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# THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

We are now into the Dog Days of Summer. By the time you read this the Picnic and Tournament may be over, but there is still lots to do and places to fish. Lake Roosevelt holds lots of smaller fish, just pull a spinner on most of the main lake points and limits can be caught. The Governors Cup at Kettle Falls had 990 fish caught and the average size was 1.19 pounds, the big fish of the tournament was only 5.02 pounds. That's a lot of small fish.

Remember the upcoming C.A.S.T. for Kids event August 29<sup>th</sup> at Clear Lake. We will have kids this year from Muscular Dystopia with us also. We will need people with boats to take the kids out fishing and people on shore to help cook their lunch. So mark the date on your calendar and show up for this very special day.

Our Last of the Season Campout & Fish Day is September 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> at the Fort Spokane Group campsite. We have the campsite reserved from 1pm the 10<sup>th</sup> through noon the 14<sup>th</sup>. We had lots of fun last year, and hope to again this year. The club will supply a ham for our Saturday Potluck Dinner, and the Sunday morning Group Breakfast is not to be missed.

Also in September is the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Balls & Chain Tournament at Kettle Falls on September 26<sup>th</sup>. This Jack & Jill tournament will benefit the Casey McKern "Pay It Forward" Foundation. For more information on this fun event go to [www.ballsandchain.org](http://www.ballsandchain.org)

It's not too early to start planning to attend our club's Annual Awards Banquet at Northern Quest Casino on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm. We always have great time and they never seem to run out of shrimp.

Well, that's about all for this edition. I hope to see you all at an upcoming event or on the water.

*George Allen*

# Just Eatin'

by Doug Nathan

**Hey Folks, it's time, get your holiday plans set now to avoid the December rush. The deposit has been made with Northern Quest for our annual banquet. We have our room reserved for December 13<sup>th</sup> to celebrate once again another banner year of the Spokane Walleye Club, honor selected members, discuss the upcoming year, and stuff our faces. OH YEAH !!!**

**The cost again will be \$15 per person, or \$30 a couple, or \$45 for a threesome, anyway you figure it, it's a great deal. The club will be catching the extra gratuity. And you get to hear George talk for no extra fee. Parking is free this year in a covered parking garage, but you get some fresh air on the walk to the casino.**

**So get it marked on your calendar, right next to the squashed fly, and we'll see you there.**

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## July 2009

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## July Events

- **July 4 - Independence Day**
- **July 13th - 18th - National Veterans' Wheelchair Games**
- **July 19th - Spokane Walleye Club Summer Picnic**
- **July 25th & 26th - Washington State Championship Tournament at Kettle Falls**

## August 2009

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## August Events

- **August 19th - Board Meeting at 6pm.** Check with a board member for the location.
- **August 26th - General Meeting**
- **August 29th - C.A.S.T. for Kids Event at Clear Lake**

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND SEMINARS

July 13th - 18th - National Veterans' Wheelchair Games

Volunteers needed to help with this very worthy cause.

**July 19th - Spokane Walleye Club Summer Picnic at Kettle Falls**

**Come on up and have some fun and relaxation. Camping will be available from the 18th through the 27th for the picnic and the tournament.**

**July 25th & 26th - SWC sponsored Washington State Championship Tournament at Kettle Falls**  
**Mark's Marine has guaranteed a first place payout of \$10,000. Camping available for those volunteers helping out with the tournament.**

August 29th - C.A.S.T. for Kids Event at Clear Lake

Come out and help make it a special day for a kid with Special Needs.

