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FROM THE FOUNDER

Bob Bueltmann
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This past fall and winter have been really tough for catching bass. The crappie and catfish seem to be unaffected and they continue to be biting good. This past fall and winter, the water has been dirty and there has been a lot of current in the lake as the dam generated water well into the summer and fall. For some reason that really effected the bass bite. Perhaps pushed them deep, spread them out an/ or following the bait fish which are moved quite a bit and often with a lot of current and high water.

The good news is the bass have not been beat up by anglers as we have had a hard time finding a consistent bite, so they should be really ready to eat this spring and summer. One thing we know for sure is that in the spring they will move in closer to the banks and into spawning pockets and after the fall and into the summer they will move out for the spawning pockets, first to brush piles near spawning areas, to secondary points and main lake points

and then in the summer around dock shade a brush piles. The corona-virus has had minimal impact thus far on the fishing business related to on the water fishing. Lucky for us, fishing provides obvious social distancing. However, the virus has had some affect on the tournament business, as many tournaments this spring have been cancelled and other tournaments are modifying their approach. Asking anglers to weigh their fish and get back into their boats and go home, so to limit close contact social interaction at weigh-ins. Some tournaments are stilling holding their tournaments but eliminating pre-tournament meetings and asking anglers to register on-line. You can check www.bassingbob.com for tournament updates. We are communicating often with tournament directors, the State Park, State Park Marina and Water Patrol to keep you all up to date with the status of tournaments and ramps. Hopefully by the time that you are reading this, this pandemic will be well in the rear-view mirror.

In this edition of the Fishing News

Magazine you will be able to read about specific tactics and patterns for catching fish during this coming spring and summer. When the fish get into post spawn, there is usually an awesome bass bite on main lake points and bluff ends with deep diving crank baits and swim baits, crappie will move to the darkest areas of docks and huddle up around brush and cover, you will learn about the tactics to catch these fish. Also, the fishing in the summer at night off the dock can be really good, you can read about how to catch those fish around the docks at night. Our featured angler, Terry Blankenship is one of the best and most famous crappie fishermen in the country. Terry shares with you his insights for catching spring and summer crappie.

Fish-Intel.com is up and running. Fish-Intel is the expansion of the BassingBob.com platform to other lakes, through a licensing agreement with individuals and entities that want to execute the Bassing Bob business plan at their home lake. In February we went live at Table Rock Lake with fishing guide, Eric Prey, check out his website, www.tablerockfishingintel.com. The same look, navigation and content as what you are used to with Bassing Bob but specific to Table Rock. If you know an individual or entity at a lake that you feel would enhance their existing business or start up a new business, we are paying a nice finders fee to you.

With the expansion to other lakes, we are getting great input for enhancing the value for our Bassing Bob members. Coming soon to Bassing Bob includes a Trading Post for selling your products, boats and fishing gear. We are also planning for to implement a Digest, to include a list of the latest content on the website that can be pushed to your phone or email at a frequency that you set. That same digest will be included as a running scroll of the latest information on the home page of the website.

Thank you all for your membership to www.bassingbob.com and your readership of the Fishing News Magazine. As always, I encourage you all to support the businesses that advertise with us in the magazine and on the website. Without them and all of you we could not bring you the latest fishing content.

Tight Lines.

- Bob Bueltmann



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Newcomb, Bridges Win BassingBob Missouri Invitational Pro-Am Fishing and Golf Championship

Camdenton, Mo. – A change in the format of the BassingBob Missouri Invitational Pro-Am Fishing and Golf Championship worked in the favor of Andy Newcomb and Chris Bridges.

The tournament at Lake of the Ozarks Nov. 12-15 was originally slated for fishing the first competition day followed by golf the second day and fishing on the final day. However soggy grounds at the Old Kinderhook Golf Course led to a schedule change with fishing the first two days and an option of fishing or golf on the final day when the course was deemed playable.

After the first two days of fishing, Bass Fishing League (BFL) and FLW Costa pro Andy Newcomb and his amateur partner Chris Bridges sat in second place with 10 bass weighing 32.84 pounds. Newcomb admitted he was “not a good golfer” so it was an easy decision for Bridges and him to opt for fishing over golf on the final competition day. They made the smart choice as they weighed in a 12.20-pound limit for a three-day total of 45.04 pounds to win the tournament and the top prize of \$25,000. Finishing only .03 of a pound behind the winners was the team of Justin McClelland and Denise Dill with 45.01 pounds.



Justin McClelland and Denise Dill

The first- and second-place teams shared a spot each day on the Niangua arm of the lake. “We had a spot that we started and spent a lot of time in each day,” Newcomb said. “We caught most of those fish there on a Wiggle Wart (crankbait) and a Chatterbait.”

The winners keyed on channel banks where they caught most of their fish 6 to 8 feet deep. “I had been on some fish flipping to shallow targets over the weekend, but we checked out that the first day a lot and I think we caught one so we scrapped that pretty quick and started fishing channel banks. The first day we had five keepers on four different baits. Our pattern was kind of junking it together.” They finished Day One in 10th place with 13.25 pounds.

The second day Newcomb and Bridges mainly threw spinnerbaits and Wiggle Warts to complete another limit. Newcomb disclosed they caught some keepers from their primary area but most of their bigger fish came from another spot.



On the final day, the 36-team field could choose either 18 holes of golf or fishing. Twenty-two teams headed to the lake while 14 teams headed to the golf course. Newcomb and Bridges struggled early and caught only one keeper on a

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crankbait. When they ran into a stranded boater, they gave him a tow and then had only about an hour left to fish. "We actually went to some docks and caught some fish on jerkbaits (Smithwick Rattlin' Rogues) to fill out our limit."

Old Kinderhook lodge and golf course and Lake of the Ozarks fishing resource website Bassing Bob hosted the fifth annual 2019 Missouri Invitational Pro-Am Fish and Golf Tournament that provided amateur fishermen a chance to fish and golf with pro anglers. Among the fishing luminaries competing in this year's event were former Bassmaster Classic and FLW Cup champ Dion Hibdon; FLW All-American champions, Marcus Sykora, Jeremy Lawyer and Brian Maloney; Major League Fishing pros James Watson and Mike McClelland; FLW Tour pros Casey Scanlon and Dan Morehead; and last year's Missouri Invitational champ Mark Tucker, an eight-time Bassmaster Classic qualifier.

Pairings were determined by the amateur anglers bidding in live and silent auctions for the pro anglers they wanted as a partner for the three competition days. The 58-year-old Chris Bridges was fishing in his fourth Missouri Invitational and reaped the reward of bidding on Andy Newcomb for his partner. "I know a bunch of these guys," said Bridges, a transmission parts store owner from Independence, Mo. "I tournament fish a lot and this is like my vacation. It is a laid-back atmosphere and I just enjoy the guys."

Bridges highly recommends the Missouri Invitational for amateur anglers interested in competing in the event. "You get to fish with some really good guys and it doesn't really matter your experience level, you can still learn something every time," Bridges said.

For the full results of this year's Missouri Invitational, visit www.bassingbob.com.

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Tournament Schedule *at The Lake*

APRIL

Date	Time	Location	Boats	Club	Phone
04/04/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	15	East Ozark Bass Club	314-899-6722
04/04/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	10	Team Concepts Bass Club	816-518-2041
04/04/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Point Randall Resort	10	West Suburban Bass Anglers	630-531-0566
04/04/2020	06:30 AM - 03:30 PM	Kapilana Resort	10	Sportsmans Edge Bass Club	636-544-5528
04/04/2020	10:00 AM - 06:30 PM	Rock Harbor Resort	30	Hawg Hawlers Bass Club	573-718-4510
04/04/2020	06:30 AM - 03:30 PM	Hawks Landing Resort	100	Sheet Metal Workers Local #36	314-285-2625
04/04/2020	08:00 AM - 05:00 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Thousand Hills Bass Club	660-341-2192
04/04/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	LORA	40	Lake of the Ozarks Rec Area Tourn.	573-346-5673
04/04/2020	08:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Larry R. Gale Access	15	St. Louis Bassin' Bass Club	314-413-1322
04/04/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	StartAnywhere/EndFranky&Louie's	80	American Crappie Association	573-280-8020
04/04/2020	08:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Pa He Tsi	15	Bush Beaters Bass Club	660-909-4808
04/04/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Runaway II Resort	35	Mid-Lake Bass Club	573-480-6162
04/04/2020	06:15 AM - 03:15 PM	Robin's Resort	15	Perryville Basscasters	573-768-4184
04/04/2020	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Drake Harbor	15	Sol Pro Bassmasters	816-447-7649
04/04/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	50	Angler's Choice	573-619-3074
04/04/2020	05:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Windermere Convention Center	75	Heaven's Anglers Help a Child Tourn	314-740-5953
04/05/2020	08:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Coffman Beach Access	20	Osage Beach Bait&Tackle Open Tourn	573-480-4909
04/05/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	10	Team Concepts Bass Club	816-518-2041
04/05/2020	06:30 AM - 02:00 PM	Point Randall Resort	10	West Suburban Bass Anglers	630-531-0566
04/05/2020	06:30 AM - 02:30 PM	Kapilana Resort	10	Sportsmans Edge Bass Club	636-544-5528
04/05/2020	06:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Rock Harbor Resort	30	Hawg Hawlers Bass Club	573-718-4510
04/05/2020	08:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Thousand Hills Bass Club	660-341-2192
04/05/2020	06:30 AM - 02:30 PM	Red Oak Resort	50	Help Reel in a Cure	314-313-0595
04/05/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	McCubbins Point Access	15	Upper Meramec Bass Club	314-602-0895
04/05/2020	06:15 AM - 01:15 PM	Robin's Resort	15	Perryville Basscasters	573-768-4184
04/05/2020	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Drake Harbor	15	Sol Pro Bassmasters	816-447-7649
04/05/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Robin's Resort	40	Just Fish Bass Trail	573-619-3074
04/05/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	150	Anglers in Action	314-591-4578
04/11/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Coffman Beach Access	30	Randolph County Bass Club	660-414-0520
04/11/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Larry R. Gale Access	30	573 Flight Cancelled Crappie Tourn	573-480-5438
04/11/2020	07:30 AM - 03:30 PM	Larry R. Gale Access	10	Central Missouri BaitCasters	660-909-4808
04/11/2020	09:30 AM - 03:00 PM	LORA	40	Lake of the Ozarks Rec Area Tourn.	573-346-5673
04/11/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	30	NEBassin Coast 2 Coast	417-793-4209
04/11/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Coffman Beach Access	20	St. Charles County Hawghunters	314-249-8385
04/11/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Larry R. Gale Access	20	Mexico Bassmasters	573-289-8571
04/12/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	60	USA Bassin	314-346-6963
04/18/2020	07:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Heit's Pt Lutheran Ministries	100	Ozark Snagmasters	573-578-2879
04/18/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB#2RdOkAlhnnPtRandIvyBnd	1400	Big Bass Bash	866-515-0102
04/19/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB#2RdOkAlhnnPtRandIvyBnd	1400	Big Bass Bash	866-515-0102
04/22/2020	07:00 AM - 04:00 PM	PB #2	30	Meek's The Builder's Choice	417-521-1103

