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FROM THE FOUNDER

Bob Bueltmann
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While the pandemic seems to be winding down and the supply chain issues have improved with a few exceptions for product and especially motors, fishing now faces a new challenge with the price of gas due in part to inflation and a war in Europe. Who knows, maybe a good thing for us fisherman, perhaps fewer big boats on the water this summer. Probably wishful thinking, right?

Fishing has been with us from the beginning of time on earth. Fishing has grown into a \$50 billion + industry. Most of us Lake of the Ozarks anglers fish recreationally with many loving to catch and eat crappie, catfish, and white bass. Recreation angling for bass has become highly popular and has its own transformation over time. While we are all aware of the sophisticated graph systems on the market today and the well-engineered baits, rods and reels, boats, and motors now available. Recently, I talked with several of the "old timers" hear about be baits they fished with, back then referred to as "plugs", the boats/motors they used,

hopefully you will find that a fun and interesting read.

While fishing technology and tournament execution have changed dramatically over time, one thing that has not changed, and likely never will, weather conditions and the behavior of nature have a profound affect on fishing. Wind, water temperature, moon phases, watching nature waking up in the spring and having babies, trees blooming, leaves on trees and then falling off in the fall are cyclical and can provide us with clues as to the behavior of the fish. While we have these seasonal changes, there are also several daily changes that affect the fish, low pressure systems, high pressure systems, strong wind or light wind, water clarity and water levels. Our high school student angler, Vincent Rumsey, ranked number one in his class at Chaminade HS in St. Louis, writes about how these conditions affect the fish on the annual cycles as well as the daily changes.

In our "Featured Cove" article, Bassing Bob team member "Bassing Ben" breaks

how tournaments were executed how fish were taken care of with no live wells and more,

down Proctor Cove up in the river area. Even if you do not fish the river area, many of the baits, patterns and structure can be applicable to the coves you fish regularly but can be a bit different based on conditions and water clarity.

Brad Jelinek and Brock Reinkemeyer have been two of the hottest young anglers on Lake of the Ozarks over the past few years, both individually and fishing together in tournaments. In this edition, you will read about Brad and Brocks background, how they came together to fish as a team, their pre-tournament fishing strategy, their favorite baits and how they work together on tournament day.

Thank you all for reading the Fishing News Magazine, all of us hope you find it helpful and interesting. Please check out Bassingbob.com if you not already a member and you can keep up to date on current fishing information on Lake of the Ozarks. We appreciate all of our loyal and dedicated members as well as our sponsors/advertisers. WE ask you all to patronize the businesses that you see in this magazine and on the website. Without our members and advertisers, we would not be able to bring you this insightful Lake of the Ozarks fishing information.

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Hi-Tech Tournament Crappie Fishing *By Capt. Dave Dzurik*

Not so long ago, crappie tournaments were dominated by teams spider rigging, long line trolling, corking, casting jigs or just plain fishing minnows. Forward facing sonar has changed all of that.

Currently, there are 3 major crappie trails. These include the Crappie Master Trail, the American Crappie Trail and Crappie USA.

They all run pretty similar tournaments. Some are one day and some are two day tournaments. They all have both pro and amateur divisions and at the end of the year a national championship tournament is held.

The tournaments are all basically the same. The teams of 1 or 2 fisherman turn in a 7 fish limit of legal crappie, all alive at check in, and weighed. The team with the heaviest catch wins. Pretty simple eh? That's where technology turned the tournament trail upside over.

Forward facing sonar, now sold by all the major sonar companies, lets a fisherman see a fish and its reactions in real time.

Instead of using 8 rods and 2 hooks on each rod, anglers are searching for 7 big fish. Most teams will try to cover a lot of water and won't put a bait in the water till they see a big fish they want to catch.

Techniques have been refined to pitching a single bait to the selected fish while watching the bait and fish interact in real time on their display. When the fish gets within 15' the long poles come out and the baits are dangled over the fish's head trying to entice them to bite. This is "single poling".

Whether you like it or not this is what tournament fishing has migrated to. Watching your display, your jig and that big fish. But there is sometimes

a spoiler. In January this year at the first Crappie Masters tournament on the St. John's river a team of locals in a John boat with no electronics won the tournament by corking with long poles. A stunning victory amidst all the technology out there.



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Ozark Winter Division

October 24, 2021
November 7, 2021
December 12, 2021
January 9, 2022
February 6, 2022
February 27, 2022

March 5, 2022
(MAKE UP DAY IF NEEDED)

Truman Division

April 10, 2022
May 22, 2022
June 5, 2022
July 10, 2022
August 7, 2022
September 11, 2022
*Tentative pending Regattas

Pomme De Terre Division

April 9, 2022
May 21, 2022
June 4, 2022
July 9, 2022
August 6, 2022
September 10, 2022
*Tentative pending Regattas

Mark Twain Division

April 17, 2022
May 15, 2022
June 5, 2022
July 17, 2022
August 21, 2022
September 11, 2022
*Tentative pending Regattas

Ozark Division

March 5, 2022
May 15, 2022
June 11, 2022 (Night)
July 23, 2022 (Night)
July 24, 2022 (Night)
August 13, 2022 (Night)
*Tentative pending Regattas

Salt River Division

April 16, 2022
May 7, 2022
June 4, 2022
July 16, 2022
August 20, 2022
September 10, 2022
*Tentative pending Regattas

Shelbyville Lake Division

May 18, 2022
June 6, 2022
June 20, 2022
July 18, 2022
August, 15, 2022
September 26, 2022
2022 Shedule coming soon

Coffeen Division

April 23, 2022
May 14, 2022
June 4, 2022
June 25, 2022
July 16, 2022
August 6, 2022
*Tentative pending Regattas

