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BIANCHI DIALS IN BOTH DAYS AT THE ISLANDS

**JIM WEIGHED
IN LIMITS OF
19.15 LBS. &
17.73 LBS.**

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ANGLER OF THE YEAR SERIES AT
1000 ISLANDS
SEPTEMBER 17, 2020
KEEWAYDIN STATE PARK



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JAKE ZAREMSKI
 DAY 1- 3rd Place - 14.79 lbs.
 Day 2 - 4th Place - 14.00 lbs.

from all across the country actually shows up to fish... The bite for big smallies was so tough that I had a deck full of largemouth rods ready and actually tested some largemouth real early on day one after my first Smallie stop was off. With no quick largemouth bites other than 1 lb. fish, I quickly went back to small largemouth. I was able to catch my smallies pretty fast after putting away my largemouth rods and had my weight by roughly 8:30 or 9. Drop shot was the only technique used. On day two it took me most of the day to compile my weight also with drop shot (and it wasn't a max scent!!!). Can't wait for the fish to get over the COVID funk."



WES VYVERBERG
 Day 2 - 4th Place - 14.47 lbs.

Jim Bianchi won both days at the Tradewins Financial/Genesee Beer at the 1000 Islands. Jim weighed 19.15 lbs. on Day 1 and 17.73 lbs. on Day 2.

Jim said, "The 1000 islands was recently ranked as a top fishing location across the country. It appears that changes quickly when everyone

Jake Zaremski brought in 14.79 lbs. on DAY 1 for 3rd Place and on Day 2 14.00 lbs. for 4th Place.

Jake said, "Day 1 - The St. Lawrence River is my favorite body of water to fish anywhere. I was able to spend 10 days up here before our tournament and it paid off immensely. Unfortunately the two tournament days were the toughest of the 10 days I was up there. Day 1 I started out close to the launch to try to fill a limit of smaller fish. After about an hour I had one good one and one small one on a dropshot. I picked up and ran to an area where I had located better than average fish on a group of shoals. Apparently, every guide service on the river decided that was where they wanted to start this morning. Every deep water area I ran to had at least two guide boats. Once the sun came up I ran to one of my shallow water spots and I was able to witness the

TJ Valle show. I watched him catch one fish after another for just over an hour while I was only able to pick up one good one. I was running low on popcorn so I ran back towards the launch and was able to catch a ton of 2-2.5 lbs fish in the last two hours to finish my day. All my fish came on a dropshot or a Ned rig.

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ADAM FURANO
 DAY 1- 13th Place - 12.12 lbs.
 Day 2 - 7th Place - 13.88 lbs.



JACK KLEINMAN
 DAY 1- 9th Place - 13.26 lbs.
 Day 2 - 11th Place - 13.06 lbs.



DOM CERASUOLO

DAY 1- 12th Place - 12.50 lbs.
 Day 2 - 24th Place - 6.68 lbs.

Day 2 - For day 2 I decided to scrap all my stuff away from the launch that I fished on Day 1. It turned out to be a pretty good decision. I ran to my first spot and managed to catch a 3 pound class fish in the first few minutes on a dropshot. I found a point in practice that seemed to have larger than average fish on it consistently. I ran to that point and caught 8 fish in 8 casts with two of



KYLE SWEERS

DAY 1- 19th Place - 10.09 lbs.
 Day 2 - 9th Place - 13.45 lbs.

