

Good day Anglers.

Here are the results from the Walleye Widow Classic Fishing Tournament held yesterday July 22nd, 2023. We had a total of 9 teams fishing the tournament, with a total of 24 anglers comprising the teams.

The anglers experienced a fishing day with clear sunny skies, temperatures at the start-up were in the 60's rising to the mid 80's by the 1:00 PM finish time. The morning winds were in the 10 to 13 mph range, lightening up as the fishing day wore on. The teams found the majority of their fish at many different depths, with many different presentations proving effective. Most of the teams used a number of presentations to boat their fish, presentations included a combination of slip-bobbers, casting jigs tipped with either plastic or live-bait, pitching crank-baits, bottom bouncers with spinners, long line trolling crank-baits and in this tournament, we had anglers sharing that they incorporated the use of fishing with lead-core in their fishing techniques.

The teams after the 1:00 PM finish time, trailered their rigs up into Lakewood Park recreation area for the weigh-in, awards ceremony and meal. The anglers enjoyed a meal of grilled Rib-eye steaks, potato salad, macaroni salad, garlic bread bites, with brownies for dessert post the awards ceremony. A wonderful afternoon of fellowship was experienced amongst the anglers. Everyone involved said they truly enjoyed the fishing day and the meal and they all wished to send out an invitation to more LRAA members to join us at the 2024 Walleye Widow Classic. A "GREAT" time was had by all.

2023 Walleye Widow Classic Fishing Tournament Champions - Jessica Anderson & Tressa Lesmeister

1st Place – 25.1742.80 lbs. – Jessica Anderson & Tressa Lesmeister

2nd Place – 24.95 lbs. – Kim Behm & Vicki Reynolds

3rd Place - 6.87 lbs. - Jennifer Jacobson

4th Place - 5.32 lbs. - Hayley Dauphinais

5th Place - 4.38 lbs. - <u>Haley Merrow</u>

Largest Walleye - 3.33 lbs. - Jessica Anderson & Tressa Lesmeister

Largest Northern Pike - 4.56 lbs. - Kim Behm & Vicki Reynolds

Largest White Bass - 2.98 lbs. - Jessica Anderson & Tressa Lesmesiter

Here are the Walleye Widow Classic Tournament, Catch / Harvest totals; 1) total number of fish caught, 2) total number of pounds of weight of fish caught, 3) the average @ round weight of each fish;

Walleye: - 27 Walleye caught @ 40.73 lbs. - an average weight of 1.51 lbs. per fish

Northern Pike: - 3 Northern Pike caught @ 10.89 lbs. = an average weight of 3.63 lbs. per fish

White Bass: - 11 White Bass caught @ 24.91 lbs. = an average weight of 2.26 lbs. per fish

We will be sharing some photos from the Walleye Widow Classic in a future communication as soon as we finalize the processing of the pictures.

We wish to extend a special thank you to our Walleye Widow Classic coordinator, Jason Albert for his efforts in organizing this event. Congratulations Jason, on putting together such a fun event.

The next LRAA Fishing Tournament will be the Adult-Child Fishing Tournament, which will be held on Saturday August 12th, 2023 out of Graham's Island Landing. The fishing hours will be from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with on-site registration starting at 7:15 AM. Checkout our LRAA website (click on the link below) to access our Tournament Fishing Schedule & Rules form and our Angler Sign-up Registration Form.

https://www.lakeregionanglers.com/tournaments.html

Come and fish the Adult-Child Fishing Tournament with us. If you are unable to fish the event, come out, join us in sharing some Fellowship at the end of day weigh-in starting at 3:00 PM. Tournament coordinator Jay Hagen will be serving a light lunch and refreshments after the tournament day. Looking forward to seeing you there.

"Wishin You Good Fishin"

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