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Tournament Schedule *at The Lake*

APRIL

Date	Time	Location	Boats	Club	Phone
4/2/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Larry R. Gale Access	20	LOZ Spring Crappie Championship	573-317-6105
4/2/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Point Randall Resort	12	West Suburban Bass Anglers	630-531-0566
4/2/2022	07:00 AM - 03:30 PM	Red Oak Resort	50	Piney Point Bass'n Classic	314-497-4414
4/2/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	LORA Marina	40	Lake of the Ozarks Rec Area	573-346-5673
4/2/2022	07:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	25	Premier Anglers Tournament Trail	913-461-7198
4/2/2022	07:00 AM - 05:00 PM	Lakeview Resort	15	Thousand Hills Bass Club	660-341-2192
4/2/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	35	Show Me Crappie Open	573-619-3074
4/2/2022	05:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Red Oak Resort	25	Iowa Premier Bass	515-988-5337
4/2/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	150	Anglers in Action	314-327-4771
4/3/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Point Randall Resort	12	West Suburban Bass Anglers	630-531-0566
4/3/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Robin's Resort	30	Drury College Bass Fishing	417-689-4066
4/3/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Coffman Beach Access	25	Eldon Bassmasters	573-480-2640
4/3/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Gravois Mills Access	25	Premier Anglers Tournament Trail	913-461-7198
4/3/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	McCubbins Point Access	15	Upper Meramec Bass Club	314-602-0895
4/3/2022	07:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Lakeview Resort	15	Thousand Hills Bass Club	660-341-2192
4/3/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	100	American Bass Trail	573-280-3604
4/3/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	45	Angler's Choice	573-619-3074
4/3/2022	05:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Red Oak Resort	25	Iowa Premier Bass	515-988-5337
4/8/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	80	Boat Wrx	417-520-6595
4/9/2022	06:30 AM - 03:30 PM	Hawks Landing Resort	60	Sheet Metal Workers Local #36	314-285-2625
4/9/2022	06:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Red Oak Resort	20	Backlashers Bass Club	913-626-8955
4/9/2022	07:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	25	Show Me Bass Club	636-262-7309
4/9/2022	09:30 AM - 06:30 PM	Alhonna Resort	25	Hawg Hawlers Bass Club	573-718-4510
4/9/2022	07:30 AM - 03:30 PM	Larry R. Gale Access	15	Central Missouri Bait Casters	573-205-8712
4/9/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Rock Harbor Resort	20	Spike Tournaments (Invite Only)	314-443-7023
4/9/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Rock Harbor Resort	50	IBEW Local 1	314-805-6762
4/9/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Coffman Beach Access	12	Ozark Mountain Anglers	573-819-2923
4/9/2022	06:15 AM - 03:00 PM	Alhonna Resort	20	St. Charles County Hawghunters	314-249-8385
4/9/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Drake Harbor	25	Premier Anglers Tournament Trail	913-461-7198
4/9/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Boondockz Bar & Grill	37	Mid-Lake Bass Club	573-280-3604
4/9/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Pa He Tsi	50	USA Bassin	314-346-6963
4/9/2022	06:45 AM - 03:45 PM	Alhonna Resort	15	Perryville Basscasters	573-768-4184
4/9/2022	06:30 AM - 04:30 PM	StartAnywhere/EndCaptRons	70	Crappie USA National Crappie Tourn	573-280-8020
4/9/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Gravois Mills Access	20	Mexico Bassmasters	316-250-9476
4/9/2022	06:30 AM - 03:30 PM	PB #2	100	Carpenters' Buddy Bass Tournament	314-269-5227
4/10/2022	06:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Linn Creek Ramp	25	Linn Creek Open Tournament	417-531-3600
4/10/2022	06:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Red Oak Resort	20	Backlashers Bass Club	913-626-8955
4/10/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	70	MOBassFishin' Solo Pro Series	417-830-3177
4/10/2022	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Alhonna Resort	25	Hawg Hawlers Bass Club	573-718-4510
4/10/2022	07:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	35	Camden County Bass'rs Club Tourn	573-723-1020
4/10/2022	06:30 AM - 02:30 PM	Red Oak Resort	45	Help Reel in a Cure	314-313-0595
4/10/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	50	USA Bassin	314-346-6963

