

# The Dogumentary

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The Of-fish-ial Mouthpiece of the Waterdogs

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## 2013 Waterdogs Fishing Club Calendar

October 5th Small Mouth

November 7th Banquet

### October Speaker: James Holst



James loves catching 10-lb walleyes - and thrives on showing others how to do it. A good angler never quits learning - ever. Even experts who have been at it a long time, and make a living on the water, still absorb tips, tricks and techniques like water soaking into the marabou of a feathered jig. Not all have it in their nature to share their experiences with others, however.

ICE FORCE pro staffer and television host, James Holst, on the other hand, does so generously and to an ever swelling audience. "The motivation for my involvement in the ice-fishing industry, from my early days as a guide to my TV and Internet fishing businesses of today has been and always will be to share what I've learned with anyone that is interested." Holst started teaching others hands-on

as a fulltime fishing guide, spending over 250 days a year on the water coaching clients how to fish the Upper Mississippi River as well as track and hook walleyes in Minnesota's Lake Mille Lacs. Once deciding to forgo his guiding career for this greater calling, Holst got back into ice fishing, and with a certain seriousness. Since then, the sport's become more than just a passion. "It's an obsession. I love the challenge of overcoming ultra-cold temperatures, high winds and miserable conditions. It makes every walleye caught count double in comparison to open water. "If I had to describe my approach to ice fishing I would sum it up with 'shallow, aggressive, big baits = big fish... and never, EVER sit still."

### *From the Desk of the President,*



Hello Oktoberfest!

Fall is probably my favorite time of the year when the days are still warm and the nights are cool. Hard to believe we only have one tournament left. Also hard to believe it took this long in the year to have a little hullabaloo for this presidency!

As I look back at the Tonka tournament, I can't really say it is filled with memories of outstanding fishing. One of the few times I was actually able to pre-fish a tournament in hopes of really being able to catch a lot. Alas that was not to be the case. We definitely were grumbling but somehow managed to eke out a win. Thanks to the Analyst for his narrative on this subject. Just glad I was able to contribute or I would never hear the end of it. Definitely looking forward to the next tournament and more fish!

Be prepared to do some voting at the next meeting as the banquet is just around the corner! See you all at Tuttle's!

***Dr. Meat/John Schaffhausen***

### **Minnetonka Multispecies Unexpected Success**

By: Mark (The Analyst) Bystrom

Lake Minnetonka: likely the most fished lake per acre in the state of Minnesota and as such, the most educated population of fish. Urban dictionary defines the lake as follows:



It is a body of water that encompasses 14,000 acres. It is located approximately 15 miles from Minneapolis, Minnesota. On a warm weekend you can find a variety of Tonka Trash, and Cougars, in oversized (and over-priced) vessels, which they own purely to "one up" their neighbors. Tonka trash is a term used in the Twin Cities area of Minnesota. The term is used to describe a person between the ages of 21 and 35, who was raised on or around Lake Minnetonka, and has yet to achieve anything on their own merit. They are simply working a menial job and biding their time until their parents either die or leave them their childhood home, to live in or sell at a huge profit.

With the combination of interacting with the lakes not so fisherman friendly residents manufacturing massive wakes with their daddy's cruisers and trying to fool tight lipped fish I was NOT looking forward to this tourney. As such, earlier this year I hired one of the Thorne Bros staff for a half day on the lake. While the main goal was to explain how to use my side scanning technology to find hard spots located outside the weed lines, I also hoped to learn a bit more about the lake. He showed me how to use my locator and marked a half dozen deep rock spots—only one of which I caught a single fish from all day. Nonetheless I figured this would be my ace in the hole for Largemouth.

My partner Meat & I pre-fished the Wednesday before the tourney. Though we tried everything—shallow pads, pitching milfoil, drop-shotting deep rocks, trolling deep rocks, casting cranks on the deep rocks, buzz baits over the weed tops—nothing seemed to work. We eked out one of each species for the tourney, however, only a small largemouth likely would have counted. The only positive of the day was that we ruled out a lot of worthless spots; including my deep rocks.

First thing Saturday morning we worked a few channels with mushroom heads & Senkos. I have always caught fish in them and wanted to hit them before the boat traffic picked up (I was scolded by two cougars in the last tournament on Tonka and was not looking forward to a repeat). We popped several largemouth within the first 45 minutes and while not large, we were happy to have filled the LM portion of the card. Next stop Smallmouths.

