



BASS BUZZ

Rainy Lake

Summer of 2018

Happy New Year to one and all! We hope that everyone is looking forward to a great year and will be able to enjoy some measure of success at the end of 2019 for your list of goals and resolutions!

The summer of 2018 was a very nice summer with warm weather and normal water levels. The usual months of spring and fall were extremely short in duration, so we sort of jumped right into summer... there was only a 10 day timeframe between driving trucks on the ice to floating boats on the water. Had everyone scrambling that's for sure!

We think that the fish felt the need to scramble as well, especially the smallmouth. Wayne maintains that the bass had a fast-tracked spawning schedule and were in the back half of the top-water bite by mid-June - then off their beds pretty quickly. The weather was hot and the water was warmer than normal...74 F on June 15th!

Steve and Jim arrived in time to enjoy some of the June smallie top-water action. The first day was a good top-water day producing 18 ½ to 19 inch smallmouth. The second day was tough because the bass were on the move. The 3rd day was a pretty good top-water bite but the smallies were definitely smaller...16-17 inches.

The bass scattered pretty quickly after that, and by the end of July they could be found in the weeds at a 4-foot depth – or as deep as 22 feet in the open water...Not a normal pattern!

At the beginning of September, the smallies had moved to the open-water shallow reefs or out on the ledges at about 30 feet. Weather had cooled to normal fall-type days, and both Robert & Phillip had a blast fighting some really nice smallmouth – quite a few 4-pound plus – using jigs and flukes. Top honors went to Phillip with a 4 ¾ pound beauty! The walleyes were running with the bigger bass and so they both caught quite a few 5-6 pound walleyes on the artificial baits!

We had one of those years where other commitments and timing were just not working for us so our time at the island was broken up. We had 3 fishing groups that must have been in the same predicament because their trips were on, then changed, and finally postponed to next season. However, that is all behind us now, and we are looking forward to a great 2019 with the reservation sheet already starting to fill in quite nicely!!

We'd love to have you join us for an awesome fishing trip - (hopefully that is on your 2019 resolution list)!! Or just give us a call to catch up and talk fishing! The contact phone numbers are listed at the bottom of the page and the email address hasn't changed.

Thanks to all of you for the years of memories and great fish!

If Rainy Lake is in your plans for this coming summer, we would love to hear from you!

Take care! See you next season!

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