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4/10/2022	06:45 AM - 01:45 PM	Alhonna Resort	15	Perryville Basscasters	573-768-4184
4/10/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	45	Just Fish Open Team Trail	573-619-3074
4/15/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	20	Camdenton Castaways LLC	573-832-2065
4/16/2022	07:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Rick's Oar House/Lakeside Resort	125	Ozark Snagmasters	573-578-1103
4/16/2022	06:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Coffman Beach Access	30	Randolph County Bass Club	660-414-0520
4/16/2022	07:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Lighthouse Marina	15	Gasconade Bass Club	573-301-8173
4/16/2022	10:00 AM - 03:00 PM	LORA Marina	40	Lake of the Ozarks Rec Area	573-346-5673
4/16/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	100	MO Vets Fishing Tournament	417-988-3430
4/17/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndTheWetSpotBar&Grill	10	Ivy Bend Rod Benders	816-985-0387
4/19/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407
4/22/2022	07:00 AM - 04:00 PM	PB #2	50	Meek's The Builder's Choice	417-766-4997
4/22/2022	01:00 PM - 07:00 PM	Dog Days Bar & Grill	70	Lake of the Ozarks Marine Dealers	573-216-9417
4/22/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Pa He Tsi	10	Evolution Bass Club	314-229-5263
4/23/2022	08:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Gravois Mills Access	50	Solid Rock Family Church	573-298-1959
4/23/2022	10:00 AM - 07:00 PM	Dog Days Bar & Grill	70	Lake of the Ozarks Marine Dealers	573-216-9417
4/23/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB#2RdOkAlhonnaPtRandIvyBnd	1400	Big Bass Bash	314-591-4578
4/24/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB#2RdOkAlhonnaPtRandIvyBnd	1400	Big Bass Bash	314-591-4578
4/26/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407
4/28/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndTheWetSpotBar&Grill	10	Ivy Bend Rod Benders	816-985-0387
4/30/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Red Fox Bar & Grill	30	Joe Bidnick Memorial Invitational	913-634-3969
4/30/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	LORA Marina	42	ADB Companies Fishing Tournament	314-488-3726
4/30/2022	07:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Bledsoe Ferry	30	Redford Construction Invitational	816-809-2633
4/30/2022	06:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Rock Harbor Resort	25	Missouri Chiropractors Bass Fishers	314-344-4438
4/30/2022	06:30 AM - 02:30 PM	Red Oak Resort	60	Edward Jones Private Fishing Tourn.	314-369-2905
4/30/2022	06:00 AM - 03:30 PM	Robin's Resort	30	Fred Weber Inc. Employee Tournament	314-486-1995
4/30/2022	06:30 AM - 03:30 PM	Alhonna Resort	36	"Crest Industries, Inc."	314-560-1230
4/30/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Bush Beaters Bass Club	573-821-3259
4/30/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Ozark Village Resort	20	Smithville Bassmasters	913-484-2369
4/30/2022	06:30 AM - 03:15 PM	Bass Point Resort	85	Bass Point Invitational	314-537-6407
4/30/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Gravois Mills Access	20	Angry Pirate Tournament	573-353-9032
4/30/2022	06:00 AM - 03:30 PM	Lone Oak Point Resort	35	Millstone Weber Employees Tourn	314-280-3075
4/30/2022	06:30 AM - 05:30 PM	PB #2	80	Major League Fishing/Bass Pro Tour	270-703-9119

MAY

Date	Time	Location	Boats	Club	Phone
5/1/2022	06:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Rock Harbor Resort	25	Missouri Chiropractors Bass Fishers	314-344-4438
5/1/2022	06:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Robin's Resort	30	Fred Weber Inc. Employee Tournament	314-486-1995
5/1/2022	06:30 AM - 02:00 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	20	MO-KAN Bassmasters Club Tourn	816-536-1702
5/1/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Gravois Mills Access	45	VFW Open Tournament	660-537-6889
5/1/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Ozark Village Resort	20	Smithville Bassmasters	913-484-2369
5/1/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Coffman Beach Access	15	Upper Meramec Bass Club	314-602-0895
5/1/2022	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Larry R. Gale Access	50	USA Bassin	314-346-6963

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Date	Time	Location	Boats	Club	Phone
5/1/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Drake Harbor	40	Joe Bass Team Trail	816-916-4244
5/1/2022	06:30 AM - 05:30 PM	PB #2	80	Major League Fishing/Bass Pro Tour	270-703-9119
5/2/2022	06:30 AM - 05:30 PM	PB #2	80	Major League Fishing/Bass Pro Tour	270-703-9119
5/3/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407
5/3/2022	06:30 AM - 05:30 PM	PB #2	80	Major League Fishing/Bass Pro Tour	270-703-9119
5/4/2022	06:00 AM - 05:00 PM	Alhonna Resort	40	Pro Firefighters of E MO Local 2665	314-630-4665
5/4/2022	06:30 AM - 05:30 PM	PB #2	80	Major League Fishing/Bass Pro Tour	270-703-9119
5/5/2022	06:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Alhonna Resort	40	Pro Firefighters of E MO Local 2665	314-630-4665
5/5/2022	06:30 AM - 05:30 PM	PB #2	80	Major League Fishing/Bass Pro Tour	270-703-9119
5/7/2022	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Gravois Mills Access	30	Angry Pirate Tournament	573-353-9032
5/7/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Point Randall Resort	35	Italian Invitational	314-574-7605
5/7/2022	09:00 AM - 03:00 PM	LORA Marina	40	Lake of the Ozarks Rec Area	573-346-5673
5/7/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	50	St. Louis Bass Busters Buddy Bass	314-409-8314
5/7/2022	08:00 AM - 07:00 PM	1 MM - 38 MM	600	Lake of the Ozarks CVB	573-348-1599
5/13/2022	12:00 AM - 11:59 PM	No Tournaments- Drake Harbor	0	Warsaw Area Chamber of Commerce	660-438-5922
5/14/2022	07:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Red Oak Resort	35	St. Mary's HS Alumni Association	314-330-3900
5/14/2022	06:00 AM - 02:30 PM	Rock Harbor Resort	100	Plumbers & Pipefitters Local #562	314-704-9102
5/14/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	LORA Marina	40	Lake of the Ozarks Rec Area	573-346-5673
5/14/2022	06:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Alhonna Resort	50	Roofers Mart Fishing Tournament	314-968-9366
5/14/2022	12:00 AM - 11:59 PM	No Tournaments- Drake Harbor	0	Warsaw Area Chamber of Commerce	660-438-5922
5/14/2022	05:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Pa He Tsi	15	Sol Pro Bassmasters	816-447-7649
5/14/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Gravois Mills Access	25	Premier Anglers Tournament Trail	913-461-7198
5/14/2022	05:30 AM - 03:30 PM	Point Randall Resort	15	Rodbenders Bass Club	314-378-2696
5/14/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	45	Just Fish Open Team Trail	573-619-3074
5/15/2022	06:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Linn Creek Ramp	25	Linn Creek Open Tournament	417-531-3600
5/15/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndTheWetSpotBar&Grill	10	Ivy Bend Rod Benders	816-985-0387
5/15/2022	05:30 AM - 02:00 PM	Pa He Tsi	15	Sol Pro Bassmasters	816-447-7649
5/15/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	40	Bass World Sports	573-216-7131
5/15/2022	05:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Point Randall Resort	15	Rodbenders Bass Club	314-378-2696
5/15/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	45	Angler's Choice	573-619-3074
5/17/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407
5/21/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Lake Breeze Resort	30	PayneCrest Electric Buddy Bass	314-642-2121
5/21/2022	05:45 AM - 03:00 PM	Drake Harbor	20	Smithville Bassmasters	913-484-2369
5/21/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Boondockz Bar & Grill	37	Mid-Lake Bass Club	573-280-3604
5/21/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Start/End Anywhere	100	MOYak Fishing Tournament Series	417-499-1043
5/21/2022	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Pa He Tsi	50	USA Bassin	314-346-6963
5/22/2022	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Pa He Tsi	50	USA Bassin	314-346-6963
5/22/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Bledsoe Ferry	40	Joe Bass Team Trail	816-916-4244
5/22/2022	06:00 AM - 02:30 PM	Drake Harbor	40	Missouri B.A.S.S Nation	314-568-8746
5/24/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407
5/26/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndTheWetSpotBar&Grill	10	Ivy Bend Rod Benders	816-985-0387

