

GREEN THE COLOR OF MONEY

The Lake St-lawrence tournament is always an exciting tournament because the waters are very diverse in that you can run all the way to lake Ontario if you so choose. A lot of anglers choose to stay close because the small mouth bass have really come on over the last few years. This year was no different most of us stayed close enough to the launch as there was a lot of smallies ready to play. My partner and I where on some big smallies in pre-fish and were content to duke it out with them. Our day started it off pretty slow we could not get our fish to cooperate so we started running and gunning to scramble up a limit. Now there is always some largemouth caught in the close vicinity of the launch but never enough to win the tournament usually one or two big fish. I've been told however of schools of largemouth that is in deep water those are big; the trick is to locate theses big green bruisers because they have avoided all anglers throughout the years.

THE WEIGH IN

The weigh in started out status quo as teams were bringing in nice bags of small mouth bass with the odd largemouth mixed in. We weigh our bag at 16.19 lbs were disappointed but that's fishing. Then some nicer bags start showing up my other tournament partner Mitch Guay and his partner Denis at 18.14, then a few more teams ahead of him over 18.00+ Lbs. Then the bigger bags arrive Andy and Scott at 19.32, Garry and Francis at 19.86, Tony and Paul at 19.98, Jean-Martin and Pat tip the scales at a great 21.76 It's looks for them but then Real Larose and Jocelyn Covatta drop huge 23.52 onto the scale (we have a new leader). Then the crowd is a buzz over the last team to weigh in the story is they have all largemouth (**AND THERE BIG**) the team of Andre Ouellette and Kenny Rogers oops I mean Claude Joannette walk up to the scale they say they have a big fish to weigh they drop their first fish on the scale at 5.70 then they pull four more out and they look like clones. On to the scale they go when the dust and the scale settle **26.03LBS** a first for this tournament All Largemouth and a convincing win great job Andre and Claude. I spoke to the team after the weigh in and they said the (get this) threw back a twenty Lbs bag congrats to all the anglers until next event on St-Francis.

This is Wayne (COOP) Cooper saying play safe and keep your line wet.