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## Twin Cities Walleyes Unlimited Monthly Newsletter



### November Club Meeting

### Featuring Korey Sprengel Thursday November 7, 2019

**Korey Sprengel is coming to speak at our November 7, club meeting. Mark your calendar's and reschedule any conflicts, you don't want to miss out on a chance to get up close and personal with Korey!**

TCWU is thrilled to have Kory join us as our November guest speaker. Korey is one of the top fishermen on the NWT. He shared the Angler of the Year award in 2013 and won the NWT Championship in 2014. At 31 years young he has taken the tour by storm since he began tournament fishing in 2009.

Mark your calendars, this is an awesome opportunity to learn from a NWT tour professional and ask your questions throughout the meeting

We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Thursday November 7th!

#### Meeting Time and Details

**Socializing - 6:30 PM**  
**Presentation - 7:00 PM**

**Meeting Location:**  
BLOOMINGTON KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS,  
(aka Bloomington Events Center)  
1114 American Blvd. W.  
Bloomington, MN 55420





## Fall is Upon Us Again

Don't you sometimes just love living in Minnesota? I have been trying to get my mind around the change of seasons again, and maybe it's just me. I just can't get my spirits up yet for such a change. I have always loved the season of autumn, but it is once again a crazy time in the upper Midwest. I have written of this dilemma that I every year previously in this forum. My quandary is the timely collision of great fall fishing opportunities and the beginning of the hunting seasons. I am writing this by the fire here at the cabin this evening with the same saddened pause every year brings to me. I just put my boat away in the garage for its long winter's rest. My dog is looking at me with great anticipation, as she knows it is her time to go to work. I'll be looking forward to hardwater after Lexy and I collect some birds for the freezer.

I want to send another big thank you to Jason Przekurat for taking time to speak at our TCWU meeting in October. He brought a ton of great practical information for us to add to our collective fishing "toolboxes". Look for the cliff notes in this edition provided by Rusty Nelson. Thanks, Rusty!

I would like to send TCWU well-wishes to our friend Walleye Dan Eigen. He is in a cancer battle with multiple myeloma and I just wanted

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view 2019/2020  
Upcoming  
Meetings*

## Congratulations to the 2020 Minnesota Fishing HOF Inductees

The Minnesota Fishing Hall of Fame is honoring several of our club fishing friends in 2020.

Inductees in the Individual Legends category include one of the nation's highest regarded multi-species anglers, TV host, media brand developer, editor and writer Steve Pennaz, TV and Stage host of the National Walleye Tour, product developer, radio host, promoter, passionate and respected multi-species angler Chip Leer and full-time freelance outdoor communicator, radio talk show host, one of Minnesota's most celebrated and effective promoters Tim Lesmeister.

Babe Winkelman Productions and Kluge Manufacturing will join the ranks of Legendary Organizations.

**Congratulations to all from  
TCWU!!!**

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to be sure that all of our TCWU members are aware of his fight and will be thinking of him and his family. My wife, Lisa and I went to his benefit held a week ago last Friday evening in Shakopee. There was a lot of positive energy and several hundred folks in attendance. We wish you and yours all the best, Walleye Dan. As we are heading into the second half of October I am now looking forward to November. Our upcoming speaker, Korey Sprengel will bring us a glimpse of his wealth of walleye fishing knowledge. Do not miss this meeting. I'll see you all on November 7.

Speaking of hardwater fishing, we are excited for the upcoming Walleye Camp hosted by our friend Tony Roach on Mille Lacs. Mark your calendars for January 10, 2020. We will begin sign up for this event at the November club meeting. Look for details to follow in this newsletter as well, but whatever you do, do not miss out on this opportunity.

As I look back at this year, I have so many great memories of time spent with our group, and really look forward to our upcoming meetings. I appreciate all the member and sponsor support that we have, and really have high hopes for our organization in the future. I ask for anyone that wants to be involved with our committee groups or the board, please let myself or one of the board members know. We are looking toward 2020 with great expectation and welcome our member involvement.

I look forward to seeing you all at the November meeting. Be sure to bring a friend and join us for another great evening of fishing fun. Let me know if anyone needs a pheasant or two for the freezer.....I might know someone that can help fix you up? See you all in November.

