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April 13, 2017

Greetings Niagara County Pro-Am Participants,

It appears Spring has finally arrived! It's time to gear up for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lake Ontario Pro-Am Salmon Team Tournament May 19-21 out of Wilson and Olcott. The website at [www.lakeontarioproam.net](http://www.lakeontarioproam.net) is now live for accepting registrations!! Register today!!

In case you haven't heard, I have accepted the Director position for the Niagara Tournament. As you know, I hold this tournament close to my heart - as it is named after my father (Skip Hartman). Going forward I will commit to you that I will do what is in the best interest of this tournament and participants. All I ask of you is to please support me during this transition period. Moving forward, all questions and concerns can be directed to me via phone or email. I look forward to working with each of you.

The Pro Division will be going back to the Classic 12 fish limit. I have heard from numerous participants who would like this tournament to be held the first week in June and I have committed to June 2, 3 and 4th in 2018. In the Amateur Open, the three single day events have become very popular. Again, 100 percent payback for the top four teams each day and a \$500 Cup Prize for the team with the best two-day score. Spread the word!

We are again working very hard on sponsorships and new sponsors. I can thank Dr. John Syracuse for once again going to the Niagara County Legislature and asking for the generous monies that we have been able to obtain in the past. We have also received support from the Town of Newfane and Destination Niagara USA. New sponsors are Keller Technologies and Raymarine. Signing on once again were Fish USA, ITO Flies, Dreamweaver, Lake Ontario Outdoors, NY Outdoor News, A-Tom-Mik Flies, Lake Ontario United, and several local businesses that help pull it all together. We appreciate all your support in 2017. We will proudly offer a pay back above and beyond the entry fee purse (100 percent) with a minimum of \$10,000. The Destination Niagara USA offices will be looking at numbers of participating teams this year and gauge their support moving forward based on that.

An effort is underway to elevate the Lake Ontario Challenge Cup once again – including Niagara, Oswego and Wayne counties for a combined score. As of right now, we have \$1,500 in the pot for the winning team, but if we can double that, we can pay the top three teams based on \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500. You MUST register by the Niagara captain's meeting and entry fee is \$100 per team. See Matt LeClair with "Oh Baby."

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Penny Hartman-Lyman

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# AMATEUR OPEN EXPANDS

## Niagara's Pro-Am brings Am Division back!

The Niagara Pro Am made a number of changes to the 2016 Tournament based upon feedback it has received on the best way to grow the participation in this event. Specifically, on the Amateur side, the best features from the existing Recreational Open and from the previous Amateur Division have been merged together to create the new Amateur Division for 2017. These features include:

All participants will be truly Amateurs, no US Coast Guard licensed Captains will be allowed on any teams;

All NYS waters on Lake Ontario are open to fishing;

No Observers will be required;

The dates have been moved to when the fishing is normally near shore and excellent off of the Niagara County shoreline. This should make the competition more enjoyable and will level the "Trolling Field" so that everyone has a shot at winning;

You can start whenever you want, wherever you want (Niagara County ports only), but you must be in line by 2:30 pm each day to weigh in at Krull Park in Olcott (Lions Club Pavilion, North). To help level the playing field, you must launch out of any of four Niagara County ports – from Fort Niagara to Golden Hill.

Any combination of your top three Salmon or Trout (only 1 may be a Lake Trout) will be your "box" to be weighed;

Online registration is available as late as the Monday before the event (May 15);

Entry fees are very reasonable with payouts more than 100 percent of the entry fees plus merchandise prizes. Big fish prizes, too, each day. The intent is to pay back the top four teams each day based on 40-30-20-10 percentage breakdowns and big fish overall.

Each of the three days is a separate event. You can choose to fish any of the days that best fit your schedule.

If you choose two or three days, then your two best scores will automatically enter you into the competition for the West End Amateur Cup and a check for \$500 in Cash.

Check out [www.lakeontarioproam.net](http://www.lakeontarioproam.net) for an entry form.