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04/25/2020	06:30 AM - 03:30 PM	Alhonna Resort	34	"Crest Industries, Inc."	314-560-1230
04/25/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Coffman Beach Access	20	Show Me Bass Club	636-262-7309
04/25/2020	06:00 AM - 03:30 PM	Lakeview Resort	25	Elevator Constructor's Local #3	314-623-8966
04/25/2020	06:30 AM - 02:30 PM	Red Oak Resort	60	Edward Jones Private Fishing Tourn.	314-515-4781
04/25/2020	07:30 AM - 02:30 PM	StartAnywhere/EndFranky&Louie's	60	Outdoor Kids LLC	573-280-8020
04/25/2020	07:00 AM - 03:45 PM	PB #2	300	Fish for Sight Open Buddy Bass	314-422-0662
04/26/2020	08:00 AM - 04:00 PM	PB #2	20	Osage Beach Bait&Tackle Open Tourn	573-480-4909
04/26/2020	07:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Purvis Beach Resort	8	Gasconade Bass Club	573-619-0704
04/26/2020	07:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	35	Camden County Bass'rs Club Tourn	573-723-1020
04/26/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Red Oak Resort	10	KC Area Bassmasters	816-213-4497
04/26/2020	05:00 AM - 06:00 PM	Robin's Resort	75	Twisted Cat Outdoors	217-242-5305
04/26/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	100	Tri-State Trolling Motor	636-856-8623
04/26/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	50	Bass World Sports Tournament Assoc.	314-409-9015

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GRAND LAKE, OK: MAY 30-31

LAKE OF THE OZARKS, MO: OCTOBER 3-4

2020 ANGLERS IN ACTION SCHEDULE

LAKE OF THE OZARKS

February 23 | March 15 | April 5 | May 3

GRAND LAKE

March 7 | April 25 | May 16 | June 13

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February 22 | March 14 | April 11 | Sep. 19



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Date	Time	Location	Boats	Club	Phone
05/02/2020	06:00 AM - 03:30 PM	Lakeview Resort	50	Fred Weber Inc. Employee Tournament	314-486-1995
05/02/2020	07:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Bledsoe Ferry	36	Redford Construction Invitational	816-540-2030
05/02/2020	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Point Randall Resort	60	MO State Council of Machinists	314-601-5912
05/02/2020	06:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Alhonna Resort	50	Roofers Mart Fishing Tournament	314-968-9366
05/02/2020	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Gravois Mills Access	25	Men of Honor Bass Club	660-723-4980
05/02/2020	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	25	American Bass Anglers Division 49	816-772-5994
05/02/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	20	Smithville Bassmasters	913-484-2369
05/02/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Runaway II Resort	35	Mid-Lake Bass Club	573-480-6162
05/02/2020	06:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Runaway II Resort	20	Missouri Chiropractors Bass Fishers	314-344-4438
05/02/2020	06:30 AM - 03:30 PM	PB #2	200	Carpenters' Buddy Bass Tournament	314-269-5227
05/03/2020	06:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Lakeview Resort	50	Fred Weber Inc. Employee Tournament	314-486-1995
05/03/2020	06:30 AM - 02:30 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndHolidayHillsMarina	15	Holiday Hills Hawg Hunters Bass	573-345-3788
05/03/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Coffman Beach Access	15	Upper Meramec Bass Club	314-602-0895
05/03/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	20	Smithville Bassmasters	913-484-2369
05/03/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Robin's Resort	60	USA Bassin Open	314-346-6963
05/03/2020	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	150	Anglers in Action	314-591-4578
05/03/2020	06:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Runaway II Resort	20	Missouri Chiropractors Bass Fishers	314-344-4438
05/07/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	LORA	40	Lake of the Ozarks Rec Area Tourn.	573-346-5673
05/09/2020	06:15 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	50	St. Louis Bass Busters Open Buddy	314-409-8314
05/09/2020	07:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Red Oak Resort	25	UPS Bass Tournament	636-485-8315
05/09/2020	09:00 AM - 03:00 PM	LORA	40	Lake of the Ozarks Rec Area Tourn.	573-346-5673
05/09/2020	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Gravois Mills Access	20	Mexico Bassmasters	573-289-8571
05/09/2020	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	25	Fishers of Men	870-307-3769
05/09/2020	06:45 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	40	Just Fish Bass Trail	573-619-3074
05/10/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	50	Angler's Choice	573-619-3074
05/16/2020	05:30 AM - 02:30 PM	Rock Harbor Resort	100	Plumbers & Pipefitters Local #562	314-393-4578
05/16/2020	06:00 AM - 04:00 PM	StartAnywhere/EndOff-Site	50	MOYak Fishing Tournament Series	417-499-1043
05/16/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	LORA	40	Lake of the Ozarks Rec Area Tourn.	573-346-5673
05/16/2020	05:30 AM - 03:30 PM	Point Randall Resort	15	Rodbenders Bass Club	314-378-2696
05/16/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	125	FLW Phoenix Bass Fishing League	270-703-5441
05/17/2020	05:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Pa He Tsi	25	Missouri TBF	660-723-4980
05/17/2020	06:30 AM - 02:30 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndHolidayHillsMarina	15	Holiday Hills Hawg Hunters Bass	573-345-3788
05/17/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Coffman Beach Access	20	Eldon Bassmasters	573-480-2640
05/17/2020	05:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Point Randall Resort	15	Rodbenders Bass Club	314-378-2696
05/17/2020	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	PB #2	60	USA Bassin	314-346-6963
05/17/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	50	Bass World Sports Tournament Assoc.	314-409-9015
05/30/2020	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Gravois Mills Access	15	Ozark Mountain Anglers Bass Club	573-819-2923
05/31/2020	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	PB #2	60	USA Bassin Open	314-346-6963

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JUNE					
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06/05/2020	07:30 PM - 01:00 AM	LORA	40	Lake of the Ozarks Rec Area Tourn.	573-346-5673
06/06/2020	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Linn Creek Campground Ramp	35	Camden County Bass'rs Club Tourn	573-723-1020
06/06/2020	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Runaway II Resort	35	Mid-Lake Bass Club	573-480-6162
06/06/2020	05:15 AM - 03:30 PM	Red Oak Resort	15	Rodbenders Bass Club	314-378-2696
06/06/2020	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	PB #2	50	Bass World Sports Tournament Assoc.	314-409-9015
06/06/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	40	Just Fish Bass Trail	573-619-3074
06/07/2020	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndHolidayHillsMarina	15	Holiday Hills Hawg Hunters Bass	573-345-3788
06/07/2020	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Linn Creek Campground Ramp	35	Camden County Bass'rs Club Tourn	573-723-1020
06/07/2020	05:15 AM - 12:00 PM	Red Oak Resort	15	Rodbenders Bass Club	314-378-2696
06/07/2020	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Larry R. Gale Access	60	USA Bassin	314-346-6963
06/07/2020	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	PB #2	50	Bass World Sports Tournament Assoc.	314-409-9015
06/07/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	50	Angler's Choice	573-619-3074
06/13/2020	05:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Bledsoe Ferry	25	Men of Honor Bass Club	660-723-4980
06/13/2020	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	PB #2	50	Camden County Bass'rs Open Buddy	573-723-1020

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Date	Time	Location	Boats	Club	Phone
06/13/2020	05:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Drake Harbor	30	Central Missouri Catfish Tourn.	660-651-2408
06/13/2020	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Red Oak Resort	15	Owensville Moose Lodge	573-578-5082
06/13/2020	05:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Drake Harbor	15	Sol Pro Bassmasters	816-447-7649
06/14/2020	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	PB #2	50	Camden County Bass'rs Open Buddy	573-723-1020
06/14/2020	12:00 AM - 09:00 AM	Drake Harbor	30	Central Missouri Catfish Tourn.	660-651-2408
06/14/2020	06:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Red Oak Resort	15	Owensville Moose Lodge	573-578-5082
06/21/2020	05:30 AM - 02:00 PM	Brown Bend Access	15	Premier Anglers Bass Club	660-631-0142
06/21/2020	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndHolidayHillsMarina	15	Holiday Hills Hawg Hunters Bass	573-345-3788
06/21/2020	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Larry R. Gale Access	60	USA Bassin Open	314-346-6963
06/26/2020	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Coffman Beach Access	15	Ozark Mountain Anglers Bass Club	573-819-2923
06/27/2020	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Coffman Beach Access	15	Ozark Mountain Anglers Bass Club	573-819-2923
06/27/2020	07:00 PM - 03:00 AM	PB #2	15	Camdenton Castaways Club Tournament	573-836-1695
06/27/2020	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Runaway II Resort	35	Mid-Lake Bass Club	573-480-6162
06/27/2020	05:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	75	Heaven's Anglers Catch a Vet Tourn	314-740-5953
JULY					
Date	Time	Location	Boats	Club	Phone
07/10/2020	07:00 PM - 03:00 AM	Coffman Beach Access	15	Ozark Mountain Anglers Bass Club	573-819-2923
07/10/2020	07:30 PM - 01:00 AM	LORA	40	Lake of the Ozarks Rec Area Tourn.	573-346-5673
07/11/2020	09:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Coffman Beach Access	20	Eldon Bassmasters	573-480-2640
07/11/2020	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Linn Creek Campground Ramp	35	Camden County Bass'rs Club Tourn	573-723-1020
07/11/2020	07:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Coffman Beach Access	15	St. Louis Bassin' Bass Club	314-413-1322
07/11/2020	05:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Drake Harbor	20	Smithville Bassmasters	913-484-2369
07/11/2020	07:30 PM - 11:59 PM	Robin's Resort	60	USA Bassin Open	314-346-6963
07/11/2020	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	PB #2	50	Bass World Sports Tournament Assoc.	314-409-9015
07/12/2020	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndHolidayHillsMarina	15	Holiday Hills Hawg Hunters Bass	573-345-3788
07/12/2020	12:00 AM - 08:00 AM	Coffman Beach Access	20	Eldon Bassmasters	573-480-2640
07/12/2020	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Linn Creek Campground Ramp	35	Camden County Bass'rs Club Tourn	573-723-1020
07/12/2020	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Coffman Beach Access	15	St. Louis Bassin' Bass Club	314-413-1322
07/12/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Drake Harbor	20	East Kansas Bassmasters	913-424-8285
07/12/2020	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Robin's Resort	60	USA Bassin Open	314-346-6963
07/12/2020	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	PB #2	50	Bass World Sports Tournament Assoc.	314-409-9015
07/18/2020	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Coffman Beach Access	20	Show Me Bass Club	636-262-7309
07/18/2020	05:00 AM - 01:30 PM	Drake Harbor	15	St. Louis Area Bassmasters	636-388-1629
07/18/2020	08:00 PM - 03:00 AM	Larry R. Gale Access	8	Central Missouri Bass Masters	573-578-0115
07/18/2020	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	PB #2	50	Camden County Bass'rs Open Buddy	573-723-1020
07/18/2020	07:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Coffman Beach Access	20	St. Charles County Hawghunters	314-249-8385
07/18/2020	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Runaway II Resort	35	Mid-Lake Bass Club	573-480-6162
07/18/2020	05:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Drake Harbor	15	Olathe Bass Club	817-939-5072
07/18/2020	05:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Red Oak Resort	15	Rodbenders Bass Club	314-378-2696
07/18/2020	07:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	25	Tri-County Bass Club Tournament	573-762-2668
07/19/2020	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Drake Harbor	15	Crooked River Bassmasters	816-724-1138
07/19/2020	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Coffman Beach Access	20	Show Me Bass Club	636-262-7309

