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## Drifting For Walleyes

by fishing guide Jeff (Cubby) Skelly

The edge of a specific structure is a great place to start looking for spring Walleyes. These edges form breaks which almost act like barriers to hold fish a little longer to feed before they move on. These are physical boundaries between shallow food producing areas of the lake. Here schools of active Walleyes meet concentrations of baitfish and often this is a prime fishing area.

By fishing the edges of weeds, drop-offs and other structures, you will increase your chances of finding a funnel or pinch point where fish concentrate. Fish will hold on these spots depending on such factors as water temperature, baitfish and light level. Your success will then depend on proper presentation.

Once you have located the edge and a few fish, the next step is to entice them into biting. Your presentation will depend on the specific edge you have selected. If the Walleyes are directly below the boat

and concentrated on a physical edge you can backroll a Roach Rig, Fireball Jig or even a bottom bouncer, keeping the bait among the fish you can see on your depthfinder. If you find the fish strung out along the edge, keep moving and they will bite. If they are clumped up in one spot, hover over them and vertically jig them.

Keep trying to determine where the fish are holding. Keep asking yourself the question, what is their pattern? Drifting is a great way to catch a trophy because even the craftiest Walleye cannot hear you coming.

Drifting the breakline on a windy day is truly a great way to produce some very nice strings of Walleyes. The tackle is simple and the methods are easy to learn and my number one go to method is of course the jig and minnow. The size of the jig should be just enough to occasionally tick the bottom. It is so very



important to match your live bait delivery system to the environment that you are fishing.

Boat control is always critical, especially when trying to keep lite jigs on the bottom in heavy wind. One way that I approach solid boat control is with a sea anchor. By tying an anchor to the bow and backtrolling along a contour depth I know I can swim a 1/16th oz. Fireball Jig at the proper depth and to keep my boat pointed in the direction I want to go, rather than the way the wind wants to push me.

Spring is finally here and if you use these techniques, not only will you see more success this spring, but also the fish won't hear you coming. Try some subtle approaches in your drifting patterns and enjoy more Walleye action. Have fun and as always be safe.

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### Club Calendar

May 29th .....	NUASF Club Meeting
June 12th .....	NUASF Social Night at Club House
June 26th .....	NUASF Club Meeting
July 17th .....	NUASF Social Night at Club House
July 30th .....	NUASF Club Meeting
Aug 15th .....	NUASF Social Night at Club House
Aug 14th .....	Kids Fishing Contest at Riverside Park 4-8
Aug 28th .....	NUASF Club Meeting
Sep 1st .....	Labor day (Give Boat Away)
Sep 11th .....	NUASF Social Night at Club House
Sep 13th .....	Peterman's Fall Fishing Contest
Sep 25th .....	NUASF Club Meeting

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## **From the President .....**

**By Jason Kuester**

I hope everyone had a great Fishing Opener!!!! I'm sure there will be a few stories at the next meeting about the big one that got away. So bring your stories along with your hot fishing spots and share them with your friends at the next meeting!! Your secret hot spots are safe with us!!! If you find yourself without a boat this summer the club has two that are available for our members, remember it is first come, first serve.

I have great news! The club will be selling tickets for the new 2014 Alumacraft MV1648 NCS. It has a solid floor, bow storage, Evinrude 25 ETC w/ tilt, electric start, Shorelander trailer, fish finder, and 2 life jackets. We bought the boat from Retzlaff's Marine in New Ulm. If you get a chance, stop in and thank John and Mark for helping us out with this great boat. We will be selling 1000 tickets at \$20.00 per ticket in books of 5. Prizes are as follows: 1st Place - Boat, 2nd Place - \$1000.00, 3rd Place \$500.00 and 4th through 10th Places \$250.00 each. Tickets will hopefully be here by the next meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like some tickets, please contact Ross Nelson at 507-766-0765, rnuw@newulmtel.net; Ken Sutherland at 507-276-1534, ken.sutherland@ct.new-ulm.mn.us or myself at 507-381-2041, jr@newulmtel.net.

**Note:** The tickets come in books of 5 and are \$20.00 each. If you take the tickets you will be responsible for selling them or turning them back in at or before Riverblast in August.

**See you at the next meeting!**

## **Meeting Notes** continued from page 3

### **H.Other New Business**

Speaker – Jim Bruss Lake Hanska Area Lake Association talked about Lake Hanska.

