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[00:00:04] **Speaker 1** You can talk to me if that's easiest, doesn't really matter, but I guess walk me through a little bit of like what's the right setup for you in order to go walleye fishing. What do you need to have in your boat, what do you have, and you can kind of like move around show and tell if you need too, but what makes the best setup.

[00:00:20] **Speaker 2** All right, well, as I was saying before. Situation is different. For us, we like to troll. So our number one thing is trolling. If we got a jig, we got to jig. If it's that rough and that dirty, that's what you got to do. You got to jig. Well, yeah, for trolling-wise, yeah. The main thing is, yeah you just, the boards, the boards are huge. You know, and I give it up for church tackle. We modified them a little bit. They're a little, we use different clips. We take all their hardware off and then we use our, you know, different hardware from different spots. We started this probably give or take 10 years ago. Wish I would have put a patent on it, but I didn't. Or I should say, we didn't. Yeah, and as you probably seen earlier, you know, you just clip it on, twirl it, twirll it three times and click it on. But the best, the best part about this is when the boards are out there, you get a fish on, all you got to do is snap it. So you don't have to, if this is an outside board, you don't have to bring in them first too. Like on regular boards. Or it doesn't matter, it could be these boards too, but if they don't have these clips, you have to bring them first two lines and rods in to get that fish on the outside board. With these, the way we do it, you just clip it or snap it, it goes back, falls right behind the motor. Done, you bring it in. You don't, you're fishing all the time, so that's huge. That's one big part of it, why we did that.

[00:02:15] **Speaker 1** The second part is you're not fighting the board, reeling them in.

[00:02:17] **Speaker 2** Yeah. Yeah. And you're not fighting the board, you know, sometimes we, we don't, we don't snap them purposely because if it's, you don't want to change direction or pattern or whatever, whatever that fish is doing. If it's coming in like consistent, leave it alone. You don't wanna do nothing to aggravate it. If you want to say it.

[00:02:41] **Speaker 1** But as far as like you've got the engine set up, you've got a trolling motor, multiple motors, like how do how do all those work together for you?

[00:02:48] **Speaker 2** Yeah, so with the, and then you got the kicker motor in the front, or I mean the ball mount in the front. So you always use a ball mount for your steering. And then you put it on. For your heading and then you always use a kicker to help it along so you're not using all the battery power. So that's huge having a kick on the back. Of course a ball mount, because otherwise if you don't have a ball mount, you're constantly steering. And then if you got fish on, if you've got multiple fish on at once, then you're, you are offline. Really quick. And the graphs, the graphs are huge. Um, I use the Lorantz in the front. That's, I used that for my, my heading, all my coordinates, blah, blah. Um, which is good. Lorantze is very, very good, but Garmin, the pixels in the Garmin are way better, um, more defined. And you got panoptics, you got live scope. You can all do on that screen alone. And then you got the rot, you know, then I can, I could scope out 120 feet. And then see the fish, you know, if you want to. Yeah, and rods.

[00:04:06] **Speaker 1** That is comfort with your boat with I mean if you picked someone else up and put them in here you wouldn't someone else's boat I mean that would just throw everything off right

[00:04:17] **Speaker 2** Yeah, we were just talking about that earlier, I got a fishing buddy that I was with last week in the AIM series, and he's got a nice setup, it's all nice, but everything is different. He's got different clips, he don't have clips like we have. The pen reel, he uses big pen reels, that's a little bit, they're heavier. The clicker, the whole system is different than what I use. You know, mine is a little bit more, in my eyes is simpler. It could be, my stuff could be way different in his eyes too, which you know, it's different.

[00:05:00] **Speaker 1** Can I actually have you stand over here?

