



Yahara Fishing Club September 2026 Newsletter

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On the Water at Olin

We wrapped up our summer on-the-water meetings with a beautiful evening at Olin Park on Aug. 12. As a special bonus, Kevin Tvedten got Jack Hurst out on Lake Monona for some productive (though not easy) bluegill fishing (see page 2). It's always bittersweet to say goodbye to our summer on-the-water meetings, but as we all know, the fall brings some of the best fishing of the year. On that note, check out the great fall outings the club has planned (starting on page 4)!



THE SEPTEMBER 9 MEETING IS BACK AT BOWL-A-VARD LANES

Max Smith, a former northern Wisconsin fishing guide and now an inventor/lure developer and multispecies angler, will talk about his journey and his seasonal smallmouth and largemouth bass tactics. It'll be a great presentation to kick off our fall speaker series. Join us at 7 p.m. on Sept. 9 at Bowl-A-Vard Lanes in Madison.

Lake Monona on-the-water report from Kevin Tvedten (via the club members' Facebook page):

Got Jack Hurst out at 3 p.m. on Wednesday (club outing – Aug. 12th). It was brutally hot and no wind at that time. Fishing was really tough that afternoon. Nice turnout and eats later on.



The fishing may have been tough, but as you can see, Jack and Kevin persevered for some nice gills when all was said and done!

YFC Partners with Madison Parks for Second Access-Railings Dock

By Ken Terrill

Greetings YFC members. I wanted to update you on the new dock at Olin Park boat ramp that our club has been working with Madison Parks. On July 20th Phil James, Rick Krueger and Ken Terrill met with Joel Ringgenberg from Madison Parks and walked on and provided ideas on the new dock that had been constructed at the Olin boat ramp.

The club members liked what they saw and were very pleased with the new dock. The YFC has been working with Madison Parks for over the last 5 years to improve the accessibility by establishing hand rails at the boat docks that Madison Parks manages.

The first dock was started at Warner Park boat launch three years ago and then this year the dock at Olin Park has been installed. The next new dock is planned at Olbrich Park for 2027.

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Phil James, Ken Terrill and Joel Ringgenberg on the new dock at Olin Park

All club members should be proud of the work that our club has accomplished in working with and providing incentive funds to the Madison Parks Foundation managed by Madison Parks.

A nice sign has been put on each of the docks recognizing the efforts of these organizations in the design and construction of these new docks that have access railings. Thanks!

YFC Salmon Outings Report

By Gerald King

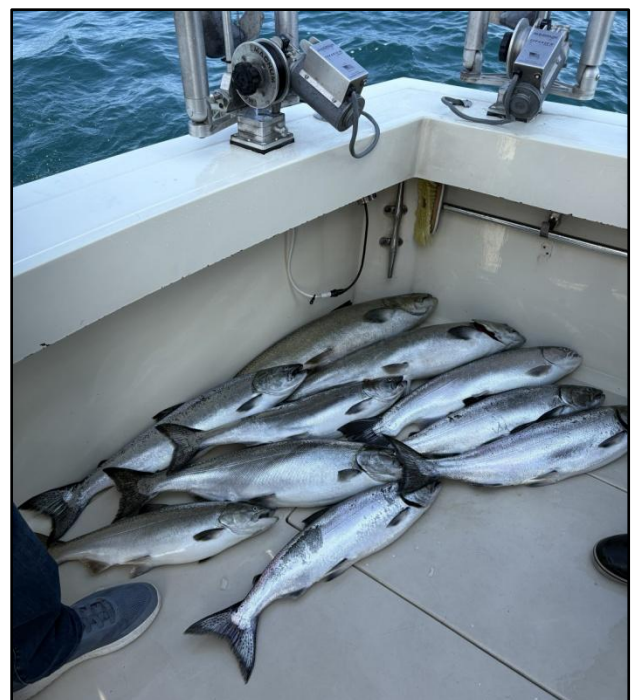
Early Thursday morning on Aug. 27 the first of two boats left the dock with these six people that are in the picture: Max Shpak, Vern Mahlkuch, Tim Zemanovic, Ron Tims' friend Mike, and Kevin Kline. It turned out to be a tough bite on Thursday the early boat with the trip landing 13 fish, 12 were king and one steelhead.