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#### SHARK TANK

LED BY CAPT. GREG GEHRIG OF OSWEGO, PULLED OFF A SWEEP OF THE 2016 NIAGARA COUNTY 3-DAY PRO-AM – WINNING BOTH THE TROPHY AND CLASSIC DIVISIONS AND CHECKS TOTALING \$29,000.

#### TEAM THRILLSEEKER

WON THE 2016 CHALLENGE CUP.

# CHALLENGE CUP CONTINUES IN 2017



**TEAM THRILLSEEKER 2016 CHALLENGE CUP CHAMPS**

Last season, the Lake Ontario Pro-Am formatted tournaments joined together to bring back the history, tradition and intense competition of the "Lake Ontario Challenge Cup." This prestigious cup is awarded to the tournament team that displays consistency throughout the three Pro-Am "classic format" events, held at different times in different locations.

This unique competition challenge will once again be available to Captains and teams fishing all three of these style events in Niagara, Oswego and Wayne counties in 2017. Highest point totals accumulated in the three contests combined will earn the Challenge Cup and the prize associated with it. Each of the tournaments (Niagara, Oswego and Wayne/Sodus) will be contributing \$500 to the Cup payout. Teams must sign up for the Challenge Cup competition by the Captain's meeting at the Niagara Tournament, located at the Wilson Fire Hall at 6 p.m. on May 18. The collector of the monies will be Matt LeClair, organizer of the Wayne County Tournament and the final stop on the Pro-Am Series trail. Scoring is simply based on your tournament scores for each event.

Last year (2016), the Challenge Cup winner was once again Team Thrillseeker led by Capt. Vince Pierleoni of Newfane. It was his first Cup win in a decade, previously registering cups in 1995, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005 and 2006. A new travelling cup trophy has been started and will be passed along from year to year.



## Lake Ontario Pro-Am Pays It Forward for Previous Cup Winners

For the 30th Anniversary of the Pro-Am tournaments, exact reproductions of the prestigious travelling Lake Ontario Challenge Cup - symbolic for winning the lakewide tournament series - were handed out to every single previous winner of the Original Cup. Rumor has it that this cup will once again be used for Challenge Cup winners associated with the Pro-Am events in Niagara, Oswego & Wayne Counties in 2017.

### Pro-Am Cup Winners -

#### Professional -

- 1994 - Tracker (Capt. Dave Siegfried)
- 1995, '98, 2000, 2003, 2005 and 2006 - Thrillseeker (Capt. Vince Pierleoni)
- 1996 - Rebel (Capt. Jerry Felluca)
- 1997 - Irish Thunder (Capt. Joe Toomey)
- 1999 - Onacona (Capt. Joe Kyle)
- 2001 - Royal Flush (Capt. Robert Schneider)
- 2002, 2004 - Prime Time (Capt. Pete Lahosky)
- 2007 - Top Gun (Capt. Greg Gehrig)
- 2008 - Candy (Capt. Andy Sykut)
- 2009, 2010, 2012 - Cold Steel (Capt. Tom Burke)
- 2011 - Screamer (Dave Antenori)
- 2013 - Yankee Troller
- 2014 - Screamer
- 2015 - 5 More Minutes
- 2016 - Thrillseeker (Capt. Vince Pierleoni)

#### Amateur -

- 1994 - Catch 'Em (Roy Letcher)
- 1995 - Renosky Lures (Joe Renosky)
- 1996 - Rebel J (unknown)
- 1997, '98, '99, 2000 - Prime Time (Pete Lahosky)
- 2001 - Trouble Shooters (Greg Dale)
- 2002, 2009 - Liquid Plumber (Del Casterline)
- 2003 - Cannonball (Ed Monette)
- 2004 - Fatty (Al Bodelus)
- 2005, 2006, 2007 - Screamer (Dave Antenori)
- 2008 - Dodger (Jim Skolny)
- 2010 - Spoonfed (Glen Gervais)
- 2011 - Prize Fighter (Phil Marsh)

## ITO Flies Donates Big Fish Prizes -

Ryan Koepke with ITO Flies has stepped up to offer the Big Fish Prize for the tournament weekend once again. The Big Fish in the Trophy and Classic Divisions for the weekend will receive cash and ITO Flies for each day. The same will be offered to the Amateur Open anglers for the Big Fish combining the three days (Friday, Saturday and Sunday) for each single day contest for each weekend. Welcome back ITO!



