By GL Anglers GREAT LAKES FEATS



< Brandon McDonald emailed some fine fishing shots from a summer on the Great Lakes. One day in May, he caught this 21½-pound king salmon out of Port Dalhousie, Ontario, fishing with a spoon 60 feet down over

100 feet of water. An American redstart warbler hitched a ride.



< A Challenger 3D Worm Harness in the watermelon/copper pattern gets the credit for the 11.3-pound walleye held by Rick Rossi (right) that won the big fish prize worth \$3,000 in the Con Club Walleye Derby held out of Dunkirk, New York, last summer. Also pictured are Kevin Caverly (left), who supplied the boat, Wavey One, and crewmember Bob Clark. Bruce Litolff of Litolff Photography in Churchville, New York (585-232-6140) supplied the photo.



"We put a lot of time on the water this year to be rewarded with this beautiful 33-pound, 2-ounce salmon from God," says Jon Dubbelde, of Selkirk, New York. Dubbelde's friend, Dan McMahan of Anderson, Indiana (pictured), landed the big fish, which narrowly missed finishing in the money (tied for 21st) in the Lake Ontario Counties Fall Derby. Dubbelde and his crew were fishing Lake Ontario's Mexico Bay on August 22. The fish hit a Howie Fly behind a Spin Doctor flasher 250 out on a Power Pro Dipsy. "The fish took it out to 805 feet, and Dan spent 25 minutes reeling it back in three-foot waves—and in the pouring rain, of course!" Dubbelde says.

Hobie Cat Company's Fishing Product Manager, Morgan Promnitz, had a chance to land some nice smallmouth from Wisconsin's Cheguamegon Bay in September. Fishing with GLA contributor Josh Lantz, the two caught and released eight fish weighing more than four pounds each. Dragging sucker minnows on circle hooks with 8-pound spinning gear near a patch of weeds where the bottom broke from 13 to 17 feet was the key. Lantz credited Roger LaPenter of Anglers All Bait Shop (715-682-5754; anglers allwisconsin.com) in Ashland for instructions to find the fish.



Brian Beaudry caught this Lake
Erie steelie in August out of Wheatley,
Ontario. Capt. Jeff Anderson of the
Anderson Boyz Sport Fishing Charters
(519-564-7007; fishhound.ca) reports that
the rainbows were thick, feeding on huge
schools of smelt. "We were fishing around
30 to 40 feet down using riggers and
Dipsies, smaller spoons; 2.5 to 3.5 inches
worked best, and our best color this season was mixed veggies," says Anderson.
"The best time to go is the last week of
July until the second week of August, and
Wheatley has a decent launch."

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