

NORTHERN ONTARIO WALLEYE TRAIL

NEWSLETTER

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2018 Angler of the Year

By Crystel Vallée

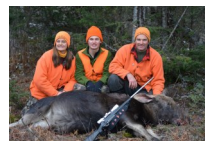
From Wawa Ontario, Jamie is an avid and very humble angler. Jamie can be seen at walleye tournaments throughout the north but focuses on the NOWT. He is an example of dedication and sportsmanship.

I asked Jamie how different his experience was this year & how this 6th time win feels different; «This year I found the fishing tougher at every tournament. It was a strange season for me where catching numbers of fish was difficult but we always seemed to be able to stick to our game plan and land enough key fish to keep us in the top ten at all the events. Winning this year maybe did feel a little different I find this very hard to believe myself and consider myself very lucky to accomplish this because so many things have to go right to win. There are so many excellent anglers and usually well over 100 teams at each tournament it really amazes me that we somehow catch enough fish to end up in the top ten time after time. »

If you had any advice to other anglers what would it be? « The only advice I can give any angler is to try to get some pre-fishing time so you can fish with confidence, create a game plan and then always fish against the fish. Don't worry what other people are doing or where they are fishing. No matter how you do, enjoy your time on the water and learn from both your success and failures. I always say, the day you stop learning is the day you die. »

In the world of competitive fishing, the high level of commitment is felt and so the support from family and sponsors does make a difference. For that, Jamie would like to thank the following:

First and foremost I have to thank my wife Carol-Anne, daughter Lindsay, fishing partners including my son Brett and friend Terry and also my parents. They all contribute in too many ways to count and without this support my fishing success would not happen. Then the following companies have helped me land each and every fish is one way or another over the years with their support including MirroCraft Boats, Yakima Bait Company, Minn Kota, Humminbird, Cannon, Precision Trolling Data, Off Shore Tackle, Evinrude, Smooth Moves Seats, Buck's Marina, Northern Lights Ford and Survivor High Speed Water Pickup System.



Did you know?

- Jamie has 6 Angler of the year titles
- He has fished over 87 walleye tournaments in his career.
- He is a trapper & a hunter
- Jamie was one of the four founders of the NOWT. He sat on the board for 14 years.



2019 CHAMPIONSHIP IN GERALDTON

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CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

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Princecraft, Hudson-DLX Mercury 150 4S Outboard Princecraft Trailer

Princecraft, Mercury Canada and J&B Cycle & Marine Co. Ltd. proudly announced they will sponsor the NOWWT's Championship Tournament with an amazing boat package valued over \$50,000.00.

Six 2018 sanctioned events have qualified 25 teams for the Championship Tournament that will take place in 2019.

The overall winner will walk away with a fully loaded 2019 Princecraft Hudson DLX 190, sporting a Mercury 150 HP four-stroke motor and a trailer, courtesy of Princecraft, Mercury Canada and J&B Cycle & Marine Co. Ltd.

"This Hudson DLX is 19 feet of pure fishing machine", said Rob Racine, owner of J&B Cycle and Marine. "The boat has everything an angler is looking for" he continued, "including ergonomic design, raised casting platforms, live well, twin consoles and lockable storage for up to 10 rods. We are thrilled to be able to offer this \$50,000 plus package as a prize!"

"Princecraft pays attention to quality and incorporates craftsmanship that angler's look for in a boat", said Craig Salmonson, Board Member with the NOWWT. "Mercury Canada will power the Hudson DLX with a whopping 150 HP four-stroke motor, to complete the package – a package one lucky team from the sanctioned events will take home in 2019", he added.

Here are the top 25 teams competing:

1. Jamie Robinson & Brett Robinson
2. Terry Bernath & Trevor Bernath
3. Sébastien Lizotte & Jeff Vipond
4. Matt Guacci & Denis Perrier
5. Dany Vienneau & Roger Vienneau
6. Jason Doyon & Nick Huckson
7. Derick Brooks & Guy Laberge
8. Jody Villeneuve & Joey Raymond
9. Shane Turcotte & Derek Pelletier
10. Steve Gravel & Kevin Robineau
11. Dan Hein & Didier Germain
12. Marc Belanger & Joel Bernard
13. Denis Martin & Perry Caverson
14. Cory Nephin & Tom Friday
15. David Reid & Gilbert Cheff
16. Rock Bouchard & Craig Salmolson
17. Miguel Tailleux & Denis Gendreau
18. Mat Brown & Marc Poirier
19. Cory Lelievre & Joe Moore
20. Keith Hryciw & Darolyn Hryciw
21. Chantal Cauchon & Ken Perreault
22. Steve Dorval & Rick D'amour
23. Cameron Racine & Annie Roberge
24. Paul Éthier & Ray Seguin
25. Darcy Guenette & Mathieu Guenette

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\$3589.99

ULTERRA 112/MDI/IPLINK-60 BT
27-1358991

\$4059.99



Mattagami First Nation Spring Walleye Tournament

By David Reid

Since 1999, anglers have been coming to compete in one of the best walleye fisheries in Northeastern Ontario. Mattagami Lake offers anglers many options for them to catch walleyes on. From sand to rock points, shallow and deep humps, sand and rock flats, deep water and edges. Mattagami First Nation quickly became one of their favorite tournaments to compete in. This is due to the welcoming atmosphere the community offers the NOWT Anglers along with a chance of landing some of the biggest Walleye that swim in Mattagami Lake making the Mattagami First Nation Spring Walleye Tournament a hit with anglers.