Approx. 70 members

•Dead fish have not been found yet •Sleepy Eye Sportsmen Club donated solar light at Gieger

Landing Aeration system maintained at Godahl Landing •Lots of cameros on the lake

### **I. Friends of High Island update**

• Thanks for support from NUASF for Ice Fishing Contest

• Month of February oxygen reading below 1, lake open to promiscuous fishing.

• Discussion of fishing on High Island Lake

• Motion by Jim Liebl, 2nd by Dave Mecklenberg to donate to Friends of High Island. Passed unanimously.

### **J. Spontaneous discussion on wetland mitigation and storm water cleanup.**

**Adjourn**

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### **The NUASF Board**

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## Monthly Meeting April 24th, 2014 Members present: 25+ Notes by Tony Miller

### I. Secretary Report

Motion: Orin S, 2nd by Jim Liebl to accept report as read. Passed unanimously

### II. Treasury Report

- 1) Balance
- 2) Motion: Gary Sprenger, 2nd by Orin Schultz to accept report as read. Passed unanimously.

### III. Old Business

- A. Membership update
  - 1) Membership stands at 183 with 31 due
  - 2) Membership drive ?????
- B. Area Lakes and Rivers Report
  - 1) Clear Lake – landing is in great shape! Lots of dead fish
  - 2) Lake Hanksa – dead bullheads
  - 3) Lake Crystal – more dead fish (walleye, northern, carp)
  - 4) High Island – 10 lb carp found dead
  - 5) Waltermar – dead carp (big ones), no dead bullheads
- C. Club House News
  - 1) Need a cleanup – Jason Kuester suggests May 15th (Social Night)
  - 3) Need wood for fire pit
  - 4) Signup sheet will be out for mowing – please sign up!
  - 5) Jim Liebl will make new tumber for tickets
  - 6) Barry Zimmerman will service the air conditioner
  - 7) Jason Kuester (Ground Zero) will work on driveway

### IV. New Business

- A. Stoney award will be presented to Ross Nelson at May meeting
- B. Tony Miller talked about Spirit Lake Iowa trip
  - 1) 11 club members, Mike Hasse, Tom Richter, Mel Meschke, Mike Faerber
  - 3) Toured Heron Lake common carp barrier (Windom)
  - 4) Toured Spirit Lake DNR hatchery
  - 5) Toured Iowa Great Lakes barrier
  - 6) Visited Fishermens Factory Outlet store
  - 7) Everyone had a great time and learned a lot!
  - 8) Vote on added cost for Lake Crystal Coaches. Motion made by Russ Radenbaugh, seconded by Jim Liebl to approve additional cost. Passed unanimously.
- C. Speaker Joe Felleggy
  - 1) Joe will feature NUASF Youth Fishing Contest in Outdoor News
  - 2) Talked about numerous subjects. Always a pleasure! Thanks for a great time Joe!
- D. Speaker Rob Swanson talked about past donation to Boy Scouts
  - 1) Discussion followed about request proposals submitted for 2014.
  - 2) Suggestion made to choose another camp (other than Cuyuna) for new donation.
  - 3) Motion by Jim Liebl, second by Orin Schulz to approve proposal #2 : replace Fishing Equipment for Council Camps. Passed Unanimously
- E. Youth Fishing Contest – August 13th
  - 1) Fishermens Factory Outlet donation plus 25% discount
  - 2) Discussion about funding from club for contest costs. Overwhelming support to continue club sponsorship and support for this event.
  - 3) Permits approved and park is ready for use
  - 4) Suggestion for club members to patronize sponsors of all events and thank them for their support.
  - 5) Discussion on “lifetime” licenses as prizes. Seems to be too expensive.
- F. Club News
  - 1) Club Grounds Cleanup – May 13th , 5pm, Happy Joes pizza after cleanup
  - 2) Boat raffle – Still working on details and updating paperwork. Should be here by May meeting
  - 3) Gift certificate has been delivered to Berg family for use of landing at Ice Fishing Contest
- G. Food for next meeting – pot luck

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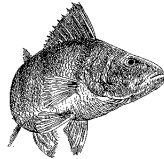
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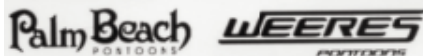




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