Jim "Doc" Wood  
President of Twin Cities Walleyes Unlimited

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For more information check out their website by clicking on their logo below. They offer awesome fishing tips how to videos, blogs, podcasts and tackle techniques.

## Minnesota DNR News

# Dock removal slated for state public water accesses

October 10, 2019

Late fall can be a great time to fish in Minnesota and you may even have your favorite fishing spot to yourself. It's also a time for seasonal dock removal at many public water accesses.

Seasonal dock removal at DNR-managed public water accesses generally begins after the third weekend of October and is usually completed by early November. Late season anglers may want to bring along a pair of hip boots or waders to stay dry when launching their boats, if the dock at their access point has been removed for winter.

"We do try to leave some of the more frequently used docks in place as long as we can, but we also need to manage that work across a large geographic area, and get it all done before the water begins to freeze," said Ward Wallin, DNR Parks and Trails Two Harbors area assistant supervisor.

More information and public water access maps are available on the DNR's website at [mndnr.gov/wateraccess](http://mndnr.gov/wateraccess). Contact the nearest [DNR Parks and Trails area office](#) to check current conditions for specific accesses.

# Stay safe when the water temperature drops

October 14, 2019

As the leaves fall, the air temperature drops and memories of years past serve as a constant reminder that winter may be only a day away. It's a time when hundreds of thousands of Minnesotans— many of them anglers and hunters — will spend the next month or two out in the elements, chasing fish, scanning the sky for ducks, or waiting for the deer that will fill their freezers with venison. For anyone whose fall plans include time on the water, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources offers this reminder: Your safety is your responsibility.

This time of the year can be especially dangerous for anyone who recreates on the water because falls into cold lakes, ponds or rivers incapacitate even strong swimmers.

And while some people like the solitude that comes with being on the water in the fall, it's a double-edged sword because cries for help may go unheard or rescues may take longer than they would have during the warm-weather

months.

While more boating-related accidents occur during the busy summer months, a higher percentage of them are fatal during the cold-water season and survival rates drop drastically.

“Few things are as heartbreaking as telling someone their loved one isn’t coming home, especially when the reality is so many incidents could be avoided by taking a few simple safety precautions,” said Jon Paurus, DNR Enforcement Division education program coordinator.

Wearing a life jacket (foam is better than inflatable during the cold-water season) is the one action most likely to help people survive a fall into cold water. People can reduce the likelihood of a fall overboard by distributing weight evenly in the boat and abiding by the manufacturer’s weight limits. Having a means of communication is important, too, as is making sure other people are aware where you’re going and when you plan to return.

Changes in weather that result in shifting winds and storms can also lead to a treacherous situation, so it’s vital for anglers and hunters to keep an eye to the sky. And whether they’re on water or land, hunters should always follow the four rules of firearms safety: Treat each firearm as if it is loaded; always control the muzzle of your firearm; be sure of your target and what is beyond; and keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you’re ready to shoot.

“Minnesota is a wonderful place to live and recreate, but our opportunity for getting out on the water to fish and hunt is relatively compressed,” Paurus said. “It’s understandable people don’t want to let cold water or cold weather get in their way of enjoying the outdoors, but it’s imperative they’re safe and smart about it.”

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## Walleye Dan, fighting Cancer "Fishin' for Remission"

Dan Eigen, of Eden Prairie, is known throughout the fishing community as “Walleye Dan.” The longtime professional fishing guide (Brainerd Lakes area) has hooked into lots of battles, but none bigger, and nastier, than the one he’s fighting now, a Multiple Myeloma diagnosis.

The disease is a rare type of blood cancer that originates in bone marrow. The

cancerous plasma cells produce abnormal proteins, which can damage kidneys and immune systems. Tumors, within the bone marrow, can also develop and cause bone damage and intense pain.



'Walleye Dan' Eigen poses with this nice Lake Mille Lacs walleye. Eigen was recently diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma. An Eigen family benefit was held Friday at the Turtle's 1890 Social Centre in Shakopee.

"My Facebook page spells out the day in the life of someone dealing with this crap," said Eigen.

Yes, cancer sucks. While there is no cure, Eigen is hoping/praying for a remission. He's two months into chemotherapy treatments. Eventually, he'll receive a bone marrow transplant.

"It's tough," he said, "as I'm a guy driven to do stuff and I love to hunt and fish." A couple weeks ago, he helped his son put up a deer stand. The plan is to set in one himself. "I'm going to try," he said.