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JULY (continued)

Date	Time	Location	Boats	Club	Phone
07/19/2020	05:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Drake Harbor	15	St. Louis Area Bassmasters	636-388-1629
07/19/2020	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	PB #2	50	Camden County Bass'rs Open Buddy	573-723-1020
07/19/2020	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Coffman Beach Access	20	St. Charles County Hawghunters	314-249-8385
07/19/2020	05:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Red Oak Resort	15	Rodbenders Bass Club	314-378-2696
07/19/2020	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Shawnee Bend Access	25	Tri-County Bass Club Tournament	573-762-2668
07/25/2020	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Coffman Beach Access	10	Sportsmans Edge Bass Club	636-544-5528
07/25/2020	07:00 PM - 03:00 AM	Larry R. Gale Access	15	Camdenton Castaways Club Tournament	573-836-1695
07/26/2020	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Coffman Beach Access	10	Sportsmans Edge Bass Club	636-544-5528
07/31/2020	07:00 PM - 03:00 AM	Lake Ozark City Ramp	20	Mexico Bassmasters	573-289-8571

AUGUST

Date	Time	Location	Boats	Club	Phone
08/01/2020	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	PB #2	50	Bass World Sports Tournament Assoc.	314-409-9015
08/02/2020	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	PB #2	50	Bass World Sports Tournament Assoc.	314-409-9015
08/07/2020	07:30 PM - 01:00 AM	LORA	40	Lake of the Ozarks Rec Area Tourn.	573-346-5673
08/08/2020	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Coffman Beach Access	10	Sportsmans Edge Bass Club	636-544-5528
08/08/2020	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Linn Creek Campground Ramp	35	Camden County Bass'rs Club Tourn	573-723-1020
08/09/2020	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Coffman Beach Access	10	Sportsmans Edge Bass Club	636-544-5528
08/09/2020	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Linn Creek Campground Ramp	35	Camden County Bass'rs Club Tourn	573-723-1020
08/15/2020	09:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Coffman Beach Access	20	Eldon Bassmasters	573-480-2640
08/15/2020	09:00 PM - 04:00 AM	PB #2	8	Central Missouri Bass Masters	573-578-0115
08/15/2020	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Wigwam School Access	20	Mexico Bassmasters	573-289-8571
08/16/2020	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndHolidayHillsMarina	15	Holiday Hills Hawg Hunters Bass	573-345-3788
08/16/2020	12:00 AM - 08:00 AM	Coffman Beach Access	20	Eldon Bassmasters	573-480-2640
08/22/2020	07:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Larry R. Gale Access	20	Show Me Bass Club	636-262-7309
08/22/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Runaway II Resort	35	Mid-Lake Bass Club	573-480-6162
08/23/2020	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Larry R. Gale Access	20	Show Me Bass Club	636-262-7309
08/23/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	40	Just Fish Bass Trail	573-619-3074
08/29/2020	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Coffman Beach Access	10	Sportsmans Edge Bass Club	636-544-5528
08/29/2020	09:00 AM - 04:00 PM	31 MM - 36.4 MM	100	"Lake of the Ozarks Shootout, Inc"	573-374-8400
08/30/2020	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Coffman Beach Access	10	Sportsmans Edge Bass Club	636-544-5528

SEPTEMBER

Date	Time	Location	Boats	Club	Phone
09/12/2020	07:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Red Oak Resort	25	UPS Bass Tournament	636-485-8315
09/12/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	LORA	40	Lake of the Ozarks Rec Area Tourn.	573-346-5673
09/12/2020	06:30 AM - 04:00 PM	Drake Harbor	12	Central States Bass Association	816-924-9651
09/12/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Runaway II Resort	35	Mid-Lake Bass Club	573-480-6162
09/12/2020	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Red Oak Resort	15	Owensville Moose Lodge	573-578-5082
09/12/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Robin's Resort	60	USA Bassin Open	314-346-6963
09/12/2020	06:30 AM - 04:00 PM	PB #2	150	IUOE Local 148 Charity Bass Tourn.	573-760-5669
09/12/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Robin's Resort	40	Just Fish Bass Trail	573-619-3074
09/13/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Larry R. Gale Access	15	Premier Anglers Bass Club	660-631-0142
09/13/2020	06:30 AM - 02:30 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndHolidayHillsMarina	15	Holiday Hills Hawg Hunters Bass	573-345-3788

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09/13/2020	07:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Linn Creek Campground Ramp	35	Camden County Bass'rs Club Tourn	573-723-1020
09/13/2020	06:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Red Oak Resort	15	Owensville Moose Lodge	573-578-5082
09/13/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	60	USA Bassin	314-346-6963
09/13/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	50	Angler's Choice	573-619-3074
09/19/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	LORA	40	Lake of the Ozarks Rec Area Tourn.	573-346-5673
09/19/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Robin's Resort	60	USA Bassin	314-346-6963
09/19/2020	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Pa He Tsi	15	Sol Pro Bassmasters	816-447-7649
09/20/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Robin's Resort	60	USA Bassin	314-346-6963
09/20/2020	06:30 AM - 02:00 PM	Pa He Tsi	15	Sol Pro Bassmasters	816-447-7649
09/26/2020	05:30 AM - 01:30 PM	Coffman Beach Access	15	St. Louis Area Bassmasters	636-388-1629
09/26/2020	07:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Robin's Resort	50	Missouri State Elks Association	573-712-0662
09/26/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Runaway II Resort	35	Mid-Lake Bass Club	573-480-6162
09/26/2020	07:00 AM - 04:00 PM	PB #2	125	FLW Phoenix Bass Fishing League	270-703-5441
09/27/2020	06:30 AM - 02:30 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndHolidayHillsMarina	15	Holiday Hills Hawg Hunters Bass	573-345-3788
09/27/2020	05:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Coffman Beach Access	15	St. Louis Area Bassmasters	636-388-1629
09/27/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Larry R. Gale Access	15	Camdenton Castaways Club Tournament	573-836-1695
09/27/2020	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Runaway II Resort	35	Mid-Lake Bass Club	573-480-6162
09/27/2020	07:00 AM - 04:00 PM	PB #2	125	FLW Phoenix Bass Fishing League	270-703-5441

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While many of you know the famed “Party Cove”- Anderson Hollow (located in the Grand Glaize Arm of the Lake), not very many people know that there is another cove with a very similar name that is often mistaken for Party Cove. A four mile boat ride separates Anderson Hollow (Party Cove) from Anderson Hollow Cove. Anderson Hollow Cove is located on the 18MM of the Osage Arm, and features some of the best fishing Lake of the Ozarks has to offer.

Anderson Hollow cove is approximately one mile long, and is 1000ft wide at the mouth. Like most coves on the Lake of the Ozarks, Anderson Hollow Cove is mostly residential and is full of some spectacular lake homes. As you enter the cove you will notice a big condo complex on the left, and Porta Cima Golf Course as you get to the back. What makes this cove unique for fishing is that it features a plethora of both steep and gradual sloping banks. Since the terrain within the cove is so diverse, you can catch fish here year round!

Spring

One reason this cove can make for some great spring fishing is that it is north facing. North facing coves and pockets catch more sunlight, and typically catch the warmer southern winds. This means

that these coves are the first to warm up in the springtime for fish to move up and spawn. This cove features a protected pocket with steeper banks that makes for an excellent spawning pocket. A good bait to throw in that pocket would be a Carolina Rigged Swamp Bug.

Summer

This cove features a large main lake point at the mouth, with a ton of scattered big rock around it. While Ameren runs current through the dam in the summertime, this point is a great area to catch big post spawn bass. A good bait to target these bass would be a 3/4oz football jig dragged slowly over the top of the bigger rock.

Fall

As we get into the fall season, many of the shad in the lake will begin to migrate towards the backs of the creeks. Anderson Hollow Cove splits into two separate pockets in the very back. Each of these pockets offer great opportunities to catch fish in the fall. The shallower docks in the



back are where I would start my search. Try flipping a creature style bait around the shaded areas of the docks back here. If dock flipping is not your cup of tea, try throwing a Sixth Sense Quake Thud Lipless Crankbait through the balls of shad back in these pockets.



Winter

As the water temperature starts to drop in the winter, the bass will migrate from the flats to the steeper banks back in the cove. If you look for the places where the contours tighten up, you will find the bass grouped up around the bait fish in these areas. An excellent bait to target these lethargic winter fish is with a Megabass Vision 110 Jerkbait. On these steeper banks, you want to throw the bait closer to the bank as the feeding fish will often be in less than 8ft of water.



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AFTER THE SPAWN

THE FAMED POST-SPAWN PHASE OF BASS FISHING CAN BE ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING TIMES OF THE YEAR TO HIT THE WATER.

This phase of the bass life cycle usually begins on or around the middle of May and will last well into June. After the big females drop their eggs, they retreat to the nearest piece of cover in deeper water. At this time, the female fish are beat up and worn out from the rigors of the spawn, and are often tough to catch. This period is often referred to as the “post-spawn funk”. Luckily this “funk” doesn’t last very long, and is followed by the most aggressive feeding pattern of the year. Many of the fish have not had a single meal in weeks. So at this moment, the big fish leave their spawning pockets in search of food. Therefore, in order to locate these big fish you must first locate the food.

Bluegill

As predators of opportunity, Bluegill is the first forage species these post spawn bass will key on. Since the female bass have recently dropped their eggs, the males will typically stay around the nest to guard their eggs and fry. While the fry can be a tempting meal for the bluegill, the predator often becomes prey to a hungry male bass roaming the shallows. In the early stages of the post spawn, a great way to mimic this natural feeding pattern is to

pitch a Zoom Brush Hog to shallow cover in pockets and behind docks where the bass fry have been corralled.

Shad

Throughout the post-spawn feeding phase the main source of forage for these fish is going to be shad. As water temps reach the lower seventies the shad will begin to spawn. You can find them spawning shallow on points, docks, and rocky areas close to deep water. The shad prefer to spawn in lowlight conditions, so it is important to take advantage of the morning bite and follow the shade. If you find an area like this, the giant bass will not be far. Throw your favorite topwater lure at targets in these areas and be ready for some violent blow ups, because these big girls are hungry and super aggressive.



