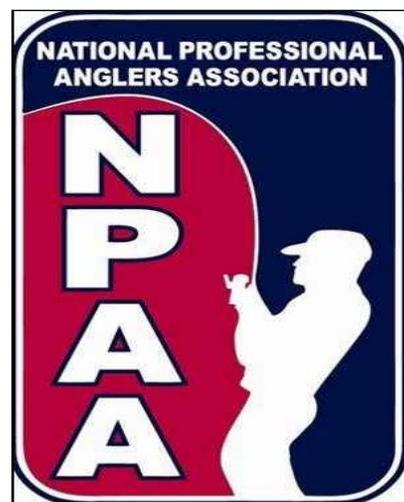
Jim Pankratz

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Mary Regel Helps Us Again

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

Thank You Mary!



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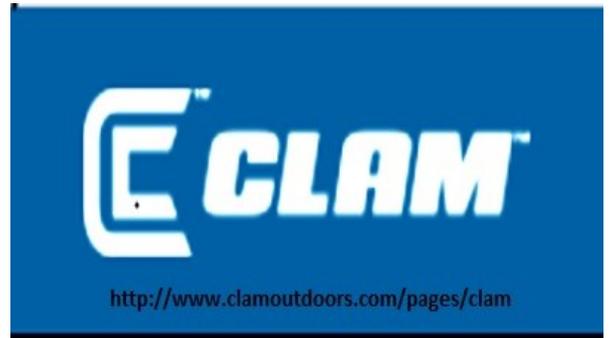


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Notes From the Prez

The June meeting is at Warner (apparently the renovations to the boat landing have been completed timely) and the July meeting is at Olin. August meeting will be at Lake Farm Park. All 3 summer meetings will start at 6:00 p.m., with food available to all. Fishing is the objective, so there will be only brief "business" meetings with announcements while people eat dinner, and before heading out in the boats. All with boats who can bring them to the meetings are encouraged to do so.



May Speaker Dan Oele Notes by John Kanvik

New Fisheries Biologist for Dane, Rock and Green, DNR
Email is Daniel.Oele@wisconsin.gov, phone 608-221-6338

Dan has an extensive college and aquatic research background.

He reported on results of the Waubesa Netting Survey for 2017. Lots of bass, walleyes, northerns and musky. Not so many gills, perch or crappies. Details can be found on the DNR website.

Note from Editor—I have not been successful in finding the current fish survey data Dan mentioned, and sent him an email asking about this. I will follow up on this.

Good perch class in Mendota expected in 2017.

Walleye Tagging. Dan will let us know when they get the database up and running. Until then if you get a tagged fish you can email him or leave a phone message with the tag number, where and when caught, and the length of the fish

Invasive Survey

Hello,

The Dane County Land and Water Resources Department manages an Aquatic Plant Harvesting Program to cut and harvest Eurasian watermilfoil and other invasives from county waters. From now through the end of August 2017, Dane County invites area residents to participate in an online survey to complement the county's comprehensive assessment of aquatic plant communities and the harvesting program.

I am writing to invite you to include this information in your next newsletter (or other communications) to your community to know about this opportunity to provide input.

Link to Survey <http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07ee5uic15j2kkodgr/a014hj311hzf8/questions>

Thank you,

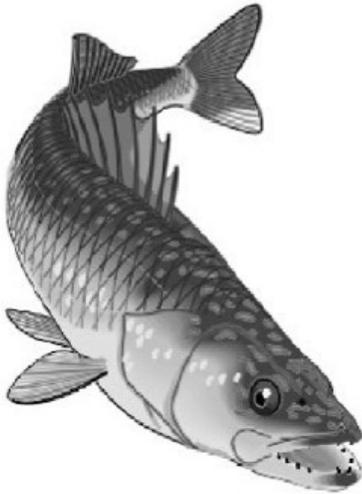
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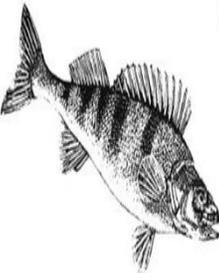
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**The next YFC meeting is Wednesday, June 14th,
6:00 pm at the Warner Park Launch**

Calendar of Upcoming Events

June Events

June 3, 2017, Kids fishing Day at Warner Park

June 14, 2017, First On The Water Meeting, 6:00 pm at Warner Park Launch

July Events

July 12, 2017, Second On The Water Meeting, 6:00 pm—Olin Turville Park Launch

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