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Date	Time	Location	Boats	Club	Phone
6/3/2022	06:30 PM - 12:00 AM	Linn Creek Ramp	25	Linn Creek Open Tournament	417-531-3600
6/3/2022	07:30 PM - 01:00 AM	LORA Marina	40	Lake of the Ozarks Rec Area	573-346-5673
6/4/2022	09:00 AM - 05:00 PM	0 MM - 4 MM	50	Lake Race Corp	573-480-8889
6/4/2022	05:30 AM - 01:30 PM	Rock Harbor Resort	20	Spike Tournaments (Invite Only)	314-443-7023
6/4/2022	05:15 AM - 03:30 PM	Red Oak Resort	15	Rodbenders Bass Club	314-378-2696
6/4/2022	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	PB #2	45	Just Fish Open Team Trail	573-619-3074
6/4/2022	05:30 AM - 01:30 PM	Wigwam School Access	20	Mexico Bassmasters	316-250-9476
6/5/2022	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Coffman Beach Access	25	Eldon Bassmasters	573-480-2640
6/5/2022	05:15 AM - 12:30 PM	Red Oak Resort	15	Rodbenders Bass Club	314-378-2696
6/5/2022	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	PB #2	45	Angler's Choice	573-619-3074
6/7/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407
6/10/2022	06:30 PM - 12:00 AM	Linn Creek Ramp	25	Linn Creek Open Tournament	417-531-3600
6/11/2022	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Linn Creek Ramp	35	Camden County Bass'rs Club Tourn	573-723-1020
6/11/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Boondockz Bar & Grill	37	Mid-Lake Bass Club	573-280-3604
6/11/2022	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	PB #2	40	Bass World Sports	573-216-7131
6/12/2022	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Linn Creek Ramp	35	Camden County Bass'rs Club Tourn	573-723-1020
6/12/2022	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	PB #2	40	Bass World Sports	573-216-7131
6/14/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407
6/15/2022	06:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Drake Harbor	100	Kansas Bass Nation	913-562-4660
6/16/2022	06:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Drake Harbor	100	Kansas Bass Nation	913-562-4660
6/17/2022	11:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Performance Boat Center	100	Performance Boat Center	573-873-2300
6/17/2022	06:30 PM - 12:00 AM	Linn Creek Ramp	25	Linn Creek Open Tournament	417-531-3600
6/17/2022	06:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Drake Harbor	100	Kansas Bass Nation	913-562-4660
6/17/2022	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Coffman Beach Access	12	Ozark Mountain Anglers	573-819-2923
6/18/2022	11:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Performance Boat Center	100	Performance Boat Center	573-873-2300
6/18/2022	06:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Drake Harbor	100	Kansas Bass Nation	913-562-4660
6/18/2022	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Coffman Beach Access	12	Ozark Mountain Anglers	573-819-2923
6/18/2022	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	PB #2	50	Camden County Bass'rs Open Buddy	573-723-1020
6/19/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	20	Camdenton Castaways LLC	573-832-2065
6/19/2022	06:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Drake Harbor	100	Kansas Bass Nation	913-562-4660
6/19/2022	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	PB #2	50	Camden County Bass'rs Open Buddy	573-723-1020
6/19/2022	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Larry R. Gale Access	50	USA Bassin	314-346-6963
6/21/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407
6/24/2022	10:00 AM - 05:00 PM	Dog Days Bar & Grill	90	Big Thunder Marine	573-365-4001
6/25/2022	07:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Drake Harbor	30	Central Missouri Catfish Tourn.	660-651-2408
6/25/2022	07:00 PM - 02:00 AM	Coffman Beach Access	20	Spike Tournaments (Invite Only)	314-443-7023
6/25/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Boondockz Bar & Grill	37	Mid-Lake Bass Club	573-280-3604
6/25/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Drake Harbor	40	Kansas Bass Nation	620-200-8723
6/26/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndTheWetSpotBar&Grill	10	Ivy Bend Rod Benders	816-985-0387
6/26/2022	05:30 AM - 02:00 PM	Drake Harbor	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407
6/26/2022	12:00 AM - 08:00 AM	Drake Harbor	30	Central Missouri Catfish Tourn.	660-651-2408
6/26/2022	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Drake Harbor	40	Kansas Bass Nation	620-200-8723