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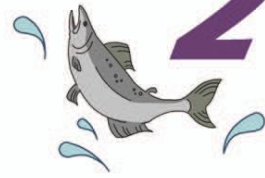
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### 7th Annual Lake Ontario Counties (LOC) Summer Derby-

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# NIAGARA COUNTY

## SHARK TANK OUT-BOXES YANKEE TROLLER TO TAKE NIAGARA SALMON SLUGFEST



It was a fight reminiscent of Joe Frasier and Muhammad Ali in 1971 – two heavyweights battling it out for the prize, the 32nd Annual Lake Ontario Pro-Am Salmon Team Tournament May 20-22 out of Wilson and Olcott. The ring was Lake Ontario and the challenge was catching salmon and trout. The two opponents were Shark Tank led by Capt. Greg Gehrig of Oswego and Yankee Troller led by Capt. Rich Hajecki of Rochester, both worthy adversaries (along with 20 other pro teams). Near perfect weather doesn't mean near-perfect fishing conditions and finding fish wasn't an easy task for the trolling teams. They had their work cut out for them.

At the end of the first day and eight hours of fishing, only three 12-fish limits came to the scales. In the pro division, Yankee Troller connected with the first punch and topped the classic division with a limit catch of 12 Fish and an impressive score of 271.49 points based on 10 points per fish and a point per pound! However, second place was Shark Tank with a score of 221.76 points with only 10 Fish. Yankee Troller won the \$1,000 big box for the Classic Division for the day. In the Trophy Class for best 5 fish, it was Shark Tank edging Yankee Troller 139.06 to 138.23. They traded punches and it seemed like it was a draw. But with two more days to go, it was still anyone's fight.

On Day 2 in the trophy and classic divisions, Shark Tank won the round hands down. The team was a model of consistency as they won big box in both divisions, earning an extra \$1,500 in doing so. The Trophy Score was 132.93 points, just over six points away from day one. The team's Classic score of 219.66 points was only two points different from the day before. That said, the eye on the prize was the three day win and the Niagara Cup, but it wasn't going to be easy. Fishing was a bit tougher as no limits came to the scales among the pros. However, Shark

Tank did have 11 fish, a better number than the first day for them.

On Day 3, the first-ever three day Niagara USA Pro Am Tournament, Yankee Troller fought their way back big time. Their first "hook" was a 5-fish Trophy Score of 133.13 to give them a three day total of 350.73 points. With 11 fish in the box, the team's Classic score was 238.30 points for the day, giving them a total score of 589.16 points and the lead for the contest. Shark Tank needed a score of at least 80 in the Trophy Division and 150 in the Classic to recapture the lead and take the win. As they approached the scales, the official observer's log showed off eight fish. Would it be enough? It was! The Oswego team score 119 in the Trophy and 158 in the Classic to take both titles.

Shark Tank set the pace in both the five fish Trophy class (391.15 points) and the 12 fish Classic Division (599.45) and earned the Niagara Cup in both - winning over \$29,000 in the process. They also won the ITO Flies big fish for the tournament with a 23.96 pound king salmon. Runner up in both divisions was Yankee Troller and it was a fight to the finish. They won over \$8,000. Third place in Trophy was Dirty Goose led by Capt. Casey Prisco with 341.21 points. Fourth place was Team Thrillseeker led by Capt. Vince Pierleoni of Newfane with 338.05. Third place Classic team was Team Thrill-

seeker with 505.72 points. Fourth place was Free Spirit with 498.47 points led by Capt. Paul Czarnecki of Waterford, PA.

