



**BASS**

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*Remembering 2010*

Spring came early to the Rainy Lake area, and the Campfire Island guests experienced a very early smallmouth spawn! By mid-May, the bass were starting to bed and the top-water action heated up two weeks ahead of schedule. By mid-June, the bigger bass had gone deep with the warmer weather, and the windy weather that followed made the northern pike active. The big walleye had a very normal season -normal structure and normal depths. The smallmouth bass however, did a lot of travelling back and forth from 2-feet deep to 20-feet deep for the rest of the season!

Art Garcia started the season off in his normal fashion with 40-fish days, but this year he had to use top-water baits on his May trip. With warmer temperatures than last May, he and Dean had a lot of fun with the surface baits and found two bass that were getting close to 5-pounds each.

Top-water action held up for the first half of June. Jim Beck & James McGill enjoyed some 40 to 60 fish-days, and Jim played the biggest bass of the trip at 4.6 pounds. Then rainy, windy weather settled in for a couple of weeks, and with that the Rainy Lake water level started to rise. Rick Amigh & Rusty Stone got in on the last couple days of top-water action, had to deal with a couple of days of 60km/hour winds and 5-foot waves, and then ended the trip on a good note with some 4 to 4.5 lb. smallies. David & Pat Lekich hooked good numbers of small mouth bass, and highlighted their first visit to Campfire Island with David playing some nice northern pike (best was 36" & 39") and Pat catching 'most fish' for the trip. Richard Middleton & Herb Hansen worked through a couple of slower days but ended up with a good 30-bass day topping the trip with 3.5 lb to 4 lb beauties and Herb's 9 lb walleye! Art ended the June run with some stormy, windy weather that produced some big pike (37") and 27"-28" walleye, but had the bass running for cover!!

AI & Paul Fletcher had a great week and ended up with the August-smorgasbord of big fish .... 10-to-18 pound pike, 5to-7 pound walleye and 3-to-4.5 pound smallies. Lots of walleye in the 3-5 pound range and topped the trip with AI's big walleye (10 lb) and Paul's big bass (4.5 lb).

Art's September trip included 4 smallies (20.5") over 5 pounds and 30-40 fish-per-day that included nice walleye and northern pike (10-to-15 lb). Larry Marek ended our season with some 50-fish days....lots of 4-pound smallmouth with a couple over 5 pounds and lots of bigger walleyes.

2010 was a good year --but fewer guests than we are used to due to various medical issues, lost airline connections, and family commitments. To the German family, Bill Roller, LB Keller, the Knox family, the Rineharts and Dick Mahan....we missed you. Hopefully we'll see you back at Campfire Island in 2011!!

After 25 years, we've decided to give Wayne a break from the winter Sport Show circuit. The only show we have booked at this point is the Indianapolis Boat Sport & Travel Show. Our apologies to guests from the St Louis area - we look forward to visiting every year, but will have to connect by phone for one year! Look for us on Facebook by late December or early January. Email any time if you need any more information to fish@campfireisland.com. Campfire Island's phone number (807-274-9500) will get us all year long.

Take care! Thanks for the summer of 2010! See you next season!

Dean, Wayne, and Pat

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