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Date	Time	Location	Boats	Club	Phone
6/28/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407
6/30/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndTheWetSpotBar&Grill	10	Ivy Bend Rod Benders	816-985-0387
JULY					
Date	Time	Location	Boats	Club	Phone
7/1/2022	06:30 PM - 12:00 AM	Linn Creek Ramp	25	Linn Creek Open Tournament	417-531-3600
7/2/2022	01:00 PM - 02:30 PM	Bledsoe Ferry - Drake Harbor	40	Truman Lake Adventure Club	660-723-2595
7/8/2022	06:30 PM - 12:00 AM	Linn Creek Ramp	25	Linn Creek Open Tournament	417-531-3600
7/8/2022	07:30 PM - 01:00 AM	LORA Marina	40	Lake of the Ozarks Rec Area	573-346-5673
7/9/2022	08:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Bledsoe Ferry	30	Hayes Youth Bowfishing	660-641-2757
7/9/2022	05:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Drake Harbor	25	Men of Honor Bass Club	816-517-3234
7/9/2022	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Drake Harbor	20	East Kansas Bassmasters	913-424-8285
7/9/2022	07:00 PM - 02:00 AM	Coffman Beach Access	20	Spike Tournaments (Invite Only)	314-443-7023
7/12/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407
7/15/2022	07:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Pa He Tsi	20	Mexico Bassmasters	316-250-9476
7/16/2022	05:00 PM - 01:00 AM	Shawnee Bend Access	50	Freshwater FX LLC	573-821-3259
7/16/2022	07:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Larry R. Gale Access	10	St. Louis Area Bassmasters Assoc.	314-941-6616
7/16/2022	07:00 PM - 02:00 AM	PB #2	25	Show Me Bass Club	636-262-7309
7/16/2022	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	PB #2	50	Camden County Bass'rs Open Buddy	573-723-1020
7/16/2022	07:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Coffman Beach Access	20	St. Charles County Hawghunters	314-249-8385
7/16/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Boondockz Bar & Grill	37	Mid-Lake Bass Club	573-280-3604
7/16/2022	07:00 PM - 11:59 PM	LORA Marina	25	Tri-County Bass Club	573-762-2668
7/16/2022	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Pa He Tsi	20	Mexico Bassmasters	316-250-9476
7/17/2022	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Larry R. Gale Access	10	St. Louis Area Bassmasters Assoc.	314-941-6616
7/17/2022	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	PB #2	50	Camden County Bass'rs Open Buddy	573-723-1020
7/17/2022	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Coffman Beach Access	20	St. Charles County Hawghunters	314-249-8385
7/17/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Drake Harbor	40	Joe Bass Team Trail	816-916-4244
7/17/2022	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	LORA Marina	25	Tri-County Bass Club	573-762-2668
7/19/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407
7/21/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndTheWetSpotBar&Grill	10	Ivy Bend Rod Benders	816-985-0387
7/22/2022	06:30 PM - 12:00 AM	Linn Creek Ramp	25	Linn Creek Open Tournament	417-531-3600
7/22/2022	07:00 PM - 03:00 AM	Coffman Beach Access	12	Ozark Mountain Anglers	573-819-2923
7/22/2022	11:00 AM - 05:00 PM	Camden on the Lake	100	Big Thunder Marine	573-365-4001
7/22/2022	08:00 PM - 12:30 AM	PB #2	40	Bass World Sports	573-216-7131
7/23/2022	06:00 PM - 02:00 AM	Larry R. Gale Access	20	Camdenton Castaways LLC	573-832-2065
7/23/2022	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Linn Creek Ramp	35	Camden County Bass'rs Club Tourn	573-723-1020
7/23/2022	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Coffman Beach Access	8	Central Missouri Bassmasters	573-465-1896
7/23/2022	07:00 PM - 02:00 AM	Coffman Beach Access	20	Spike Tournaments (Invite Only)	314-443-7023
7/23/2022	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	PB #2	40	Bass World Sports	573-216-7131
7/24/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndTheWetSpotBar&Grill	10	Ivy Bend Rod Benders	816-985-0387
7/24/2022	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Drake Harbor	15	Crooked River Bassmasters	816-724-1138

