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2007 Fishing - Tough but Busy

From the start of the open water season fishing has been tough with what seems to be many contributing factors. Starting with a warm Spring the walleye spawn went quite rapidly this year and from that time walleyes changed their normal patterns. Not returning to the gravel bars as they should walleyes for some reason went to the mud flats where they were hard to find this took a few days to make the adjustment.

Spawning went well for all species which then provided an enormous amount of bait fish for all the game species throughout the summer.

Between this great spawn and several major cold fronts this added to tough conditions. Going from 85 degree temps one day to 40 degrees the next caused surface temps to go up & down and never give us stable conditions.

However, there seems a third factor to enter in play this year and that is our drought. As down-state got pounded with rain the floods, the Northwoods has seen very little water this year. Many of our lakes are 10 to 18 inches low and many launches are hard to get into. WE NEED RAIN BADLY!

All fishing has not been bad as one we do get some stable weather. Fishing does pick up and I do catch some fish, musky fishing although tough as been the best as walleye continue to be elusive. Bass have been very good but I did find many good schools of big crappies this mid summer.

Fall is now arriving and the fish seem to be returning to the patterns of this time. Muskies seem to be putting on the feed bag early so expect an early winter.

Fall Musky Season Now Let This Slip By if you want a Trophy!

Without-a-doubt: Fall musky season is the best. I keep repeating this but it is the truth. Many people can not understand that fishing in water temps below 50 degrees can be some of the best trophy fishing in the world; "I used to be a believer of warm water ways."

In the last four years I have come

to terms that this is TRULY the best time and my method of Fall fishing increases your chances. Muskies really "chow down" this time to put on winter fat and can increase their body weight at least 25% and more. These fish have great color and the returning of these fish to the water has a better survival rate!

Norman returns to the North-



woods and catches yet another legal musky! 3 in 2 years!

With all that is going with weather and conditions this has become my busiest year of guiding. With many guests returning and many new guests to arrive; "I thank you for your patronage, support and understanding".

Approaching - Do Not

This is my favorite FALL Photo - It could be YOU!



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Special points of interest:

- Good Musky lures for the Fall Manta's, Hellhound, Bull Dawg.
- Spray your braided line with "Rod & Reel Magic to keep out some of the water absorption.. Or reverse wind them to put newer line up front.
- I prefer fluorocarbon leaders.
- Check your snowmobiles NOW
- THANKS - Heckel's Marine, St. Croix Rods, Lowrance, Yamaha, & Power Pro

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Lunar Esox (Musky) Workshop Will Return Next Year

This years first Lunar Workshop was ready and waiting but it was unfortunate not to have any attendees. With special rates for lodging & guide service for two days we had no one take advantage of this most predictable time for catching muskies. Much science has been applied to many different feeding time on fish.

First there is the most common, 2 Major feeds and 2 minor feeds, in a 24 hour period. These feeding periods are effected by tidal times that would be in your specific area. (a major is a 2 hour window and a minor is a 1 hour window) Then there is the MOON DOWN and MOON UP times when the moon is directly below the earth and directly overhead.

The Workshop I have followed is the times of Joe Boucher and follows “MOON RISE & MOON SET” during the FULL & NEW Moon. Fishing at night and extreme early mornings has been a most predictable time.

Despite no takers this year many of the guides did go out to fish this periods. We are well equipped for the “Nite-Bite” with headlamps, & flashlights so there is no fear to go out at this time.

Here are a few fish caught during these phases of the Moon and we do have more testimony.

The workshop returns next year in June, July, & August - **SO WATCH FOR DETAILS!**



Caught at night in the Full & New Moon Phases of this summer Ami's 35 inch fish & Kip's 48 inch catch to top some nice fish caught during this time!



150 DAYS or Bust!!!!

As I stated in my other article I have been extremely busy this year. Not all with my guests but every possible chance I can get to follow the fishing patterns.

Destine to make 150 days on the water this year chance seem very possible. On the last day of August I put my 94th day on the water. With three months to go and 90 Days available (September, October, & November) it would seem a goal to be achievable.

Fall is my overtime period as I really think it is the best time for trophies and to get 56 days out of those 90 is a possibility.

Last years season took me right down to the close of the musky season which is the end of November. It is a funny thing as this time of year many lakes can have ice on them but I have learned which lake freeze first and which stay open longer. It become “musical chairs” with the lakes at the end. By the time I fish my last open lake I take a week to winterize my boat and put my open water gear away, and I can go back to my first lake and start ice fishing, one continuous cycle

“Fall fishing, whether for walleye or musky, has GREAT opportunity to catch trophies; call today and check available dates!”

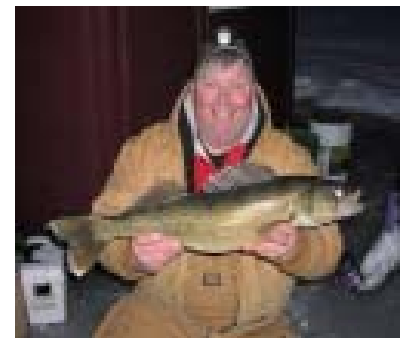
What Is The Winter Forecast?

Well I have been a little off on my predictions in the past but if the forecast is based on bookings it should be a good winter for snowmobiling & ice fishing. As of today's newsletter I already have two snowmobile tours and two ice fishing outings **BOOKED.**



Come and Join us for a Group Ride!