September 12th & 13th - Spokane Walleye Club's Fall Fish Day and Campout at Fort Spokane

Group campgrounds are reserved from the 10th through the 14th. Join us for a great time fishing on Saturday, and a potluck breakfast on Sunday morning

September 26th - Second annual Balls & Chain Tournament at Kettle Falls

Jack & Jill tournament to benefit the Casey McKern "Pay It Forward" Foundation. More information is available at [www.ballsandchain.org](http://www.ballsandchain.org)

**These subjects may be changed at the last moment depending on how and where the bite is.**



## JUST FISHIN

By Doug Nathan

So, do you know anyone that went to a cancelled picnic and had a terrific time ??? Oh yes you do !! We had eight campsites full of Spokane Walleye Clubbers at Locust Grove on June 18, 19, 20, and 21. We ate, fished, ate, dodged lightning, ate, watched Tom Fischer do a rain dance in a downpour, then ate some more, and sat around a campfire. Fishing was good. Food was good. Everyone caught Mr. Walleyes. Burl and Al from Idaho made the trip with their sons. The Phipps were there to show off their new boat (nice one). Bob and Lorrie made an appearance, but probably could have used some of that lightning for their "bow mount" as they were having battery problems.

On Sunday we broke camp and headed back to real life except for a few that don't know when to call it quits that went down to Gifford for a couple days of watching whitecaps and rain on the mighty Columbia. We even "suckered" one couple into coming up to Gifford to watch the wind and rain. (they should have known better, they live on the lake in a pole building) Peaceful conversation and water fights did fill out the trip while hiding behind campers to get out of the wind. Wednesday broke clear, warm, and beautiful, and once again, THE FISHIN WAS GOOD.

## *Board Meetings & General Membership Meetings*

Board meetings are held 2nd to last Wednesday of each month at 6 pm (Members are Welcome)  
Board meetings are being held at different locations for now, contact a board member to find out where the meeting is being held that month

General membership meetings are held on the last Wednesday of each month at the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council Building at 6116 N Market Spokane WA at 7 pm  
(excluding June, July, & December)

# Fishing Electronics Buyer's Guide

By: Sean Sutherland and Frank Ross

The advances in sonar technology have been phenomenal in the past few years, and innovations seem to come at an escalating pace. Before you tackle the buying decision for an electronics purchase, you should have an understanding of some basic terms and the way sonar works.

Four elements determine a sonar unit's ability to help you in your quest for fish: transmitter power, transducer efficiency, receiver sensitivity and display options.

## Power

Let's look at power first. The term peak-to-peak is normally used to describe the output power of a sonar transmitter. This term describes the results of a measurement of the total swing of AC voltage from its peak negative value to its peak positive value. Power on sonar units is generally given in watts.

RMS is another term that is used in evaluating sonar. RMS is an acronym for "root mean square," or a DC voltage that will produce the same heating effect (power output in watts) as the AC voltage.

The depth and quality of your home waters will determine what amount of power is required. If you routinely fish relatively shallow lakes, high frequency (which we'll discuss later) is more of an issue than power. In murky water and greater depths you'll need more power to penetrate all the way to the bottom. Power is also an issue when it comes to the speed of the signal in relation to your boat speed. A very weak or slow signal will return information after you are long gone.

## Transducer

To select the transducer that's best suited to your needs, you need to consider the transducer's operating frequency, cone angle and type of installation.

The transducer functions like an antenna to send out sonar signals (sound waves) and receive return echoes. Transducers are available for mounting on the transom, inside the hull of a boat (for small fiberglass boats), or even to a trolling motor using a special mounting. A true thru-hull option is available for large fiberglass boats.

To help you decide what cone angle will best suit your needs for the type of fishing you do, consider this: the wider the cone angle, the less sensitive it will be in deeper water, but it will give you a wider field of view in more shallow water.

In general, a single-high-frequency, 20°-cone-angle transducer is preferable for inland freshwater lakes, mounted to the transom or trolling motor. For Great Lakes and saltwater use, a dual-frequency transducer with transom mount, puck-style or thru-hull installation is preferred.

## Frequency

Most sonar units operate at a low 50kHz (kilohertz) or at a high 192kHz or 200kHz. There are distinct advantages to frequency that you need to consider before making a purchase, and some units operate at both low and high frequency, depending on the task that is assigned.

# Fishing Electronics Buyer's Guide

(Cont.)

Water has a natural ability to absorb higher frequency signals more than those on the lower end so the 50kHz units penetrate deeper depths; however, they have a wide cone angle and produce less definition and target separation. They are also more susceptible to noise and distortion.

