



Dear WAT Member:

The Walleye Angler's Trail 2019 Tournament Season Schedule is set. All permits have been secured and the W.A.T. is looking forward to an exciting schedule with great fisheries for 2019. We will meet again at Catfish Charlie's on January 25th at 6:30 PM to hold our annual early bird draw party. Anyone planning on fishing all 3 regular season events is welcome to join us and enter for an early boat number for 2019.

The second page in this mailing contains our 2019 Tournament Schedule with weigh-in locations. The last page is our tournament sign-up sheet that I need completed and returned. The sign-up sheet can be turned in at the Early Bird Draw Party on the 25<sup>th</sup> of January. Please see what's new for 2019 below with a strong emphasis on bringing in new teams to grow the WAT.

### **Continued in 2019**

#### **1. Optional Sidepots for all tournaments**

- More ways to increase take home money – Great participation by teams in 2018
- \$150.00 per team – 100% payout (50% for 1<sup>st</sup>, 30% for 2<sup>nd</sup> & 20% for 3<sup>rd</sup>)

#### **2. Make up 2018 Team of Year Championship on May 19<sup>th</sup> in Dubuque at Catfish Charlie's**

-This tournament will only be for teams that qualified in 2018

### **New for 2019**

1. Early Bird Teams that sign up for all 4 tournaments qualify for the prize drawing at the 2019 Championship. 1<sup>st</sup> - \$500.00 Cash; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$200.00 cash; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$100.00 tackle package
2. All 4 tournaments will count towards the Team of the Year standings.
3. New Team Award for Each Tournament – Highest Finishing Rookie Team wins their entry fee back
4. Rookie of the Year – Highest finishing newcomer team in Year end points wins \$300.00 – Must fish at least 3 tournaments
5. New Referral Award - \$50.00 for each team you get to join the WAT and fish a tournament
6. Must fish all 3 regular season tournaments to qualify for the Championship!
7. Entry fee for each tournament is \$300.00. Includes Big Fish Pot and Team of Year Payout!
8. Rotation on take-off positions for Early Bird teams only

Example: If we have 18 early bird teams and we have 3 regular season tournaments this year  
Genoa – Based on Early Bird Drawing – Normal Take Off Order Teams 1-18  
Bellevue – Start with teams 7-12, 13-18, 1-6  
Clinton – Start with teams 13-18, 1-6, 7-12  
Championship – Based on Team of Year Standings

**Happy Holidays from the W.A.T.!!**

**Hope to see you all on January 25th at 6:30 P.M. for the Early Bird Draw Party**

**Jason Hughes - Tournament Director**