

# Pentwater Sportfishing Association, Inc. News

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## Your PSA 2019 Officers and Term Endings:

And the winner is..... Dean's Dream—  
PSA 2019 Biggest King Salmon  
—36.9 lbs.



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what the PSA is up to now!

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**When you see our PSA officers  
please tell them Thanks!**

## **WIN AND BETTE MATTESON Annual "Big Fish" Contest**

May 25 to August 23, 2019 Thanks to the generosity of Win and Bette Matteson, a plaque PLUS a cash prize of \$100 was awarded to the winners of our Annual Big Fish Contest, listed below.



Patsy Gettings congratulates Dean Jessup. Dean's Dream - 36.90# King - 8/13/19 and After Five—Tom and Sandy Meyers—Steelhead Trout—13.3 lbs.—8/14/19

Dean Jessup looks on as Steve Sauser and Rob Bannick congratulate Win and Bette Mattson on their winning Coho Salmon—13.55 lbs.—8/15/19





Rob Bannick congratulates Chris Cummings (left picture) for the Biggest Lake Trout, 16.9 lbs, while Steve Sauser hands off a plaque and \$100 to John Cunningham for the Biggest Brown Trout- Farmer - 16.90# - 8/22/19 . Congratulations to all for a great competition!! The later end date for the contest produced changes on the leader board the last week.



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## Pentwater Sportfishing Association

August 17, 2019

### Mini Tournament

The 2<sup>nd</sup> / final Mini Tournament for the 2019 season was a large success. Another large number of boats, 15 total, had a beautiful day on the water, weighing-in a total of 31 fish.

#### Results:

Big Fish, winning 50% of the prize total, was Mike Havens, Big Foot Boat, with a 27.8# King. Mike pulled off top prize for both Mini Tournaments this year !!

Most Fish, winning 30% of the package, was John Lammi, Just The Beginning Boat, with a total of 8 fish.

Mystery Weight of 8#'s, winning 20% of the package, was Lyn Snider, Producer Boat, with an 7.95# Coho.

We had a large turnout for both Mini Tournaments for 2019, and thank the Membership for participation.

## **PENTWATER SPORTFISHING ASSOCIATION MEETING – July 20th, 2019**

### **PENTWATER FRIENDSHIP CENTER**

Directors Present: Dean Jessup, Patsy Gettings, Dan Gettings, and Rob Bannink. Excused, Brad Smith and George Cornell. Absent – Steve Sauser.

Members Present: Bruce Koorndyk, Past President

Meeting called to order at 3:10 p.m. by President Dean Jessup. With 4 directors present, we did have a quorum.

- The Meeting Minutes, from the June 15, 2019, were reviewed with no questions or revisions. Moved to approve by Rob B, supported by Dan G. Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report: Patsy Gettings handed out report and went over it in detail. PSA has a strong check-book balance moving into mid summer. Bruce moved, supported by Dan, to accept Treasurer's Report as presented – Motion carried.
- Membership Update. Bruce reported that the current paid membership is lagging behind 2018, with just 66 paid members to date. Total for 2018 was 81. Everyone is encouraged to check with past members to renew, and to encourage new.

#### Committee Reports:

1. Clothing – Dan Gettings – We still have good inventory for the remainder of this season.
2. Channel Lights – Dean – No added lights will be placed this year due to high water.
3. Newsletter – Lyn Snider has accepted to come back as our Editor – Thanks Lyn !
4. Ladies Classic – Patsy will confer with Lyn on final needs.
5. Bannink Lines Down – Rob reported all is set.
6. Web Page – Dean – All is current, including the Big Fish Contest.
7. Bruce reported on Community Relations. We still have issue at the Village Launch Ramp with lighting. He will make contact to Pentwater Village and press the need. Pentwater Lake Association is also noting concern on the lack of lighting at the ramp.
8. Dean reported on the PSA Mini Tournament from June 29 with 11 boats entered. Plus, the Teach A Kid Event on July 13, with 12 boats hosting 26 kids. Both events were a success.
9. It was decided to forgo the Homecoming Parade participation this year from lack of help. Dan G will work on setting up a clothing sales table at the Fish Cleaning Station during the parade and also hang our PSA Banner to attract interest.
10. Dean reported that the July Boater Safety Class had 14 attend and pass the course. Officer Tim Simon is expecting a larger group for the August 1 & 2 next class.