### **Just do it**

Eigen's philosophy, to date, is that if he feels up to doing something, he'll do it. "My body lets me know," he said. "If I've done too much, it tells me that I probably shouldn't have done that." Eigen is slow learner. "If I feel like it," he said, "I'm going to do it."

And the fight, without the lifelong fisherman knowing what's on the other end of the line, goes on.

*Huss, Dan*  
*Eden Prairie News - Oct 9, 2019*

## **Fun Club Photo's Last shots of Summer**

Harrison Roach kicks off the photo shoot with his first true catch, followed by MN DNR photos taken at our spring Fraser outing. Hope to see these photos

again on some DNR Publications.



Dan Camp on the board, again... with a monster White Tailed Golden Girl,  
Way to go Dan!

Rusty had a 25 minute epic battle with a fall run Steelhead!



Grady Gould looking good with a beautiful Black Crappie, nice fish Grady!



Russ Felkey struck gold in Canada what a monster! Paul Johnson came back from Montana to show us how to catch fall walleyes, looking good in the Simms Gear Pauly!



**Thank You LUNKER Sponsors!**



**Guest Speaker e-cap featuring  
Jason Przerkurat**



***What treat to have Jason Przekurat join the Club at our October Meeting. We all appreciate you trekking in from Stevens Point, WI . Thanks for sharing so many cool fishing insights and strategies. Here is a re-cap of Jason's presentation For those members who couldn't make it.***

***A little about Jason:***

Jason is from Stevens Point Wisconsin where he grew up fishing the Wisconsin River and specializes in in river system fishing. His first year as an amateur was on the NAWA circuit in 1995. He didn't plan on walleye fishing as a career it just happened and wow what a great career. Jason achieved MWC World Walleye Championship in 2000, He was Angler of the Year in 2003 and again in 2007 and the 2016 NWT champion to name just a few. Jason has a tricky last name, and it sounds really cool when you get it right though, it's pronounced *Sha-ker-it*.

For those club members who were unable to attend, Jason was outstanding. His key message really hit home with everyone, and he was right on when he said *"It's really not that hard to catch them, finding them is the key to success. If you ever think you will learn everything about walleye fishing you won't. Conditions are constantly changing, which makes it's hard to find them consistently."*

Jason gave us a very technical presentation on the importance of using your electronics to locate fish and of course how to do it.  
*"Understanding and tuning in your electronics will help you Find the Key areas or the best spots"*

**Transducer Placement must be spot on!**

- Full fish arches on your 2D sonar require flat transducers, calm water, boat trim.
- Your transducer should be mounted at the bottom of the hull.
- If you are kicking up a rooster tail your transducer is too deep.
- Split your side imaging transducer to the other side of the boat from your other transducers.
- Trimming your outboard will improve side imaging readings.
- The leading edge of transducer should be level with the boat bottom.
- Side imaging transducer can be mounted higher and still give you good readings (okay to place above the bottom of the hull). It's just not a good

idea to place below the hull due to rooster tailing.

## 2D Graphs

Don't worry about the size of arches – speed impacts their size. It's important to understand the size of a quality Walleye at different speeds.

Look for color – 3 color marks indicate 3 lb or bigger walleyes.

Target your lure depths at the top of the highest mark on your graph.

## High speed graphing

Think about how quickly you can locate fish if your boat is set up to read fish at high speeds. If your transducers are set correctly you can graph at 20 mph.

Walleye arches/marks are much smaller at 20 mph, and understanding the size difference is very important. Practice and take note of these differences.