Place	Angler	Fish Caught	Fish Alive	Lunker	Weight
1	Jim Bianchi	5	5	4.68	19.15
2	Tj Valle	5	4	0	16.74
3	Jake Zaremski	5	5	0	14.79
4	Rod Brown	5	4	0	14.66
5	Dan Patane	5	4	4.51	14.38
6	Bill Wittman	5	5	0	14.24
7	Adam Furano	5	5	3.88	13.88
8	Steve Levine	5	5	4.64	13.59
9	Kyle Sweers	5	3	4	13.45
10	Orlando Roman	5	4	0	13.36
11	Jack Kleinman	5	5	0	13.06
12	Rich Calabrese	5	5	0	11.44
13	Eric Hughes	5	5	0	11.34
14	Ben Levy	5	5	0	11.27
15	David Livingston	5	5	0	11.21
16	Terry Gartz	5	2	4.45	11.10
17	Fred Ratcliffe	5	4	0	10.11
18	Nate Kalpin	5	5	0	9.96
19	Fred Blom	5	5	0	9.53
20	Jon Skirment	5	4	0	9.21
21	Matt Ferrante	3	3	0	7.78
22	Doug Walker	3	2	0	6.87
23	Mark Saile	5	5	0	6.73
24	Dom Cerasuolo	3	3	0	6.68
25	Mark Harold	5	5	0	6.66
26	Tige Noni	2	2	0	5.28
27	Wes Vyverberg	3	1	0	4.19
28	Rob Browe	2	2	0	3.94



TODD KELLER
Day 2 - 18th Place - 10.78 lbs.

NED around, 3 pounder goes in the box. Flip caught a couple dinks in the interim before I boated #2, just a rat. With the wind hikin' I switched to a dropshot so I could maintain bottom contact and feel my bait better. This paid off as I picked up a pair of deuces walking a ledge.

As the day went on, I rotated between the dropshot and NED, with the dropshot getting the most



STEVE LEVINE
DAY 1- 8th Place - 13.59 lbs.
Day 2 - 14th Place- 11.86 lbs.

Place	Angler	Fish Caught	Fish Alive	Lunker	Weight
1	Jim Bianchi	5	4	5.45	17.73
2	TJ Valle	5	5	0.00	15.35
3	Wes Vyverberg	5	5	3.66	14.47
4	Jake Zaremski	5	4	0.00	14.00
5	David Livingston	5	5	0.00	13.97
6	Dan Patane	5	5	4.54	13.63
7	Nate Kalpin	5	5	0.00	13.48
8	Rod Brown	5	5	5.28	13.32
9	Jack Kleinman	5	5	0.00	13.26
10	Mark Harold	5	5	4.94	13.22
11	Tyler Austin	5	5	0.00	13.16
12	Dom Cerasoulo	3	3	5.37	12.50
13	Adam Furano	5	5	0.00	12.12
14	Steve Levine	5	5	5.69	11.86
15	Orlando Roman	5	5	0.00	11.78
16	Matt Ferrante	5	3	0.00	11.58
17	Jon Skirment	5	5	0.00	11.03
18	Todd Keller	5	5	0.00	10.78
19	Kyle Sweers	5	3	0.00	10.09
20	Rich Calabrese	5	5	0.00	9.62
21	Tige Noni	4	4	0.00	9.60
22	Terry Gartz	5	5	0.00	9.17
23	Bob Manley	5	5	0.00	8.46
24	Ben Levy	3	3	0.00	7.57
25	Eric Hughes	5	5	0.00	6.67
26	Bill Wittman	2	2	0.00	4.88
27	Rob Browe	1	1	0.00	2.60
28	Doug Walker	1	1	0.00	1.92



JOHN SKIRMMENT
DAY 1 - 17th Place - 7.71 lbs.
Day 2 - 14th Place- 11.86 lbs.

them being in the 3-4 pound class. Like a light switch, the fish seemed to have left my point completely. I spent the rest of the day bouncing around looking for a big bite and it never came. I even went after these strange looking green fish. I'm still researching what those things were. They had pretty big mouths. Thank you to everyone who helped set up the weigh in and had a hand in running these two tournaments."



MATT FERRANTE
DAY 1 - 20th Place - 7.78 lbs.
Day 2 - 17th Place- 11.58 lbs.

Wes Vyverberg caught 14,47 lbs. on Day 2.

