



## SLAYING THE MAGOG WATER DRAGON

Hello folks my name is Wayne "Coop" Cooper and once again I will be giving you all the highs and lows as well as some informative tips on what is happening on the Pro-Bass Canada fishing trail this year. I hope some of this information can help all up and comers become a better angler.

### Good weather pre-fishing

After all my years on the tournament trail I can tell you that practicing when the weather is nice is probably the most productive sessions you can have to find quality fish. Having said that most anglers put a game plan together based on info they accumulate during the hours they spend pre-fishing. That was the case for our team during the days leading up to the tournament.

### COLD FRONT TOURNAMENT DAY

As with most other teams we were confident going into tournament day as we had located some nice smallies (finally on this lake) that is until we woke to temperatures of 7 degrees.

We immediately knew it was going to be tough going that day because big fish seem to get lock jaw during cold front conditions. Anyway`` its go time so get your game face on, punch in its time to go to work``. Our first spot we stopped had nice 3.5 to 4.0 fish on it in per-fish that's real good for this lake and after a few casts I landed a nice smallie close to 4.0 lbs. YEAAA we thought their still here, Well wrong that was it for 3 hours no more bites so it's plan B time. We had located a nice largemouth on a main lake tree in pre-fish so we decided to try and see if she was still there. We weren't sure on the size because of the murky water but we knew it was a keeper. We approached the tree Brian positioned the boat I pitched in and`` Clank ``I set and winched in a 4+ largemouth. As I was taking her out of the net the boat rocked and my partner said `` NET`` I scramble turn around with the net and Brian's battling a toad to the boat I scoop her up and we look at each other and its high fives. After that Malay we thought 2 more slot fish and we have a shot at this. Well another 2.5 hours of grinding and nothing so we decided to try and get a couple largemouth to top up our bag. We travel over to a bay where we caught a few smaller fish. Brian catches a nice fish in the shallows and I get one on a dock so it's now time to head to the scale.

### THE WEIGH-IN





After arriving to the weigh in and talking to a few teams we quickly realize that it was a tough day on the lake, now we weren't sure of our weight because we didn't weigh any in the boat (heck we didn't catch enough to cull) but we knew our bag was a good bag for that day and that lake.

I look over and see Andy Kinstler and Scott Lecky floating I give them the look (to say how did you do) they give me the thumbs up. We know they have a bag and it's going to be close, Now we have fished against these guys for many years and I can say from experience they are the ultimate grinders when it comes to fishing they don't give up and they don't take prisoners, more importantly when one team beats the other you have to put up with the "shots" until the next tournament (all in good fun of course).

Well the weights are coming in at 13.5 to 15.00 Lbs. and were still ok "we think", now there is only 2 boats left to weigh (THEM AGAINST US L.O.L) Andy and Scott pull up to scale and their first fish they pull out is a giant **5.65** Lbs. then followed by 3 respectable fish over 3.5 then one 2.0 pounder the weight Almost **17.00 LBS** (IT'S GONNA BE CLOOOOSE). We pull up our biggest is **4.84** Lbs. but we have 3 others that are just under 4.LBS and 1 that is close to 3 so to the scale we go, we bag them and put them on the scale the weight **18.52LBS**. We sealed the victory and finally slayed the "THE MEMPHRAMAGOG MONTERS" after many years of trying it feels good to have finally beaten that lake for a day.

I think the cold front conditions played a big part in other team's weights and the top 2 teams were able to overcome this challenge by finding a few fish near beds and convincing them to bite.

I would like to congratulate all the teams in the top 10 and say good job boys that was a tough day, I would also like to say thanks to our sponsor **LLSR soil recycling** as well as Doug LeBlanc and Damien Rodriguez both fellow poker players and fishermen. I would also like to say hello to Mike Giard "Hey Mike get well soon we miss you Brother" PS you still have to buy me a pop at the lions club tournament LOL. Also great job to Liette, Carole, Arthur and all the shore staff of ProBassCanada for their hard work at this event.

Until next time FISH HARD AND KEEP YOUR LINE WET

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