In the Amateur Open, Fishin' Physician Assistant led by Abe Debadts of Rochester scored a three fish total of 88.49 points to win the day. He also had big fish for the Open at 23.90 pounds, a king salmon. The team won more than \$1,500 in cash and product. Day 2 winner was Fisherman's Daughter led by Greg Wiacek of North Tonawanda with a score of 72.52 points. He nipped Anonymous led by John Muehl of Maryland, NY with 72.47 points. Anonymous had big fish for the day with 19.89 pounds. In the Amateur Open for Day Three, it was Mean Machine and Kyle Hovak of North Tonawanda taking the day with a 3 fish limit score of 80.10 points. They also had big fish, a 23.12 pound king salmon. However it wasn't enough to win the Amateur Open Cup for the best two days of team totals combined. That was reserved for Anonymous led by Muehl. He placed second on Day 3 with a score of 78.46 points and also placed second on Day 2 with a score of 72.47 points. A total of 28 teams competed in the Amateur Open Division. For a complete rundown of the teams, check out the tournament website at [www.lakeontarioproam.net](http://www.lakeontarioproam.net).



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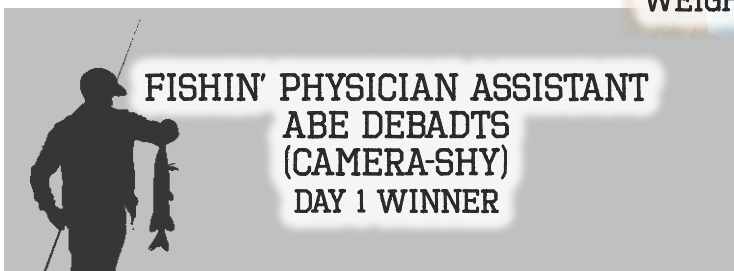
# NIAGARA'S 2016 AMATEUR OPEN WINNERS



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DAY 2 WINNER

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**MEAN MACHINE**  
**KYLE HOVAK**  
DAY 3 WINNER



**FISHIN' PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT**  
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# OSWEGO COUNTY



OH BABY

The 2016 Oswego Pro Am started off with perfect weather for our 1K-a-Day event and continued for the next several days. First day of the 1K saw team On the Lam win with a 22.75 pound King; Day 2 winner was Fishin' Magician with a 21.25 pound King; Day 3 was Praying Mantis with a 22.22 pound King; Day 4 was Double Trouble; and Day 5 was Fishin' Magician with their 2nd win in 5 days! Fat Nancy's annual Big Fish Friday saw continued good weather and nice Kings. Team Praying Mantis took 1st place with 59.10 pounds on 3 fish followed by A-Tom-Mik/CB11 and Marina Mechanic in third.

The main event started Saturday morning and the weather gods were still shining on us! Calm sunny weather saw tourney boats head out in all directions.

Day 1 in the Pro division saw Team Oh Baby, Capt. Matt LeClair make a very long run payoff taking the Day 1 lead with 208.85 points followed by ThrillSeeker, Capt. Vince Pierleoni of Newfane with 168.55; Double Treble, Capt. Mike Lewis, with 166.60; PrimeTime, Capt. Pete LaHosky, 159.00; Cold Steel, Capt. Tom Burke 138.80. The Amateur division saw Team Trouble Shooter led by Greg Dale take the Day 1 lead with 88.15 points followed

by Addiction, Bob Baumeister (72.75); My Time, Greg Parker (67.85), Hook-N-Up, Al Adomitis (63.50) and Warship, Mike Nardone (63.15).

Day 2 Sunday morning our luck ran out and the winds of Oswego were blowing! The forecast called for the winds to diminish through the morning, so we postponed till 9am. As usual this is a tournament's worst nightmare! Usually works out to 1/3 of the boats thinking we should have went right out anyway, 1/3 who want to postpone till the winds die down then fish till 8pm and a 1/3 who want to

cancel immediately and go home!!

Well the Pro's finally left the dock with the wind giving us one more big gust of course! This was followed about an hour and a half later by the Amateurs with the winds and waves slowly letting up. By finish time, the sun was shining bright and the lake was calming nicely. All that was left was to head to the scales.

The Amateur division saw Day 1 leader Trouble Shooter come in with the best catch of a short Day 2 as well and take the win by a good margin with 148.75 points (good for \$2,400 plus prizes). Team Thinkin' Big, Rodney Brown came in 2nd with 97.40; My Time in 3rd 95.20; Second Nature, Eric King in 4th with 88.95; and Warship, Mike Nardone 5th with 78.85 points.