Visite our [page](#) for more info.



Dubreuilville Magpie Walleye Derby

By James Smedley (pictures from James Smedley)

Anglers who fish the Dubreuilville Magpie Walleye Derby (DMWD) know there are plenty of fish. They also know there are a lot of big walleyes, spread out within this vast and diverse water system, hiding around mid-lake humps, narrows, edges, weeds, rock piles and sand flats.

Legendary Dubreuilville hospitality and the chance at landing a few Magpie monsters during this venerable NOWT event make the DMWD an angling priority. If you haven't tried connecting with a fat Magpie Reservoir walleye, then maybe it's about time you did.

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Geraldton Walleye Classic

The summer of 2019 is going to bring two very important milestones to the Geraldton Walleye Classic. Not only will the GWC be hosting the inaugural Princecraft NOWT Championship, the tournament will also be celebrating its 30th year of existence. These two historic milestones in conjunction with the always popular parade of boats, bbq steak dinner, friendly volunteers, and exciting top 10 weigh-in on stage in front of a packed house will make attending this event a must for 2019.

The tournament headquarters, resort, hotels, restaurants, MacLeod Provincial Park and the town of Geraldton are all located on the shores of the tournament waters, Kenogamisis Lake, making it very convenient to find what you require without having to travel far. Kenogamisis also offers anglers a unique challenge to fish a shallow water fishery. Different than most lakes on the NOWT circuit, these shallow waters afford anglers the opportunity to try various presentations to catch their fish. Known more for its numbers of fish, the lake does however on occasion, give up a few large walleyes.

Visit the GWC website at www.geraldtonwalleyeclassic.ca or the Facebook page at Geraldton Walleye Classic for more information. 2019 is going to be a big deal that you don't want to miss. #GWC, #30YEARSITSABIGDEAL





Kapuskasing River Walleye Tournament

By Dean Bliss (pictures from Nicolas Isabelle)

Situated on the beautiful Kapuskasing River and extending into the Matagami River, this body of water holds multi species but is best known for big walleyes in weeds, rocks, island points, current, deeper water and the swallows. All anglers and any style of fishing are able to get the job done.

The KRWT holds the record for the biggest walleye weighed during a tournament at 13.6 lbs. Tournament Headquarters are located at the local Arena in Kapuskasing with several hotels, restaurants, fuel stations, and other businesses available to meet all the needs of the anglers, with limited camping also available at the launch site.

The committee is proud to host the 18th annual tournament in 2019 , max field at 110 teams.

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Sagamok Fall Walleye Classic

By Robert Porter

Welcome to Sagamok Anishinawbek territory. Let us share our little piece of paradise on the north shore of Lake Huron with you! Let's go fishing!

There is no better place to end the NOWT journey each year than on the living Spanish River with the Sagamok Fall Walleye Classic. After wrapping up our 8th year, it's clear that some things only keep getting better and the walleye action in Sagamok is one of them!

From the moment the fogs lift in the dawn of day one until weigh-in is over on day two, our anglers are captivated by the Spanish River landscapes and abundance it offers. At day's end, they give themselves over to the warm indigenous hospitality that the Sagamok community is known for, sharing meals, stories and laughs. We hope everyone takes home a bit of that Sagamok flavour and charm and remembers to register early for 2019!

Stay connected with the 2019 Sagamok Fall Walleye Classic by following our facebook group and checking in with our website at www.sagamok.ca/community/fallwalleyeclassic

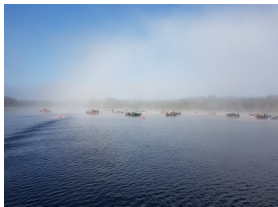


Mattagami First Nation Fall Walleye Classic

By David Reid

In the fall of 2012, Mattagami First Nation held by their first Fall Walleye Classic when another fall tournament ended. Like the spring tournament, the community welcomed the anglers with the friendly atmosphere they are know for. The Fall Classic offers the NOWT Anglers a different challenge than the spring tournament as the Walleye are starting to make their transition from summer to fall locations.

Each fall sees numerous big Walleye along with big bags of Walleye being weighed in each year. If you haven't fished either the Spring or Fall Tournaments held be Mattagami First Nations, you're missing out on fishing in a professionally run tournament and a chance of landing one of Mattagami Lakes true Trophies.



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WHAT'S NEW FOR 2019

Longlac Joins the Northern Ontario Walleye Trail



The Northern Ontario Walleye Trail is excited to announce the addition of a newly sanctioned walleye tournament, bringing the total number of events on the circuit to seven.

