

Pentwater Sportfishing Association Teach A Kid Fishing Tournament Results - 2023

On August the 5th, at 6:00 a.m. some anxious and happy young people started fishing in the Pentwater Sportfishing Association Teach A Kid Fishing tournament. Ten boats took out 24 youngsters and fished hard on Lake Michigan for five hours. The weather cooperated mostly with strong East winds that allowed for great fishing near shore.

At the noon weigh-in at the Pentwater Village Pavilion on the shore of Pentwater Lake, lots of smiles greeted the onlookers as the fish were weighed in for prizes for all participants and a trophy for the winner of the Biggest Fish caught. No Brown Trout or Lake Trout were caught during this tournament.

Big Fish overall was caught on the Fish Eagle boat by Rhet – a 22.40 King salmon. Rhet received a trophy and other prizes. Rhet receives his trophy as George Cornell announces each winner.



After Biggest Fish, the **first place King Salmon** was caught by Camden on the Reel Dancer boat, a 21.85 lb. King.



Second Place King was caught by Madeline on the Keeping It Reel boat with 21.35 lb. King. George Cornell is interviewing her for trade secrets, no doubt.



Third Place King was caught by Maverick on the Keeping It Reel boat with a 21.30 lb. King.



In the **Coho Salmon** division, Maggie caught the **biggest Coho salmon**, a chubby 7.55 Coho on the Producer boat. That weight also earned Maggie the Mystery Weight win. Before the weigh-in a Mystery Weight was determined to be 7.45 lbs. Maggie caught a fish that came closest to that Mystery Weight with her 7.55 lb. Coho.



Second place Coho was 5.70 caught by Gabby on the Keeping It Reel boat.



Third place Coho was a coho weighing 4.05lbs., caught by Jessica on the Lineman boat.



In the **Steelhead Trout division**, Thomas on the Slammer boat caught the **Biggest Steelhead trout** of the day with a 9.30 lb. fish. Dan Gettings, PSA director, prepares the next bag of prizes while Thomas gets the goodies.



Second place Steelhead was caught by Alex on the Reel Dancer Boat, the fish weighed 9.00 lb.



Third place Steelhead Trout was caught by Gabby on the Keeping It Reel boat. The fish weighed 8.80 lbs.



As an added bonus, the Youngest Fisherman to go fishing in this event was awarded a special prize. Denver on the Slammer boat, being a whopping three years old, won the Youngest Captain award. Below is Denver with his prize and proud Papa, Zach.



Great fishing effort by all and congratulations to all!! There were a total of 24 future Big Lake fishermen taking home the fish and prizes. The picture below is all the participants in this year's event. Next year, take a few youngsters out fishing and join the fun to promote the sport and create big smiles!! A big **THANK YOU** to all the sponsors that made this event possible.

