

# ERIEAU TOURNAMENTS Thurs. and Sat. - JULY 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

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The Erieau tournaments are special times for many of us! This year was no exception! The tournaments were to include steelhead and walleye again this year but the steelhead did not cooperate by visiting the Erieau area. Weather was another interesting part of the tournament weekend. .

Ports Captains Clyde Schoen and Chris Christoph hosted the Thursday July 13<sup>th</sup> tournament.

The weather forecast was for high winds; at 6am winds were 21 mph with gust of 31 mph. All decided that this was a bit much for holding a morning tournament. Clyde and Chris decided we would have lunch at 1 pm and then have the tournament start at 3 pm and weigh in at 7 pm! All liked that plan! Chris provided a very enjoyable lunch and all had a good visit while waiting on the seas to calm down.



## Erieau Tournaments July 13, 2023

## Port Captains: Clyde Schoen/Chris Christoph

Last	Thur First	Boat	WE Place	WE Total	Weighed	Lbs	Pts	Total	WE	WE	C y Pts			Crew
									Big Fish	Big Fish	Place	BF	Tot	
Schoen	Clyde	Fishin' Machine	1	15	6	18.55	30	48.6	4.15	3.40	8	1	9	3
Christoph	Chris	Reel Affair	2	9	6	16.55	30	46.6	4.65	2.90	6	2	8	4
Bellemore	Ron	Keepin' it Reel	3	18	6	13.10	30	43.1	2.75	2.65	4		4	3
Nabors	Henry	The Alternative	4	2	2	4.25	10	14.3	2.65	1.60	3		3	2
<b>4</b>	<b>Boats</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>52.5</b>			<b>14.2</b>	<b>10.6</b>				<b>12</b>

There were 44 walleye caught during our tournament with 20 being weighted! Fishin' Machine came in first place and had the 2nd and 3rd biggest fish! Reel Affair came in second and had the biggest walleye at 4.65 pounds! Keepin' It Reel caught their limit but had smaller fish! The Alternative did not do so well! Still learning how to fish for walleye; Clyde and friends said we have to check the lines every 15 minutes for small fish, etc - which we had not been doing! We were all pleased to have completed the Thursday tournament!



**Great Day on Lake Erie at  
Erieau, Canada!**

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Captains Ron Bellemore and I hosted the Saturday July 15<sup>th</sup> tournament. The plan was to be out early and complete our tournament for the 2 pm weigh in! Well, the weather forecast on Friday evening was for thunder storms for Sat. morning. It was decided to meet at 7 am Saturday morning to evaluate the weather conditions. The storm was moving north of Erieau. We decided to start fishing at 9 am and have weigh in at 3 pm to allow for plenty for fishing time!

Co-Port Captain Ron and Kelley Bellemore grilled our hamburgers and sausages and laid out a very tasty lunch for all to enjoy! At weigh in time, we had a rain storm hit! That was a lot of water in a short period of time - therefore no pictures of fish to show you!

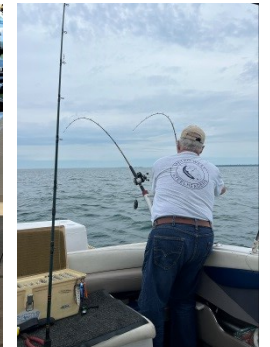
This time The Alternative listened to the advice given on Thursday and checked the lines every 15 minutes. We came up with a lot better result! Nancy and I caught 10 keepers (two of our 12 fish limit were caught on Friday evening). The Alternative came in 1st place this time with 17.25 pounds and the second and third largest walleye. Fishin' Machine came it second and had the biggest walleye for the day landed by Bob Olari - 5.0 pounds! Keepin' It Reel moved up one slot by getting one tenth of a pound more than Reel Affair for their six fish! Interesting that 44 fish were caught which was the same number caught on Thursday!

## Erieau Tournaments July 15, 2023

### Port Captains: Henry Nabors/Ron Bellemore

	Sat		WE	WE					WE	WE	C of Y pts			
Last	First	Boat	Place	Total	Weighed	Lbs	Pts	Total	Big Fish	Big Fish	Place	BF	Tot	Crew
Nabors	Henry	The Alternative	1	10	6	17.25	30	47.3	4.25	3.05	8	1	9	2
Schoen	Clyde	Fishin' Machine	2	15	6	16.35	30	46.4	5.00	2.45	6	2	8	3
Bellemore	Ron	Keepin' it Reel	3	12	6	14.65	30	44.7	2.85	2.45	4		4	2
Christoph	Chris	Reel Affair	4	7	6	14.55	30	44.6	4.10	2.45	3		3	4
<b>4</b>	Boats	<b>Total</b>		44	24	62.8			16.2	10.4				11

Captain Chris had four on board Reel Affair from his Church family and they had a blast! Jorma (15), his grandfather Stan Schlegel and Pastor Paul Yanke had a great time fishing and being together on Reel Affair. Great memories and lots of learning! Captain Clyde had an experienced crew of Ron Olari and Karl Szulczewski; that crew has been together for many years! Captain Ron fished with family for the two events - Kelley, Gary and Darcey Grant (B-I-L). Nancy and I were the crew for the Alternative! We had great fun visiting and fishing together at Erieau, Canada!



Kathy Nobles, Erieau Marina Manager and long time friend to Metro West members, took great care of our crews - more than a few that use handicap tags at home! Thanks Kathy! It is always a pleasure working/playing with the Erieau Marina staff!

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**The Alternative view of spending a week in Erieau:** Nancy and I usually spend a week with the boat at Erieau Marina during the Metro West Tournament weekend. This year was no exception! We have not been able to go to Canada easily for the last three years; so this was a special treat to start the tradition over again. It was good to talk to Kathy, Jim and Dave about the changes that have occurred in their families.

Ontario has a DNR regulation that has a daily catch limit and the possession limit is the same. That means that when we get 12 walleye, we have to travel home and drive back to Erieau. That is not an issue in that we like to sleep in our bed at home a few nights during our week at Erieau. So we sleep on the boat until we have a limit of fish; we then go home and spend the night and go back the next day if the weather is fishable! This week we made three trips home! In total we traveled 725 miles during the week. In our F150 Lighting the trips were quiet, smooth and less expensive than previous years making the trip in our Expeditions. All charging was done at home at a cost of \$42. We saved over \$110 in energy cost and 800 pounds of carbon produced when burning gas!

On Wednesday we drove to Erieau to bring the The Alternative home and get in one more chance to catch a few walleye for the freezer! We had success! We got our limit before we pulled the boat at 7:30 pm. The last two were our biggest! Nancy caught a 4.65 walleye and then I caught a 5.2 pounder! Nice way to end the trip!

Yes, we did take the advice to check the lines frequently! We also learned that if we took the lines down to depth (40' to 50') and then release the lines and let them drift up slowly, we hooked fish on the way up ! Fun to feel the fish hit the spoon!



PS: Dave, it was very enjoyable talking to you about Electric Vehicle and to future possibility of adding EV chargers at your marina and the possibility of accommodating electric boats out a few years. I have LOOKED at the Four Winns H2e electric boat on their website! Looks like an exciting future!