



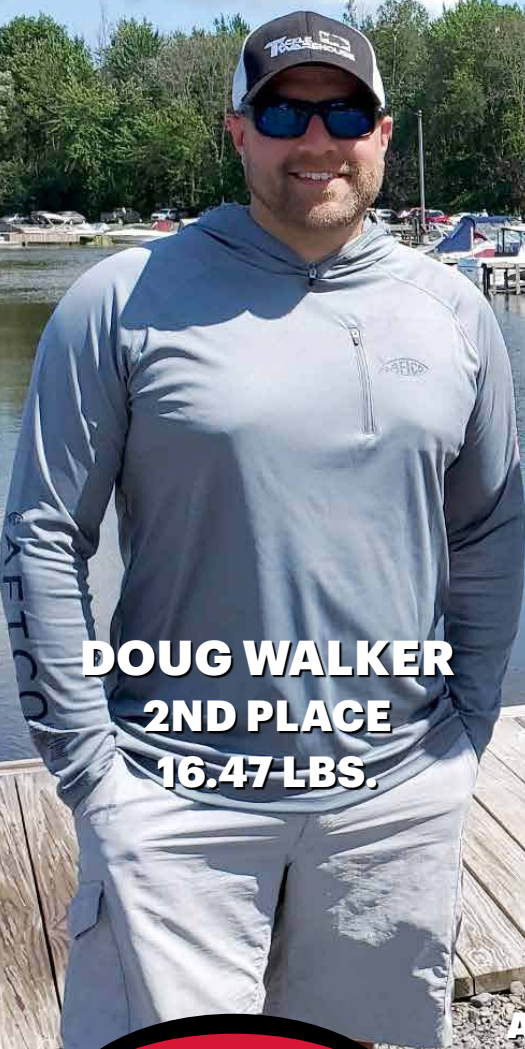
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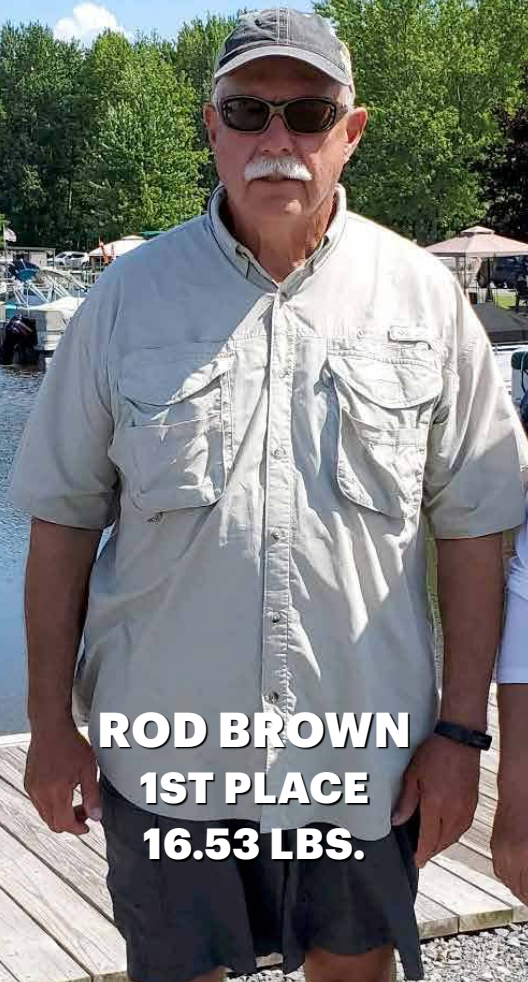
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ROD BROWN WINS DAY ONE AT ONEIDA LAKE WITH 16.53 LBS.



DOUG WALKER
2ND PLACE
16.47 LBS.



ROD BROWN
1ST PLACE
16.53 LBS.



MATT FERRANTE
2ND PLACE
16.42 LBS.



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ONEIDA LAKE
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The Rochester Bassmasters 2nd Lake of the 2021 season off to Oneida Lake for Day One of the Rochester Bassmasters Genesee Beer Angler of the Year Series at Oneida Lake on June 19, 2021.

The anglers launched out of the A&P Marina in Cicero, NY.

Rod Brown beat the field of 30 Anglers with 16.53 lbs. for the win.

Rod said, "I keyed in on gravel/rock spots with scattered milfoil grass in about 8 feet of water. I threw a drop shot all day, rotating through 5 spots I nailed down. Normally I'd only get one fish per spot. A few times I



DAN PATANE
4th Place - 16.26 lbs.

caught more than one fish on a spot. I boated 7-8 smallmouth and was able to cull out the winning 5.

Taking 2nd place was **Doug Walker** with a five fish limit of 16.47 lbs. just ounces behind 1st Place.

Doug said, "As Boat #1, the "Nautical by Nature" had clean water and a beautiful sunrise ride to our first spot. I tried topwater and a few others things before committing to the dropshot. I tried a few baits before settling on one that I bought the night before at Lakeside Outfitters. It got me a couple quick bites in the morning and some confidence.

Tige Noni put on his Pit Vipers and got to work as well. Throughout the day, the bite picked up a couple of times. I was able to get a limit and cull several times with some Ned Rig fish. It was often a soft, subtle bite, where they would run straight at the boat when hooked, and finally once they saw the boat would freak out which made for some tense moments.

Thanks **Tige** for putting us on fish! It was a great day of fishing with a bunch of great fishing stories and being in the top 3 was just the icing on the cake."

Rounding out the Top Three was **Matt Ferrante** with 16.42 lbs.