Wes said, "Got bit on first 2 drops Saturday, second bite my UNI gets stuck in top guide (brain fart the night before, re-tied 9x7 instead of the usual 7x5), line slacked and I lost the fish. Not a giant, but a keeper and it spun me out a bit as I knew I needed to re-tie, but the bite was on. Left the spot with one dink in the box, Flip had 2. Decided to re-tie at the next spot but I had a 30 foot leader so I dropped it over the side. Cut the knot, re-tied 7x5 this time, go to reel it up and it was pinched in the swim ladder. Once I freed it,



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BOB MANLEY
Day 2 - 23rd Place- 8.46 lbs.

my rod loaded and there was a fish on, a rat goes in the box to join my dink. Yes, this is the year of the dead stick! Flip filled out his limit there, but it was tough competing with the live-baiters as they pulled some big fish off the spot. Spent the balance of the day watching Flip upgrade as we bounced around and I honed my net game. Rounded out my day 1 with a deuce on a tube, weighing in a paltry 4.19 (3 for 4.69 less .5 for 2 dead ones). After a day like that I was ready to hang it up, but as they say, tomorrow is another day and boy what a difference a day makes when you get a good night's sleep and a cup of Maple French toast coffee in the morning. Sunday was my day, got bit non-stop beginning to end. Hit for the cycle with rock bass, perch, 8# walleye, 10# northern, and of course a nice satchel of smallies, all on the drop shot in 30-50 feet of water. At one point Flip says, "so this is what it feels like" as he was struggling to get bit, while Dutch had the hot hand. Flip still managed to get a limit as he always does, I just had to remind him that he's a stallion, owned by a middle eastern sheik. He took matters into his own hands, a little too literally, as he was fizzing his fish and ended up

sticking himself in the hand when the fish moved. Blood shot through the hollow needle and clear over the side of the boat like the French chef episode on SNL where Dan Akroide portrays Julia Childs cutting herself during a cooking demonstration. He immediately applied pressure to his hand below the entry point resulting in a golf ball sized bubble on top of his hand. Not sure if it was air or blood or bruise, Flip kept saying, "What do I do, what do I do?" I'm like, "IDK, I stayed at Riverside Acres, not a holiday inn Express". So I started googling hand trauma. Flip was intent on relieving the pressure in the bubble given he was losing sensation in his fingers. He asked me to grab an unused fizz needle and was considering sticking himself again. Thankfully he didn't go through with it. He was like, "who do we know?" and I couldn't think of anyone in the club with medical background, but I recalled I do have a friend who's a nurse and another who's a PA. They confirmed he hit a vein, possibly nicked a nerve, and that the mass was a hematoma that would disperse over time. All the while my line was overboard dragging along, but no dead-stick luck this time. So we return to a spot where we got them on tubes the day before but I notice flip is throwing the drop shot while I'm launching my tube, eventually it dawns on me, we aren't up on the shoal we are already sitting off the edge, so I'm actually launching my tube into the abyss. I switch to the drop shot and fish tighter to the boat and sure enough I get bit making a couple of key culls to get me to 14.47 good enough for 3rd place and my

first podium finish with RBM. Can't thank my boater enough for putting me around fish, netting my fish, and keeping me safe while navigating some pretty rough conditions!"

Adam Furano brought 12.12 lbs. on DAY 1 for 13th Place and 13.88 lbs. on Day 2 for 7th Place.

Adam said, "This was my first time bass fishing the islands and even if the fish weren't biting, what a beautiful place! We fished all types of water from 18-45ft for smallies to pitching heavy grass for largemouth. The deep morning spot produced two smallies just under 4lbs each on a drop shot. That current certainly took a little adjustment! The next spot was flipping which got me one small keeper. The last spot rounded out the day with several largemouth and smallmouth where I was able to cull a few times and my boater caught big largemouth. Drop shot was the way to go for me for the majority of fish. Thanks again to **Steve Levine** for finding both the numbers and the size!"



