

2014 Pentwater Sportfishing Association Ladies' Classic

The weather was the challenge this year as the big salmon stayed wherever they have been hiding and wherever the water temps are better. So the ladies headed out on the 12th PSA Ladies Classic with good fishing water and sunshine flavored with very cool breezes. Fish numbers were down but excitement remained high at the Pentwater Village Marina at the weigh in and the potluck that followed. When the tally was complete, some very happy faces told the story.

And The Winners Are:

1st Place - Biggest Fish **Highway Boat** Captainette - Linda Highway - Lowell 12.60 Steelhead Trout

2nd Place - Most Fish **Producer Fishing Team** Captainette - Lyn Snider - Kentwood 10 Fish 57.55 lbs.

3rd Place - Mystery Weight **Bad Habits** Captainette - Sharri German - Belding 6.10 Lake Trout

Big Fish Category Winners

Salmon Sue Sea II Captainette - Sue Pung Lansing 5.4 lb.

Coho Just Lookin' Captainette - Amy Sharp Caledonia 3.05 lb.

Lake Trout Prime Time Captainette - Barb Decker Grayling 9.65 lb.

Steelhead Yankee Peddler Captainette - R Hooper Pentwater 12.5 lb.

Thirteen boats tried their luck and practiced Rule #1 - Have Fun! A total of 51 fish had the net put to them by the ladies and those fish added up to 325.75 lbs. of fresh fish. There was a change in the Big Fish as a handsome 12.6 lb. Steelhead took top honors this year. Usually King Salmon are top dog, but no big salmon were boated this year. Here is the breakdown by species:

King Salmon - 7 fish totaling 37.6 lbs.

Coho Salmon - 3 fish totaling 9.95 lbs.

Steelhead Trout - 27 fish totaling 200.10 lbs.

Lake Trout - 14 fish totaling 83.10 lbs.

There is a Brown Trout category, but none were boated. Great job, Ladies!

Pictured below is the winning team from the Highway Boat, with skipper Darryl Highway grinning broadly in the background. A Steelhead trout weighing 12.60 lb. was the **Big Fish** this year for the entire Pentwater Sportfishing Association Ladies' Classic tournament and for Linda Highway on the right below, her first year of fishing the tournament. Besides the **1st Place** trophy were many gift certificates and some money too!



Pictured below is the Producer Fishing Team accepting the 2014 Ladies' Classic **Second Place Most Fish** trophy, for 10 fish weighing 57.55 lbs. The returning 1st place Big Fish champs from last year happily settled on second place and will eat hardy!

Captainette Lyn Snider, holds the trophy, flanked on her right by granddaughter Katrina Geers with Lyn's daughter Dorri Geers and on the left is Dorianne Hansen. Lots of 'nettin' practice for the ten-fish catch.



Third place was **Mystery Weight** which is a random weight, selected by someone who did not fish. The closest fish weighed in to that weight is the third place winner. This year, the Mystery Weight was 6.1 lb. and the prize was snapped up by the Bad Habits team, Captainette Sharri German, with an exact weight of 6.10lb. Sharri is holding the trophy, and her fishing team Sue Jackson on her right and JoJean Eastman on her left. Cash prizes were included for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners this year. Dave and Sharri German, Northport Nailer Inc, donated the trophies this year and other years, so it was only fitting that Sharri and team won one of them to take home!!



After the first three places are determined, each **Biggest** of the five species (King and Coho Salmon, Lake, Brown and Steelhead Trout) earn a handsome plaque.



Sue Sea II Crew with Captainette Sue Pung (center), Sandy Meyers left and Agnes Kuebler right. Sue Sea II, winner of **Biggest King Salmon**, 5.40 lb., has been in the running for top prizes for many years! Thanks for the support!



Yankee Peddler fishing team, winner of the **Biggest Steelhead** at 12.50 lb! Lots of big steelhead this year, so netting a big one is lots of fun and takes some luck, too!



Biggest Lake Trout was captured by the Prime Time crew, Captainette Barb Decker. Their Lake Trout weighed 9.65 lb. They had a nice box of 9 fish!

Prime Time boat is also leading the PSA Big Fish Annual Fishing Contest for Biggest Steelhead with a 14.2 lb. Steelhead caught a few weeks ago. Each biggest fish of five species earns a trophy or plaque at the PSA Annual Membership Meeting in August.



Capt. Barb Decker (center) of Primetime
Winner of the Biggest Lake Trout at 9.65 lb

The **Biggest Coho Salmon** was caught by Just Lookin', Captainette Amy Sharp, mother Judy, daughter Bella and friend Emma. The team displays their prizes with the Biggest Coho plaque and a big team smile.



Youngest Captainette, Isabella Sharp, Just Lookin'

Isabella Sharp (right) and friend Emma receive the "Youngest Captainette" Award



Trophies for the event were provided by Northport Nailer. Thanks Dave and Sharri German!!

Plaques were purchased by the PSA Ladies' Classic Committee with some of the entry fees. The only division that did not have entries this year was Brown Trout. Maybe next year.....



On the left, Captainette Pam Cornell (Reel Dancer) calls out the names of all the event sponsors while husband George, PSA Secretary, takes a breather from weighing fish. Pam is one of the coordinators of the event and contributes lots of time to gathering and distributing the prizes with Sharri German, Judy Koorndyk and Lyn Snider. Thanks, gals, for your hard work!!



On the left is the supporting cast of Dean Jessup (Dean's Dream), PSA Treasurer, Bruce Koorndyk (Passion), PSA President and Judy Koorndyk, Ladies' Classic Committee Member.

Thanks to the generosity of the merchants in Pentwater, Ludington, Hart and other towns nearby, each team that participated took home something. After plaques and trophies were given out, each team received a door prize worth at least as much as the entry fee.

Here is the Dreamin' Screammers team. Great looking crew, Rob!

Crew aboard Dreamin' Screammers.
Captainette Meghan Bannink (left) and Crew



The Day Star team sits relaxing the lawn of the marina before the ceremony started.



Spectators and crews from Sue Sea II, Bad Habits and Daystar



Primetime Crew with a sprinkling of Kathy Ann boat.



Producer Fishing Team watching the weigh-in with others

Captainette Lyn Snider (2nd from right) and JoJean Eastman, crew of the Bad Habits boat.



Yankee Peddler has the youngest crew member at 1 month old.





Highway Boat Crew

Linda Highway (back right) Captainette of the Highway Boat,
Winner of Biggest Fish (Steelhead 12.60 lb.)

There were many helping hands and donations to make this a very, fun day. George Cornell and Dave German helped weigh the fish, Larry Pung kept the crowd involved with minute by minute updated weights for each category. And then there were the business sponsors that donated the prizes. Thanks goes to all for the support!!!



Then it was time to snack on the tasty potluck and catch up on the fish stories!!
What a great time for all!

Another one for the history book !

See you next year!!!

Thanks goes to our many sponsors, too!! Please thank them and go see what they have to offer. You will be amazed and delighted!

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