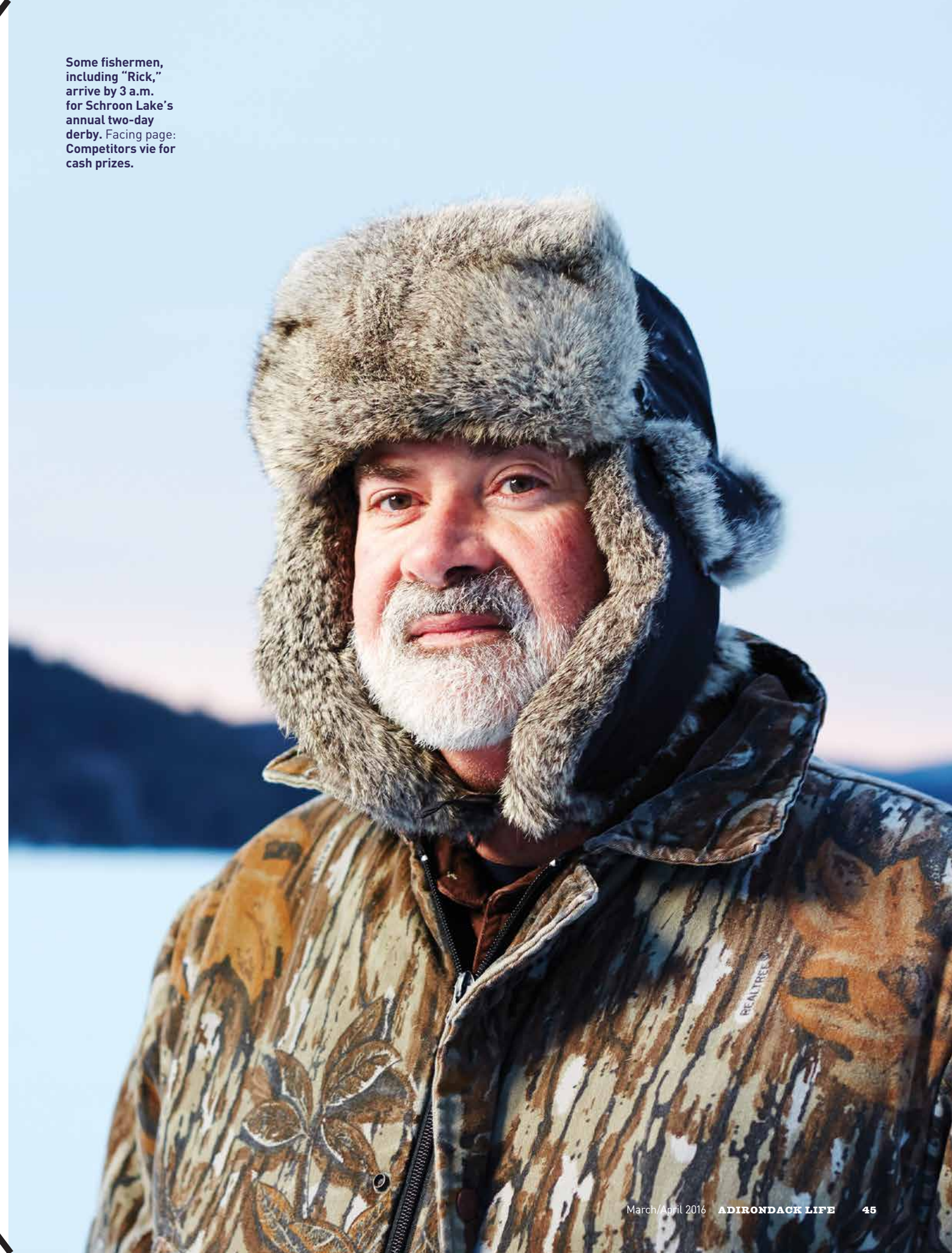




FREEZE FRAMES

PORTRAITS FROM THE SCHROON LAKE ICE-FISHING DERBY
PHOTOGRAPHS BY YVONNE ALBINOWSKI

Some fishermen, including "Rick," arrive by 3 a.m. for Schroon Lake's annual two-day derby. Facing page: Competitors vie for cash prizes.





SCHROON LAKE is best known as a summer destination, but for one weekend each March the eastern Adirondack hamlet is packed to the gills with ice fisherfolk hoping to score a winning catch. The local fish and game club has organized its annual ice-fishing derby for nearly 25 years, offering cash prizes for the biggest perch, northern pike, lake trout, pickerel and landlocked salmon caught between sun-up Saturday and Sunday afternoon—with many anglers fishing through the night.

In 2015 there were close to 500 entrants on the ice, a few of whom are seen in these portraits captured by New York City-based photographer Yvonne Albinowski. See more of her work at www.yvonnealbinowski.com.

This year's ice-fishing derby takes place March 5 and 6. Call (518) 532-4953 or visit schroonlakefishandgame.com/icefishingderby for more information.

Joe and Lisa Mieczkowski. Facing page: Anglers compete to catch the largest fish in each of five categories, including perch, seen here.





Personalized shanties offer protection from the elements. Facing page, clockwise from bottom right: Ice fisherman Mark Charbonneau. Moto Hikita and his son, visiting from Japan, where ice fishing is also popular. Eric Talmadge.