## PSA Meeting Minutes Continued..... July 20th, 2019

### New Business:

1. The PSA Fish Cleaning support effort generated a \$1000 donation that was presented at the PW Village Council Meeting in July. Dean and Bruce attend the meeting and made the presentation. The Village Council was surprised with the donation and greatly thanked PSA. Thank you PSA members for your contribution to this important fixture in Pentwater.
2. Dean requested the purchase of a new scale for placement at his location on the W side of PW Lake. Board approved the purchase.
3. Dean appointed an Election Committee of Patsy G, Rob B, and Bruce K. to work on filling the 3 board seats up for election at the August Annual Meeting. Terms expiring are Dean Jessup, Dan Gettings, and Brad Smith. Discussion followed on continued need for added help from the full board and to hopefully find new folks willing to step up.

Upcoming Events: August 3 – Ladies Classic / Boater Safety Class – August 1 & 2 /

Mini Tournament – August 17 / End of Big Fish Contest – August 23 / PSA Annual Meeting /

Pot Luck Lunch – August 24 / Bannink's Lines Down Tournament – August 31

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.—Respectfully recorded by Dean J, for George Cornell, Secretary –

PSA—Approved – PSA Board Meeting – 8/24/19

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What follows is a Fish Story like no other, written by Captain Dan Gettings,  
'Keeping It Reel' Charters.

### Rescue Off The Shelf

Saturday, September 7th at approximately 8:30 pm Captainette Lyn Snider got a phone call from a fellow PSA member. The call was a distress call from a friend, Andy Holbrook, stranded in 430 feet of water west of Pentwater, out on the 'shelf'. The vessel had lost both motors due to a fuel pumping issue, (not out of gas) and now suffered weak cranking batteries. There were three people on board and weather conditions out there were getting worse.

With dark rapidly approaching Lyn gathered a crew as fast as possible to make the 17-mile trip to the stranded vessel. The rescue crew included Lyn's strapping young grandson, Chad Geers, Captain Dan Gettings of the 'Keeping it Reel' boat and his 1<sup>st</sup> mate Harold Huff (Master Mechanic).

Battery pack, jumper cables, a long rope, powerful flashlights and a few tools were quickly loaded on the 27 foot Producer boat. Leaving the pier head the sun had already set and the moon was up. With 10 to 15 mph winds all afternoon there were 2 to 4 foot waves straight out of the north, and the Producer made the trip riding the trough on a 280 bearing.

The moon was soon covered up by cloud cover and darkness set in. We ran towards the coordinates the stranded vessel had sent us via cell phone at approximately 22 to 26 miles per hour until we hit 200 foot of water and had to slow down due to conditions getting worse. Chad's cell phone had an 'ap' that provided an exact track to follow to the last known coordinates of the vessel, 'Open Water'.

We were in contact by cell phone and the skipper said he was being blown south of the original coordinates. Once we were within what we thought was 2 miles we asked him to flash his lights or touch off a flare. Visual contact was made and we made the approach, conditions now were 5 foot rollers and a steady 15 mph north wind in 470 fow. Once alongside, keeping the 2 boats from slamming together was not something any of us want to do again; violent rocking and pitch-black conditions put everyone in harm's way. Our plan was to have Harold board the stranded vessel and try to get it running while Chad and Captain Dan got the ropes ready in case towing was needed. Harold boarded the boat safely and we pulled away.

Lyn circled back around behind and upwind while waiting to hear from the Open Water crew to determine our next move. Waves slammed into the back of the Producer repeatedly and reverse was necessary just to stay in place. After approximately 15 minutes it was determined the stranded vessel's engines could not be started and we needed to begin towing the boat in.