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Date	Time	Location	Boats	Club	Phone
7/24/2022	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Linn Creek Ramp	35	Camden County Bass'rs Club Tourn	573-723-1020
7/24/2022	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Coffman Beach Access	8	Central Missouri Bassmasters	573-465-1896
7/24/2022	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	PB #2	40	Bass World Sports	573-216-7131
7/26/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407
7/29/2022	06:30 PM - 12:00 AM	Linn Creek Ramp	25	Linn Creek Open Tournament	417-531-3600
7/30/2022	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Larry R. Gale Access	50	USA Bassin	314-346-6963
7/31/2022	06:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Bledsoe Ferry	20	Osage Bass Club	573-690-1556
7/31/2022	06:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Larry R. Gale Access	50	USA Bassin	314-346-6963
AUGUST					
Date	Time	Location	Boats	Club	Phone
8/2/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407
8/5/2022	07:30 PM - 01:00 AM	LORA Marina	40	Lake of the Ozarks Rec Area	573-346-5673
8/6/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Boondockz Bar & Grill	37	Mid-Lake Bass Club	573-280-3604
8/9/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407
8/13/2022	07:30 PM - 02:30 AM	Coffman Beach Access	25	Show Me Bass Club	636-262-7309
8/13/2022	07:00 PM - 02:00 AM	Coffman Beach Access	20	Spike Tournaments (Invite Only)	314-443-7023
8/13/2022	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	PB #2	40	Bass World Sports	573-216-7131
8/13/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Drake Harbor	15	Olathe Bass Club	816-863-1425
8/14/2022	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	PB #2	40	Bass World Sports	573-216-7131
8/16/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407
8/20/2022	05:00 PM - 01:00 AM	Shawnee Bend Access	50	Freshwater FX LLC	573-821-3259
8/20/2022	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	8	Central Missouri Bassmasters	573-465-1896
8/20/2022	08:00 PM - 11:59 PM	Linn Creek Ramp	35	Camden County Bass'rs Club Tourn	573-723-1020
8/20/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Boondockz Bar & Grill	37	Mid-Lake Bass Club	573-280-3604
8/21/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndTheWetSpotBar&Grill	10	Ivy Bend Rod Benders	816-985-0387
8/21/2022	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Shawnee Bend Access	8	Central Missouri Bassmasters	573-465-1896
8/21/2022	12:00 AM - 07:00 AM	Linn Creek Ramp	35	Camden County Bass'rs Club Tourn	573-723-1020
8/23/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407
8/23/2022	06:00 AM - 03:30 PM	Point Randall Resort	15	Rodbenders Bass Club	314-378-2696
8/24/2022	06:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Point Randall Resort	15	Rodbenders Bass Club	314-378-2696
8/25/2022	06:00 AM - 03:00 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndTheWetSpotBar&Grill	10	Ivy Bend Rod Benders	816-985-0387
8/27/2022	07:00 PM - 02:00 AM	Coffman Beach Access	20	Spike Tournaments (Invite Only)	314-443-7023
8/28/2022	06:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Linn Creek Ramp	25	Linn Creek Open Tournament	417-531-3600
8/28/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	20	Camdenton Castaways LLC	573-832-2065
8/28/2022	04:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Coffman Beach Access	25	Eldon Bassmasters	573-480-2640
8/30/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407

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SEPTEMBER					
Date	Time	Location	Boats	Club	Phone
9/10/2022	06:30 AM - 02:30 PM	Red Oak Resort	100	LIUNA Local 110	314-805-1272
9/10/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	LORA Marina	40	Lake of the Ozarks Rec Area	573-346-5673
9/10/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Pa He Tsi	50	USA Bassin	314-346-6963
9/10/2022	06:30 AM - 04:00 PM	PB #2	150	IUOE Local 148 Charity Bass Tourn.	573-760-5669
9/11/2022	06:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Linn Creek Ramp	25	Linn Creek Open Tournament	417-531-3600
9/11/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Pa He Tsi	50	USA Bassin	314-346-6963
9/11/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Drake Harbor	40	Joe Bass Team Trail	816-916-4244
9/11/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	150	Anglers in Action	314-327-4771
9/13/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407
9/17/2022	09:00 AM - 03:00 PM	LORA Marina	40	Lake of the Ozarks Rec Area	573-346-5673
9/17/2022	06:30 AM - 03:30 PM	Robin's Resort	50	Missouri State Elks Association	314-608-6901
9/17/2022	07:00 AM - 03:30 PM	Robin's Resort	80	PARIC Company Open Buddy Bass	314-813-3295
9/17/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Boondockz Bar & Grill	37	Mid-Lake Bass Club	573-280-3604
9/17/2022	07:00 AM - 05:00 PM	PB #2	150	Fish for Sight Buddy Bass Tourn	314-843-8822
9/17/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	45	Just Fish Open Team Trail	573-619-3074
9/18/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndTheWetSpotBar&Grill	10	Ivy Bend Rod Benders	816-985-0387
9/18/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Wigwam School Access	25	Eldon Bassmasters	573-480-2640
9/18/2022	07:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Linn Creek Ramp	35	Camden County Bass'rs Club Tourn	573-723-1020
9/18/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	45	Angler's Choice	573-619-3074
9/20/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407
9/22/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	StrtAnywhere/EndTheWetSpotBar&Grill	10	Ivy Bend Rod Benders	816-985-0387
9/24/2022	06:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Bledsoe Ferry	20	Backlashers Bass Club	913-626-8955
9/24/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	Larry R. Gale Access	15	Bush Beaters Bass Club	573-821-3259
9/24/2022	07:00 AM - 03:30 PM	Alhonna Resort	6	Gateway Bass'n Gals	314-941-8032
9/24/2022	07:00 AM - 04:00 PM	Coffman Beach Access	10	Evolution Bass Club	314-229-5263
9/24/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	230	Major League Fishing/Phoenix BFL	270-703-0002
9/25/2022	07:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Drake Harbor	15	UAW Local 249	816-454-6333
9/25/2022	10:00 AM - 05:00 PM	Captain Ron's Bar & Grill	70	Lake of the Ozarks Marine Dealers	573-216-9417
9/25/2022	07:00 AM - 01:00 PM	Alhonna Resort	6	Gateway Bass'n Gals	314-941-8032
9/25/2022	07:00 AM - 02:00 PM	Coffman Beach Access	10	Evolution Bass Club	314-229-5263
9/25/2022	06:30 AM - 03:00 PM	Robin's Resort	45	Show Me Open	573-619-3074
9/25/2022	07:00 AM - 03:00 PM	PB #2	230	Major League Fishing/Phoenix BFL	270-703-0002
9/27/2022	06:00 PM - 09:30 PM	Shawnee Bend Access	15	Ozark Anglers Club Tournament	314-713-3407

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Next Generation of Precision Chargers Optimized for Lithium Marine Batteries

Lithium batteries bring numerous advantages over more traditional marine power options including reduced weight and longer run times. But these advantages come with the possibility of damaging batteries through over –or under-charging. Minn Kota's new line of Precision On-Board Chargers take the guesswork out of running lithium power and maximize the life of 12-volt (LiFePO4) marine lithium batteries.