Day 2 Pro saw the same as the Amateur as Day 1 leader Oh Baby held onto 1st place with a score of 282.1 (good for \$6,600 plus prizes), followed by Cold Steel, 270.5; ThrillSeeker, 235.05; Double Treble, 207.80; Team A-Tom-Mik, 190.9 points.

We were happy to have over 60 teams competing between the 1KaDay, Big Fish Friday and the Pro and Amateur divisions of the Pro Am. We gave out over \$30,000 in cash & prizes with one team winning \$2400 by just sweeping Big fish Friday & the 1KaDay right before the main event! Hope to see everyone back this year!!

### 2017 Oswego Pro Am July 6-9

Oswego's main Event this year is Saturday and Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. As usual it is a 2 day, 12 fish per day team event for the Pro division; a 2 day, 9 fish per day for the Amateur division. Our annual Fat Nancy's Big Fish Friday is July 7<sup>th</sup>. NEW!! For this year is a 1K a day event. It will run from Thursday July 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday July 9<sup>th</sup>. It is \$100 per boat to enter. Largest salmon each day weighed in over the 20 pound minimum will win a \$1000 a day. If there is no winner money will rollover to the next day. You may enter all three events, or any of the events separately. Checkout the links below for info or announcements. Or contact Tom at [tburke45@tvcny.rr.com](mailto:tburke45@tvcny.rr.com)

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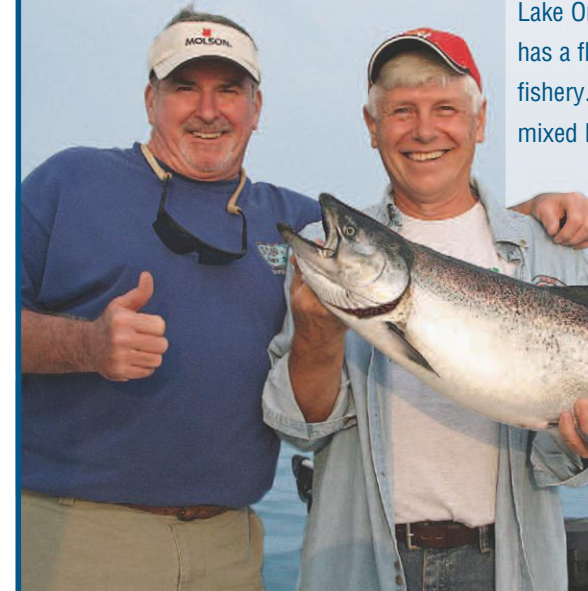
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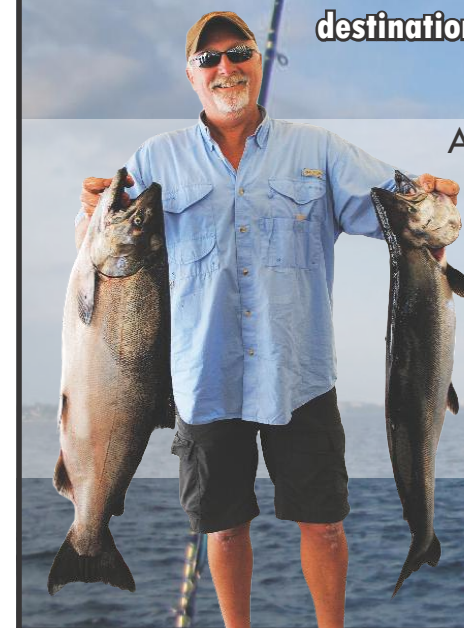
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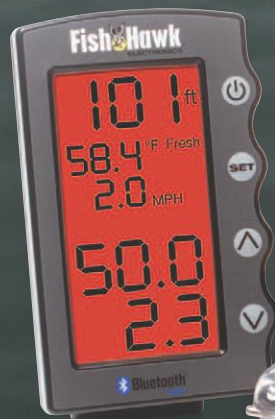
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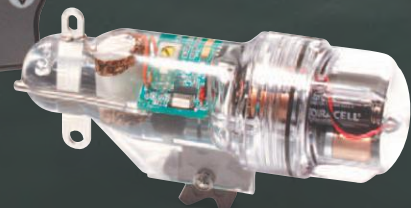