Crawfish

As the fish begin to feed heavily following the spawn, crawfish is not always the first food these bass will actively seek out. But since they are predators of opportunity, a protein-rich crawfish is a hard meal to pass up. As the water warms, you can find

crawfish in rocky areas, migrating towards deeper water. The bass know this, and will often use the same areas to pick off those easy meals on their way to deep water. A great technique to target these post spawn crawfish eaters is to drag a football jig. Look for rocky areas on points and flats that lead out to deep water on the main lake.



As the sun gets high in the sky in the later stages of the post spawn feeding phase, you can find bass relating to shad, crawfish, and Bluegill, out deep on points. At this time, it is important to use your electronics to locate schools of bait and even schools of bass. Whenever current is being pulled from Bagnell Dam you can actually find schools of big bass waiting for an easy meal to be swept by with the current. These fish can be caught on heavy jigs, worms, crank baits, and other classic ledge fishing baits. An awesome demonstration of how to catch these deep post spawn schoolers is the Summertime Patterns DVD featuring Roger Fitzpatrick. You can find this DVD along with much more information on how to catch post-spawn bass on BassingBob.com.



AN INSIDE LOOK INTO

TOURNAMENT FISHERMAN

Terry Blankenship



Q&A with Terry Blankenship

Lake of the Ozarks crappie guide and tournament angler Terry Blankenship has developed a reputation as one of the most respected anglers in the ozark region. With decades of knowledge on fishing the Lake of the Ozarks, we decided to spotlight Terry in this issue with some Q&A.



Background info: Terry was born and raised in Iberia, a small Missouri town that is about a 30-minute drive east of Osage Beach. He moved to the lake in 1998 and worked in the construction industry all his life until recently retiring. Terry now fishes full time, running a crappie guide service and competing in both bass and crappie tournaments.

Q What got you into fishing? When did you start?

A “Oh it was before I could remember, but my dad always told me when I was about three years old, he took me fishing one day and I hooked into a 10lb carp. The carp started pull me down the rocks and into the water while my dad shouted to let go of the pole, but I wouldn’t do it! He ended up running down and grabbing me before it pulled me into the lake, but he always said that I was not gonna let go of that pole, and I guess I have been hooked ever since.”

Q Who were some of your mentors growing up fishing?

A “My dad was for sure my main mentor. He had a passion for fishing just like I do. Any spare time he could get away he would take me down to Tavern Creek, and back in those days that creek had a lot of good fish in it. He had a Jon boat with a 5.5 HP Evinrude on the back of it, and one day asked if I wanted to drive it. I jumped right over the seat to get a hold of that boat so fast that I stepped right on a big catfish barb. When I looked down it was coming right through the top of my tennis shoe! He ended up having to take the boat to shore so that he could get ahold of the fish by both sides to jerk the barb out. That was a pretty bad experience for the first time driving the boat, but I ended up learning a lot that I know about fishing from that man and was back to driving the boat in no time.”

Q How did you end up getting into tournament crappie fishing?

A I had been fishing the lake for quite some time and would go to several different tackle stores around the lake to talk with the people there. When I talked to those people, I would tell them about the crappie I was catching, and they would always tell me that if was catching fish like

that then I should get into a tournament. I eventually ended up taking their advice, and that is kind of how it got started. It has definitely had its ups and downs over the years. You get lucky finding some big fish and win some money thinking you are really good, and then the next tournament you get your teeth kicked in. I like to try and stay pretty humble because if I have learned anything over the years, it’s that tournament fishing will humble you.”



Terry with a nice Lake of the Ozarks crappie.

Q What do you believe gives you the edge for your success on the water?

A “I truly think that a lot of hard work has led to the majority of my tournament success. I have built tons of stake beds and fish habitat over the years. I would often go out and anchor my Jon

boat on a spot where I wanted to drop habitat, and then wait until dark so that no one would spot me. Before all the electronics and GPS came into play, I had all of that sunken cover to myself for years.”

“Even though that cover can now be found by other anglers with electronics, mastering my Humminbird units has also played a huge role in tournaments for me. Instead of guessing, I can now see if there is fish in a spot before I shut off the big motor. With my 360 Imaging, I can see where both the fish and the cover are, and can make accurate casts right to them.”

Q What is your favorite style of fishing?

A “Dock shooting is without question the most exciting fishing I have done. I love it just for that fact that when you make a good shot, you often get rewarded. I like watching my line fall under the dock in anticipation for it to jump or go slack so I can set the hook. Whenever I do make a really good shot, I’ll quit breathing because I am so focused on every movement of my bait and line. It really gets my heart going and that’s why I love it so much.”

Q What is your least favorite style of fishing?

A “I have never been a troller, but it is an awesome way to catch fish. I have tried it and have caught a lot of fish trolling, but I learned that it just wasn’t something I was in to. I don’t want to make it a negative thing, because a lot of awesome crappie fisherman troll quite a bit, and that is the way a lot of crappie tournaments are won now. That is one reason I got out of the national crappie tournaments, because trolling is the only way to compete in a lot of them. That is one reason I love it here at the Lake of the Ozarks. There is so many tournaments here that I can pretty much fish every weekend without having

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to travel, and even though a lot of tournaments are won from trolling, I feel like I can compete throughout most of the year."



What is one of your best memories from tournament fishing on the Lake of the Ozarks?

"I have a ton of great memories from tournaments over the years. Any time you win a national tournament is always something to remember. One tournament that stands out to me was a Crappie USA Tournament here in the Fall. I wasn't able to catch anything at all to start the day, but then made a last-minute color change and immediately started whacking them. We ended up winning the tournament that day. It was unbelievable what a difference that color change made."



"What advice do you give to aspiring crappie anglers?

"One of the biggest things in crappie fishing is to get confidence in the bait that you are using. That and patience are the two biggest factors in becoming a better crappie angler. If you are doing what you think is right, have patience and stick to it! Another word of advice is to do your due diligence in finding sunken cover, and also putting in fish holding cover yourself. If you do those things, then you are on your way to becoming a better crappie angler."

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Bass Fishing Tips for

Dirty Water

At first look, muddy water can be described as anything but pretty, but to the experienced angler, that brownish looking water can be absolutely beautiful. Unlike other true “Ozark” reservoirs, Lake of the Ozarks is often faced with this “burden” after large precipitation events. However, that doesn’t necessarily mean the fishing is going to be tough. If you keep some of these tips in mind, you might have one of the best days of the year fishing in what looks like a muddy mess.

Water Color and Temperature

I will start off by stating that not all dirty water situations are going to be the same. If the water temperature is in the mid to low 40’s, dirty water is obviously not going to be the ticket. The colder the water gets, the more bass will rely on eyesight to hunt down prey, so dirty water fishing typically applies to the spring through early fall. However, if you find yourself in a position where the water temps are low, there is still hope.

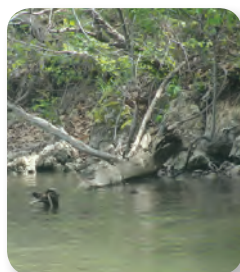
Regardless of the water clarity, the first thing you need to keep in mind is the time of year and where most fish are going to be actively feeding. The 90+ mile long stretch of the Lake of the Ozarks offers you a plethora of different types of topography, shoreline, and different water conditions. If you are fishing in the spring and the water is in the lower 40s, you can often find warmer water by running up one of the river arms where the shallow water warms up faster. Since the shallow water warms faster, that water will often have a bit more clarity to it because the molecules in warmer water will be less dense allowing the sediment to drop down to the bottom of the lake. The opposite can be found in the fall when the deeper water on the lower end of the lake is the last to cool down. If you are faced with a cold-water situation where the entire lake is dirty, the best fishing is going to be found wherever you can find the warmer water. This all goes out the window once the water temps surpass the 50-degree mark. At that time, fish can be caught even if there is less than two inches of visibility.

Go Shallow

The word “shallow” in bass fishing can be a very vague term. This is especially true on Ozark reservoirs where the fish can live down to 30-40ft deep. A typical rule of thumb is the dirtier the water, the shallower the fish are going to be. You really have to look at the time of the year and where the fish are positioned in the area of the lake you are fishing. For instance, if you are fishing deep points in the summertime and the water is heavily stained, instead of fishing in 25ft, you might want to fish those same points in 10-12ft of water. Another instance, if we get a big flood and the water gets really muddy, you will often find most of the fish on the bank in less than 2ft of water.

Seek Heavy Cover

For the most part, bass are a cover-oriented fish. They spend most of their lives close to a piece of anything that is stationary. Fish use this cover for protection, and also as a point of ambush for potential prey. In the Lake of the Ozarks, most of the cover is in the form of docks, rocks, and wood (brush piles, cut stumps, and laydowns). In clear water situations bass



will tend to roam and feed more pelagically, using docks and shaded banks as ambush points to catch prey. However, in dirtier water, bass will relate less to

shade, and will tuck up closer to a hard piece of cover in the water. Just like water depth, a typical rule of thumb is the dirtier the water, the tighter fish will hold to a piece of cover. If you find yourself in a muddy water situation, a bait thrown into a shallow log or brush pile is going to be money.

Color

Although the fish have much better adapted eyes to see through the sediment, their vision is still limited. In dirty water situations it is a good idea to use bright colors to get their attention. I like to look at the main forage that the fish are predominantly feeding on in the area, and try to mimic that with a bright color. If the fish are feeding on shad, I will use a bright white color with some added chartreuse for visibility. If the fish are feeding on crawfish, adding bright orange to a jig or crankbait can make a huge difference. If the fish are feeding more on bluegill, I will take a green pumpkin bait like a brush hog, and dip the tails of it in chartreuse to add more visibility to the bait. In my experience, the exact color doesn’t matter, as long as it looks somewhat similar to what the fish are feeding on.

Noise and Vibration

The fish cannot see as well in dirty water, so they will often use their lateral sense of vibration to feed. Since the fish are feeding by feel, using a bait that puts off a lot of noise and vibration can be critical to catching fish. When faced with a dirty water situation, look at the time of year and

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conditions to match your lures. For example: Instead of throwing a swimbait, opt for chartreuse and white spinnerbait with oversized blades for added thump. If you are throwing a jig in dirty water, use a trailer that displaces more water, and add a rattle to it so that the fish can pick up on the sound.

Make Multiple Presentations

One of the biggest things to pay attention to in muddy water is making the right presentation. Since you are often fishing shallow water, you want to make sure to maintain stealth and make quiet presentations by letting the bait enter the water softly. Try to let your bait hit the piece of cover if you can; that will often draw a reaction strike from the fish that didn't even know the bait was there. The most important tip I can give is to make multiple presentations to each piece of cover. Since the fish often cannot see the bait, you really need to break down the cover you are fishing. If you are throwing at a downed tree, try to hit all parts of the tree from different angles. You might have just gotten the fish's attention on the first presentation. If you put it in front of her face enough, she will grab it!