Select models boast an industry-leading 15 amps of true-rated output, and the new Minn Kota Precision On-Board Chargers protect lithium batteries as well

as fishing time. By maximizing run times and delivering shorter charge times, these chargers keep anglers on the water longer and get them back on the water faster.

Enhancements to the line, optimized for 12-volt lithium (LiFePO4) batteries, include charge profiles specifically formulated for the high demands of lithium batteries. The new chargers can even wake lithium batteries from standby mode unlike traditional charging methods which can require a more manual process.

The foundation of safe, fast and precise charging from Minn Kota's new Precision Line of battery chargers is automatic, multi-stage charging which adjusts output based on the current needed to charge Lithium, Flooded Lead-Acid or AGM batteries in each stage of the charging cycle. These battery-specific charge curves can then be selected individually by bank, allowing for endless options when it comes to trolling motor and accessory battery power. Boaters and anglers can run outboard manufacturer-recommended AGM-style cranking batteries while running a trolling motor or accessories with lithium power. Anglers with a dedicated electronics battery powering multiple fish finders will

also appreciate the addition of a 5 bank, 10 amp option.

Just as with previous generations of Precision chargers, temperature and low line voltage compensation account for extreme environmental inputs and adjust to provide the safest and most efficient charge possible.

"Lithium batteries allow anglers to stay on the water longer and get more out of the sport they love, and anglers who buy lithium batteries know that the money spent is an investment in their on-the-water experience," said Minn Kota Brand Manager Brad Henry.

"The new Precision On-Board Chargers maximize the life of this investment, making it safer and easier to power boats with 12V lithium marine batteries. This line of chargers eliminates the risk of over-charging or running lithium batteries until completely drained."

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A Guide to Weights and Sinkers for Bass Fishing

by Ken Schultz

In fishing, the terms “weight” and “sinker” essentially mean the same thing and refer to a piece of metal that is used to sink a lure or bait to some level in the water. Connected to the fishing line, weights and sinkers are not lures of and by themselves. They’re made in many shapes and sizes, and have diverse applications. Weights and sinkers for bass fishing are in some cases exclusively used in fishing for bass, but often are applicable in fishing for other species, particularly in freshwater.

Generally, sinkers for bass fishing are relatively light in weight, and small. As a rule, it’s best to use the lightest weight that will effectively suit the depth you’re fishing, and the presentation being used.

COMPOSITION

Most sinkers are made from lead. Bans exist in a few places in North America on the sale and/or use of lead weights of a certain size, which has lead to the development and use of non-toxic substitutes, including brass, steel, tin, and tungsten, which have slightly different attributes. Nevertheless, weights and sinkers made of lead make up an overwhelming share of the sinkers for bass fishing.

TYPES OF SINKERS

Bass fishing weights come in two basic versions, fixed or free-sliding. Choice depends on fishing conditions, including the species you seek, the depth to be fished, and such factors as current and wave action.

FIXED

Fixed versions attach directly to a fishing line or leader by being pinched, twisted, or tied.

They move whenever the bait or lure moves, and also when a fish takes the bait or lure. Fixed sinkers include split shot, which are small pinch-on spheres and the most prominent fixed sinker; rubber core sinkers; and clinch-on versions. Fixed sinkers used in trolling include torpedo, bead chain, keel, and planing models, although such sinkers are less frequently used in bass fishing, as few bass anglers troll.

FREE-SLIDING

Free-sliding, or slip, sinkers ride along the line. They’re used primarily with bait and

allow the line to move when a fish takes the bait without moving the sinker, which provides less resistance than a fixed sinker. Sliding or slip sinkers include ball, egg or barrel, cone or bullet, and some bottom-walking versions.

APPLICATIONS

Bass fishing weights are often referred to by a specific application or associated with certain freshwater fishing rigs.

- The foremost of these is a Texas rig, featuring a soft-plastic worm with the hook buried in the worm body (“snagless”) and a sliding sinker on the line ahead of the worm. The sinker is primarily cone- or bullet-shaped and is widely referred to as a “worm weight.”
- Cylindrical sliding sinkers may be used for Carolina rigs, which are another type of bottom- and cover-probing setup for bass fishing in which the sinker slides on the main line ahead of a swivel and a following leader attached to a lure.
- There’s a variety of bottom-walking (or bottom-bouncing) sinkers used in bass fishing as well. These are fixed to the main line and sport a leader running to a following lure or bait.
- For a vertical presentation, a drop shot or drop weight may be used. This weight is fixed to the main line below a suspended lure. This setup is called a drop-shot rig.
- Sometimes a piece of clamp-on lead is used to add weight to a hook used with plastic worms or soft jerkbaits.
- Small lead weights, akin to a nail, may be used to add weight to a worm or jerkbait also, being inserted into the body of the lure.



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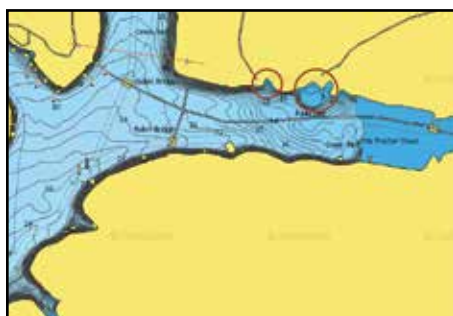
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Proctor Hollow is a 1.3-mile-long Creek that feeds into the Lake of the Ozarks. Located on the 55 Mille Marker of the Osage Arm, it is considered a shallow creek, with its deepest point 40ft at the mouth. Because of its location on the Osage River Arm and the vast flat land surrounding it, you can often find a stained to dirty water color in this cove. Since the water is often stained to dirty, the vast majority of the bass in this arm will live around shallow cover year-round.