Higher frequency units, in the range of 192 to 200, are very effective in shallower depths, have a narrower cone angle, and produce better definition and target separation. These frequencies are less susceptible to noise and distortion.

Deep saltwater environments will require a 50kHz transducer or a dual frequency transducer that can be switched between 200kHz and 50kHz. Downrigger fishermen can track downrigger balls with the wide cone angle of the 50kHz transducer.

## GPS Considerations

Once you've found the fish, finding them again is the next challenge. The ability to store points and routes comes in handy on both large and small water bodies.

The decision between marine GPS units with internal and external GPS receivers is truly personal, though some manufacturers recommend against installing internal GPS units in cabins and behind windshields. The wisdom behind this practice is to give the receiver a clear shot to the maximum number of satellites. External GPS units, however, require a more thoughtful installation, as wiring and drilling are necessary.

Two terms thrown around in relation to GPS are DGPS and WAAS. DGPS (Differential GPS) calculates and transmits the necessary correction factors to mobile GPS receivers in the area. WAAS is an acronym for the Wide Area Augmentation System. WAAS improves GPS accuracy using ground towers to more accurately triangulate your position.

## Mapping and Charting

Mapping and charting capabilities may be expanded with plug-in SD cards from companies such as Navionics, LakeMaster, Garmin and Lowrance. These systems deliver incredible detail for anglers wanting to know as much as possible about the lakes they are fishing. Some units come conveniently preloaded with mapping and charting software.

NMEA 2000® is the interface standard developed by the National Marine Electronics Association. Equipment designed to this standard will have the ability to share data over a single channel. This networking streamlines a boat's electronics package by allowing multiple sonar/GPS units to run off of a single transducer or GPS module.

## Making the Purchase

The best fish finder for you is the unit that has the features your fishing style requires. When choosing, know that there is a learning curve for every fish finder. Learning the ins and outs of your fish finder may take a bit of practice and patience, but you'll quickly realize its value in fish found and fish caught.

## SPOKANE WALLEYE CLUB'S NEW MEMBERS (2009)

Lothar & Patricia Wallner	Todd Bergslien	Michael Bonnes & Jody Harville	Eric & Misty Braaten
Lyle & Robin Bruce	Shad Lemon	Reidar & Vickie Clausen	Allan Ray
Phil & Debbie Clements	Daniel & Janet Eagle	Mark & Jacque Emley	Alan Marsh
John & Andrea Gibson	Sam & Cindy Henrichs	Lynn & Cheryl Humphreys	Tim & Amanda Kiefer
Thane & Connie Lloyd	Don & Theresa Lux	Kelly & Brigitte Norwood	James & Karla Olson
Stephen & Debra Dickerson	Scott Petrin	Michael & Kristin Pimentel	Dick & Mary Barker
Douglas & Michele Sowers	Douglas & Claudia Peters		

(Editor's apologies for any errors or omissions)

# Walleye Recipe of the Month

## Uncle Bob's Honey Dip Walleye

### Ingredients:

8 walleye fillets	$\frac{1}{4}$ cup of flour
$\frac{2}{3}$ cup vegetable oil	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp sea salt
1 egg beaten	Pepper to taste
1 tablespoon honey	Cracker crumbs or bread crumbs

### Directions:

Heat the oil in a skillet at least 10 inches deep.

Beat the egg and mix in the honey. Combine bread crumbs with the flour, salt and pepper. Dip the fillets in the egg mixture and coat with the bread mix. Place in the skillet and fry until golden brown (about 3 minutes per side) or until the fillet easily flakes.

Serve with lemon wedges.

Serves 6.



# Spokane Walleye Club - Membership Application

New Membership \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Member Since: \_\_\_\_\_

Yearly Membership fee is \$20.00 per family (includes children under 18 living at home)

Membership type: 1 Year - \$ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ 2 Year - \$ 35 \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Year - \$ 50 \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Type: Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Month/Day \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names & Ages (Under 18) \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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