July 2019 will welcome the Longlac Walleye Masters (LWM) to the NOWT, adding another opportunity for anglers to compete for cash prizes, as well as Angler of the Year points. The LWM will take place on Long Lake, conveniently located in Longlac, Ontario, a prime location known for outdoor activities and attractions.

Long Lake is approximately 85 kilometres long and up to 6 kilometres wide. A maximum of 100 teams will compete for walleyes following NOWT Sanctioned Tournament Rules on this under-fished body of water.

For additional information about the LWM and online registration visit www.longlacwalleyemasters.ca



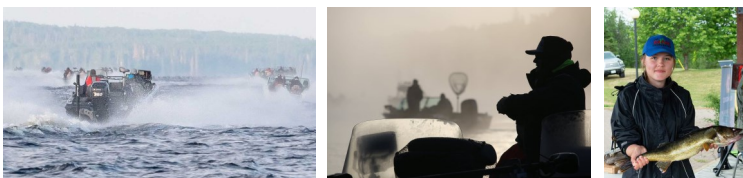
Kill switch

Instant stop switches, kill switch, tether switches must be attached to driver and boat kill switch

The kill cord, or "engine safety cut-out switch" to give it its proper name, is a device used to stop the engine in the event of the helmsperson being thrown out of their seat.

If the helmsperson is thrown from their seat by a sudden manoeuvre, such as hitting the back of a wave or a sudden loss of grip at the stern, the kill cord is pulled from the dash, cutting the engine and preventing further injury from the spinning propeller.

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Boating Liability Insurance

Your fishing boat is much too expensive of an item to remain uncovered. Your marine insurance premium through Northstar Marine Insurance will pale in comparison to the potential costs of an accident (liability), theft, vandalism or other unfortunate event.

**During the competition days of any NOWT tournaments, no contestant may operate a boat unless that contestant has submitted documented proof of boating liability insurance for the boat being used for competing.*

Remember that you need a Pleasure Craft Operators Card (PCOC) to legally operate a motorboat in Canada. Anyone driving a boat without one not only risks a \$250 fine, but may also VOID any insurance policy in place.

Not all marine insurance policies are the same just like not all boats are the same. Our job is to make sure you are making educated choices. At Northstar Marine Insurance, a boat insurance policy is a package of coverages designed to meet all of the needs of recreational boaters. These are just some of the coverages available to our clients. [Read more](#)

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Have you ever asked yourself exactly what is this NOWT? NOWT stands for Northern Ontario Walleye

Trail. When it first started in 2003 it was called the NOPWT (Northern Ontario Pro Walleye Tournament), but as none of the anglers were professionals the committee decided to stay away from that stigma and remove the « Pro » in its title. The NOWT is really a grassroots fishing tournament series and started with only 4 stops. The original 4 tournaments were Hearst, Kapuskasing, The Cache and Mattagami Spring. Unfortunately Hearst and the Cache are no longer in the circuit but the NOWT has had growth with adding 4 more tournament stops since its inception.

Did you know that 2 out of the 4 former members of the NOWT are still sitting on the board today? Cory Nephin & Dean Bliss have been representing the tournaments and the anglers for 15 years!! Cory introduced Princecraft to the NOWT in 2004 and the partnership continues to this day.

The NOWT is really proud of its journey and its evolution since 2003 and we hope the anglers appreciate all the effort the board has put into making it both fun and challenging at the same time. What is it exactly the NOWT? The NOWT is a fishing tournament circuit that awards anglers points at each of seven tournaments. Events include Mattagami Spring & Fall, Dubreuilville, Geraldton, Longlac, Kapuskasing and Sagamok.

Anglers receive points based on their finish in that event with their 3 best finishes used to calculate their placement in the “Angler of the Year” race.

The NOWT is proud to bring you a website & Facebook page as a means of increasing communication among current anglers. We also welcome prospective participants and others to visit and keep current on the NOWT each season.

Check out our results, angler profiles, schedules and rules. Plenty of pictures of the action are in the gallery or you can see who’s ahead in the race for “Angler of the Year”.

The NOWT circuit is run by anglers for anglers and is designed to help anglers promote themselves as well as the sport of tournament angling in Northern Ontario. Everyone involved are volunteers and appreciate any feedback.

We would like to wish our tournaments a wonderful 2019 Fishing season.

- MFN Spring Walleye Tournament: 20th Annual
- Dubreuilville Magpie Walleye Derby: 16th Annual
- Geraldton Walleye Classic: 30th Annual
- Longlac Walleye Masters: 2nd Annual
- Kapuskasing River Walleye Tournament: 18th Annual
- Mattagami Fall Walleye Classic: 6th Annual
- Sagamok Fall Walleye Classic: 9th Annual

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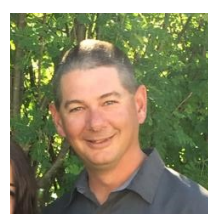
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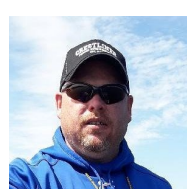
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