

WNY BASSMASTERS

JUNE MEETING MINUTES

Next meeting July 24, 2013

MEETING NOTES:

Mtg. called to order at 7:11 PM

Mtg. adjourned at 7:29 PM

14 members attended

The club meeting for the month of August has been moved to August 21

OLD BUSINESS:

* Jerseys:

The next shipment of jerseys is being held up at the border. When they arrive Scott Callen will notify you if your jersey was in the shipment.

Tournaments coupons will be handed out to cover the \$40 cost of the jersey once Scott Callen finalizes and approves all the paper work.

* Update on Senior Retired Membership...Board of Directors is still working out the details and will be meeting again soon

NEW BUSINESS:

* WNY Bassmasters annual fundraiser Gift Card draw was held. Congratulations to the following winners and thank you for supporting the club.

Dr. Eisenhard won a \$75 gift card to Olive Garden

Katie Miller won a \$50 gift card to Red Lobster

Al Schroth won a \$25 gift card to Red Robin

Tournament Update:

* WNY Bassmasters is holding an open bass tournament on the Upper Niagara River/Lake Erie on Sunday July 21 from 6:00am-2:00pm. Entry fee is \$50 for a two person team. More information can be found on our website. Please spread the word to anyone interested in fishing the open tournament.

* If anyone knows of any events going on a body of water that the club is fishing please contact Patrick Schlosser or a member of the tournament committee.

* Canadian Border Agency was contacted to make sure we are still ok to be in transit through Canadian water without reporting. Yes we are able to be in transit through Canadian water to get back to American water. The rule is quoted below.

Title: New Telephone Reporting Provisions for Foreign and Canadian Pleasure Craft

“Private boaters who depart Canada and enter foreign waters and subsequently return to Canada, are obligated to present themselves to the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) as per the above requirement. Foreign boaters entering Canadian waters are also required to report. This provision applies regardless of whether or not boaters drop anchor, land, enter an inland tributary or moor alongside another vessel while in Canadian waters.

The only exception to the above requirement applies to vessels that are ‘in-transit’ through Canada under subsection 11(5) of the CA. In order to be considered “in-transit,” subsection 11(5) requires that the vessel must be proceeding directly from one point outside of Canada to another point outside of Canada. Accordingly, a vessel can be considered to be in-transit only if it is using the Canadian waters for the purpose of moving from one location abroad directly to another location abroad. Such movement could be for reasons of the shortest route, requirement of deep waters, evading obstacles such as bridges, etc.

In-transit movement must be continuous, uninterrupted and without delays or stopovers. Fishing, tubing, waterskiing, etc. do not constitute in-transit movements. To reiterate, unless in-transit through Canada in accordance with subsection 11(5) of the CA, all boaters are required to present themselves upon arrival in Canada.”

If for any reason a vessel STOPS in Canadian waters, the Master must call CBSA at 1-888-226-7277

Regards,

Jessie Cindric

Superintendent

Canada Border Services Agency

*** Canadian Conservation Officer was contacted to see if we can transport fish through Canadian water. The answer is yes we can. The response from the conservation officer is listed below.**

“If a person is sport fishing in waters that lie both in Ontario and in another jurisdiction, the fish caught anywhere in the waters shall be deemed to have been caught and retained or possessed by the person in Ontario for the purposes of these regulations.

You have to keep in mind that this provision does not talk about transportation, but rather it addresses people engaged in fishing. So, if a person is simply running from U.S. waters, through Canadian waters, then back to U.S. waters with fish on board there is no need for the fisher to hold an Ontario license.”

Ron Arnold

Conservation Officer C326

Ministry of Natural Resources

*** Before you bring a fish to the scale make sure that your fish meet minimum length requirements.**

We follow the New York Freshwater Fishing 2012-2013 Official Regulations Guide. Which states:

“Minimum length - means the greatest possible length measured from the tip of the fish’s snout to the tip of the tail. The mouth may be open or closed and the tail may be spread or compressed in order to achieve the greatest length.”