

9-6-25 MWS Manistee K-SB and Pier event Recap

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Hello MWS Members & Friends,

Last Saturday ended up being a whole lot more fishable on PM Lake than originally forecast.

The winds were between 15 & 20 MPH out of the SW, so while there were small craft advisories out on the big lake, PM lake only had waves less than one foot, totally fine for trolling.

Jeremy Kenward hit the water before sunup and captured the great photo of the Badger before heading out of port.

Jeremy also repeated last years feat of boating a 13# king about 11:30am using a three way rig w/ a uv Orange & yellow thunderstick above and a yellow & orange spoon w/ silver dimpled underside on the bottom (The King hit the spoon). Gus Nelson had two hits with short battles which has lead to bigger hook discussions for his Thunder sticks . Michelle & I put in our pedaling hours to no avail using multiple Thundersticks & J-Plugs. We did try our luck w/ the warm water species and found a nice pocket of willing sunfish in the 8-9" range. Jeremy also landed a nice 24" pike on the pedal back in.

We pulled lines about 1PM and headed back to the Chouse for a picnic lunch of Dogs and sides w/ fresh cantaloupe from one of the nearby roadside stands.

Sunday had similar conditions w/ winds out of the west, but still doable with respect to waves on PM lake. Jeremy & Gus each had hits but no battles. I did stay committed to trolling but without any excitement. All and all a great weekend chasing the silvers we all love.

There are two more Kayak-Small Boat chinook salmon events (9/6 in Manistee and 9/27 also in Manistee). There are also two Beach/Pier events yet in 2025 (10/18 Ludington and 11/1 Manistee).

I hope you get a chance to join us!

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