Matt said, "I fished topwater bait along the shoreline, I only caught one fish on the topwater bait. The remainder of the day I threw a drop short on a shoal, This helped me catch 9 smallmouth, but my first 5 were the biggest and I wasn't able to cull."

Dan Patane finished in 4th place with another 16.00 lb. limit. Dan weighed in 16.26 lbs., again another angler just ounces shy of the winning weight.

Dan said, "My day started out pretty quickly with boating 4 fish in the first couple hours. After that I had a few mishaps and lost my 5th fish 3 times



MATT FERRANTE
3rd Place - 16.42 lbs.

before settling down and finally putting the last one in the boat. Knowing I had a decent limit I spent the rest of the day looking around and fishing different areas to find additional spots for day two. Unfortunately this did not work in my favor and I only boated one fish for the remainder of the day that did not cull. I caught all of my fish on finesse baits. I couldn't

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WES VYVERBERG
7th Place - 14.74 LBS.



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seem to get a moving bait bite going at all. However the walleye were all over it! Get the net....get the pan!!!"

In the 5th place spot with a 15.83 lbs. was **Dave Livingston**.

Just behind Dave in 6th Place with 15.24 lbs. was **Matt James**.

Wes Vyverberg finished in 7th Place with 14.74 lbs.

Wes said, "I attribute my success on Day 1 at Oneida to 2 things (1) a solid pregame meal the night before at Lakeside Outfitters and (2) good karma. Everyone was expecting burgers and dogs at the Friday Night BBQ, but Scott doesn't half-ass anything. Much like the quality tackle and gear in his shop, Scott went all out with steaks, baked tater bar with all the fixins, tomato mootzadhel salad, and the coup de gras of course was the tray of cannoli's. The dash of good karma came compliments of Marty, as Tyler's axle was inop with no parts on the horizon and he was in need of a trailer to get his boat back on the water. With the Larson resting quietly at slip #28 of Basin Park Marina in Branchport, the Eagle was fair game. All she needed was a little redneck engineering to cradle the red ranger. Voila, not only was the Eagle back in the game, but I drew Tyler and he was around fish all day. Just had to sift few some eyes and picks to get a limit.



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Place	Angler	Fish Caught	Fish Alive	Lunker	Weight
1	Rod Brown	5	5		16.53
2	Doug Walker	5	5		16.47
3	Matt Ferrante	5	5		16.42
4	Dan Patane	5	5		16.26
5	David Livingston	5	5		15.83
6	Matt James	5	5		15.24
7	Wes Vyverberg	5	5		14.74
8	Kurt Keller	5	5		14.02
9	Tige Noni	5	5		13.54
10	Jack Kleinman	5	5		13.38
11	Todd Keller	5	5		12.99
12	Tj Valle	4	4		12.09
13	Steve Sanca	3	3		10.74
14	Rich Bush	3	3		9.49
15	Nate Kalpin	4	4		9.36
16	Dave Rowe	4	4		9.26
17	Ralph Alexander	4	4		8.96
18	Tyler Austin	2	2		5.97
19	Jim Walters	3	3		5.76
20	Kevin Steinruck	2	2		5.61
21	Kevin Kinnear	2	2		5.54
22	Mark Saile	2	2		5.43
23	Merritt Diamond	2	2		4.79
24	Mark Harold	1	1	3.83	3.83
25	Jon Skirment	1	1		3.44
26	Bob Manley	1	1		2.75
27	Paul Caldwell	1	1		2.29
28	Dom Cerasuolo	1	1		2.18
29	Mark Buttarazzi	1	1		2.09
30	Bill Wittman	1	0		2.09

First stop was a rock structure with sparse weeds. It was flat calm, textbook topwater stitch. Tyler started off with a popper, getting a few to reveal themselves. A bunch of casts in, I get a blowup on the vixen, paused, reeled down, turned the hips for the set only to realize my drag was loose, sum-bitch, quickly tightened the drag, reeled down again and thankfully she was still there. Brought a 3+ green one to the

boat, good start. Maybe 10 casts later I picked up another 3 banger on the vixen. Third trip to the plate was a big brown one, or so I thought. Turns out it was a walleye. That was a first for me catching an eye on topwater.

Next stop was a 10 foot shoal and the sun was up but no wind. Had to be patient and soak uncle Ned but I managed to trick a couple of 3+ brown ones into biting. Crawfish was on the

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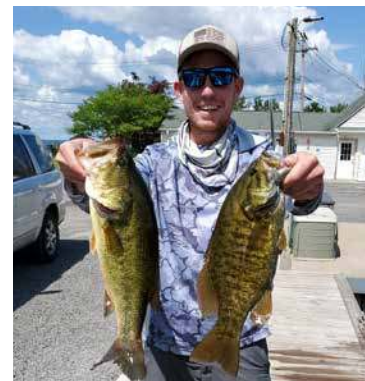
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menu as evidenced by the orange parts at the bottom of the well. Got a big one to go on the DUO F85 Vibe, would have filled my limit but she spit it and I yelled #\$\$% then apologized to Tyler for cussin.

Third spot Tyler put his Garmin to work and plucked a nice Largemouth cruising through some weeds, but nothing else to add. It was at this spot that I realized I left my weigh-in laptop at the hotel. Spun me out for a bit as I pondered how I was gonna get the laptop and then I reached out to a couple of co's, Jeff and Jack both responded offering their vehicle, so I breathed a sigh of relief and re-focused. Spent the last couple of hours in the grass and with the sun out the flipping bite was on. Caught a nice bucket to round out my limit, a pickerel and another largie, which failed to cull. Was hoping for a kicker but still happy with my performance and satchel."



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