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Spring and Summer Crappies – Where and When by the Degrees

By: USCG Master Captain Dave Dzurik
AKA: Crappie Dave

I was reading a post on Facebook in which someone asked the question, “On what day will the crappie be spawning so I can plan my trip to the lake”. Seemed like an innocent question but it sure drew a lot of differing responses from the forum. Everything from after Groundhogs Day to when the dogwoods bloom and of course on the full moon of April were suggested. Scientifically speaking, crappie habits, patterns and locations can be generally predicted by the prevailing water temperatures in which they reside. With that being said before you hitch up the boat and jump in the truck you should do a little homework on the body of water in which you will be fishing.

What is the current water temperature of the lake you are planning to fish? Here at Lake Ozark, being a huge stretch of water, it can vary greatly from one end of the lake to the other. Last spring, I fished the Bass Pro Crappie Masters Tournament. A lot of the big-name touring pros had dismal performances fishing way up river. When asked why after the weigh-in they lamented that the crappie had already spawned out. My partner and I fished in the upper end of the Gravois arm and we caught some big pre-spawn whites. Same lake different water temperatures and a wide range of pre-spawn to post spawn fish.

Water Temperature 40 Degrees: Crappie will start migrating from their deep-water winter slumber toward major tributaries where they will eventually spawn. They will stage off deep points leading to the creeks and tributaries 20 to 30 ft deep. Watch for schools of baitfish because the crappies are seldom far. Drift 1/8 to 1/4 oz jigs tipped with minnows or shad imitating baits. If the water is muddy or stained, I prefer a black and chartreuse bait, if clear a more natural color bait is preferred.

Water Temperature 45 Degrees: Some of the crappies will have already migrated to their preferred spawning areas. The bite is just starting to heat up. Watch for crappies in 12 to 25 feet of water around submerged trees, brush piles and secondary points. Others will be suspended under deep docks near their final spawning

grounds. These fish can be caught with minnows and jigs under slip bobbers. Dock shooting and counting down until you find how deep they are can be effective also. Just remember the fish are still sluggish so a slow retrieve may work better.

Water Temperature 50 Degrees: The pre-spawn migration is in full swing. Large numbers of crappies will be moving to the back of the tributary arms. Crappies will be following the creek channels in 12 to 25 ft of water. These fish can be caught drifting a Kentucky rig or casting a jig and minnow combination. On sunny windy days they will move up to shallow secondary points in as little as 2 feet of water. Use a cork and suspended jig to target these fish.

Water Temperature 55 Degrees: Expect the big females to be up the tributary arms now and large numbers to be in the lower arms. The feed should be on as the fish are gorging on shad getting ready to go on the spawn. Black crappies tend to spawn a little earlier than the whites do. This period can go on for weeks. Work the shallow creek channels close to their spawning grounds with minnows and jigs. The crankbait bite should just be starting. These fish can be targeted in the 10 to 20 ft range near schools of baitfish.

Water Temperature 60 Degrees: Crappies should be almost ready to spawn. Look for these fish to be on their spawning grounds or nearby in 3 to 8 ft of water. Look for their spawning grounds to be on the pea gravel banks in sheltered coves or any brushy cover nearby. These fish can be caught jigging tube and minnow baits around sunken cover. Spider rigging minnows and jigs in nearby creek channels can score big.

Water Temperature 65 Degrees: Crappies will be shallow now. The spawn will be in high gear or very near. The majority of the crappies will be in the upper arms of the tributaries or in the backs of the coves. Crappies will be holding to brushy structure and isolated stake beds. Look for fish to be in 3 to 6 ft of water. Tight lining minnows on long rods and casting grubs and tube jigs to submerged wood will catch these fish.

Water Temperature 70 Degrees: The males will fan the nests and when the



temperature is right the females will move in. The nests and spawning places can be found in 3 to 12 ft depending on water clarity. Cast grubs, minnow baits and tube jigs close to cover. If you are catching smaller males back off to deeper nearby structure for bigger females.

Water Temperature 75 Degrees: The spawn should be winding down and the post spawn funk will start. The crappies are going into their recuperation mode for a few weeks and they will be tough to catch. They will start migrating back down the creek channels hanging around deep points and structure 10 to 20 ft down. Post spawn fish can be caught long lining crankbaits in the deep creek channels with #5 and #6 Flicker Shads and Bandit 200 and 300's.

Water Temperature 80 Degrees: By now the fish should be near to their deep-water summer haunts. They will suspend under deep docks and in open water around deep structure. Look for humps, deep ledges and submerged trees in deep water that the fish will relate to. Look for them to be above an established thermocline and around schools of baitfish. These fish can be caught drifting a Kentucky rig with minnows over these structures. Long line trolling various shad type crankbaits around points and structure and near deep water docks can be effective in the summer.

In conclusion, with some basic information like water temperature of the body of water that you plan to fish you can make an effective plan of where to fish and what tactics can be used to have a successful trip.



NIGHTFISHING

WITH VINCENT RUMSEY

By the time Summer rolls around, the Lake of the Ozarks becomes a tourist “hot-spot”, with many people from around the state and country alike visiting the Lake and taking part in many of the activities and watersports it offers. The summer is also filled with scorching hot days that force bass into deep water or into tight cover. These facts can make catching fish on some days very challenging, as the large waves and heat make it nearly impossible for me to stay out on the water for any extended length of time. To avoid the heat and big waves, I often turn to fishing at night. Night fishing is a great alternative to traditional fishing hours when the weather or boat traffic is unfavorable. Fishing at night can open up a completely different bite window for the bass and give you an opportunity to catch fish that you may not have caught during the day.

Throughout the sport of bass fishing, I have seen a common misconception that night fishing is extremely different from day fishing, or that it requires a large amount of adaptation from traditional fishing. This is NOT true. Even though night fishing has some differences, it is actually surprisingly similar to fishing in the day. In my opinion, night fishing is simply a window of opportunity to use new baits, catch more and bigger fish, and ultimately become a better and more versatile fisherman.

With regards to night fishing, there are a few simple things that I like to focus on: bait size, color, and impression in the water. These three elements of fishing at night are all of equal and great importance and they must all be considered when choosing a bait to fish at night.

Firstly, we will focus on the size of the bait. At night, the fish become much less pressured, baitfish come closer to the surface, and many fish are ready to feed. During this time, the fish rely much more on their sense of motion and vibration in the water than they do sight. This can make it very hard to catch nighttime bass on small, subtle finesse lures. The bass need a bait that is either big enough to send

waves through the water, or one that can produce vibration and sound detectable by the fish. This fact makes nighttime an excellent opportunity to break out some of the big baits in your tacklebox and fish them with confidence. A large swimbait, worm, or spinnerbait can be a great way to displace water and, in turn, attract some of the largest bass in the lake.

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Another major aspect of choosing a bait for night fishing is color. This can be often overlooked as some people think that bass don't care about color at night as the darkness reduces vision. Even though darkness does reduce vision capability, the right color bait can be the key detail to catching big nighttime bass. With regards to color, I like to keep it simple. When there are clouds or no moonlight, I like to throw a colored bait, usually a black and blue worm, to produce a silhouette in the water that the bass can trace. When fishing in moonlight or around lights, I will throw a color that stands out, as there is enough visibility for the fish to see the bait. In these situations, I prefer to fish a moving bait in a white or white and chartreuse color pattern. Even though these two basic color patterns are usually the most effective, I challenge you to experiment with different colors and patterns, as some of the biggest bass are caught in this manner.

The last major aspect of choosing a nighttime bass bait is the vibration and impact on the water. As I previously stated, the bass often rely on their sense of vibration when hunting at night. This makes nighttime a primal time to throw large chatterbaits, Colorado blade spinnerbaits, large paddletails, and ribbontail worms. All of these baits have moving parts meant to displace water and draw in fish from far away. This large

drawing power can prove very useful at night, as the fish are known to scatter and move away from their daytime hideouts in order to hunt more actively. Another major contributor to a bait's underwater impact is sound. A bait's sound can travel very quickly and efficiently underwater, making a bait much more detectable to fish. One thing that must be noted, though, is that louder is not always better. When I am using a bait with rattles or other sound, I carry many different sounds of that bait, for example, the traditional Red Eyed Shad Vs the Red Eyed Shad Tungsten Two-tap.

When you are fishing, one of the most important things to know about is LOCATION. When you are night fishing, most of the feeding bass are chasing shad. Another major thing to note is that at night, bass relate much more to structure than cover, as they have no need to hide while hunting or stay away from UV rays. Some of the best places to fish at this time are points. When I am looking for a point to fish at night, I use a topographical map to find a point with a long, shallow flat coming off of the point, especially those close to deeper water. This will give the bass a place to push the shad up to the bank, along with deep water access to ambush the bait from below. On points, I usually throw swimbaits, spinnerbaits, and chatterbaits. If there is brush, though, I will break out a large ribbontail worm to bounce along the bottom. At night, another very productive spot are marinas, especially those with lights. These lights will attract shad and other baitfish in turn luring in the bass. When I fish around these large docks, I focus on swimbaits and flipping the large worm up towards the bank and into boat wells. Even though long points, ledges, and marinas are some of the most reliable spots to fish, many night bass are found scattered around brush piles throughout the lake and structures that hold bass during the day. Nighttime bass fishing is a great way to avoid the daytime summer crowds, open up to new techniques, and catch some great bass! Good luck Fishing!



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Methods for Catching Big Cats on Lake of the Ozarks

When it comes to catfish, Lake of the Ozarks is one of the best fisheries in the country. Here you can find blue, channel, and flathead species of catfish. While there is a large population of all three, the most popular and best eating is the blue cat.



There are a variety of methods you can use to catch these catfish in the summertime. Jack Uxa, experienced guide and BassingBob.com expert advisor utilizes a trolling technique to target big blues. Jack will use his electronics in 25-35ft of water to search for schools of shad and multiple big arches indicating catfish. He will then troll through this area at around .5mph with his bait suspended 2-3ft from

the bottom. When it comes to bait, Jack likes to use Green Sunfish instead of shad. He emphasized that the blue cats really seem to like fresh bait, so he keeps the sunfish alive until it is time to put them on the hook. Jack also mentioned that the lake is chockfull of 2-8lb blues. He likes to target that size of fish by taking a 2" chunk of fillet off of the sunfish and sticking it on a 6/0 hook. The lake is full of sunfish and they are easy to catch, but another bait that Jack likes to use is the fillet of a drum. Drum are considered a junk fish that are not sought after by most anglers, but the blue cats will absolutely demolish them! Jack has success with this technique all summer long and notes that the best bite is in mid-august.

Although trolling is an awesome technique, you don't always need a boat to catch big summertime catfish on the Lake of the Ozarks. Bassingbob Dock Expert Jim Verhoef, utilizes a weighted dock-line fishing technique to pull up monster cats



all summer long. Jim will tie a floating jug line off of the dock so that it can be pulled in without getting into the boat. On the main line going down to a heavy weight on the bottom, he will place two three-way

swivels to hooks in 10-20ft depending on the depth. Jim notes that you don't have to have the weight anchored to the bottom, but prefers this method as he can throw the weight out to areas that the jug line won't drift and get tangled into submerged cables underneath the docks. For this technique a circle style hook is critical, since the fish will hook themselves without a rod to set into them. While Jim notes that you can use just about any kind of bait for catfish, his favorite is a small chunk of Skip Jack which can be found at Fitz Fishing Tackle and Supplies. Once your line is baited, all you have to do is wait for movement in the jug, signaling a big cat! For more great info on catching summertime catfish, make sure to check out the Crappie+ section on Bassingbob.com.