Then on the second boat the bite was even tougher. At the end of the trip we had a total of 10 fish, nine being kings and one steelhead. Pictured are Sam England, Bob Kerl, Gerald King, Brandon Strayer, Lester Mass and Jim Pankratz.



Save the dates for next year's Sturgeon Bay salmon trips. The dates will be Sunday, July 18 early boat and Monday, July 19 early boat. I'm not going to have another boat for August so if you want to go get you name on the list early before the two boats fill up. I would like to thank all those that went on the three charters this summer and I hope they all had fun. Until next year keep the line in the water. Thanks!



*Some beautiful salmon from the Aug. 27
second boat out of Sturgeon Bay*



And They Catch Some Beauties Out of Port Washington, Too!

Club members Joe Zillmer, Tim Drascic and Vern Mahlkuch also had a productive salmon charter trip out of Port Washington on Aug. 28.



For great additional pictures compiled by Joe (including a video), go to <https://photos.app.goo.gl/xN12wi7vRNY4Ri9ZA>

Fall Club Outings

By Jim Pankratz

Fall Salmon Outing: Late September – October – November

We will be chasing salmon in the Milwaukee Harbor, Port Washington, Racine Harbor, and the Lake Michigan tributary rivers. We will try jigging the gaps or throwing cranks or using slip bobbers in the shallows. With medium-power rods, hang on for a battle you won't forget!

Mississippi River Lake Onalaska September – Early October

This is a fantastic fall trip for panfish and tons of bluegills. Perch, crappies and more are all possible. With a 15-fish limit per species and

the allure of JUMBO perch, this is going to be a great outing!

Lake Geneva October

Let's hit the clear waters of Lake Geneva without the summer crowds for smallmouth bass, walleyes and bluegill.

Lake Mendota October-November

Fall is great time to target big northern with bonus catches of walleyes and bass on the right day.

Tenney Park Breakwall

This shore fishing outing is a Fall Classic targeting walleyes and northern. The bite should start in late September or October and will last until the lake freezes.

Sign up for these outings through our club email, at a meeting, or by contacting me by phone or text.

We are a fishing club. Let's go fishing together!

Jim Pankratz (608) 709-6442

Don't Miss Our Upcoming Fall Speakers!

Max Smith is scheduled for the Sept. 9 meeting. He's a former northern Wisconsin fishing guide and now an inventor/lure developer and multispecies angler. Check out his site at www.topfrog.com

Oct. 14th is Keith Reopelle, who will talk about climate change and the impacts on Wisconsin waters. Learn more about Keith and his work at https://wigreenfire.org/sa_council/keith-reopelle/

On Nov. 11 we'll hear from Wisconsin Conservation Warden Jake Donar. Jake is a conservation warden for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR). He serves in the Southwest Region and is based

out of the Fitchburg Service Center in Dane County.

Need a few more salmon pictures to get you interested for next summer's club charters? Well then here you go. ☺ These are from the Aug. 27 and July 29 boats out of Sturgeon Bay, respectively.



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The September 9th meeting is at Bowl-A-Vard Lanes

Our featured speaker is Max Smith. He'll talk about his journey as a part-time employee at Dorn's; former full-time fishing guide; and inventor/lure developer. Max is a multispecies angler whose presentation will focus on seasonal tactics for smallmouth and largemouth. See what Max is up to at <https://www.topfrog.com/>, and join us at 7 p.m. on Sept. 9 at Bowl-A-Vard Lanes (2121 E. Springs Drive, Madison).

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 7 p.m.: Monthly meeting at Bowl-A-Vard Lanes (see above).

Lots of club outings planned for September and October! Read more about them on pages 4 and 5.

Wednesday, Oct. 14, 7 p.m.: Monthly meeting at Bowl-A-Vard Lanes. Our speaker will be Keith Reopelle, discussing climate change and the impacts on Wisconsin waters (see more about upcoming speakers on page 5).

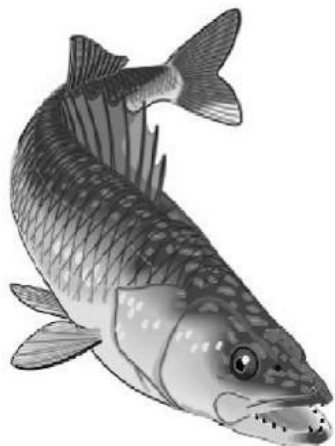
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