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SKIRMINT SEIZES CHAUMONT WITH 19.92 LBS.



**JOHN WITH
HIS 5.44 LB.
ANCHOR SMALLIE.**

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CHAUMONT BAY

PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH ROUTE 12E, THREE MILE BAY, NY
ANGLER OF THE YEAR SERIES - AUGUST 17, 2019



PAUL CALDWELL
2nd Place - 18.66 lbs.

Jon Skirment won the 2019 Raymour & Flanigan® Furniture Angler of the Years Series at Chaumont Bay with 19.92 lbs.

Jon said, "This was my first win with the RBM club, and it will be a very memorable one.

I unfortunately blew my big motor practicing the afternoon before. I had one spot I could reasonably reach on my trolling motor only. After consulting with the Tournament Director, I elected to continue fishing out of my boat day 1. I relied on this one spot for the whole tournament, which was a about a 1/2 mile stretch that had good weeds and access to deeper water. I caught all the fish I weighed on the Alabama Rig for a total bag of 19.92 lbs. with a 5.44 anchor. I really want to thank Will Rogers for towing my boat in during practice, and **Nate Kalpin** for the ride in to weigh-in and tow back later on."

Back in the money and taking 2nd Place, long time member **Paul Caldwell** came to the scales with 18.66 lbs.

Paul said, "Barb and I fished for two days out in Lake Ontario. The weather

cooperated and you could run anywhere you wanted. I found 3 spots that were holding fish.

I caught one with good fish in 11-14 feet of water with rocks. I managed to only catch 6 fish all day. Luckily they were good enough to give me a decent bag.

All the fish I caught came on a drop-shot."

Rounding out the Top Three, **Matt James** weighed in a five fish limit of 18.50 lbs.

Matt said, "Had a great couple of practice days with my dad. I was able to narrow down a couple of good places in the bay and out in the lake. I was feeling really good going into Saturday. Tournament morning I decide to run to the lake where the bigger fish were and that was a bad idea. When I got there after taking a beating from the wind and waves the fish wouldn't cooperate and the wind was getting worse so after 45 minutes of no bites I pushed the panic button and ran back to the bay. I managed to keep my cool and had a limit in the boat at around 10 am. I was able to upgrade throughout the day culling about 4 times. All in all happy with my performance on Saturday. Sunday was a different story, lost about 6 good fish."

Tom Haley brought in 18.66 lbs. for a 4th Place finish.

Tom said, "I failed to find reliable large fish in the lake on Thursday. On Friday I fished the bay and found the fish to be very cooperative and a decent size.

Saturday, **Rich Calabrese** and I started on a shallow shore in Chaumont Bay. The bite was slower than I expected, but we had a number of bites on top water. I landed one over 4 pounds and another one in the high 3's. We rotated through 3 spots throughout the day fishing a combination of top

water, spinnerbaits, Ned rigs and shakey heads. We concentrated on 2-9 feet of water.

Towards lunch time I told Rich we were going to an area that had a bunch of 2-3 pound fish and we should catch them pretty quick once we got to the right area. Before you know it I landed 4 smallmouth in 5 casts, none of which helped. Rich then through in and caught a 5 pound largemouth. We landed several more and we jumped around until the end of the day.

Overall, I had a great day fishing with Rich, even though he apparently thought my scale needed to be placed in the live well along with all of his smallmouth . . . While we missed and lost a number of fish, that can be expected when fishing for smallmouth. Sunday was another story!"

Always a threat, **Tyler Austin** weighed in the last 18 pound bag. Tyler weighed in 18.19 lbs. for 5th Place.

Tyler said, "I went into this event with one day of practice, 3 weeks before the tournament. I knew where I wanted to fish and spent most of my practice side

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MATT JAMES
3rd Place - 18.50 lbs.



TOM HALEY
4th Place - 18.30 lbs.

scanning looking for specific things. This helped me effectively cover water in the tournament. I was using only a drop shot throughout both days. I used my Lowrance side scan to locate fish then catch them off my 2D sonar. I was only fishing with one Douglas rod both days and had a blast catching a lot of smallmouth.

Huge thanks to Douglas, Tradewins, and Gill.”



JIM BIANCHI
6th Place - 17.97 lbs.
5.55 lb. LUNKER

Jim Bianchi came in 6th Place and had Lunker of the Day, Jim came in the 17.97 lbs.