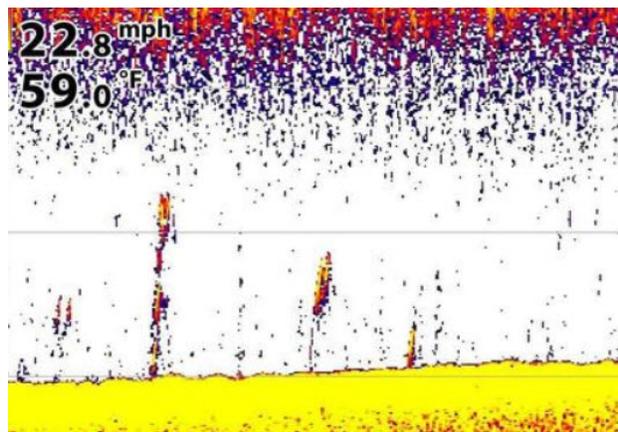
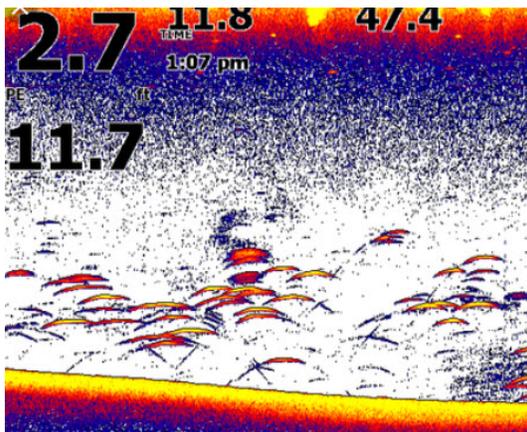
Bottom readings are unchanged with high speed graphing. When you pass over a hard bottom like gravel, sonar readings will be thick and yellow.

Whereas a softer muddier **bottom**, will **seem** more translucent or darker red or blue.

You will need a high speed transducer for faster mapping and consider upgrading to a larger cable.

***Below are Walleye images on 2D sonar at 2.7 mph and at 22.8 mph.***

***Notice how the arches turn into vertical lines at high speed but the three color marks remain, which indicates nice fish.***



## 2D Sonar vs Down Imaging

2D sonar imaging has a large cone angle and you can see a lot of area.

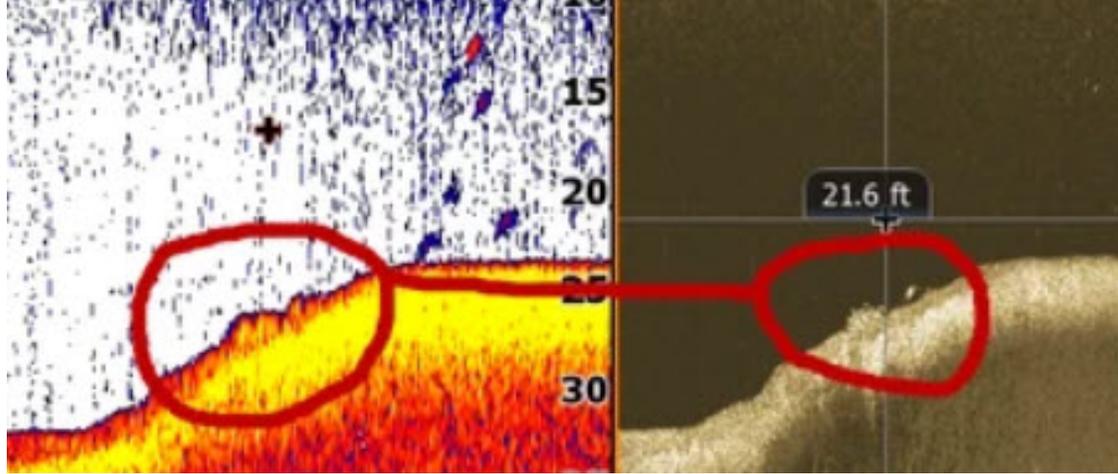
Down imaging has a thin beam and shows you what is actually down there.

Jason showed us pictures of what seemed to be a fish on 2D and then showed us the same image on DI. DI clearly depicted it was actually a tree.

