



2009 Cormorant Classic Wrap-up

The weather during prefishing leading up to the Cormorant Fall Classic was uncharacteristically nice. Calm winds, sunny days, and warm temperatures found many spending a few extra days on Big Cormorant both preparing for the Fall Classic and enjoying time on the water at the end of our season. The Fishing reports were everyone was finding active fish – sometimes. At other times, a full day could be spent scrounging for just a single fish. The Fall Classic was setting itself up to be a scrounge tournament – one where every angler would be fighting to find a limit. The Fall Classic would also determine the Classic Cup Championship – the season points competition for the combined best finish of both FM Walleyes Classic Tournaments.

Saturday greeted 77 teams with more of the consistent weather patterns experienced earlier in the week. 8 teams found a limit for the scale by the end of the day. Jon Wiser and Rob Bahr led day 1 with 11.96 lbs. Jon and Rob were in the season points race, along with three teams right on their heels. David and James Asplin weighed in 10.13 lbs to hold 2nd place, Brian and Darren Fitch were 3rd with 9.42 lbs, Fred Sanchez and Chris Roel in 4th with 8.61 lbs, and Mike Dahl and Brian Ham in 5th with 8.13 lbs.

All top 5 teams were in the Classic Cup competition, with 106, 111, 104, 117, and 60 points respectively. Some quick math on the season points standing put Team Sanchez in the lead, with Asplin, Wiser, and Fitch all right there if anyone stumbled. The season points champion would win the Lund Boat, Mercury Motor, Shoreland'r trailer combination parked on the beach at the Y Camp.

Day 2 brought out the challenges. Forecasted high winds, really high winds, was teamed up with falling temperatures, and 60% chance of rain. The nice weather week was gone in a hurry. The winds, while strong, did not turn into the raging winds the forecast left as possible. Big Cormorant spent the day giving off a fog on the water column, classic cold front condition. A steady rain came at 1 pm, and stayed for the remainder of the day. Many teams that did not have a good basket on day 1, and were light on day 2 when the rain started, began pulling off the lake. About 50 teams weathered the storm until their flight was due at day's end. Kyle Anderson and Dave Longtine brought in the heaviest bag of the tournament – 13.76 lbs. Team Wiser/Bahr and Team Asplin fell on hard times, bringing in just one fish each on the final day. Team Sanchez/Roehl weighed in 5 fish at 8.64 lbs, putting the pressure on Team Fitch – they had to have a nice bag to win, or suffer through another year of being close. Brian Fitch is known well to FM Walleyes members, he's competitive, and serious about the Fall Classic on Big Cormorant. Team Fitch had only 4 fish, but they weighed 8.65 lbs to seal the win. Brian shared with the crowd how his last fish came as they were pulling their lines at the end of the day. It took every minute of the tournament to get it done, but Brian and Darren Fitch accomplished a long standing goal to be at the top in the Cormorant Fall Classic.

Thank you to all the volunteers who ran this tournament. They prove themselves again and again to be the best volunteer force in tournament fishing. FM Walleyes Classic Cup Tournaments is sponsored by Scheels All Sports, Ray's Sport and Marine, J&K Marine, Crystal Pierz Marine, Hoots Marine, Lund Boats, Bartness Fishing Rods, State Bank, and Berg Auto Supply.