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Great New Opportunities Await Co-anglers in FLW's New Toyota Series

Angler feedback brings lower tournament entry fees and bigger payouts for Toyota Series competitors *by Deborah Wolfe*



The tournament-fishing world often focuses its attention on the top-level professional anglers who compete in the Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit and Major League Fishing Bass Pro Tour. But they're not the only ones enjoying opportunities to fish for major prize money while chasing their dreams.

FLW manages a complete hierarchy of tournament circuits for anglers of all skill levels. There are even opportunities for co-anglers that don't have access to a boat or maybe aren't ready to be "calling the shots" on where and how to fish. Fishing from the back of the boat, co-anglers compete in a separate "tournament within the tournament" from the pros, with major prizes at stake.

Among FLW's tournament series, the Triple-A circuit known as the Toyota Series offers some of the best opportunities to win big, especially for co-anglers, and this season FLW has sweetened the pot. Acting on the feedback from tournament anglers, the league partnered with Toyota to completely overhaul the Toyota Series.

Best Value in Fishing

First and foremost, the Toyota Series offers co-anglers one of the best values in competitive bass fishing, including the chance to fish for major payouts at every tournament without having to shell out exorbitant entry fees and travel expenses.

The 2020 reduced fee of \$550 per event for co-anglers puts the thrill of fishing with the pros within the reach of a wide field of amateur anglers. Pros will pay \$1,700 per tournament for the opportunity to compete.

Win and You're In

The Toyota Series is also the only regional circuit of its kind with a no-entry-fee world championship.

New in 2020, the Win-and-You're-In qualification to the no-entry-fee Toyota Series Championship makes it possible for a co-angler to qualify at every regular-season event. The championship field will also include the top 25 pros and top 25 co-anglers from every division's regular-season standings, top performers from FLW's International Division and a handful of qualifiers from other FLW circuits.

More Divisions Means Less Travel Time and Greater Opportunities to Compete

Travel time and lodging expenses are common roadblocks for co-anglers trying to balance work and family life with their love for fishing. With this in mind, FLW expanded the Toyota Series from five divisions to eight in 2020. This reduces the distance between venues, making it possible for competitors to fish an entire division with minimal travel time and expenses.

According to FLW, some anglers could see a nearly 80 percent reduction in miles driven over the course of a season compared to other Triple-A leagues. Anglers hoping to make it to the pro ranks also have more chances to qualify up through the Toyota Series than any other circuit, and they never have to leave their home region to do it.

Anyone wanting to fish more than three events is most likely within a reasonable drive of some or all of another division's scheduled lakes. Plus, you do not have to fish every tournament in a division in order to compete.

Record Payouts in 2020

Considered one of the best values in competitive bass fishing, the Toyota Series offers pros and co-anglers more

opportunities to win bass boats and cash prizes up to \$235,000 than any other circuit, but with lower expenses to compete. Plus, despite reducing entry fees in 2020, FLW increased payouts to Toyota Series anglers.

The 2020 Toyota Series includes a bounty of payouts and ways to win for pros and co-anglers alike:

- Payouts at regular-season events extend down to 40th place for a 160-boat field. For every 20 additional boats that enter, the payouts increase and extend additional places, up to a max of 65th place for 260 boats.
- The maximum winning prize for pros at regular-season events, including a \$35,000 FLW PHOENIX BONUS for qualified anglers, ranges from \$75,000 to \$100,000, depending on field size and contingency eligibility.

Toyota Series basics

The Toyota Series consists of eight divisions spread out across the country. Each division hosts three tournaments per season, and each tournament lasts three days. Top finishers in each division's Strike King Angler of the Year and Co-angler of the Year standings qualify for the no-entry-fee Toyota Series Championship.

Pros and co-anglers share a boat during tournaments but compete in separate competitions. In each tournament, the entire field fishes for two days, with the top 10 pros and top 10 co-anglers qualifying for the final round. Winners are determined by three-day cumulative weight.



- Strike King will reward the pro and co-angler in the standings in every Toyota Series division with cash at the end of the season. Each Strike King Angler of the Year earns \$5,000, while each Co-angler of the Year earns \$2,000.
- The highest-finishing pro from each division at the championship earns \$10,000.
- For amateurs, the icing on the cake, the cherry on top of the sundae, the hog on the end of your line, is the prize that awaits the winning co-angler at every tournament – a new 2020 Phoenix 518 Pro bass boat powered by a 115-hp outboard worth \$33,500. All that, for a reduced entry fee of only \$550 per event.

Finally, the greatest treasure awaits the 2020 Toyota Series Championship winners who will receive record-setting payouts that include a guaranteed \$200,000 prize for the winning pro and a \$33,500 Phoenix 518 Pro bass boat powered by a 115-hp outboard for the winning co-angler.

So, whether your goal is to compete close to home at minimal expense, to learn from some of the best pros in your region, or to have a shot at winning a brand-new bass boat, the 2020 Toyota Series offers a world of opportunity you don't want to miss.

To learn more about the 2020 Toyota Series, visit flwfishing.com.

Take advantage of linking to make sure you get in

When registering for a Toyota Series tournament in 2020, FLW is now offering the option for a pro and co-angler to link together to guarantee their spots in the tournament. That means no more waitlists, and no more postponing your travel and tournament plans. If you link, you are in.

When registering for a Toyota Series tournament, either online or over the phone, pros have the option to provide a link to a co-angler, and co-anglers have the option to provide a link to a pro. You will need to provide your linking partner's name and FLW member ID at registration time. And the partner must not already be confirmed in the tournament. Once your linking partner also registers and verifies your information as his or her link, you will both be confirmed for the tournament.

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DEEP Crankin

with Rob Bueltmann



When talking about summertime bass fishing one of the first things that comes to my mind is deep cranking. I haven't always had a passion for deep cranking, I just was unsure how to do it. It might sound silly, but there is more to cranking than just throwing your crankbait out there and reeling it back in. To do it the right way it's a little more complex than some may think. There are many variables such as line size, reel gear ratio, length of rod, and depths of certain crankbaits that all fit into the art of deep cranking. With some of the things I have learned over the years I hope this can help all of us become better crankbait fishermen.

Now to begin with what I consider deep cranking is any depths 15 foot and beyond. The most important thing to begin with is rod, reel, and line set ups. Let's say we were fishing 20 foot of water, the first thing I would pull out is the team Lews Ledge Series Magnum Crankbait Rod. This rod is my absolute favorite for fishing deep crankbaits. It's a 7-foot 10-inch rod medium heavy with a lot of backbone, and a soft tip. The second item would be a BB1 or BB2 team Lews series reel in a 5-3-1 ratio. I found that you don't have to have real slow gear ratio reel, but it definitely helps you slow down, and feel everything on the bottom. Next and a very important piece is line size. If we were fishing 20 foot

of water and were throwing a Strike King 10XD which max depth is 25 foot, then I would pair that up with 17-pound fluorocarbon most likely P-Line. Now if your wanting to get that bait to max depth then go down to 15-pound fluorocarbon. The size of your line matters tremendously on how deep the bait will go. For the bigger crankbaits like the 10XD, and another personal favorite the Cloud 9 C-25 from 6th Sense you're going to want to use at least 15-pound fluorocarbon. Now you can go down to 12-pound line, but that gets awful sketchy with such a big bait. I've found that 15-pound fluorocarbon on these bigger baits will get you to max depths. Smaller crankbaits like the 6XD, and the cloud 9 C-15 will allow you to use line in the 10-12 size fluorocarbon to reach max depths. In other words, the lighter the line the deeper the bait will travel. So always think about what depths your trying to reach. Sometimes a bigger bait is the ticket, but you don't need it to go that deep, well just beef up the line and that will take care of that.

Deep water structure is the main focal point of deep cranking. Whether its big chunk rock, brush piles, or old foundations, crankbaits will deflect off these structures where the bass live and become irresistible to the fish. Find your key pieces of structure with your electronics, mark a waypoint, and make the longest cast possible. The biggest key to me finally figuring

out deep cranking was how important a very long cast is. That long cast is going to get your bait all the way to the bottom, and also keep your bait in the strike zone for longer periods of time. This is another reason why longer rods, and a reel that can hold a lot of line is so important. When you do get your bait to the bottom don't just reel, change your speeds, feel for the rocks, pause the bait, speed it back up. I never have the same retrieve on any cast with the crankbaits. Its about feel. Become one with that bait. I've learned from my friend Marcus Sykora that its just like fishing a wiggle wart although deeper. Make erratic movements with the bait. On some days you can find a pattern in your retrieve that's working best.

If you have not been much of a big crankbait guy in the past, I hope this intrigues you enough to try. I used to be one of those guys but not anymore, the key is having the right equipment. Once you have the practice of those long cast and dialing in your reel tie on a 6th Sense C-25 or a Strike King 10XD and go wind on them all day!! There is always a period of the summer where crankbaits are king. That being said, even if its not the bait of choice for that period of time it's always worth a few casts on certain places. With a few confidence bites you will be a crankbait king in no time, and will realize that it is not that bad with the right equipment, and it produces big fish!!!

Bassing Bob's New Fish-Intel Website Platform Enables Entrepreneurial Anglers to Reel in Online Success

by Deborah Wolfe

When software executive Bob Bueltmann retired, he envisioned spending his leisure hours avidly fishing the waters of the Lake of the Ozarks. But he was surprised to find how little info there was on the ins and outs of fishing one of the most popular lakes in America.

Realizing the high demand for rich, reliable fishing content, Bueltmann launched BassingBob.com in 2013. Since that time, he and his team have spent countless hours on and off the water compiling fishing reports, interviewing pro fishermen, tracking lake levels, weather conditions and tournament results; as well as serving up donuts and hot dogs at dozens of tournaments each year.

Their efforts spawned the most comprehensive compilation of online information to found about fishing the Lake of the Ozark. And today, BassingBob.com garners hundreds of thousands of pageviews each year, making it the No. 1 source for information about fishing the Lake of the Ozarks.

Much of the site's success is spawned by a wealth of in-depth fishing content that includes expert articles and videos, daily and weekly fishing reports, tournament schedules and results, lake maps and graphs, photo galleries and interactive

tools. This depth of content draws legions of followers and reels in multiple streams of revenue from website subscribers, online advertisers, email newsletters, social media advertising and more.

Now, Bueltmann and the Bassing Bob team are ready to help others turn their passion for fishing into online profits with the new Fish-Intel website platform.

"With Fish-Intel, license holders can launch their own monetized fishing website with a low startup cost," Bueltmann said. "In turn, they receive a fully functional website along with a high level of tech support, robust content archives, marketing tools and expert guidance from the same team that developed BassingBob.com."

Table Rock Lake fishing guide Eric Prey credits Fish-Intel's user-friendly platform and team of experts for his successful launch of TableRockFishingIntel.com earlier this year.

