Bill Saiff Outdoors Newsletter 2019 Bin Browns, Bowsand Spring Kingsu





The Browns were on the shoreline in 2019'

The BROWN TROUT fishing in 2019' was really good and we took some striking examples throughout the season! Shanna Dickey is featured at left with a dandy Brown that we took in May while fishing Henderson Harbor. We followed the Big Browns offshore and fished them in the top 30 feet over 150 ft. of water. We filmed several NEW BROWN TROUT VIDEOS in 2019'. We are the leaders in sharing information with Great Lakes Anglers and we use our YouTube Channel at Bill Saiff Outdoors as a means of communication. Look for our most

recent Brown Trout Videos there including a new release on "Fishing Structure Browns" - an excellent video filmed in the "Trench" just off Henderson Harbor!

Carl and Betsy Wood joined me with their family on the South Shore of Lake Ontario during April as we took a variety of different species! We were hitting the Browns really well but took this dandy Rainbow and Spring King while we were fishing.... We rolled some video footage that has never been seen so expect it in upcoming videos on both Face Book and the YouTube Channel. These two fish prove the diversity of fishing on Lake Ontario! There is nothing like hooking a Big Brown or a Spring King in "skinny water"! Its an experience you won't forget!

Check out my pal "The Dark An-

gel" with her 15lb. Brown! Angela Fortin travels all the way from Maine to fish with the Saiff Charter Fleet. This year her and Shawn Nelson took some dandy examples of Spring Browns off the Lighthouse at Stony Point. Calm, clear conditions made for a fickle bite

but we did manage to get some good fish

Check Out This Jumbo Brown Trout!!! Jake Wilson fished with us in early June on a "How To" fishing

trip. His family owns a cottage on Grenadier Island in the eastern basin of Lake Ontario. Jake's Dad Bruce hired us to help them learn the waters in their area. We were trolling body baits along the north shore of Grenadier when this behemoth of a Brown took the bait! We were convinced that we had a Musky on the line but when the big fish came to net it was a GIANT BROWN that weighed 25lbs. on the button! Congratulations son..... that is the fish of a lifetime!

The outlook is superb for 2020'! We expect another outstanding year of fishing! You may call us at 315-771-3514 (cell) to book any upcoming dates.

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north shore. We target these big fish by trolling planer board systems with body baits like Bomber Long A's. May and June are the months to target these fish! Remember: there is also great Brown Trout and Lake Trout action to be had at the very same time. While Pike and Walleye are biting in the back bays, the trout are hitting in blue water! This diversity makes a multiple day trip an exciting option for taking both warm and cold water species!

Both of these gorgeous Walleye came from the north shore of Black River Bay during the month of May! One was taken on a weight rod trolling a spoon while the other hit a Bomber Long A trolled off the planer boards. Regardless, these are outstanding examples of the big Walleye that are found in the eastern basin. There are days when Walleye pummel the rods and there are days when the mix of fish includes Walleye, Pike and Pickerel! The BEST part of fishing is the

"UNKNOWN"! The surprise factor is what keeps anglers coming back for more.... When you fish the back bays, anything can happen and you are sure to experience some fishing that is truly amazing!

Below is a picture of our buddy Brad Falter with a JUMBO Northern Pike. Brad ice fishes and open water



BIG Pike and Walleye in the Back Bays during May and June!

The Back Bays of eastern Lake Ontario are teeming with fish! The Saiff Charter Fleet has always specialized in fishing the Back Bay region of Lake Ontario. Our summer home was on the shores of Chaumont Bay so we grew up targeting the fish in the Back Bays.... We understand the dynamics of bait movement, structure and temperature as it affects this region. Over the years, we have developed quality fishing areas that other charter services simply don't utilize. The results have been amazing and 2019' was no different! The Pike at left tipped the scales at just under 20 lbs. This fish had flushed from a back country water source and had just entered the open waters of the lake to feed. He hammered a lime green Michigan Stinger spoon in murky water and the rest is history! The second Pike pictured to the left came along the north shore of Black River Bay. Every year the BSO TEAM donates a variety of trips to Conservation Organizations. This trip

went to the high bidders at the Wild Sheep Foundation banquet in Lancaster Pennsylvania. These boys smashed the big Pike as they enjoyed nonstop action along the





Highlight's from the 2019' Season!



Congratulations to Santa Claus & Dick Hyde!

There are always some HIGHLIGHTS that really stand out at the end of the season! On the 3rd weekend in June, Henderson Harbor held it's Annual Bass Fishing Derby. There were also divisions for Walleye and Brown Trout. On Sunday of the derby, the weather man (are they ever correct) forecasted a dismal day with strong southerly winds. Our clients for the day, chose not to fish because of the impending DOOM! At 5:30 a.m., I spoke to Dick Hyde and Bruce "Santa Claus" Lambert about fishing. They quickly agreed to take the trip and I went to work formulating a plan for Big Bass and Browns! I had the feeling that we might catch an extraordinary fish and I was correct! In fact, we were to catch several...... We ran a combination of fluores-

cent J-9 Rapalas along the backside of Galloo Island. We clipped Big Bass and Browns throughout the day (which turned out to be a fantastic weather day). We were making a final pass down the foot of the island when we doubled on Huge Bass! We had just taken a 10 lb. Brown and the excitement had barely faded when one Bass hit a planer rod while the other took a weighted offering. One Bass tipped the scales at 5 lbs. 4 oz. while the other weighed in at 6 3/4 lbs. Santa Claus happened to be on the rod that the big fish hit and consequently landed the beast! Fast forward to the awards ceremony and a leader board that showed our Bass at the top of the heap! These boys were big fun on the boat and the win couldn't have happened to nicer guys!