[00:05:04] **Speaker 2** Um... Other than that, yeah, yeah. Every boat is different. I mean, most guys got Lurants and Garmin's, a lot of the guys got a lot of the same stuff, trolling rods, jigging rods. They're all pretty much, we're all you pretty much using the same thing, but a little different. Um, everybody has a different feeling to every piece of equipment. You know, I try to go with the easiest, the lightest, quickest. That's in my eyes. Cause every minute counts out there when you're, when you are in a tournament, if you're fun fishing, you don't need this stuff that I have, you know, you can go, you go to flea farm and buy, you know, whatever you want, that's fine. The stuff that we use, yeah, it costs a lot more money, but it lasts a little bit longer. Like the rods, Denali rods, we use all Denalis. The tension, you can feel that. Like earlier, you've probably seen, I knew that. I felt that little head jerk in the rod. You could feel it in my hand, and I knew exactly what was gonna happen, but other than that.

[00:06:24] **Speaker 1** What's the test pound?

[00:06:26] **Speaker 2** We use 14-pound test Sunline for our main, but then that goes, okay, that's different too, you know, with the, we don't run a snap swivel or any of that, we just run it direct. But when you're running harnesses, that's a different story. Then you have a leader. Then you a leader with a swivel on it. And then you use 20 pound fluorocarbon that we use on that.

[00:06:59] **Speaker 1** So you said how long have you had this boat?

[00:07:01] **Speaker 2** Three years now

[00:07:04] **Speaker 1** And I mean, is there like a sentimentality to being in this boat?

[00:07:10] **Speaker 2** Comes down to money at this, at that time. Yeah, I'd like a new boat, but no, no, this has treated us very well. Multiple tournaments that were in every year. It's, yeah, no, I can't, you know, I love you, it's my baby. Other than that, yeah, no, I love the boat. Lund, Lund has got a great boat. My whole family owns boats, which you've seen earlier and when we first started, my brother was on the side of us. He had a Lund and my other brother's got a LUND. Yeah, no.

[00:07:47] **Speaker 1** You said you used to fish with a cousin who was a long time fishing partner, right? Yeah.

[00:07:50] **Speaker 2** Yeah, Jason Gable.

[00:07:54] **Speaker 1** And that was a big part of your fishing experience as well. Yeah.

[00:07:56] **Speaker 2** Yeah, yep, I started with him about 20 years ago and he was, yeah, we were, we were like brothers. We knew we were like actually like twins because we were thinking always the same thing all the time. If I told him to put on a bait, he already had that bait on before I even even said it. You know, we're always thinking the same things, you know, kind of like me and Schaefer, Kevin, you, know, and Mikey Blank. We're always... All my teammates, my kid, my son, Tristan. Yeah, we're always. It's just, I don't know, I didn't wanna say it like that or anything, or brag or anything. But it's, you know, I taught these guys quite a bit, you now we all fish together, you and they taught me, Mikey Blank, Schaefer, all of us, we taught each other. Which is huge. And then when, especially when you're in a tournament, you ain't got to sit there and bicker or blah, blah, blah, or any, you know, anything like that. You know, everybody's got their own, you got your job. You do your job and it pays off. Like today, today it paid off. Yes? Do we wish we were in a Tournament today? Very yes, so much, but it is what it is.

[00:09:15] **Speaker 1** You said before that you had your partner with you, um, his ashes are in the boat?

[00:09:20] **Speaker 2** Yeah, yup, yup. I got my buddy's ashes in the boat in the glove compartment. Actually, we dumped the ashes in a few places. One of our best spots in Erie, twice. And then up north by my cabin, in this deer hunting spot. And then, uh. And then another spot, I can't really say, but anyways, yeah, no, he's always with us. It don't matter. You can come to my house, have an urn there, his pictures. Yeah. And then if you go in my garage, you'd really like that. Our fish so when he passed away all our fish was in his in his house so now they're in my garage and I got his jersey with his name on it and all our plaques He's always there. He's fishing with us all the time, like last weekend. All we did was pray to him, hey come on, give us a couple good ones, you know, and he did. And he did, we did very well. I can't complain about that. Yeah, I miss him, we all miss him. Some a little bit more than others, but yeah, that was like my brother, you know? And his mom, that's like my second mom. But other than that, yeah, that's pretty much, pretty much our experience in fishing, in the fishing world, or tournament world, I should say, not fishing.

[00:10:57] **Speaker 1** I think that's all we need now, we're good, thank you. At some point we'd like to.