"After trying for a couple of years to build a quality fishing website for Table Rock Lake, I contacted Fish-Intel for help," Prey said. "Within a few weeks we put together a membership-based revenue generating website that has been nothing short of fantastic."

TableRockFishingIntel.com reflects the same format and content that made BassingBob.com a success. Its rich content includes video, photos, maps, articles, fishing reports and more. Prey stressed the ease of site maintenance using the Fish-Intel platform and reliance on their expert support.

Better yet, Prey is already reaping financial rewards from his investment.

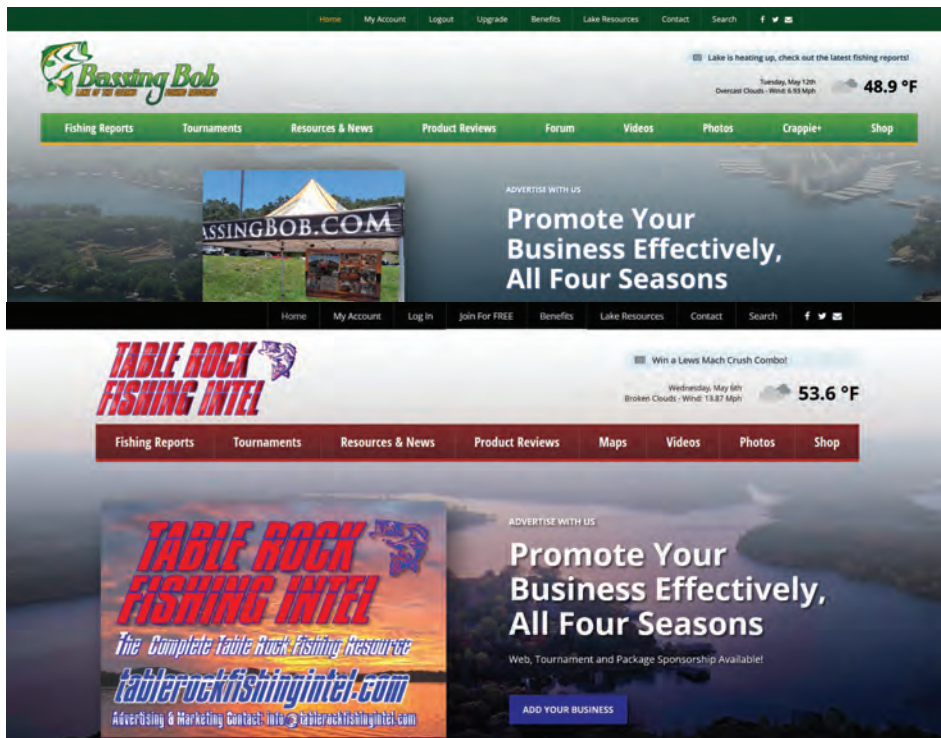
"Within six weeks of launching tablerockfishingintel.com I was able to recoup all of my initial investment and have been in profit ever since," Prey said. "I highly recommend the team at Fish-Intel if you are considering creating a website for your lake, from start to finish they make the process seamless and incredibly easy."

The Fish-Intel team includes tech professionals, business advisors, and of course, expert anglers who are committed to supporting site owners through the long haul. Fish-Intel license holders also benefit from the marketing expertise garnered by Bassing Bob through years of building online revenue.

No Need to Be a Computer Wiz

Just like starting a boat simply requires turning a key, a Fish-Intel website comes fully functional and ready to launch. The pre-built platform is already equipped with the modules, widgets and functions site owners need to easily post all types of online content including:

- Daily, Weekly and Monthly Fishing Reports
- Tournament Schedules and Results
- News, Articles, Resources
- Photo Galleries and Videos
- Forums
- Online Store
- Integrated e-commerce
- Local Business Directory
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“Fish-Intel websites provide numerous opportunities to profit from online revenue,” Bueltmann said. “Our startup package includes materials and advice on selling online advertising, email marketing and sponsorship opportunities that will maximize income potential.”

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Given the tremendous growth and economic impact of recreational fishing over the last decade, investing in a fishing-driven online business is a good bet.

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By owning a Fish-Intel website you will stand out from the crowd by focusing on the type of highly targeted content specific to locations, conditions and type of fishing

relevant to your followers. With support from Fish-Intel experts you will become the go-to source for anglers and advertisers wanting to grab their attention.

“At Fish-Intel, we are excited to get you off the dock and on the web with your own professional and profitable website,” Bueltmann said. “We promise to give you our full support from start-up to maximum growth, cheering you on the entire way!”

Learn how you can profit from your passion for fishing with your own Fish-Intel website by visiting fish-intel.com or call Bob Bueltmann 314-575-5545.



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2020 Schedule

3/14/2020	Test & Tune - 360 Sprints - Winged, POWRi RaceSaver Sprints, LOS Late Models, Street Stock, Pure Stock, USRA B-Modifieds	6/27/2020	Weekly Show No. 12 - POWRi RaceSaver Sprints, LOS Late Models, Street Stock, Pure Stock, USRA B-Modifieds
3/21/2020	Test & Tune - 360 Sprints - Winged, POWRi RaceSaver Sprints, LOS Late Models, Street Stock, Pure Stock, USRA B-Modifieds	7/3/2020	Hell Tour - Pure Stock, UMP Late Models
3/28/2020	Weekly Show No. 1/ Spring Opener - 360 Sprints - Winged, POWRi RaceSaver Sprints, LOS Late Models, Street Stock, Pure Stock, USRA B-Modifieds	7/4/2020	Special Event - 360 Sprints Winged, LOS Late Models, Street Stock, USRA B-Modifieds, Show Me Vintage Racers
4/4/2020	Weekly Show No. 2 - 360 Sprints - Winged, Street Stock, Pure Stock, USRA B-Modifieds	7/11/2020	Weekly Show No. 13 - POWRi RaceSaver Sprints, LOS Late Models, Street Stock, Pure Stock
4/11/2020	Weekly Show No. 3 - POWRi RaceSaver Sprints, LOS Late Models, Street Stock, Pure Stock, USRA B-Modifieds	7/18/2020	Weekly Show No. 14 - 360 Sprints - Winged, Street Stock, Pure Stock, POWRi Midwest Lightning Sprints, USRA B-Modifieds
4/18/2020	Weekly Show No. 4 - 360 Sprints - Winged, Street Stock, USRA B-Modifieds, Show Me Vintage Racers	7/25/2020	Weekly Show No. 15 - POWRi RaceSaver Sprints, LOS Late Models, Street Stock, Pure Stock, USRA B-Modifieds
4/25/2020	Weekly Show No. 5 - POWRi RaceSaver Sprints, LOS Late Models, Street Stock, Pure Stock, POWRi Midwest Lightning Sprints, USRA B-Modifieds	8/1/2020	Weekly Show No. 16 - 360 Sprints - Winged, Street Stock, Pure Stock, USRA B-Modifieds
5/2/2020	Weekly Show No. 6 - LOS Late Models, Street Stock, Pure Stock, USRA B-Modifieds	8/8/2020	Weekly Show No. 17 - LOS Late Models, Street Stock, Pure Stock, POWRi Midwest Lightning Sprints, USRA B-Modifieds
5/9/2020	Weekly Show No. 7 - POWRi RaceSaver Sprints, LOS Late Models, Street Stock, Pure Stock, POWRi Midwest Lightning Sprints, USRA B-Modifieds	8/21/2020	Special Event - LOS Late Models, USMTS Modifieds
5/16/2020	Weekly Show No. 8 - 360 Sprints - Winged, Street Stock, Pure Stock, USRA B-Modifieds	8/22/2020	Weekly Show No. 18 - 360 Sprints - Winged, Street Stock, Pure Stock, USRA B-Modifieds
5/23/2020	2nd Annual Jason Russell Memorial - LOS Late Models, Street Stock, USRA B-Modifieds	8/29/2020	Weekly Show No. 19 - POWRi RaceSaver Sprints, LOS Late Models, Street Stock, Pure Stock, USRA B-Modifieds
5/29/2020	Jason Johnson Classic - World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series - POWRi WAR Non-Wing Sprints: POWRi WAR Sprints	9/5/2020	10th Annual Lake Ozark Speedway 360 Nationals/ Don Parkes Memorial- Day #1 - 360 Sprints - Winged, POWRi RaceSaver Sprints
6/6/2020	Weekly Show No. 9 - 360 Sprints - Winged, Street Stock, Pure Stock, USRA B-Modifieds	9/6/2020	10th Annual Lake Ozark Speedway 360 Nationals - Day #2 - 360 Sprints - Winged, POWRi WAR Non-Wing Sprints
6/13/2020	Weekly Show No. 10 - POWRi RaceSaver Sprints, LOS Late Models, Pure Stock, USRA B-Modifieds	9/12/2020	Weekly Show No. 20/ End of Season Championship - 360 Sprints - Winged, POWRi RaceSaver Sprints, LOS Late Models, Street Stock, Pure Stock, USRA B-Modifieds
6/20/2020	Weekly Show No. 11 - 360 Sprints - Winged, Street Stock, Pure Stock, POWRi Midwest Lightning Sprints, USRA B-Modifieds	10/3/2020	B Modified Make Up Race - USRA B-Modifieds
		12/5/2020	Lake Ozark Speedway Annual Awards Banquet 360 Sprints - Winged, POWRi RaceSaver Sprints, LOS Late Models, Street Stock, Pure Stock, USRA B-Modifieds

MDC THANKS PADDLEFISH SNAGGERS FOR HELP WITH RESEARCH

Kansas City, Mo. – The Missouri Department of Conservation's (MDC) paddlefish program is getting help from anglers to keep the fishery healthy. The paddlefish snagging season opened March 15 and runs through April 30. Some successful anglers will find metal tags on the lower jaw or a transmitter tube in the body cavity of the paddlefish they snag. Anglers reporting information about the tags provide important and often interesting data useful in MDC's fishery management.

For example, several paddlefish tagged in Truman Lake or Lake of the Ozarks successfully passed through dams, went down the Osage River into the Missouri River, then traveled to other waters. Some fish made upstream runs.

"There's a lot of movement," said Trish Yasger, MDC fisheries management biologist. "We have fish tagged in the lakes that have ended up in the open rivers like the Missouri and the Mississippi. It's good that adult fish are successful going through the dams."

Paddlefish are stocked annually in Truman Lake, Lake of the Ozarks, and Table Rock Lake. But many fish eventually move.

Some angler-reported paddlefish treks from fish tagged in Truman Lake include:

- 71 paddlefish passed through the dam and were caught in Lake of the Ozarks.
- Three paddlefish passed through both dams for Truman Lake and Lake of the Ozarks, and were caught in the Osage River below Bagnell Dam.



Paddlefish jaw tag

MDC biologists in previous years placed jaw tags in paddlefish for research into the fishery. Anglers reporting the tags provides information about paddlefish movement and angler harvest that is useful in managing the fishery. These fish were tagged at Truman Lake.