JUMBO LAKERS - A hit with anglers from all walks of life!





I am continually astounded by the number of anglers that call each season for Trophy Lake Trout! It seems that Angler's "In the know" realize that eastern Lake Ontario is one of the BEST places in the world to fish for JUMBO LAKERS! The Saiff Fleet has refined the techniques necessary for catching these big fish and now 20 lb.+ examples of these fish are common place. Brenda Akkoul is featured in the left pic while Merriam Gagnon poses in the middle. Our buddy Justin Rejman is in the right hand photo. Justin is a waterfowl guide in the finger lakes and he took this big fish during the month of July. Brenda boated her big Lak-

er on one of our Employee trips in July and Merriam accompanied her husband Sigfried on an August trip. Sigfried and Merriam are old friends from Quebec that were instrumental in the success of our television series back in the 1990's!

Unique ways to utilize some of the fish taken with BSO!

In 2019' we experimented with SMOKING FISH! We developed three recipes that included: "Teriyaki Blast", "Apple Honey" and "BBQ Mesquite". All three were very different but equally delicious. Check out our video on "Catching and Smoking Lake Trout" - Try some of our recipes for a unique and different way to enjoy some of the fish that you catch with us! This season our Ice Fishermen will enjoy this smoked fish while working the HARDWATER with us! Mmmmm Good!







<u>Natural Reproduction leads to a Robust</u> <u>Salmon Season in 2019'</u>

The 2019' Salmon Season started out with a bang and never really slowed down..... It is unusual for the Saiff Fleet to pull for Kings in May and early June but temps and bait had Kings, Browns and Steelhead swimming in the same waters. The waters in front of Stony Creek produced some nice Kings throughout the spring. This was an interesting fishery because you could hammer the Browns on top of Stony Lighthouse in the morning and then simply troll to slightly deeper water for action on Kings!



While this BONUS fishery was inviting, there is nothing like the "Hot Zone" for consistent King action!

It was a strong summer on Kings!!!

The "Hot Zone" is the time frame from late June throughout the month of Traditionally, baitfish ball up in the "Shipping Lanes" during this time Julv! frame. The presence of bait, correct temperature and physical structure leads to the optimum set of circumstances for Salmon production. The photos at the top of the page are of customers who have been fishing the "Hot Zone" with us for years. Doug, Jay and Vince have been with the Saiff Fleet for over 35 years and although they fish 3 times per year, one of those dates is always in the "Hot Zone". My Ole Buddy Don Harris is pictured with Capt. Dave. Donny has taken hundreds of Kings during the first week of July and he is no stranger to the "spoon techniques" that we use to put these fish in the boat every day! The spoon bite was extremely good this year as the fleet experimented with a variety of different colors of MOONSHINE SPOONS. On many days, we rolled a flasher/fly or flasher/meat combination into the pattern as both an attractor and producing rod. Our buddy Tom Marsh came back to us in 2019' for some summer Salmon fishing fun. 1st. Mate John Church is pictured at left with Tom and one of his big Kings that bit a Chartreuse Lighthouse loaded with one of our custom made Twinkie Rigs.... We custom tie our "Meat Rigs" for our fleet and other anglers throughout the eastern basin of Lake Ontario. We will be offering them for sale along with our custom salmon flies in 2020' Congratulations Tom-that's a great fish!



New Sportfishing Videos on the Horizon!

We burned a lot of film in 2019' and much of the footage has not been edited yet. We have been holding off until the "Winter Doldrums" set in. Viewership of our YouTube channel (Bill Saiff Outdoors) is high during January through March. We have some great footage of Kings being taken on Meat Rigs off the Dipsey Divers. When these big Kings are hunting in a solitary fashion, these combinations are hard to beat! Here is a tremendous September fish that's being held by Capt. Dave and our friend Bruce Goodhue! This MONSTER hit a Spinny up on the wire loaded with our custom "Glo Reaper" fly. That is the KING of a lifetime and it couldn't have happened to a better customer! Great Job!





INCREDIBLE ICE FISHING!

2019' was one of the BEST Ice Fishing Seasons in recent memory! Yellow Perch were the focus and the fishing was fantastic! We worked a cumulative total of 10 different locations throughout the season to produce good catches on a daily basis. Early and late season fishing produced the best numbers and size of fish. Our Ole Buddy Brian Swartz shows off a true JUMBO at left. This Perch was taken in just 6ft. of water during the first couple of days in April. We had copious amounts of ice in 2019' and were able to fish up until we started our



Brown Trout charters in open water. The fish at right came while working the Guffin's Bay area during late March. While this fish was taken on a jigging combination, "Tip Downs" were critical to big fish production during the month of March. The number of big Perch that were taken was simply staggering!

