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Rainy Lake

Summer of 2019

Last summer was a classic! The boating season started off right on time in May - by the time we had the camp up and running, the weather was warm, the evening breezes were gentle, and most importantly, the smallies were on the move and demanding some attention! So the work tools were set aside and the rods and reels were ready to go!

Brian and Dean arrived for a short trip – one day north - one day south. They were ahead of the spawn but hooked some nice smallies lots in the 3 ½ lb to 4 ¼ lb range, and had a chance to play some aggressive pike 39-41 inches.

Alan Haas made a return trip to Campfire Island in mid-June. Although the weather turned and made it a bit chilly, the boys enjoyed good smallmouth bass fishing – biggest between 4 to 4.5 lbs. – and actually spent an afternoon fishing walleyes! Alan and Wayne go back a long way and it was great to re-connect! The smallmouth bass finished their spawn and moved into their summer habitat. Initially the bite was a little hit-and-miss, but steadily improved and made the July fishing pretty outstanding for July... lots over 4 pounds and pushing toward the 5-lb mark.

Tom Thornhill started us off in August caught 10-15 fish everyday – all top-water - which keeps it pretty exciting! Best-of-the-trip was his personal best about 4 ¾ pounds (19.5 inches).

Jim & Carole and Dean & Linda arrived for a 4-day trip that started out a little slower due to weather. By the afternoon of the 3rd day, things settled down and a great afternoon produced lots of quality fish. One afternoon Dean fought back-to-back 4 ½ lb. beauties and Carole set the hook on some nice ones of her own in the 4.6 lb. to 4.2 lb. range. The 4th day saw a great morning bite with the bigger ones over 4 pounds.

In September the bass moved to the open-water rock piles and the pike could be found in the channels with a bit of moving water. John & Mike Zyck enjoyed a 4-day trip...1st morning was a bit spotty but when the sun broke through the clouds, they put together a 30-35 fish afternoon. Working around the storm action, they had some great smallie action in the 3 ½ to 3 ¾ lb range with biggest bass at 4.32 lb (Mike) and 4+ lb (John). They rounded out the trip by finding aggressive pike and some fall walleye.

Robert & Philip: we sure missed seeing you both last fall!

This year, the COVID-19 virus is creating a huge health challenge. We hope that you and your family are well and following the advice of the health authorities around the world to stay healthy. Together we can beat this terrible virus and get back to the things we love with the people we love!

The temperatures are warming up and we are ready for a new season on Rainy Lake!! We'd love to have you join us for an awesome fishing trip this coming season!! 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!

Take care! See you SOON!

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