

# Lake Erie Sport Fishing Workshop

Non-Credit

## Workshop Description

Lake Erie Sport Fishing is an intensive workshop designed to give students a background in technical concepts used by experienced Lake Erie anglers. The course relies on actual fishing experience coupled with personal instruction provided while on the water. Walleye fishing will be the primary activity, although the course is flexible for other species including smallmouth, largemouth, white bass and yellow perch, depending upon fishing conditions.

Most of the course hours will be spent aboard Stone Lab's vessel R/V Gibraltar III, which offers the speed needed to reach fishing locations and adequate space for each angler. Rowboats will be available during off hours for pursuit of largemouth and smallmouth bass and panfish.

## Instruction will provide background in:

- Gamefish behavior and seasonal movements
- Fishing strategies using specialized gear to improve lure presentations
- Recognition of gamefish feeding patterns
- Tackle and gear selection,

All of which can help anglers bypass empty water and increase fishing effectiveness.

Personal fishing gear is welcome but not required. **A valid Ohio fishing license must be obtained prior to arrival and carried every day.** The use of sunscreen rated SPF-15 or higher on all exposed skin is mandatory for this course.

## Items students should bring include:

- Your own fishing rod and walleye and bass lures you feel are appropriate. Loaner rods are available; contact the instructor with any questions
- A fillet knife, if you have a favorite; loaner knives will be on hand. Also bring a cooler or ice chest for transporting fillets home
- Sunglasses and hat; SPF-15 or higher sunscreen
- Camera, flashlight and raingear



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**Agenda** (Subject to changing fishing conditions)

**Friday**

- 1:00-3:00 p.m. – Check in at Stone Lab's Bayview Office on South Bass Island, transportation to Gibraltar Island
- 3:00- 4:30 p.m. – Fishing overview, fishing tackle checkout, knot tying
- 4:45-5:45 p.m. – Dinner
- 6:00-9:30 p.m. – **Reef fishing for Walleye**

**Saturday**

- 7:00-7:45 a.m. – Breakfast
- 8:00-2:30 p.m. – **Open water Walleye fishing**, lunch on boat, **Yellow Perch Fishing**
- 3:00-4:00 p.m. – Lecture: Lake Erie tackle and techniques
- 4:00-4:40 p.m. – Lecture: Using the Internet to catch more fish
- 4:45-5:45 p.m. – Dinner
- 6:00-9:30 p.m. – **Small boat fishing – Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass, panfish**

**Sunday**

- 7:00-7:45 a.m. – Breakfast
- 8:00-11:00 a.m. – **Walleye, Yellow Perch, or Smallmouth fishing** (depending on current fish activity)
- 11:00-11:45 a.m. – Pack up for departure
- 12:00-1:00 p.m. – Lunch
- 1:00p.m. – Depart

