



# October 2012

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## Paul Zoch – Fall Walleyes

*Notes by Randy (The Babe) Winkleman*

When Paul talks walleyes, people listen! Club member Paul Zoch started fishing nighttime walleyes back in 1970. Over the years Paul has become one of the finest nighttime walleye fishermen any of us know. Paul began fishing Lake Mendota back in the 70's and learned quickly, walleyes bite in fall and you can catch them from shore. One of the biggest keys to being successful when fall fishing for walleyes in the evening, is being flexible. It begins with understanding how wind, weather and baitfish can be the difference between an ok night to a phenomenal night. Paul Observed over the years it wasn't the baits you used that was most important, it was the weather. Fall fishing not only can produce some really nice sized walleyes, but you also may catch some pretty good muskies too.

Paul likes those evenings when weather changes throughout the day scattering baitfish and sending walleye in search of food. Many times, those nasty windy evenings can be the most productive. Falling barometers are sure to get the fish going. Dead calm nights have their moments too.

### **Keys to Paul's success:**

- Key in on moon phases, 3 to 5 days before a full moon can pay big dividends.
- Frequent those lakes which seem to have less baitfish in fall.
- Watch the barometer and what it does throughout the day.
- Pay attention to lure color.
- Use wind to your advantage.
- Warm spell in Late November/early December will trigger walleyes.
- Evaporation cooling the walleye bite seems to be best right at sundown.
- Light on the water attracts baitfish which attracts walleyes.
- Replace bright hooks with darker colored hooks.

### **Some lures to consider:**

- Jointed Rapalas
- Bombers
- Plastic Kalin twister tails
- Countdown minnow baits

Paul uses a plain polymer knot to tie lures directly to the line.

### **Colors:**

- Perch patterns
- Bright Orange for dark stained water
- Fleck patterns – those which mimic bluegill and crappie. Cotton candy

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Paul Zoch, continued

Rods:

- 7" fiberglass pole rigged with 10 to 12# test line for minnow baits
- Graphite rods for jig and plastics – 8# line

Locations to consider:

- Tenney Locks
- Picnic Point
- Second Point
- Law Park
- John Nolan Bridges
- Lake Wisconsin – ferry landing and Okee bridge
- Elks Club
- Trestle on Lake Waubesa
- Outflow on lake Waubesa
- Any area with current flow.

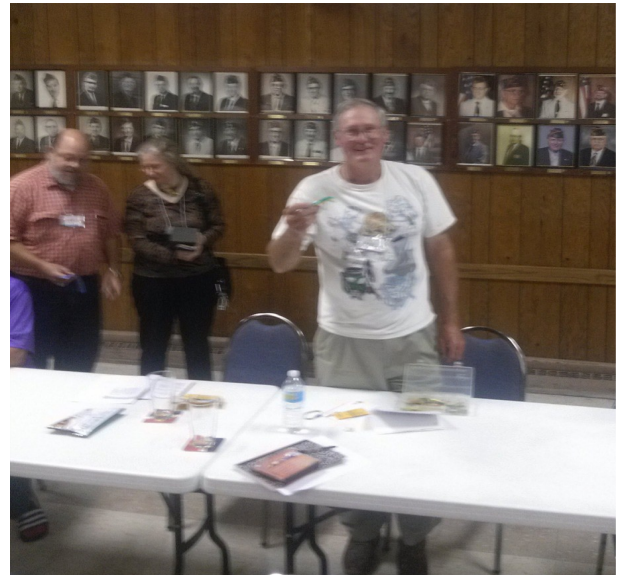
Paul has already begun his nighttime walleye fishing and his early prediction is for Lake Monona to be the hot ticket this fall. Remember, be flexible, listen to where the fish are biting and more than anything, get off the couch one of these nasty, windy evenings this November or December!

### Fish and Chicken Dinner a great success but we need more YFC volunteers.

We had a very successful Fish and Chicken Fry at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on September 10. We estimate we served about 200 people. As you know this is a major fundraiser for our club.

If we have another fry I would appreciate more participation from our members. We should not expect St. Paul to provide volunteers to do all the needed tasks to put the fish fry on.

Thank you to all who bought tickets and helped in setting up, preparing, fish frying, serving and cleaning up.