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# WAYNE COUNTY

## SHARK TANK WINS SODUS PRO-AM



SHARK TANK

Historically, the Pro-Am teams fishing from Sodus Point experience hot weather. It's mid-July and that's a common occurrence with the summer solstice. No big deal when you're on Lake Ontario. True...it's a little inconvenient under the weigh-in tent, however not a big issue on the open water.

Wind, on the other hand becomes an issue. Over the years the competitors have endured some strong winds, not what would be described as a full gale, but close.

The weather app on Internet said winds five to eight from the Northwest for Saturday, July 16. From the pier heads of Sodus Bay it didn't appear to be calm winds; the chops were brutal and the swells were not small. Not really five to eight...more like 10 to 20 mph.

Just asked any of the 50 team members if they thought they were fishing in calm seas? "It was tough fishing, very choppy," was the common declaration from the teams for day one of the event.

Day two was calmer water and when the final team came to the weigh scales the "Shark Tank" team walked away with the first place trophy and \$7000.

Captain Greg Gehrig, and "Shark Tank" team members James Foltz and Erik Brockway didn't fare so well during the pre-fishing contest dubbed Captain Jack's Big Fish Friday. "We did terrible,"

Gehrig said during the awards ceremony on Sunday, July 17. "How about this. We were researching and didn't want to show our hand," he quipped.

Saturday, and the official start of the Pro-Am saw the team on top of their game, fishing west of Sodus Bay. "We were looking for brown trout, however that didn't work. We bailed on the browns and went north looking for colder temperatures. We marked the kings straight out from the Ginna Power Plant and never left the area. We were using Diabolical Custom Tackle Meat Rigs from Michigan and Shimano rods and reels."

The "Shark Tank" team, which fishes out of Oswego County, came back to port with ten salmon, a laker and a steelhead. They weighed a very impressive box of fish scoring 237.45. The Cold Steel team, another Oswego competitor, was leading on the first day with 262.95. Pro-Am scores are tabulated with ten points per fish and 10 points per pound.

Captain Greg Gehrig and team set out Sunday morning with a calmer Lake Ontario. "We went right back to the same location and caught 10 salmon and two lakers." The "Shark Tank" team hit the scales with a 223.95 bringing their two-day winning total to 461.40.

The \$7000 purse will be used for the usual expenses associated with competitive sport fishing. That's what

the captain said. Team member Foltz suggested buying twin 350 horse power outboards.

Only three and half pounds separated first from second place, a very finite weight when you are reeling in 25 pound kings.

The "Thrillseeker" team, another winner on the tournament trail tallied 457.85 for their two-day score. "We trolled from Pultneyville to Nine Mile Point," Captain Vince Pierleoni said accepting his trophy and \$3,500 in cash. "On day two we fished out from the Ginna Power Plant and did the kings and steelhead."

In the Amateur Division, Mike Sabo and his "Roll With It" team certainly rolled on the waters Saturday. Sabo and his four-man team fished east of Port Bay, one of the few boats that didn't head west. "I have a 27-foot Sea Ray Amberjack and it was a tough troll for us," Sabo said. The 28-year-old New Jersey resident fishes out of Sodus Bay during the summer. "I love the Sodus Pro-Am," he said. "It has a lot of little things happening during the week. Everyone has a chance to win something."

Sabo took the Am Division with a two-day score of 279.00. "We had a stellar day on Saturday," he said during the awards ceremony. "We had 25 bites. We used a strategy that gave us kings, lakers and steelhead. On day two we fished the same location. We stayed close to home both days. We didn't do any running." Sabo and team took home \$2,500 for first place.

Second place in the Amateur Division was John Nevlezer who was fishing with his brother Peter and AJ Forsay aboard their 23 foot Penn Yan Outrage They went west and like the other fleet of boats bounced... so much they broke both cabin windows. Nevlezer and his "Dipsy Rangers" team score 242.15 and won \$1,100. They also hauled in the Big Fish of the tournament with a 30.25-pound king.