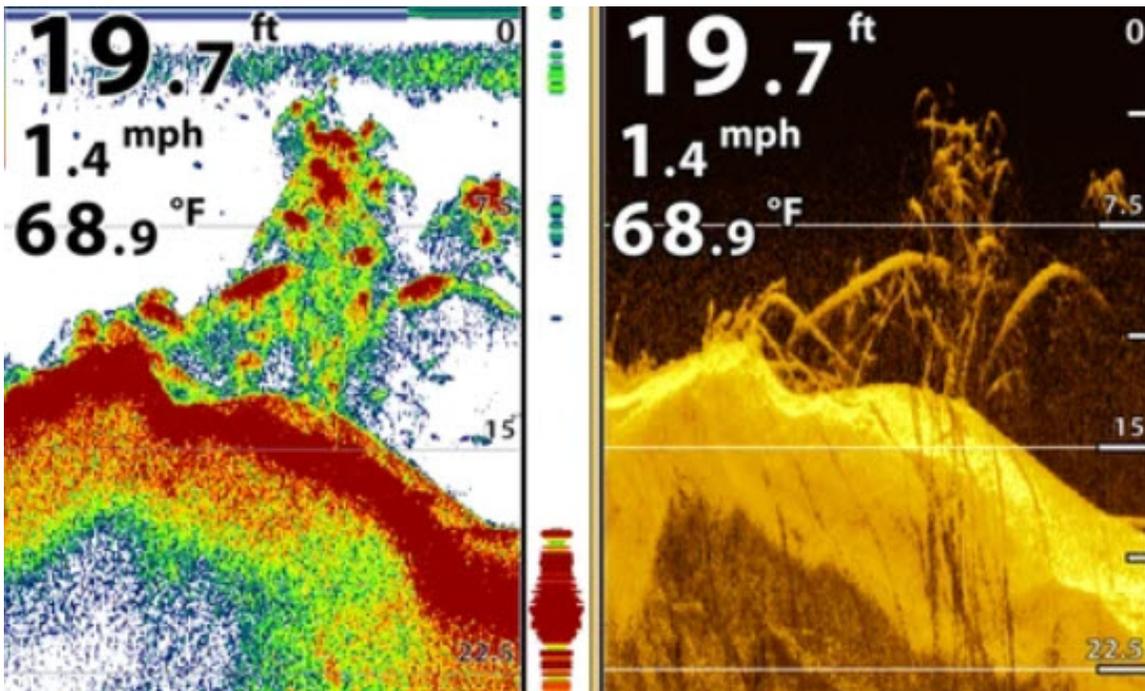
DI has better target separation  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch compared to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches. This is especially important when targeting fish holding tight on the bottom.

Fish look like dots on DI

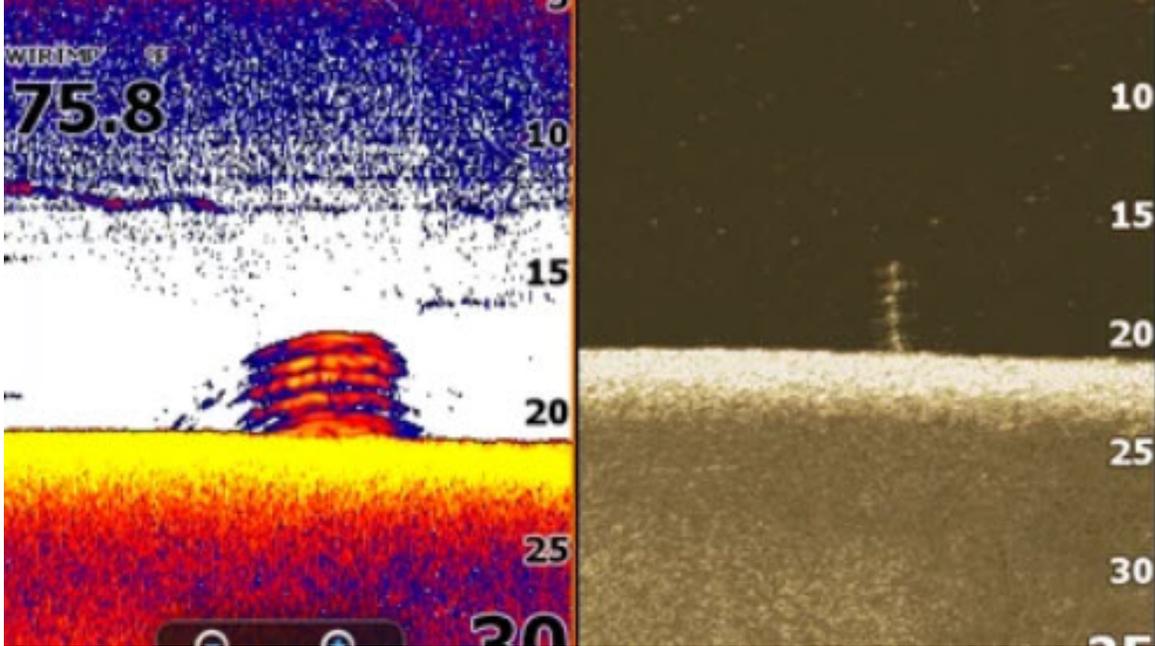
***Below are some cool comparisons to point out the differences between the two different sonar images. There are a lot of these comparisons available on the internet for you to study.***