Paul with Larry and Mary Ann Reed in background

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## OUTINGS FOR 2012 – 2013 – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Outing changes and information

The Clements barge outing will be 2 days, a Friday the 12th and Saturday the 13th of October. This to accommodate retired and working folks. I will have a car pool sign up at the meeting on the 9th or contact me if you will not be at the meeting and want to car pool. We will leave the West Towne Mall parking lot near Sears Auto at 5 am

For the Northern Pike outing on Lake Mendota on Nov. 3rd, I will have a signup sheet at the Nov. 9th meeting so we can pool non boaters with boaters. Place is Warner boat launch, time is leaving dock at 8am. Duffy will provide more detail on tackle, methods and hot spots at the next meeting, also see his article in the newsletter and on the Yahoo site, as our Nov. meeting is after this outing.

Perch in January may turn into an open to the public "FISHERIE" as a fund raiser for the club and a fun time for all. Same date, the weekend of the 19th , volunteers needed to head this up. More later as things develop.

Reelfoot Lake, TN, Blue Bank Resort, I have booked the "hunters Lodge" which accommodates up to 14 persons. If couples or single females don't care to stay in the Hunters Lodge with all the guys, separate rooms can be booked in the main lodge adjacent to the Hunters Lodge. Check out "www.bluebankresort.com" This will be a 4 day trip, Sunday to Wednesday, April 7th to the 10th. The cost per person is \$299.00 which includes lodging, 16' john boat, 9hp motor, gas, ice, bait, etc. The lodge requires a \$100 non refundable per person deposit in early January to secure the booking. Consider the option of all meals in the restaurant for \$125 for the trip, otherwise we are cooking. It's about an 8 hour drive to this warmer climate.

Whitebass in May will not happen. Instead we will head to Green Bay for Walleye action. This will be a Friday - Sunday deal, but feel free to join up w/ your fellow YFC members any one of those days. Dates are May 17 to 19th. More detail to come on lodging, launch sites, etc.

That's it for now,

Tom Klein

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YFC November Club Outing

Our Nov. 3 outing should be interesting. It always is this time of year. The weather can be nasty and you need to be prepared for just about anything. When you look at photos of big fish, rarely are the people in a tank top and shorts.

Pray for an overcast day. Rain would be OK also. If this discourages you, fishing at this time of the year probably isn't your "bag".

We will take off at about 8:00am from the Warner boat launch (hopefully the city will leave at least one dock in the water). If this changes, I will let you know.

I will be bringing some heavy bass rod/reels along with some muskie stuff. These fish can be tough on equipment. Leaders are necessary. I have 6" 30# Berkley leaders on my bass gear. I have 130# fluorocarbon leaders on my muskie rods. 30# Spiderwire Stealth line on my bass rods and 80# Spiderwire InvisiBraid on the muskie rods. I will be bringing my gear to the Oct. meeting along with a wide selection of baits to show - including the JB Irresistible Spoons.

A minimum of 3/4 oz. spoons up to 5 1/2" Gator Spoons, big, white spinnerbaits and anything else you can think of that will attract their attention. They can be very aggressive and many times color doesn't matter. Spinnerbaits with Colorado blades seem to be better. More vibration and it is easier to keep them above the weeds.

My boat will be in about 9' of water most of the time as the key to finding these fish is summed up in one word: WEEDS. If you can find good, green weeds, there are fish around.

Let's put the myth to bed that these fish "put on the feedbag" this time of year to prepare for winter. Baitfish are concentrated more this time of year and these fish are opportunistic and will eat more because it is easier for them.

I will have a map so that I can show you areas that I have had a lot of success so far this fall. I will try to also have a picture of my sonar as I have waypointed all the significant fish I have caught since the start of September. You will be surprised as to what a concentrated pattern shows up.

I may have to help administer a playoff football game that day, but I will be at the dock at 7:30am until take off at 8:00am. I will do whatever I have to put you on fish.