We tried a few deep rock spots and the rocky shoreline along the East end of Big Island (as I had another tip that this was a great SM spot) but no fish. We decided to make our way into Brown's Bay. I had fished several areas inside the bay in

past tournaments and while I did not catch any, I recall seeing some smallmouth milling around. I was pitching the infamous weighted Senko into a rocky area when I tagged our first smallie. While fighting the fish we saw several additional smallmouth swimming beneath the boat. We tried them for a while, but decided to back out and give them a rest as we figured they were a bit spooked. We came back in about 30 minutes and gingerly worked the area. Knowing there were fish in the spot I decided to go whacky and slow down. On my first cast my line took off & I was hooked up. With only 6 lb line it was truly an epic battle and for a while I didn't think we were going to win. But alas the fish was in the net and the feisty smallmouth taped out at 17 ½ inches. We spent another five minutes working the area in hopes we might up our smaller fish, but decided we best go for pike.

With about an hour remaining we first tried for big fish along the deep weed edges using Cranks; lots of weeds, but no fish. We were down to about 30 minutes when we decided to head towards Sunsets and fish the rocky shoreline that borders the train tracks. A popular spot for shore fisherman, but I had caught fish there in the past. I pulled up to the weed line and was lowering the trolling motor when I hear Meat say "got one". Since this was the first time I heard this all day I was pretty shocked (LOL)! In comes a 27 1/2 inch Pike on a spinner bait. Several casts later he tags another Pike. While not a giant, we were happy that we had filled our card. We fished a few more minutes until Meat got a nasty backlash & decided to call it quits. 5 minutes to spare.

My son was participating in a Lacrosse tournament that day so I had to skip the lunch and try to catch the last of his 3 games. It came as a great surprise when Hillary informed us that we had won. Any other lake we would have been lucky to place in the top 6. I guess the Tonka Trash and Cougars threw us a bone. Can't wait to do it again. NOT!

### **Tackle Tip of the Month:**

**Lubricate your shaft: Dave (Greenstick) Haberle**

This month's tip from the illustrious Green Stick. If you have a Minn Kota trolling motor with a motorized head, you should keep a candle or small cake of paraffin wax in your onboard toolkit. Sometimes the shaft binds inside the collar (especially if any sand/mud gets on the shaft) and the best way I've found to restore easy sliding is to rub some wax on the shaft. Wipe the shaft down first, then lightly rub the candle (or wax block) up and down on the shaft, working all the way around the shaft. You don't need to cake it, but the wax will

adhere to the shaft and help keep things from sticking to it while at the same time, provides just enough lubrication so that it slides through the collar easily.

### **A Few Other Tournament Highlights**

Farm Buoy displays a much classier way of obscuring the big fish location than scribbling with a magic marker.



Mama's boy demonstrates a photo technique without obscuring the lens with a thumb.



Fluffy displays the mixed emotions of catching a qualifying (barely) northern. Also note the absence of any attempt to obscure the location



of the roasts and she agreed (one medium, one medium rare). At lunch on the way home Felix suggested the the nickname Meat and someone stated "Mr. Meat?" He corrected them by saying, "He didn't go to school all those years to be called mister!" Therefore Dr. Meat was created.

Where did you grow up and what's your history with fishing?

Sioux City, IA; learned to fish on the Whitefish Chain with my best friend growing up and also with my Grandfather on a small lake north of the metro. Really picked up when I met my now wife and started fishing with her family at their lake home in WI.



**Bio of the Month:**

John "Dr. Meat" Schafhaussen

Who brought you into the club and what's your relationship to that person?

I previously worked with Stickey at our Robbinsdale office and when he found out I liked to fish he suggested checking out the club. I visited once before joining when the meetings were held at Crystal-Pierz and was placed on the waiting list. I believe the following year I got the call from Kojak.

What's your profession?

Family Physician

A little bit about your family

Wife: Denise, music teacher; Son: Luke (12);

Daughter: Eira (9)

What's your handle and the story behind it?

After fishing a two day tournament at Vermillion, I was quite excited about the prime rib buffet at the casino. After several trips (four total) to the lady carving the meat and asking for a thicker slice and being rejected I asked if I could have one from each

What's your favorite species to fish? Why?

What's your favorite technique?

Bass is probably my favorite as they are plentiful, fight nicely, and you can find them almost anywhere.

What's your most memorable fishing experience?

Catching a 52 incher with Suzy on LOTW (more info see past Documentary story)

What do you like about being a Waterdog?

The new friends I have made and the camaraderie  
Please attach a digital photo to your response if you have one.

**2013 Tournament Schedule**

Date	Species	Location	Dogs in Charge
October 5	Smallmouth	Lake Sylvia	Perp and Nasty