*Photo by Bill Graham,
Missouri Department of Conservation*

- 11 paddlefish went upstream from the lake into the Osage River, entered the Marais des Cygnes River tributary, and were caught just below the Osawatimie City Dam in eastern Kansas.

Travels by paddlefish tagged in Lake of the Ozarks included:

- 13 paddlefish passed through Bagnell Dam and were caught in the Osage River.
- Two paddlefish passed through Bagnell Dam, traveled down the Osage River to the Missouri River, swam upstream and were caught below Gavins Point Dam in South Dakota.
- One paddlefish traveled through the dam, down the Osage River and then upstream in the Missouri River, entered the Kansas River at Kansas City, then moved into the Wakarusa River and was caught below the Clinton Lake dam near Lawrence, Kan.

Paddlefish stocked in Table Rock Lake also traveled:

- Seven paddlefish traveled upstream in the White River arm and were harvested below the Beaver Lake dam in Arkansas.
- Two paddlefish passed through the Table Rock Lake dam, through Lake Taneycomo, and were harvested below Powersite Dam at Forsyth, Mo., the upper end of Bull Shoals Lake.

Biologists still have much to learn about paddlefish, Missouri's largest fish. But Yasger believes water flow motivates the fish to move to certain areas to spawn. Why they travel afar in other seasons is still a mystery.

Most traditional paddlefish spawning areas in the Osage River system are now inundated by the reservoirs. Most fish that anglers snag are spawned and raised at MDC's Blind Pony Fish Hatchery and stocked as juveniles. In the Kansas City region, the prime waters for snagging paddlefish during their spring spawning runs are in the upper ends of Lake of the Ozarks and Truman Lake, both fed by the Osage River.

MDC biologists placed identification jaw tags and transmitter tubes in some

adult paddlefish to track movements and angler harvest during a recent five-year study. The five-year study has concluded. Anglers are asked to continue reporting tags so biologists can add information to the data base.

Anglers can keep the silver jaw tag. They are asked to send a photo with the tag number. Sub-legal fish with tags should be reported but released unharmed. While supplies last, MDC will send paddlefish t-shirts and caps to anglers reporting tags. To report tagged fish, contact Yasger by phone at 660-530-5500, or by at email at Trish.Yasger@mdc.mo.gov (link sends e-mail).

A weekly snagging report provided by Yasger provides information about paddlefish movement trends in the Osage River system and angler success. The report also provides information on changes to boat access due to high water, fishing regulations, guidelines for handling fish, and tips for success. For the report, visit <https://short.mdc.mo.gov/Ze9>.



Biologists with paddlefish

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Water Access During COVID-19

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We encourage you to follow CDC recommendations and official orders in your community before heading to the water. Remember, always check local ordinances and restrictions before heading out on the water.

April 23, 2020 by National Safe Boating Council

Anglers love their gear, and most of us have a favored life jacket or personal flotation device (pfd). But when was the last time you inspected your safety gear?

While life jackets don't have an expiration date, water safety experts caution that they do have a life cycle dependent on how they're used and maintained. And life jackets aren't the only things to change from year to year. Our bodies do, too.

Whether choosing a life jacket for a growing child or an adult with a growing waistline, you need to consider your body type, swim skills, boating activity and environment. It's important the life jacket fits snugly and comfortably.

For this reason, the National Safe Boating Council urges boaters to don their life jackets and test them in the water every year; and some more frequently depending on the manufacturer. It's helpful to use a sharpie to note a date on the inside of the life jacket to help you keep track of when it was last tested.

First, inspect life jackets for tears or broken straps and buckles. If you find any, you should cut off any buckles that may be recyclable, use a sharpie to write on the life jacket that it's out of service, and toss the life jacket in the trash.

If the life jacket is in good condition, test for in-water performance by wearing it in shallow water to determine if it fits properly when submerged. The life jacket should stay snug and not ride up. It's also wise to test the jacket in slightly deeper water to measure the freeboard – the distance between the surface of the water and the bottom of the wearer's mouth.

Have the Right Life Jacket?

Right Style

Be sure it's U.S. Coast Guard-approved and appropriate for the activity.
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Paddlers
(Inherently buoyant or hybrid)



Anglers & Open Motor Boats
(Suspender inflatable)



Personal Water Crafts & Water Sports
(Inherently buoyant)



Kids
(Adult life jackets don't fit kids)



Pets
(Harness with lift handles)



Right Fit

Snug fit and fastened.

- You don't want your life jacket too large or too small
- Inflatable life jackets only for those 16 years and older who are strong swimmers



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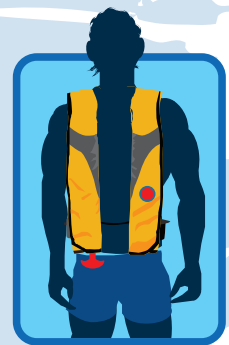
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All Life Jacket Care

- Use properly
- No rips, waterlogging or mildew
- Dry after use
- Hand wash in warm, soapy water
- Store in a dry place when not boating

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Increased buoyancy will cause the freeboard to be higher, making it easier to keep your head above water which can be especially challenging in rough water and big waves.

If it's time to replace your life jacket, you may see a new label on new devices in the stores. The new labels are being phased in, and you may find some life jackets in the store with the new label and others still

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with the old label. The new labels don't make obsolete life jackets with the old label or life jackets you already own (you can continue to use your life jacket as long as they are serviceable).

The most important thing to remember in selecting a life jacket is to find the device that fits you snugly and comfortably, and that you will want to wear! What kind of life jacket do you want?

First, check the label on the inside of the life jacket to find the U.S. Coast Guard approval number for that life jacket. This approval number is on both the old and new life jacket labels. If you see this, you can be assured that the life jacket has been thoroughly tested for performance. And, life jackets with the new labels are approved for use in Canada and the United States, whereas devices with the old labels continue to be approved in one country or the other, not both.

Next, the new labels have icons noting its performance level, turn ability, and warnings. These icons are international symbols adopted from the International Standards Organization (ISO) sub-committee for life jacket standards. The icons make it much easier to understand and choose the right device to use in its intended water activity.

The performance level icon is a combination of five factors – buoyancy, freeboard, turning, stability and visibility. A

lower level number generally offers greater mobility, comfort, and style with good flotation for most people. These are intended for near shore (calm water) activities. The higher level number generally offers greater flotation, turning, and stability in the water. These are intended for offshore activity and when more time is needed in rescue situations. Right now in stores you'll find life jackets with the new label for Level 70 devices.

The turn ability icon will note if the life jacket will turn an unconscious wearer to their back. And, the warnings icons illustrate activities the life jacket is not designed for, such as whitewater.

If you're not sure what the icons mean, the life jacket will have a hang tag with a quick reference guide. There's also a website on the hang tag (and stamped on the inside of the life jacket) with additional information at wearitlifejacket.org. Life

CHOOSE THE DEVICE YOU WILL WANT TO WEAR

SIZE & FIT

- Check label for user weight and chest size.
- Different body types float differently.
- Try your device on in the water to ensure your airway is clear.
- A good fit is secure, comfortable, and adjustable.

TRY IT ON

PERFORMANCE

- Lower level number generally offers greater mobility, comfort, and style with good flotation for most people.
- Higher level number generally offers greater flotation, turning, and stability in the water.



CONSIDER YOUR ACTIVITY & ENVIRONMENT

WATER SAFETY INFO

- In over 80% of boating fatalities the person was not wearing flotation.
- Most of these are sudden falls overboard or capsizing of a small boat.
- The first moments in the water are critical, even for experienced swimmers.
- Cold water shock causes involuntary gasping, loss of muscle control and swim failure.
- Long term immersion in cold water causes hypothermia and requires thermal protection and flotation in the HELP position to conserve energy.

FLOTATION DEVICES SAVE LIVES

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- **INHERENT** – built-in flotation (always buoyant).
- **INFLATABLE** – activated gas canister inflates chamber(s) (no buoyancy until time of inflation, requires canister replacement, may be manual, may require secondary action to don).
- **HYBRID** – combination of flotation and inflation (some immediate buoyancy and supplemental when inflated, may require canister replacement).
- **SPECIAL PURPOSE** – your activity may require special features (safety color, harness, straps, etc.) and accessories (whistle, lights, reflectors, etc.) for certain conditions.

YOUR DEVICE ONLY WORKS WHEN WORN

MAINTENANCE

- Over time, exposure to sun, salt, fuel, and mildew can damage device.
- Allow to air dry. Inspect and test regularly.
- Inflatables require replacement rearming, repacking and regular servicing.

READ, SAVE AND FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

WARNINGS

- Children should have adult supervision when on or near the water.
- Devices must be fastened correctly and securely.
- Some devices were not designed for certain activities or conditions such as water skiing, towed sports, personal watercraft (PWC), or whitewater paddling.



CHECK LABEL FOR LIMITATIONS OF USE

APPROVAL

- Some devices are approved only when worn.
- Check federal, state/provincial and local requirements for carriage, use and wear.



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jackets with the old label will have the type system that is being phased out.

After you've reviewed the label and have selected a life jacket for your activity, try it on.

While the size of the device is shown on the inside label (usually near the back of the neck) as a measure of weight, and sometimes includes a chest measurement or height, it's best to try it on as just like other clothing items, a life jacket will fit differently for each person. Also, try it out in the water!

Finally, once you've found the perfect fit, think more about your intended use for the life jacket. If you may spend time on the water on a PWC (personal watercraft), tow sports, or whitewater paddle, make sure the life jacket is approved for those activities. Many boaters opt to have a different style life jacket for different recreational boating activities.

For example, when flatwater paddling you may opt for an inflatable life jacket. These are great options, but be aware of your swimming abilities and environment, and make sure you understand how to activate, test, and properly wear an inflatable life jacket. And, boaters

The most important thing to remember about life jackets is to always Wear It!

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3 Bedroom Condo 3 Bedroom's, 2 Full Bath, Living Room & Full Kitchen	6	\$180.00	\$220.00	\$1,080.00	\$1,320.00
2 Bedroom Condo 2 Rooms ft. 1 Queen in each, Hallway Full Bath, Living Room, Kitchen & Laundry Room	4	\$145.00	\$185.00	\$870.00	\$1,110.00
2 Bedroom Condo #40 <i>(located lake Building A)</i> 2 Rooms ft. 1 Queen in each, 1 Half Bath & 1 Full Bath Living Room, Kitchen	4	\$180.00	\$220.00	\$1,080.00	\$1,320.00
2 Bedroom A-Frame Cabin 1 Room ft. 1 Queen, 1 Room ft. 2 Queen, Full Bath, Living Room & Kitchen	6	\$120.00	\$170.00	\$720.00	\$1,020.00
3 Bedroom Modular House 1 Room ft. 1 Queen, 2 Room's ft. 2 Twin Beds, 2 Full Bath Living Room & Kitchen	6	\$170.00	\$210.00	\$1,020.00	\$1,260.00
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Motel Unit w/ Kitchen 1 or 2 Queen, Full Bath, Table & Full Kitchen	4	\$95.00	\$115.00	\$570.00	\$690.00
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