

GET HOOKED!

CAPTAIN'S LOG — 2025 YEARLY SUMMARY

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Erie Edge Charters • Huron, OH

MMC #2847193 • OUPV Near Coastal • Exp. 08/2028

Vessel: F/V Erie Edge • 2019 Starcraft 210 SCX

Reg: OH 4821 KW • Home Dock: Huron Municipal Ramp

In Service: Mar 22 – Nov 18 (242 days) • Storage: Nov 18 – present

OPERATIONS

Total Trips	93
Sea Days	81
Total Hours	687
Total Passengers	438
Avg Trip Duration	7.4 hrs
Longest Trip	14.2 hrs (Jun 14)
Most Active Month	July (18 trips)
Vessel Utilization	33% of in-service days

CATCH PERFORMANCE

Total Fish Caught	1,247
Catch Rate	1.8 fish/hr
Best Day	27 fish (Jul 19)
Top Species	Walleye — 847 (68%)
2nd Species	Yellow Perch — 312 (25%)
Other	Smallmouth 52, Steelhead 36
Biggest Fish	Walleye 31" / 12.4 lbs
Trophy Fish (>28")	14

WHAT WORKED

Top Bait	Worm harness / crawler (38%)
2nd Bait	Bandit deep diver (22%)
Top Gear	Dipsy Diver (41% of catches)
Best Depth	35–45 ft (52% of catches)
Best Time	7a–10a (62% of daily catch)
Best Wind	SW 8–12 mph
Best Pressure	Falling 1010–1018 mb
Best Moon	3 days after full (2.1x rate)
Water Temp	62–68°F (peak walleye)
Best Trolling	1.8–2.2 mph (walleye)

WHAT TO AVOID

Worst Bait	Silver spoons (2% hit rate)
Worst Gear	Bottom bouncer (Erie)
Bad Wind	E/NE > 15 mph (0.4 fish/hr)
Bad Pressure	Rapid rise > 4mb/3hr
Dead Time	1p–3p (8% of daily catch)
Bad Temp	Water > 74°F (walleye deep)
Skunked	Bright sun + calm + high P
Moon Avoid	New moon ± 1 day (0.9/hr)

MONTHLY BREAKDOWN

MONTH	TRIPS	HOURS	DAYS	PASS.	FISH	RATE	TOP BAIT
March	4	28	4	12	31	1.1	Jig + minnow
April	9	61	8	38	89	1.5	Jig + minnow
May	14	98	12	67	198	2.0	Worm harness
June	16	118	14	82	241	2.0	Worm harness
July	18	138	16	91	287	2.1	Worm harness
August	14	104	12	72	196	1.9	Bandit diver
September	10	78	9	44	118	1.5	Bandit diver
October	6	44	5	24	67	1.5	Jig + minnow
November	2	18	1	8	20	1.1	Blade bait
TOTAL	93	687	81	438	1,247	1.8	

CREDENTIALS STATUS

CREDENTIAL	DETAILS	EXPIRATION	STATUS
MMC / USCG License	OUPV Near Coastal #2847193	08/15/2028	CURRENT
First Aid	American Red Cross	12/31/2026	CURRENT
CPR	American Red Cross	06/30/2026	EXPIRING
Medical Certificate (CG-719K)	Dr. James Wilson, Sandusky	08/15/2028	CURRENT
TWIC Card	TSA #10482947	03/22/2029	CURRENT
Drug Testing Program	Great Lakes Maritime Consortium	01/15/2026	CURRENT
FCC Marine Radio Permit	Restricted Radiotelephone	Lifetime	CURRENT