2009 Cormorant Classic Walleye Tournament Results – September 26-27



1st Place



2nd Place



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4th Place



5th Place



6th Place



8th Place



9th Place



Biggest Fish



Top 10 Place Reps

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Final	First Name	Last Name	First	Last	# Fish	Wt	Payout
1	Brian	Fitch	Darren	Fitch	10	18.07	\$ 3,000.00
2	Fred	Sanchez	Chris	Roehl	11	17.25	\$ 1,900.00
3	Kyle	Anderson	Dave	Longtine	9	16.04	\$ 1,400.00
4	John	Pritschet	Pat	Manteuffel	11	14.29	\$ 1,100.00
5	Ron	Wagner	Wayne	Johnson	6	13.83	\$ 900.00
6	Keith	Nelson	Thomas	Spieker	5	13.36	\$ 750.00
7	Jon	Wiser	Rob	Bahr	7	13.27	\$ 700.00
8	Mike	Dahl	Brian	Ham	10	13.24	\$ 650.00
9	Mark	Olson	Todd	Dronen	5	12.87	\$ 550.00
10	David	Asplin	James	Asplin	7	12.76	\$ 500.00
11	Kyle	Geiser	Chad	Anderson	6	12.75	\$ 450.00
12	Tracy	Soule	Sam	Soule	9	12.51	\$ 400.00
13	Dave	Tufte	Tony	Stetz	6	12.16	\$ 350.00
14	Connie	Bernabucci	Mike	Olson	5	9.9	\$ 300.00
15	Eric	Bjorkman	Brad	Kjar	8	9.8	\$ 300.00
16	Devin	Pavlacky	Dustin	Pavlacky	6	9.71	\$ 250.00
17	Rod	Ambuehl	Matt	Morrissey	8	9.56	\$ 250.00
18	Steve	Meyer	Mike	Beckett	5	9.35	\$ 250.00
19	Tyler	Currie	Jeremy	Cossitt	3	9.16	\$ 250.00
20	Joseph	Roach	James	Wood	4	9.15	
21	Robert	Wagner	Jim	Peterick	8	9.14	
22	Dan	Schultz	Chad	Shannon	5	8.91	
23	Ken	Cumber	Kurt	Kainz	6	8.9	
24	Joe	Finneman	Steve	Wong	7	8.64	
25	Brad	Laabs	Leroy	Howard	6	8.51	
26	Nick	Braseth	David	Braseth	4	8.08	
27	David C.	Hanson	Matthew	Hanson	5	7.79	
28	Ken	Bjorkman	Dave	Bjorkman	3	7.22	
29	Layne	Bohnenberger	Kent	Jones	4	7.17	
30	Bruce	Boedigheimer	Melissa	Boedigheimer	3	6.79	
31	Dave	Randash	Ron	Broby	4	6.58	
32	Gene	Schroeder	Chris	Schroeder	5	6.3	
33	Gary	Enger	Lisa	Enger	3	5.89	
34	Steve	Hall	Ron	Sahr	2	5.5	
35	Donovan	Kinslow	Steve	Collins	4	5.37	
36	Brad	Carr	Brian	Bladow	3	5.32	
37	Curt	Shasky	Keith	Fischer	3	5.19	
38	Jamie	Kinslow	Kim	Kinslow	2	5.04	

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39	Pete	Geroy	Shaun	Lura	1	4.94
40	Dale	Gnoinsky	Scott	Rieber	3	4.45
41	Gary	Frisco	John	Varriano	3	4.29
42	Ted	Anderson	Steve	Johnson	3	3.84
43	Jon	Pauna	Jim	Kendall	2	3.56
44	Ben	Nelson	Joe	Retteroth	2	3.5
45	Kyle	Agre	John	Agre	3	3.42
46	Dennis	Erdle	Steve	Busch	2	3.17
47	Zach	Sheeley	Chad	Reddy	2	2.93
48	Bruce	Oberg	Mark	Leutuer	2	2.63
49	Peter	Moen	Edward	Peickutowski	2	2.52
50	Scott	Brewer	John	Dickelman	2	2.39
51	Corey	Heiser	Dean	Badinger	2	2.31
52	John	Weitzel	Bruce	Lucken	1	1.79
53	Victor	Klosterman	Todd	Tableman	1	1.68
54	Mitch	Dougherty	Derek	Grote	1	1.6
55	James	Fischer	Dean	Fischer	1	1.5
56	David	Rudolph	Michael	Rudolph	1	1.31
57	Chuck	Waller	Aaron	Isaman	1	1.28
58	Mike	Kerzman	Marshall	Koep	1	1.22
59	Brad	Neyens	Kevin	Piekutowski	1	1.19
60	Bob	Mullins	Don	Mullins	1	1.17
61	Conrad	Johnson	Mark	Anderson	1	1.06
61	Scott	Stillwell	Grady	Stillwell	1	1.06
63	Jay	Peterson	Scott	Olenberger	1	1.02
64	Tyler	Wiser	Matt	Johnk	1	1.01
65	Greg	Reardon	Jim	Osowski	1	0.98
66	Dan	Thompson	Karl	Hoppe	0	0
66	Jake	Nelson	Jamie	Stevens	0	0
66	Gary	Cassady	Mike	Huber	0	0
66	Jack	Plattner	Mike	Nelson	0	0
66	Steve	Garten	Pete	Montplaisir	0	0
66	Jeff	Savre	Tim	Hankinson	0	0
66	Rick	Samson	Chad	Samson	0	0
66	Dan	Doschadis	Brian	Jost	0	0
66	Dana	Braseth	David	Kasin	0	0
66	Lee	Krause	Jeremy	Krause	0	0
66	Ricky	Vice	Dewey	Powers	0	0
66	Tim	Reitan	Jay	Samuelson	0	0