

Lake Erie Fishing 101

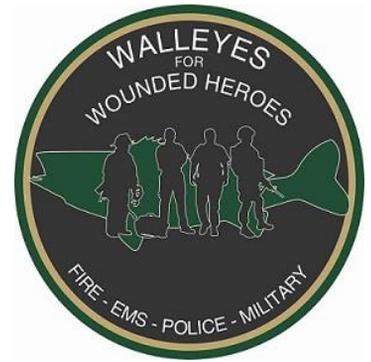
**Saturday, March 11th - South Shore Marine
1611 Sawmill Parkway, Huron, OH**



Sponsored by Grady-White Boats - Hosted by South Shore Marine

- Doors open at 8 am. Seminar from 9:00 to 2:30 pm followed by raffles and 3-way drawing
- Professional seminars
- Complimentary light breakfast with coffee and catered lunch & beverages.
- Anglers Alley – Local vendors offering equipment and lures specifically targeting Lake Erie Fishing
- \$20 donation
- All proceeds benefit Walleyes for Wounded Heroes and Youth Challenge.

Meet the Organizations You Support



Walleyes for Wounded Heroes, Inc., (W4WH) provides opportunities for our nation's current or former uniformed members of the United States Armed Forces, sworn Law Enforcement Officers, sworn Fire Fighters and sworn or affirmed Emergency Medical Responders, all of whom have been injured from combat operations or line-of-duty service, to fish and reconnect with nature's healing properties.

<http://walleyesforwoundedheroes.com/Default.aspx>



Youth Challenge brings together young people with physical disabilities and teen volunteers who inspire each other through adapted sports, recreation and social growth activities.

<https://www.youthchallengesports.com/>

Lake Erie Fishing 101 - March 11th, 2023

- 8:00 to 8:50 Doors Open – Anglers Alley
- 8:50 to 9:15 Introduction – Walleye for Wounded Heroes, Youth Challenge
- 9:15 to 10:00 **Walleye Migration – Using Telemetry to Understand Movement Behavior.** Matt Faust, ODNR
- 10:00 to 10:10 Break, Anglers Alley
- 10:10 to 10:55 **Jump Start Your Lake Erie Walleye Fishing Experience -** Sammy Cappelli and Jason Fischer
- 10:55 to 11:05 Break, Angler Alley
- 11:05 to 11:50 **Jump Start Your Lake Erie Walleye Fishing Experience Continued-** Sammy Cappelli and Jason Fischer
- 11:50 to 12:50 Lunch, Anglers Alley
- 12:50 to 1:35 **Perch – The Science and the 2022 Experience.**
Church of Perch - Michael Breay and ODNR Matt Faust and Heather Luken
- 1:35 to 1:45 Break, Anglers Alley
- 1:45 to 2:30 **Lake Erie Fishing Townhall**
- 2:30 to 3:00 Raffles, 3-Way Drawing and Closing



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Seminar Overview

Walleye Migration – Using Telemetry to Understand Movement Behavior

Matt Faust will introduce how and why fisheries biologists use acoustic telemetry to study fish movement, along with what Ohio Division of Wildlife staff have learned from a decade of tracking walleye migrations throughout Lake Erie and beyond.

Jump Start Your Lake Erie Walleye Fishing Experience

Sammy and Jason utilize their professional tournament experiences to help you quickly shorten your walleye learning curve. Planer Boards, Dipsies, Worm Harnesses, Bottom Bouncers, Reel Calibration, Current and Shallow Water fishing will all be covered.

Perch – The Science and the 2022 Experience.

Matt and Heather will focus on what the ODNR surveys showed in the western and central basins. Results from this year's bottom trawl survey (i.e., hatch strength), along with sport and commercial fisheries, will be presented. Includes an overview of ongoing research that the Division of Wildlife is undertaking with partnering agencies with OSU to better understand potential changes in perch behavior. Michael Breay will identify 2022 productive perch locations.

Lake Erie Fishing Townhall

This is your opportunity to ask the experts your most pressing questions. Subjects can range from seminar topics to other items of interest not covered.



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Sammy Cappelli

National Walleye Tour Pro

Sammy brings strong tournament success to his seminar presentations.