*The image above shows the target separation difference of a fish holding tight on the bottom.*



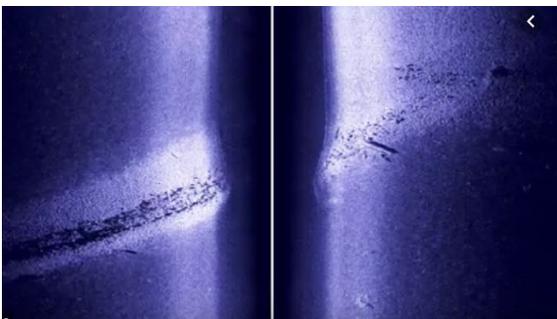
*This Down Image really clarifies what is actually going on compared to the 2D image.*



*This image looks like a stack of fish on 2D, but it's just a weed, or tree on DI.*

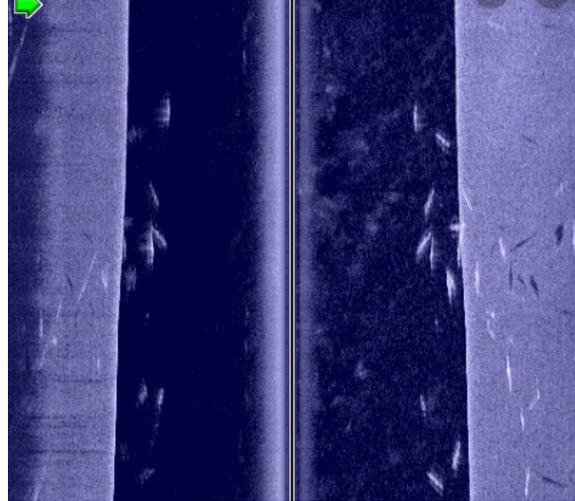
**Side Imaging (SI)** - gives you a real life view under the water. Here are a few basics and secret tips Jason shared with the club.

- Test out your new unit - run it in shallow water and get to know what trees, rocks, weeds and boats look like.
- SI requires slower speeds for effective readings. Try keeping a steady speed at 3 - 5 mph.
- Side imaging kilohertz setting what should you use? Jason use's:
  - Mega is good in harder bottoms and shorter distances.
  - 455 muddy softer bottoms.
  - Rarely uses 800
- Set your distance from 50 to 100 feet. Jason runs at 70 feet. Remember, Structure will look bigger at closer distances.
- Dark colored bottom images represent soft bottom such as mud and silt.
- Lighter colored bottom images represent harder surfaces such as gravel and sand.
- SI can image fish; they show up as white marks on your screen. SI also will also image their shadow, which will be black in color. Shadow size correlates to the height of the suspended fish.
- Sometimes the shadow is easier to see than the actual fish on SI.
- If you spook out the fish, mark your spots and come back in 45 minutes
- Did you know you can put the cursor on a fish image and then zoom in to get a better look?



Above you can see the hard bottom/soft bottom transition. The gravel bed is lighter with a soft bottom transitioning darker.

To the right are images of fish and their shadows.



### Structure

Jason picks the deepest side of the structure to start his fish locating process and keys on the steep drops. Side Image the spots that meet this criteria and look for the steep break, big boulders and or other key structures.

Be patient, you may spook the fish out during this process. It's okay if you spook them, just let them rest for a half hour then come back.

- The shadows from rocks are short.
- Don't fish any weedlines that are long straight stretches, they will not contain fish.
- Look for changes in the weedlines; pockets, points, interspersed gravel or rock.
- Shadows from weeds = very tall weeds.
- Timber/structure are stop signs for traveling river walleyes.
- You will find that the biggest river fish are in the thickest nastiest cover of the wood.
- Mark waypoints on each end of the key structures.
- Performing all of this reconnaissance eliminates the guess work and will put you on the fish.
- As lakes get warmer move deeper.
- You can vertical jig in deep water cast in shallow.
- You can't see marks in sand dunes with 2D, but you can with SI.
- Don't turn the boat too much for good Side Imaging; try to keep a straight line along the structure.
- Drive and search until you see fish and you will be more successful.