Jim said, “This was not an easy tournament to find fish and huge props to the winners! I sometimes wonder why I bother looking at wind forecasts, because I went home sore and exhausted after battling the lake for two days in very rough weather. I once again left wishing I had practiced more inside the bay, but live and learn eventually, I suppose because I believe 3 of the last 4 times at Chaumont were won inside the bay. Again congrats to those who put it together, especially Kyle Sweers who had three monsters over 5 pounds!”

Mark Harold rounded out the Top Seven with 17.33 lbs.

Mark said, “I had a couple memorable events at Chaumont, one of which I had never experienced and another that I painfully share with most anglers.

I thought I was basically targeting smallmouth, because I hadn’t caught a largemouth in practice. I was pleasantly surprised to find largemouth were now mixed in with the smallies and were more willing to bite. Throwing an old school one ounce Lou Dog spinnerbait in the bus color I had a limit in the first hour that was made up of four largemouths and one smallmouth.

After catching and culling a mixed assortment of bass I moved to a nearby weedline where I would experience the pain. While I remember some of my better catches, it’s always hard to forget the one that got away. I had one bite on the new spot and it was a giant largemouth, possible over six pounds, it would jump to show its big mouth and body and then shake loose the spinnerbait. I can still picture that spinnerbait going one way and the bass going the other. But to quote **“The Bassmaster” Bill Rogers (Will’s father)** from years ago,



TYLER AUSTIN
5th Place - 18.19 lbs.

“That’s Bass Fishing”.

When the storm was approaching I decided to return to my starting area thinking that a feeding frenzy could happen and what better than going to an area with both big largemouth and smallmouth. I was right! I caught several and culled at least a half dozen times in the last hour. My mixed bag weighed 17.33 pounds, good enough for

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MARK HAROLD
7th Place - 17.33 lbs.

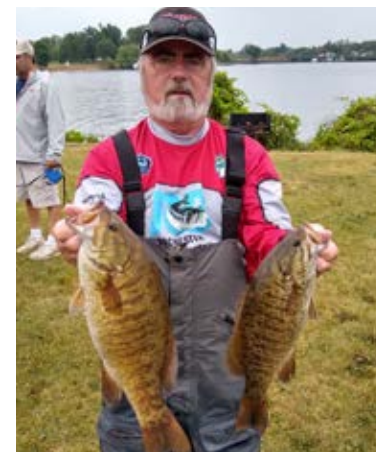


seventh place.

Now for the event I hadn't experienced before. I've had more than a few run-ins with seagulls while fishing topwater lures, but never had a bird dive bomb from high in the sky to get a sub-surface lure. During practice I was throwing a chatterbait when an osprey swooped down from above and made a splash like a cinder block that was dropped from a plane. I never saw it until it hit the water. Next thing I know it's exiting the water with my chatterbait in hand, or more accurately, in talons. I yelled nooooooooooooo, and luckily it dropped the lure, shook its wings and body to apparently shake off the water and flew away. That is one that got away that I'll not soon forget, but in this case trying to remove a chatterbait from those talons would have been a different level of painful."



Place	Angler	Weight	Fish Caught	Fish Weighed	Dead Fish	Penalties	Lunker	Total Weight
1	Jon Skirment	19.92	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	5.44	19.92
2	Paul Caldwell	19.16	5.00	3.00	2.00	0.50		18.66
3	Matt James	18.50	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00		18.50
4	Tom Haley	18.30	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00		18.30
5	Tyler Austin	18.19	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	5.28	18.19
6	Jim Bianchi	17.97	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	5.55	17.97
7	Mark Harold	17.33	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00		17.33
8	Nate Kalpin	16.66	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00		16.66
9	Wes Vyverberg	16.56	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00		16.56
10	Kurt Keller	16.34	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00		16.34
11	Rich Zajac	16.43	5.00	4.00	1.00	0.25		16.18
12	Matt Ferrante	15.73	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00		15.73
13	Rich Bush	15.72	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00		15.72
14	TJ Valle	15.27	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00		15.27
15	Dave Livingston	15.01	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00		15.01
16	Rich Calabrese	14.52	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00		14.52
17	Kyle Sweers	14.43	5.00	4.00	1.00	0.25		14.18
18	Fred Blom	14.11	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00		14.11
19	Dan Patane	13.63	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	4.06	13.63
20	Steve Levine	13.46	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00		13.46
21	Rod Brown	12.61	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00		12.61
22	Jake Zaremski	12.19	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	4.60	12.19
23	Tige Noni	11.87	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00		11.87
24	Fred Ratcliffe	12.04	5.00	4.00	1.00	0.25		11.79
25	Dom Cerasuolo	11.75	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00		11.75
26	Liane Livote	11.68	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	3.83	11.68
27	Todd Keller	11.23	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	4.61	11.23
28	Will Rogers	10.69	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	5.09	10.69
29	Tyler Muhs	9.35	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00		9.35
30	Bill Wittman	8.19	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00		8.19
31	Bob Manley	5.70	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00		5.70
32	Merritt Diamond	4.50	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00		4.50
33	Rob Browe	4.05	3.00	3.00	0.00	0.00		4.05
34	Dalton Forte	3.90	2.00	2.00	0.00	0.00		3.90