As Lyn approached to transfer the tow ropes which were already attached to the Producer boat over to the tow vessel, somehow fishing poles from the tow vessel hooked the net on the Producer boat and now rods were snapping and nets were bending. Falling between the 2 boats trying to save a rod or net was not an option, so fishing lines were quickly cut and the vessels could part ways.

Finally, the tow rope was attached to both front cleats on the 31-foot Open Water and both back rings on the towing Producer with about 50 feet of separation. The boats slowly separated and the lines became taut. Once under way, 4.6 mph was our towing speed. We rode the trough for 3 hours until it finally laid down a bit in 75 fow. Those blinking red lights from the wind turbines and Pentwater green pier light seemed a long way away and they were. The situation was intense from the time of leaving the dock to getting back safely. .... so intense that no one ever thought to take a picture.

Once inside the pier at 1 am, Lyn eased up to Snug Harbor's gas dock and we separated from the tow vessel, leaving the boat to a group of supporters on the dock that pulled the boat to safety. The next day the fuel puzzle was solved and the boat was returned to its own slip with no further problems.

Bottom Line: Pentwater Sportfishing Association members are a tight group of friends who will do whatever it takes to help our fellow fishermen or women. No one was hurt and all went home. Be safe out there and exchange phone numbers.

Captain Dan Gettings

## **Pentwater Sportfishing Association Bannink's End of Summer Lines Down Tournament August 31, 2019**

The Pentwater Sportfishing Association (PSA) held the fifth annual "Bannink's End of Summer Lines Down" fishing tournament Saturday, August 31st. Twenty-eight boats participated and over 331 pounds of fish were caught.

Prizes were awarded to the crew of Lineman (with Captain Rudy Gotlund) who secured the largest King Salmon weighing in at 25.20 pounds. The heaviest trout was a Steelhead weighing 8.0 pounds brought in by "Just Lookin" (crewed by Chris & Amy Sharp and family). The heaviest combination weight (of salmon and trout) was awarded to "After Five" (with Captain Tom Meyer) at 33.4 pounds. The crew from "Just The Beginning" (with Captain John Lammi) won closest mystery weight category with a 3.9-pound Coho. Cash prizes were awarded and all participants received consolation prizes. Captain Dave German of "Bad Habits" won a \$100 gift card donated by Jay's Sporting Goods as a special prize.

This contest concludes the 2019 PSA-sponsored fishing tournament season and Pentwater Sportfishing Association would like to thank all the individuals and donors who made this season a success.



**Big Salmon – 25.2 lbs – Lineman Boat – Rudy and Team**

**2019**

**Pentwater Sportfishing Association**

Calendar of Events

PSA Meetings are held at the Pentwater Friendship Center at 3:00 p.m. ~ Everyone is welcome!

Mini Tournament Weigh-Ins will be held at the Village Marina at 1:00 p.m., any member can participate.

Boater Safety Classes are free & held at the Pentwater Yacht Club.

May 5: Install Channel Lights

May 18: PSA Board Meeting @3pm

May 25: Start of "Big Fish Contest"

May 25—27: Memorial Weekend Fishing Derby

June 15: PSA Board Meeting @3pm

June 29: PSA Mini Tournament

July 11 & 12: Boating Safety Class

July 13 PSA Youth "Teach A Kid" Event

July 20: PSA Board Meeting @3pm

Aug 1 & 2: Boating Safety Class

Aug 3: Ladies Classic Fishing Derby

Aug 9 - 11: Pentwater Homecoming

Aug 17: PSA Mini Tournament

Aug 23: End of "Big Fish Contest" — 9 p.m.

Aug 24: Potluck Dinner / Annual Meeting @3pm

Aug 31: Bannink's Lines Down Fishing Derby

Sept 1: Rain Date for Derby

Sept 21: PSA Board Meeting @3pm

Oct 5: Remove Channel Lights

Dec 31: Pay 2019 PSA Membership Dues (Reminder)