DATE	DEPART	RETURN	HRS	DEPARTURE POINT	PASS.	WEATHER	FISH	WATER	NOTES
03/22	0530	1230	7.0	Huron Muni Ramp	4	SW 8mph, 48°F, OVC	6	Coastal	Season opener. Jigging west
03/25	0600	1300	7.0	Huron Muni Ramp	3	W 12mph, 45°F, SCT	8	Coastal	Crankers producing at 32ft.
03/29	0545	1245	7.0	Huron Muni Ramp	5	NW 6mph, 52°F, CLR	9	Coastal	Best day of March. Harnesse
04/02	0530	1330	8.0	Huron Muni Ramp	4	SW 10mph, 55°F, OVC	11	Coastal	Walleye + 4 perch. Jigs.
04/05	0600	1400	8.0	Huron Muni Ramp	6	S 8mph, 58°F, Rain	7	Coastal	Rain kept bite slow.
04/09	0515	1315	8.0	Huron Muni Ramp	4	SW 14mph, 54°F, Wind	14	Coastal	Falling pressure = hot bite.
04/12	0530	1230	7.0	Huron Muni Ramp	5	W 6mph, 60°F, CLR	9	Coastal	Kelleys Island reef. Dipsys.
04/16	0600	1400	8.0	Huron Muni Ramp	4	NW 10mph, 57°F, SCT	12	Coastal	Crawler harness started work
04/19	0530	1330	8.0	Huron Muni Ramp	6	SW 8mph, 62°F, OVC	16	Coastal	First 15+ day. Harness 40ft.
04/23	0515	1215	7.0	Huron Muni Ramp	3	E 16mph, 50°F, Rain	3	Coastal	East wind shut it down.
04/26	0530	1400	8.5	Huron Muni Ramp	5	SW 6mph, 64°F, CLR	18	Coastal	Banner day. Harnesses on fir
05/01	0500	1300	8.0	Huron Muni Ramp	6	W 10mph, 65°F, SCT	15	Coastal	May opener. Dipsys + harnes
05/04	0515	1415	9.0	Huron Muni Ramp	5	SW 12mph, 63°F, OVC	19	Coastal	West reef. Limits by 11am.
05/08	0500	1200	7.0	Huron Muni Ramp	4	NW 8mph, 68°F, CLR	12	Coastal	Mixed walleye + perch. 35-4
05/11	0530	1330	8.0	Huron Muni Ramp	6	SW 6mph, 70°F, Hazy	21	Coastal	Season best. Color C 45ft.
05/15	0500	1400	9.0	Huron Muni Ramp	5	S 10mph, 66°F, OVC	17	Coastal	Bandits outfished harnesses.
05/18	0515	1315	8.0	Huron Muni Ramp	4	W 14mph, 62°F, SCT	14	Coastal	Choppy. Dipsys only. 38ft.
05/22	0500	1200	7.0	Huron Muni Ramp	6	SW 8mph, 72°F, CLR	20	Coastal	Perch showing up shallow.
05/25	0445	1345	9.0	Huron Muni Ramp	5	SW 6mph, 74°F, CLR	16	Coastal	Memorial wknd. Traffic heavy
05/29	0500	1400	9.0	Huron Muni Ramp	6	W 10mph, 68°F, OVC	22	Coastal	Best May day. 3 over 28".
06/01	0500	1300	8.0	Huron Muni Ramp	5	SW 8mph, 72°F, CLR	18	Coastal	June opener hot. Dipsys 45ft
06/05	0445	1345	9.0	Huron Muni Ramp	6	W 12mph, 70°F, SCT	24	Coastal	Limits before 10am.
06/08	0500	1400	9.0	Huron Muni Ramp	4	NW 6mph, 74°F, Hazy	15	Coastal	Thermocline forming. Deeper
06/12	0445	1445	10.0	Huron Muni Ramp	6	SW 10mph, 68°F, OVC	21	Coastal	Falling pressure magic. 48ft.
06/14	0430	1830	14.0	Huron Muni Ramp	5	SW 6mph, 72°F, CLR	26	Coastal	Marathon. Bass Islands. Long
06/18	0500	1300	8.0	Huron Muni Ramp	6	W 8mph, 76°F, CLR	19	Coastal	Surface temp rising. Deeper.
06/22	0445	1345	9.0	Huron Muni Ramp	5	SW 14mph, 70°F, OVC	23	Coastal	Wind chop = walleye chow ti
06/25	0500	1400	9.0	Huron Muni Ramp	6	S 10mph, 74°F, SCT	17	Coastal	Perch limits + walleye bonus.
06/29	0445	1245	8.0	Huron Muni Ramp	4	W 8mph, 72°F, CLR	20	Coastal	Last June trip. Strong finish.
07/02	0430	1330	9.0	Huron Muni Ramp	6	SW 6mph, 78°F, Hazy	22	Coastal	4th of July week. Full boat.
07/05	0445	1445	10.0	Huron Muni Ramp	6	W 10mph, 76°F, SCT	25	Coastal	Fireworks crowd but fish on.
07/09	0500	1300	8.0	Huron Muni Ramp	5	NW 12mph, 72°F, OVC	18	Coastal	Deeper pattern. 50ft dipsys.
07/12	0445	1345	9.0	Huron Muni Ramp	6	SW 8mph, 80°F, CLR	14	Coastal	Hot. Fish deeper. Early AM b
07/15	0430	1230	8.0	Huron Muni Ramp	4	W 6mph, 82°F, Hazy	11	Coastal	Dog days starting.
07/19	0445	1445	10.0	Huron Muni Ramp	6	SW 14mph, 74°F, OVC	27	Coastal	BEST DAY OF YEAR. Cold fro
07/22	0500	1300	8.0	Huron Muni Ramp	5	W 10mph, 76°F, SCT	19	Coastal	Post front. Still active.