Chaumont Bay was a solid producer allowing us easy access and solid fishing on a daily basis. Unfortunately, everyone else fishes there too..... This made for crowded weekend fishing! Consequently, our HARDWATER TEAM branched out to ply different waters which produced equally as well without the fishing pressure. The BSO TEAM has secured private access in the very best fishing locations that the eastern basin has to offer! If you are looking for a full service ice trip, we can accommodate. If you like fishing on your own, please remember that the WESTVIEW LODGE is strategically located in the best area for access to all the great fishing in eastern Lake Ontario. Winter rates are just \$60 per night (2 person occupancy) and we have incredible

dining which will keep you well satiated while you are on your next ice trip!



We do concentrate on Yellow Perch

but our Pickerel and Pike fishing can be fantastic. Waters like Sandy Pond, Lakeview, and Chippewa Bay are teeming with toothy critters. Here are a couple of great examples of Pike and Pickerel that were taken while fishing for Perch. When we target Pike, the gear is a bit heavier but when we catch them while Perch fishing, you have a real fight on your hands. Landing a 10 lb+ Pike on Perch gear is an absolute thrill in any-one's book!

We also rent ice fishing equipment by the day and we are happy to point new ice fishermen in the right direction. Our HARDWATER

TRIPS feature the finest in ice fishing equipment including Eskimo and Shappell ice shacks, We also utilize ION electric ice drills and both Eskimo and K-Drill pistol drill assemblies. We can target fish with "Tip Downs" or with "Tip Ups" and have ATV's and Snowmobiles for transport. The BSO TEAM also utilizes Vexilar flashers as well as underwater cameras to make your next ice trip exciting. We encourage you to check out our ice videos on our Bill Saiff Outdoors YouTube Channel (please subscribe). New video's like "Fishing with Bead Spoons" are extremely popular on the internet. You can also view them at www.BillSaiffOutdoors.com



Forecast for 2020'



<u>38 Years in the outfitting business and still</u> going strong!

In 2019' we were scheduled to fish through Thanksgiving! This is later than we have ever fished in the history of our service. We plied much of the water that we fish during the early spring and the action was INCREDIBLE! Huge Walleye, North-

ern Pike and some of the Biggest Bass we have ever seen!!!! Customer satisfaction was at an "all time high" on this trip and we can't wait to expand this offering in 2020'. Tom & Alex Tucker hoist some big Northern's at left while Jen and Austin Martin show off some dandy Bass! Our Buddy Harry McCollum poses with a big Walleye and Pike that he took on his way to a limit of Bass, Walleye and Pike (all in the same day)! Contact us about a trip in Late September, October or November—we had the waters to ourselves and the fishing was AMAZING!

Last year was some of the best BIG

PIKE fishing that we have ever seen! Huge Lakers and Browns were everywhere and we are expecting some good Walleye fishing this season. Lodging will be available at the WESTVIEW LODGE. The WESTVIEW is a great place to meet and see our fishing and hunting teams on a daily basis. The fishing rate for 2020' will be \$900.00 for the day. The Saiff Fleet still offers an 8-hour "line in the water fishing day", as we continue to offer the highest quality fish-

ing experience. This rate is based on up to 4-anglers. With 8 boats at our disposal, we remain the best fleet for hosting large groups of fishermen. We are able to provide the individual instruction anglers crave on private charters as well as the logistics needed for the corporate executive entertaining clients. Please keep in mind that we do offer a 6-hour dock-to-dock trip that is un-advertised.

This trip is \$650.00 per outing and is perfect for the budget conscious or smaller group. The lower cost might also be a way for fishermen to extend their adventure into a second day of fishing. I would recommend that



these shorter trips be scheduled during the spring and fall when fish availability is closer and run times with the boats are shorter! Clients from all walks of life have grown to appreciate the fish finding capabilities and coordination of our fleet. We will once again be picking our clients up each morning at Henchen's Marina in Henderson Harbor, NY (except for our specialty Brown Trout trips in April). We accept Cash, Checks and Credit Cards for payment on all trips.

We will also be ice fishing from late January through mid-March! Rates for ice fishing (we supply everything) are \$150.00 per person / per day.

We encourage our regular and new clients to contact us during the months of January, February and March for bookings. These months are dedicated to working with clients and it's the best time to take care of this

business. Once fishing and hunting begins, the long days make it increasingly more difficult to make these arrangements. Dori Glaser and I are in the lodge office nearly every day. We are happy to answer any of your questions or take a booking from you. To book lodging, call us at 315-938-9285 (office). For Charter booking, please call 315-771-3514 (CELL). We can take text messages at the cell number and

we will respond promptly. Please follow us on our website at www.BillSaiffOutdoors.com. This site is full of great information. I would recommend following our YouTube Channel at Bill Saiff Outdoors. We currently have 140 videos highlighting our hunting and fishing services. It's also a great source of technical information! See you in 2020'..... Capt. Bill Saiff III