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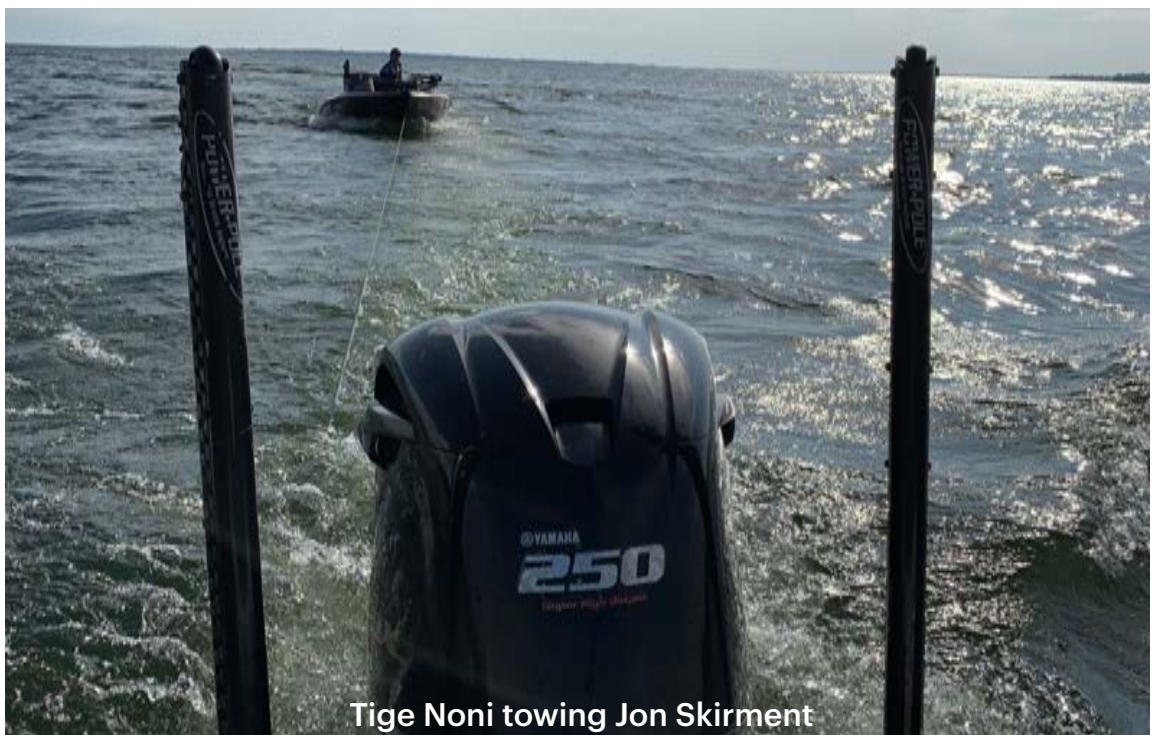
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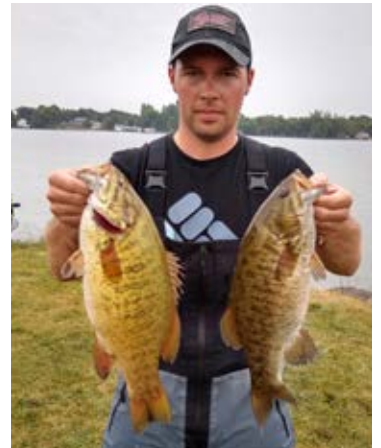


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Tige Noni towing Jon Skirment