### 360 imaging more of a bass thing

You can set a casting ring at 60 feet from your way point, set your spot lock and then use the 360 built in compass, and eliminate guessing on where to cast.

### Things to remember

- Always graph before you fish.
- Find the key area/areas on the structure.
- Analyze structure with Electronics.
- Walleyes love changes in structure; it's a big flashing stop sign for walleyes.
- Buy a big enough graph that you can see.
- Adjust your sensitivity based on the spot you are fishing and adjust just for a brightness. If you got mud turn it down, harder bottom turn it up.
- **Label your Waypoints!** Label them rock, fish, trolling fish, jigging fish,

the fish size ... Calling these out will help your patterning. When you get a cluster of way point investigate why they are there, use your SI.

- Autochart Live lets you create your own map feature. Make sure to load these on a chip so you can take it with you or move to new sonar units.
- If you know the community holes better than anyone else you will out fish the others.

Thank you for coming out to coach up the TCWU club Jason. It was a great meeting, filled some really key strategies that will help us all improve or skills.

Club members, you can continue to follow Jason on Facebook. His page is a great resource with updates on tour events, pro fishing tips, instructional videos and new products hitting the market.

His website also compiles all of the above with longer instructional videos.  
<https://jasonprzekurat.com>

Russell Nelson  
TCWU Board Member

## Doc's Secret Tip of the Month



President Doc Wood interviews Jason Przekurat for his new monthly "Tip of the Month" segment. Click on the image above to link to Doc and Jason's discussion.

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## TCWU Club Outing and Ice Fishing Clinic with Tony Roach



Hey great news members, we have scheduled Ice Fishing outing and clinic with TCWU club friend Tony Roach as our guide and coach on Friday January 10, 2020 on **Lake Mille Lacs!**

We will be meeting for breakfast at Nitti's Hunters Point Resort and head out fishing soon after. Tony will coach us up at breakfast and lay out the game plan for an all day walleye fish.

- If you are interested click on the link below. *Space is limited, Tony can host up to 40 of us at a time.*

If you and your fishing buddies want to turn this into a weekend of fishing, contact Nitti's directly (see contact information below). Nitti's offers lodging and a variety of fish house rentals.

**Details:**

**Date:** Friday January 10, 2020

**Breakfast** - Approximately 7:00 AM

**Fishing** - 8:00 AM - to 5:30 PM (45 minutes after sunset)

**Meeting Location:**

Nitti's Hunters Point Resort

5436 479th Street Isle, MN 56342

320-676 -3227

info@hunterspointresort.com

[Click here to register for the TCWU Club Outing and Tony Roach Ice Fishing Clinic](#)

## Newsletters are now posted on the TCWU Website!

Hey great news members, We have made a few changes to the [www.tcwalleyes.com](http://www.tcwalleyes.com) website, which include PDF's of our past newsletters posted to the News and Newsletters tab. If you are looking for those missing Guest speaker fishing tips, well now you got them any time you need. **Click on the link below to check it out.**

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# Looking for a new boat? TCWU Club Friend Scott Glorvigen is selling his decked out Lund Pro V

TCWU Club friend Scott Glorvigen is selling the boat he uses just for filming here at Wired2fish. This boat is a 2017 model Lund 219 Pro V and it has a Mercury Verado 350 with only has 87 hours on it. The Mercury 9.9 Pro Kicker probably has around 25-30 hours on it. This boat is fully loaded with all the available options on it from Lund.

Price is at \$60,000 and Scott is motivated to sell, this could be a really nice deal for someone. If you or anybody has any questions please feel free to give Scott Glorvigen a call at 218-301-9072.

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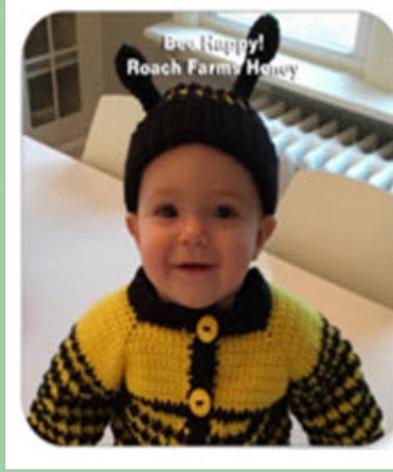
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