By 5:30pm the awards were over and the Pro-Am teams either headed home or stayed another night at Sodus Point and enjoyed the hospitality of this unique resort village. The excitement of the Sodus Pro-Am will be back next year.

Check out the winners and sponsors on the official web <http://www.sodusproam.com/> They will be listed later in the week.



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tournament will keep the same five fish, 12 fish formats but some of the rules have changed. Nearly everything is the same in the three-fish Amateur Open divisions, but no pros can compete in this true amateur class. Check out [www.lakeontarioproam.net](http://www.lakeontarioproam.net) for details.



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## 2016 Amateur Open Winners



Congratulations to the Shark Tank team from Oswego, NY - the big money winner at \$29,000, first place for the Trophy and Classic Divisions.

In the Amateur Open, it was three separate contests for the best three fish each day. Day one winner was Fishin' Physician Assistant led by Abe Debadts of Rochester; Day two winner was Fisherman's Daughter led by Greg Wiacek of North Tonawanda; and Day three winner was Mean Machine and Kyle Hovak of North Tonawanda. The amateur cup went to Anonymous led by John Muehl of Maryland, NY for the best two single day scores combined. Remember, this tournament is more than 100 percent cash payback!

For more information on the Niagara USA Pro-Am, held out of the ports of Wilson & Olcott, check out [www.lakeontarioproam.net](http://www.lakeontarioproam.net). See you there!

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# LAKE ONTARIO

## PRO/AM SERIES

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<b>2017</b>	<b>Lake Ontario Pro-Am Tournament Series – May 19-21</b>	<b>Official Entry Form</b>
<b>Boat Name:</b>		<b>Length:</b>
Registration No.:		
Boat Manufacturer:		
<p><b>Single Classic Division:</b> Classic (12fish/day) – <b>Total:</b> \$ 1075/3 day event.          Classic entrants cannot be in the Amateur Open.          Amateur Open Friday \$135/event; Amateur Open Saturday \$135/event; Amateur Open Sunday \$135/event for each tourney.          Three single events.  <i>Pro-Am fees include entry in the Classic competition; the Classic Challenge Cup competition, Big Fish awards and admin fees (\$75). Amateur Open fees include each one day event awards, Big Fish prizes and admin fees (\$10 ea.). Open Division cannot fish in the Classic Division due to no observer.</i></p>		
<b>Event:</b> Niagara County Tournament – May 19-21 Docked at (name marina): Amateur Open (Three Days)	<input type="checkbox"/>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Circle:</b> Classic Division (three day tourney)  <b>Circle:</b> May 19    May 20    May 21 \$135    \$135    \$135
<b>Pro-Am Entry Deadlines – all events:</b> <b>By Check</b> – Must be postmarked by May 9. <b>Online</b> – Must be registered by 5 pm Monday, May 15. <b>Online payments only will be accepted after the check deadline.</b>		
<b>Late Entry Deadlines for Pro-Am Division</b> – There is none.		
<b>Amateur Open Registration:</b> <b>By Check</b> – Must be postmarked by May 9. <b>Online</b> – Anytime up to Monday, May 15 at 5 pm. No provisions for late entry.		
<b>Team Captain:</b>		<b>Signature:</b>
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Day Phone:	Eve. Phone:	
E-mail Address:		
<b>Is there an enclosed head on the boat?</b> Yes No (Important to know for observers in Pro) Pro Division teams <b>MUST</b> provide observer(s) name to tournament by 6:00 PM one day prior to the start of the tournament.		
Day 1 Observer:		Day 2 Observer:
<i>If our team places in the event, make our check payable to:</i>		
<b>To register by mail:</b> Please enclose team registration fee along with this form and mail to: Lake Ontario Pro Am, c/o NTCC, 10 Rainbow Blvd., Niagara Falls, NY 14303 by the deadlines stated above. <b>Make checks payable to:</b> Niagara Tourism and Convention Corp.		
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