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ANGLER OF THE YEAR SERIES

Place	Angler	Chaumont Bay 1	Chaumont Bay 2	Cayuga Lake	Keuka Lake	Keewaydin State Park Day 1	Keewaydin State Park Day 2	Total	AOY
1	Rod Brown	17.14	17.16	15.99	7.85	14.66	13.32	86.12	78.27
2	Dan Patane	13.51	17.76	13.01	11.17	14.38	13.63	83.46	72.29
3	David Livingston	17.40	12.66	13.96	13.75	11.21	13.97	82.95	71.74
4	Tj Valle	11.58	9.09	13.99	12.75	16.74	15.35	79.50	70.41
5	Nate Kalpin	20.21	12.45	9.11	0.00	9.96	13.48	65.21	65.21
6	Adam Furano	15.65	7.93	11.64	10.35	13.88	12.12	71.57	63.64
7	Mark Harold	14.51	10.20	17.01	8.70	6.66	13.22	70.30	63.64
8	Jim Bianchi	9.47	0.00	15.62	0.00	19.15	17.73	61.97	61.97
9	Jake Zaremski	10.42	11.43	11.22	4.62	14.79	14.00	66.48	61.86
10	Eric Hughes	6.63	13.70	18.54	9.83	11.34	6.67	66.71	60.08
11	Kyle Sweers	13.43	7.83	0.00	7.30	13.45	10.09	52.10	52.10
12	Matt Ferrante	14.24	14.48	0.00	3.68	7.78	11.58	51.76	51.76
13	Dom Cerasoulo	10.56	9.13	11.26	1.67	6.68	12.50	51.80	50.13
14	Jack Kleinman	0.00	8.33	4.77	10.67	13.06	13.26	50.09	50.09
15	Steve Levine	11.32	1.28	10.22	1.76	13.59	11.86	50.03	48.75
16	Wes Vyverberg	5.77	12.97	8.38	3.11	4.19	14.47	48.89	45.78
17	Tige Noni	10.03	4.93	13.75	4.21	5.28	9.60	47.80	43.59
18	Orlando Roman	15.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.36	11.78	40.92	40.92
19	Jon Skirment	7.57	7.08	5.89	0.00	9.21	11.03	40.78	40.78
20	Ben Levy	5.47	12.89	0.00	3.43	11.27	7.57	40.63	40.63
21	Bill Wittman	12.60	3.66	4.70	1.11	14.24	4.88	41.19	40.08
22	Tyler Austin	12.41	5.43	3.03	3.54	0.00	13.16	37.57	37.57
23	Terry Gartz	5.30	8.51	0.00	0.00	11.10	9.17	34.08	34.08
24	Todd Keller	0.00	7.52	4.63	7.29	2.74	10.78	32.96	32.96
25	Rich Calabrese	5.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.44	9.62	26.68	26.68
26	Kurt Keller	0.00	15.68	10.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	25.95	25.95
27	Doug Walker	4.53	4.45	0.00	7.59	6.87	1.92	25.36	25.36
28	Sean Sims	14.09	9.12	1.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.86	24.86
29	Greg Mitrousis	7.90	5.74	0.00	10.31	0.00	0.00	23.95	23.95
30	Bob Manley	0.00	8.06	0.00	3.27	3.74	8.46	23.53	23.53
31	Jim Walters	10.76	4.96	0.00	5.10	0.00	0.00	20.82	20.82
32	Tom Saile	12.58	5.79	1.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.97	19.97
33	Rob Browe	0.00	0.00	8.24	3.51	3.94	2.60	18.29	18.29
34	Matt James	7.90	9.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17.51	17.51
35	Fred Ratcliffe	0.00	0.00	5.57	1.67	10.11	0.00	17.35	17.35
36	Chris O'brien	0.00	0.00	16.56	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.56	16.56
37	Mark Saile	6.60	2.26	0.00	0.00	6.73	0.00	15.59	15.59
38	Tom Haley	13.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.03	13.03
39	Merritt Diamond	4.85	5.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.82	10.82
40	Don Wenzel	0.00	0.00	0.00	10.43	0.00	0.00	10.43	10.43
41	Fred Blom	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.53	0.00	9.53	9.53
42	Rich Bush	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.32	0.00	0.00	9.32	9.32
43	Dennis O'brien	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.12	0.00	0.00	9.12	9.12
44	Liane Livote	3.28	1.94	0.00	3.39	0.00	0.00	8.61	8.61
45	Rich Zajac	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.56	0.00	0.00	4.56	4.56



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