

Austin Flick breaks out at the Club Classic on Onondaga Lake by topping the field and the non-boater division!

LaManche wins the boater division

Onondaga Lake was the spot for the 2007 Club Classic for the second year in a row. The top 9 finishing boaters based on the end of year's points were paired with the top 9 non-boaters. Boaters competed against each other and the Non's did the same. The pay-outs were separate for the two divisions. The conditions were cold and windy. A front was moving through and winds were 15 -25 MPH out of the North West. These conditions were not favorable for fishing. Just one limit was brought to the scales.

1st Place Boaters – Randy LaManche 9 lbs. 7 ozs.

It took Randy just three good Smallmouths' to capture the Classic Title for the boaters. The fish were actively feeding on baitfish early in the morning, but the bite tapered off dramatically as the day went on. Randy used a 4" Shad colored swim-bait to catch his first 3 lb. + fish. Unfortunately, the "borrowed" lure broke off and his partner had only a limited supply for his own use, therefore the rest of the day was scramble to replicate that presentation. The other keepers were caught on a Fluke Junior on a jig head and a Gulp 3" smelt colored minnow fished on a drop-shot rig. Thanks for sharing Austin.

Lunker Boaters- Bob Mabee 4lb. 6 ozs.

1st Place Non-Boaters – Austin Flick 14lbs. 13 ozs.

Lunker for the Nons - Austin Flick 4 lb. 2 ozs.

Austin came prepared for the day's action. He had a plan for his limited supply of swim-baits: Catch BIG Smallmouth's. He did just that. Austin mostly used that 4" shad colored swim-bait to attract the Bronze Backs cruising in 14 – 19 feet of water. He was dialed in from the first cast right on through the day. Even when the bite slowed, Austin was on top of his game, by changing to a slower technique. Switching to a drop-shot rig with the 3" smelt colored Gulp minnows made the difference in the end. Austin was able to cull-out a couple of smaller fish and tack on a few pounds to his bag. Overall, Austin blew away the field in his first ever Club Classic. Awesome!