Last year's winter was bad for snowmobiling but GREAT for ice fishing as snow levels were low for most of the season and temps cold. This made the ice fishing good for moving around.



Or go out for some Winter Walleyes!

Holding Prices for 2008!

For my fourth year in-a-row it appears I will hold my prices for next years season with a few modifications. Gas expenditures this year have been very high and there appears to be no relief for next year. I do however want to give returning guests and new guests who book an early entry, a reprieve. Guests who book in advance with a deposit will receive the same pricing we have held over the last few years. If your booking comes in less than 3 days an additional fee will be charged. A booking form must be received.

2008 PRICING (Proposed)

Type Outing	Price	<3 day notice
1/2 day	Still \$195.00	\$220.00
Full Day	Still \$295.00	\$320.00
Split Day	Still \$350.00	\$375.00
Family Shift	Still \$295.00	\$320.00
Night >dusk	Still \$225.00	\$250.00
Early AM	Still \$225.00	\$250.00
Extra Hours	Still \$25.00	N/A
Extra Adult	Still \$25.00	N/A

MULTIPUAL DAY DISCOUNTS

Receive 5% discount on the 2nd day of booking and received 10% on the 3rd day of booking or any day after. Discounts only apply to equal Full Days, Split Days, or Family Shift Days. **You can email me or visit my website for term descriptions.**



Don't Forget those BIG Fall Muskies

Muskies Inc. RVP Report

For some of who are members of Muskies Inc and/or following the story, last year I was voted in as Regional Vice President (R.V.P.) for the Headwaters (Chapter 12) based in Eagle River. So far it has proved to be an interesting position and I am working to improve our organization. In addition I have been working with the Strategic Planning Committee to restructure this International institute. Expected soon, should be a regionalization plan to streamline operations of a growing membership.

I will be working on an off-season endorsement of building memberships in this great organization. Planned is a sponsorship of people such as yourself, that if you join and list me as your sponsor to the organization, I will discount a Full Musky Guide Day by the price of your membership. **“YES”** I will pay for your membership to Muskies Inc. if you join MI and book an outing with me. **This is a value of \$35.00.** So don't delay if you need a membership form contact me and I will send you one. Remember: you must Join MI first (and it must be Chapter 12), list me as your sponsor, and book a full day with me and I will discount that outing by the cost of your membership!

“Join Muskies Inc. and receive all types of amenities such as 12 months of the Muskies Inc Magazine, 12 issues to the Chapter 12, Newsletter, (both offering GREAT musky information & tips) Also receive numerous travel discounts that come with a MI membership.”

Champion 17'6" DC Elite Tournament Bass/Musky High Performance Boat For Sale

If you are looking for a fishing boat you need to see my personal tournament boat I am selling. Here is one of the best Bass/Musky Boats I think that was ever made, the **Champion Elite**. This boat is in excellent condition and will get you to your fishing spot quickly & safely. The model is the 17'6" Dual Console and is powered by a 150 HP Mercury Optimax. It has many special features as it was a “Spec” boat built to my own satisfaction. Boat, Motor, Trailer, and cover along with many extras and special features. Features that make this boat a High Performance Boat. Features such as:

- * CMC Power Lift Jackplate
- * Hydraulic Steering [See the Video](#)
- * Hot Foot Throttle Control
- * S. S. 4 Blade Trophy Prop

For Detailed information and a good look at the boat you can view a 27 minute video on my website that will cover all features plus take you for a ride in the boat, so visit the web at; www.HaveRodWillTravel.com and go to the **“for sale page”**. A HIGH QUALITY DVD is available of this video upon request.



A Great Boat FOR SALE !!

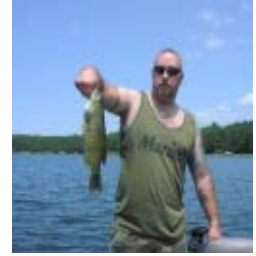
Guests (Near and Far) Visit the Northwoods!

This year has been exceptional for guests from around the States and even from overseas. With many visitors from, California, Arkansas, Texas, Nebraska, Nevada, and many other States my **"Far Away Award"** goes to Simon who is a musky enthusiast from ENGLAND and a big Soccer / Rugby Coach staying here in States for awhile. Simon was an accomplished angler but a 1/2 day could not get his musky he did get a nice Northern Pike though— **Simon from England**



The Guest Page: People Catching Fish with H.R.W.T.

Here are Photos from a Few of this years Happy Anglers



Abe (23-1/2 Walleye)-Angelo (Big Crappie)-Bob (Nice Smallie)

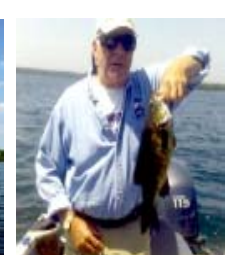


Brady 's 1st Walleye – Cindy has Fun— Garrett from CA.

More Guests Below:



Jake's Big Crappie — 13-1/2 Perch by Lynn -Danny's BIG Smallmouth - Lucas "little guy fun" - Joe Nice Walleye



Mark -(Smally) Scott- Largemouth Sal- Largemouth Frank & Matt- Crappies Martin- Smally Jim- Smally

All these people and many more, having a GREAT & FUN time fishing!