If you have any questions, just shoot me an email: [ljkopf@tds.net](mailto:ljkopf@tds.net)

Duffy Kopf

YFC November Club Meeting

Hey everyone.....just a reminder for october meeting.....we will not have a guest speaker but instead a kind of fishing hobby demo night.....please don't consider anything special you do to catch more fish to be not worth talking about.....bring something to demonstrate.....learning is one of the great things about our club!.....i think about the things i've learned listening to duffy, eric olson, jim kusuda or watching paul zoch or jerry paffenroth on the water.....all this has made me a better fishin' guy.....i will be pouring jigs with daniel and showing a simple set-up to wrap or repair rods.....since we will be walking around chatting for an hour or so, somebody maybe could bring a couple snacks?.....hope to see you all there on oct 9

thanks so much charlie



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## Notes From the Prez

Fall has arrived and the leaves are at their peak. Temps have been great for fishing the last few days and the fish are now pumping up for the winter months. Meaning they are hungry and biting. It's a good time to get out there and catch some big ones.

At our October board meeting we will be voting in our new board members. We have three positions open. So be sure to get your nominations in to me by the start of the meeting. Also, we are making a call for nominations for the Pete Froland award. The award is given to the individuals who have made a long term contribution to the Yahara Fishing Club.

Thanks to those who helped out at the fish fry at the church. It takes a lot of work to put this on and we appreciate those who volunteered to cook the fish, chicken, and shrimp. Also those who sold tickets, took tickets in and helped serve the dinner and clean up. Also thanks to Colleen who did two 50/50 raffles. Thank you!

It looks like some nice salmon were caught on the salmon outing. Way to go! October 13th is our Clements Barge outing and Tom will be sharing more details at our meeting. November 3rd is our Northern Pike outing lead by Duffy.

October meeting will not have a speaker but will be more of a demo night. It will be a time to learn some new things from how to use a slip bobber rig, to tying various knots, etc. If you have something you would like to share please bring it the meeting. This is a good way to get to know the members in the club.

Until then, get out and fish!

Karlette



Duffy in the rain.

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## Port Washington Salmon Outing

Success! We hit some beautiful weather, fine camaraderie, and even caught some fish thanks to Captain John's acumen. Total was 7 fish - one Lake trout, one Coho, 5 Chinook, unfortunately also lost 4 species unknown but probably Chinooks the way they fought. We also enjoyed the smoked Salmon Jesse had done in the comfort of the Iverson 36' Pace sport fisher (iversonsportfishing.com). After the charter we walked across the parking lot for a burger and beverage and recap of the morning. Port is a charming town and the boat ride out to deep water is short out of the harbor. All in all, a fine day.

Tom Klein



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## From the Forum

### October 1 and 2

Sent 9/29

I'm off work the first week in October. Anyone interested in getting out on the water/meeting up for some fishing those days let me.

Chris Cell 608-279-3648

### Lake WI

6:55 am 10/1/2012

Fished Saturday for Walleyes & Saugers on the upper end just down from the block house (area before the cut to Folk's bluff) & the stretch by Bob's landing also. Jigging large fatheads w/pink 1/4oz jigs. If you were not vertical & w/gentle lift & drop, couldn't get a hit! Had over 50 bites landing 30 (one nice keeper). Plus all the whitebass & Goats you want.

Go Pack, Kevin

### Port Washington Salmon Fishing - FYI

9:01 am 10/1/12

There are lots of fish in the harbor at Port Washington. Most people are fishing them from shore but there are also a few boats trolling in the harbor. The guys using spawn sacs by the power plant are catching lots of kings and a few coho and rainbows. The cohos and rainbows have beautiful orange meat. Many of the kings have turned dark but there are still a few silvery ones. Even a dark 15 lb. king is fun to catch. There are also several guys casting spoons from the rocks in the harbor. They are primarily catching kings.

An east wind is desirable in that it keeps the water in the harbor roiled up. If the water is really clear, the fish don't bite. Fishing should be good for a couple of more weeks.

Karl

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The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 9th, at the Lakeside VFW Hall (John Nolen Rr. & Lakeside St.)  
The Board Of Directors meet at 5:45 pm, The General Membership meeting starts at 7:00 pm.

**Meeting will Feature Member Demonstrations**

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### October Events

October 9th, regular club meeting. See comments page 4.

### November Events

November 3d, Warner Park, See Page 4.  
November 13th, regular club meeting.

The Yahara Fishing Club's doors are open to **EVERYONE**, so invite a friend to the meeting!

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