- 2017 Cabela's National Champ
- Qualified last two years –National Walleye Trail Championship top 40 pros - best finish 6th
- Fished Cabela's Masters Walleye Circuit for 4 years, best finish 3rd
- Fished the Ohio Walleye Federation, Walleye Madness and Lake Erie Walleye Trail for years, points champion several times and was champ for two clubs in same year.
- Career winnings; 3 boats and total of \$320,000 in cash and prizes

Sponsors; Bandit Lures, Lurenet, Vexus boats factory sponsored, Mercury pro team, Lowrance pro team, Offshore tackle national team, Denali rods, Cisco Fishing Systems, Lure Lipstick Fishing, Blood-Run Tackle, Northland Tackle, Fisherman Central.

Sammy's favorite body of water is Lake Erie, but Green Bay is a close second. Loves to hunt with wife, dad and kids. He is from Youngstown Ohio and is married to Rhonda for 29 years. They have 3 kids and 3 grandkids. Sammy works for the department of corrections, State of Ohio Prisons



Jason Fisher

Tournament Director and Walleye Pro

Jason Fischer has been chasing memories outdoors for his entire life. He has been tournament fishing Lake Erie for 8 years and has shown success both locally and on the national circuit.

Jason now owns and operates the largest Lake Erie Walleye circuit, the Lake Erie Walleye Trail. He will be able to bridge the gap on how learning and understanding fish movement not only set a tournament angler up for daily success but, how to better improve your odds of filling that cooler.

In addition to owning and directing the LEWT, Jason has taken over the Fall Brawl which is probably the largest freshwater walleye tournament in the world. His attention to detail and influence in the fishing community has taken this Number 1 tournament to even higher levels!



Matthew Faust

Fisheries Biologist, ODNR - Division of Wildlife

Matt Faust is a fisheries biologist for the Ohio Division of Wildlife at the Sandusky Fisheries Research Station, where he has worked since 2014. Matt's duties are primarily focused on the management of Lake Erie's walleye and yellow perch fisheries. Specifically, he helps to oversee Ohio's fall gillnet survey, serves as co-chair of the Lake Erie Committee's Walleye Task Group, and is involved with several ongoing acoustic telemetry studies aimed at improving fisheries managers' understanding ecology of native and non-native fishes within the Great Lakes.

Matt holds degrees from The University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire and The University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point and is currently pursuing his PhD at The Michigan State University, where his research seeks to inform and improve stock assessment methods currently used in the Great Lakes and beyond. Matt grew up in southern Wisconsin and spent his summers at the family cabin up north chasing for bass, pike, and musky, but now spends most of his time chasing his two children around Huron, Ohio with his wife.



Heather Luken

Fisheries Biologist, ODNR - Division of Wildlife

Heather Luken joined the Ohio Division of Wildlife as a fisheries biologist at the Sandusky Fisheries Research Station last year. Heather's duties focus on assessing catch and harvest for Ohio's sport fisheries and describing forage fish community status on Lake Erie. She helps oversee the west basin hydroacoustic survey and Ohio's creel survey.

Heather earned a B.S. in Biology from The Ohio State University, with a Minor in Environmental Science (Water Science). She earned a M.S. in Biology from Miami University, where she used long-term datasets to examine how a reservoir zooplankton community responded to changes in environmental conditions, fish abundance, and algal biomass. Heather has previously worked on Lake Erie as a creel clerk with the Ohio Division of Wildlife, biological science technician with U.S. Geological Survey, and research associate with The Ohio State University stationed in Sandusky.

In her free time, she enjoys cooking, camping, and hiking.



Michael Breay

AKA The Pope

Michael is a lifelong Huron Resident and Fisherman. His passion for our great Lake Erie and corresponding Fishing community is reflected in his community efforts. Michael founded the Church of Perch Facebook Site five years ago and now has 12k members. He is also the administrator for the Fish Huron Facebook Site with 10k members.

His dedication to perch fishing and the resulting community connectivity provides a great foundation for information on locations and techniques for Perch fishing. He is a great addition to our seminar team.

Michael is also a very strong safety advocate. Fishing is fun but safety is number one. He frequently provides Facebook promotions to encourage wearing a PFD while fishing.

He served 9 years Ohio Army National Guard and 28 years with the Ford Motor Co.