2019 STANDINGS

ANGLER OF THE YEAR SERIES

Place	Angler	Lake Erie Day 1	Lake Erie Day 2	Cayuga Lake	Conesus Lake	Chaumont Bay Day 1	Chaumont Bay Day 2	Sodus Bay	Keuka Lake	Total	AOTY
1	Jim Bianchi	21.04	23.31	19.31	14.96	17.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	96.59	81.63
2	Will Rogers	22.05	24.33	17.74	12.87	10.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	87.68	76.99
3	TJ Valle	21.60	20.50	13.20	14.80	17.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	87.43	74.23
4	Mark Harold	19.22	21.00	17.21	15.07	15.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	87.77	72.70
5	Rod Brown	21.08	19.68	15.60	14.49	12.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	83.46	70.85
6	Dave Livingston	19.60	21.00	11.48	7.32	18.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	77.59	70.27
7	Jake Zaremski	17.94	18.75	16.54	12.30	16.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	82.19	69.89
8	Dan Patane	18.99	23.16	13.54	7.37	13.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	76.69	69.32
9	Nate Kalpin	17.71	19.05	15.14	7.04	16.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.50	68.46
10	Wes Vyverberg	19.98	19.90	15.82	8.01	12.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.90	67.89
11	Rich Bush	17.67	18.12	12.24	4.52	18.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.21	66.69
12	Tyler Austin	14.89	18.92	13.99	17.13	15.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	79.94	65.95
13	Kyle Sweers	18.85	17.36	13.62	7.93	15.73	0.00	0.00	0.00	73.49	65.56
14	Tige Noni	22.76	23.13	17.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	63.55	63.55
15	Matt James	19.10	19.48	10.86	5.78	13.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	68.68	62.90
16	Jon Skirment	16.01	16.04	15.07	6.16	15.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	69.00	62.84
17	Matt Ferrante	15.89	8.98	14.02	14.16	18.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	71.55	62.57
18	Fred Ratcliffe	16.88	15.70	15.76	0.00	14.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	62.52	62.52
19	Doug Walker	14.82	20.42	0.00	4.76	19.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	59.92	59.92
20	Steve Levine	9.34	18.26	15.52	12.51	11.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	67.50	58.16
21	Bill Wittman	16.57	16.37	12.55	12.14	8.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	65.82	57.63
22	Paul Caldwell	16.62	19.29	8.78	9.59	11.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	66.07	57.29
23	Kurt Keller	14.28	20.91	9.66	3.91	11.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.51	56.60
24	Chris O'Brien	0.00	17.11	9.99	10.62	16.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	54.06	54.06
25	Tyler Muhs	22.49	17.56	3.55	2.38	9.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	55.33	52.95
26	Dom Cerasuolo	18.66	17.10	12.72	3.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	52.45	52.45
27	Todd Keller	15.66	13.33	10.93	11.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	51.40	51.40
28	Rich Zajac	15.15	17.23	17.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.01	50.01
29	Jim Champ	16.62	18.19	14.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	49.32	49.32
30	Fred Blom	16.84	19.11	0.00	0.00	11.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	47.18	47.18
31	Tom Haley	0.00	19.72	0.00	7.26	16.18	0.00	0.00	0.00	43.16	43.16
32	Sean Brown	0.00	0.00	10.82	14.34	14.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	39.27	39.27
33	Drew Damtoft	10.63	15.32	10.00	2.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.06	38.06
34	Rich Calabrese	0.00	17.26	0.00	0.00	18.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.56	35.56
35	Bob Manley	16.15	0.00	13.66	4.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.69	34.69
36	Merritt Diamond	16.38	7.90	2.99	3.68	4.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.45	32.46
37	Terry Gartz	14.55	17.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31.78	31.78
38	Orlando Roman	16.80	12.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.76	29.76
39	Jack Kleinman	7.12	11.47	0.00	5.01	5.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.30	29.30
40	Kevin Kinnear	0.00	13.41	5.21	8.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.66	26.66
41	Dylan Mackaravit	0.00	5.56	6.05	3.31	11.68	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.60	26.60
42	Liane Livote	0.00	0.00	10.15	0.00	14.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.67	24.67
43	Rob Browe	19.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.14	19.14
44	Devon Talbot	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.32	13.32
45	Dalton Forte	13.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.07	13.07
46	Ray Sacheli	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.32	11.32
47	Dalton Talbot	3.31	7.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.08	11.08
48	Andrew Weber	0.00	0.00	1.40	4.23	4.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.68	9.68
49	Ben Levy	2.56	0.00	0.00	2.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.11	5.11
50	Don Josselyn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.90	3.90



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