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**Sodus Point Fishing Action**

When it comes down to the wire the competition in fishing is comparable to a ninth inning tie, overtime in football or sudden death playoff in hockey. Just ask Stephanie Brace. Brace, who caught the Grand Prize salmon in the summer LOC Derby, beat the first place fish by 1.08 pounds...a slim margin for a 30 pound fish.

"I kept pressing the refresh button on my smart phone all week checking the leaderboard to see if I was still winning," Brace said during the awards ceremony held at Captain Jack's Tavern on Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>. Brace's 31.11 pound salmon remained in the top slot and the Oswego angler took home \$10,100 for her effort.

"I caught the fish on "Big Fish Friday," the pre fishing event to the Sodus Point Pro-Am," Brace said. We were fishing off of Port Bay in 400 feet of water. The salmon hit a wire diver set back 250 feet."

The winning king took an A-TOM-MIK fly Pro Troll rig which is expected considering her fishing team included Tom Allen, owner of the famous A-TOM-MIK Manufacturing Company. Also on board were friends Eric and Kelly Burger. "The four of us fish all the tournaments together," Brace said. "Tom drives. Kelly and I do all the reeling, and Eric is on the nets. We don't let Eric reel in any fish. He gets too excited."

A Wayne County fish also placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Steelhead Division when 26 year-old Michael Sabo netted a 16.08 pound steelhead. "We were fishing the Sodus Point Pro-Am and caught the fish on Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, day one of the Pro-Am," Sabo said during the awards ceremony. Sabo was fishing with the "Roll with It" team of Rich Richraidline and Kyle and Ricky Ueberroth.

"The steelhead hit in 350 feet of water down 92 feet off the downrigger," Sabo said. "We had on a Finger Lakes Tackle spoon on a free sliding cheater. I saw the rod tip shake and then the fish shot out of the water. At first it never popped the release. I just stared at it and thought...what a big fish!"

The steelhead that took first place in the LOC Derby helped the "Roll with It" team finish fourth place during the Sodus Point Pro-Am.

"I love fishing the Sodus area and have a great time in the LOC derbies," the 26 year-old Flemington, New Jersey resident said. He said he'll put the \$1,100 prize money back into the boat and also use it for gas commuting back and forth to Sodus Point.

Sabo, a Nissan Technician, said he has four weeks' vacation; however he drives the four hour trip just about every weekend to fish Lake Ontario. "I do a lot of driving."

A complete listing of all the winners is on the LOC web page at [www.locderby.org](http://www.locderby.org)

The fall derby is slated for August 15-September 1<sup>st</sup> with the awards ceremony held at Captain Jack's on Labor Day.