Spring

Spinnerbaits and shallow diving crankbaits are excellent choices for catching big fish in the springtime on this part of the lake. Look for shallow cover and wood laydowns in pea gravel pockets that have access to deep water nearby.



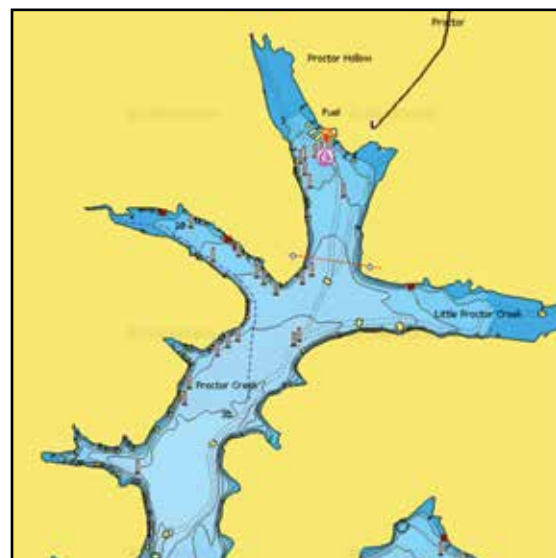
Summer

Typical summer baits, like 10" worms and brush hogs excel here in the summertime. While there is not much of a deep bite in this area of the lake, the shallow bite will remain strong even when summer temperatures peak. Look for brush piles and concentrate on the shaded areas of the docks.



Fall

Fall is one of the best times to fish this area. Since the cove is mostly shallow, square-billed crankbaits and flipping style plastics are going to be the go-to baits. Target shallow wood and docks on the flats in the backs of the pockets.



Winter

During the winter months, you can target bass grouped up along the deepest holes of the channel banks towards the back of the creek. Finesse jigs, Wiggle Wart crankbaits, and jerkbaits are going to work best on these banks.



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CLAYS CORNER

Sitting in Panera Bread with Bassing Bob talking about ideas for this issue of *Fishing News Magazine* the thing that kept coming up was how intimidating it can be for any fisherman, especially a new fisherman, to fish a lake the size of Lake of the Ozarks. With over 1,200 miles of shoreline it would stretch from my house in Camdenton all the way to Phoenix, Arizona!

Fishing intimidation can exist in many forms, from meeting your idol for the first time (much like Bassing Bob meeting me... the "Hemmingway of Fishing Articles") to the first time you ever pushed down the throttle on a high performance bass boat or fishing your first bass tournament. But it also comes from fishing places you have never fished before...especially if that place is as large as LOZ.

My introduction to fishing intimidation came years ago. I applied to join the Rebels Bass Club in St. Louis because they had the most awesome club logo and jacket ever in the history of fishing and I wanted one. In fact, I still have my jacket! What? No it doesn't still fit and I can't believe you asked me that.

But first you had to fish with a member followed by a vote (up or down) at the next meeting. I drew the President of the club as my partner and fished my first ever bass tournament, an all night tournament, and I hate fishing at night. I finished second and, even after spending 10 hours in a boat with the President of the club, I still got voted in. It's true. And...I have a small jacket to prove it.

Most everything I need to know to catch fish on LOZ I learned as a young boy. I would ride my bike across town to fish a local pond. It was shallow and weeds and moss covered a lot of it in the summer.

INTIMIDATED?

There I learned how to fish heavy cover and I learned the hotter the weather the more heavy cover attracted them. I also learned the easier bite was usually in the morning.

Eventually I graduated to small streams. Here I learned about current and how fish position themselves behind anything that would breakup that current and that many times the biggest fish was located in the slack water in front of a "current break". I learned that bass were object orientated and that sometimes a bass would spit-up what it had been eating and that if I could "match the hatch" I would catch more fish.

I also learned from others by reading everything I could get my hands on. I still have the first 5-years of *Bass Master Magazine* (from 54 years ago) and all the first years of *In'Fisherman Magazine* when it was "Study Reports" with no advertising... all in mint condition! Today it's the Internet and YouTube videos.

So how do you overcome being "Intimidated" of fishing a body of water the size of LOZ? It starts with subscribing to **BassingBob.com** and reading *Fishing News*. Yes...I still have every issue in mint condition! Next apply what you learn by fishing smaller bodies of water like farm ponds, small streams or small state owned lakes in your area. Trust me...rare is a top professional fisherman that didn't start out fishing ponds and streams. Once you have learned those basic skills you can apply them to LOZ. But how since LOZ is so much bigger?

The SECRET? Pick one small area of the lake and ignore the rest...just pretend it doesn't exist. Choose one small creek or cove and make that your entire focus. Pretend that creek or cove is just like the pond or stream you learned to fish on. Use the same techniques, look for the same type of cover, use the same lures and fish the same way you would if it wasn't LOZ.

David Dudley (2003 FLW Champion, FLW's all-time leading money winner and the only 4-time FLW AOY winner) was asked "What are some helpful tips you would give someone who is on new water

and has a short amount of time to locate fish?" He responded that first you need to figure out what stage the fish are in. *"The second thing I will do is pick one area and just break down that area. Don't try to break down the whole lake, just pick one area and go at it."*

So you see there is no need for you to be intimidated by the size of LOZ. If you can catch fish in ponds, streams and small watersheds then you can catch fish at LOZ by using the exact same lures and techniques...just pick a small area of the lake and fish it like it's your own private pond. Over time and with more experience you will be able to branch out to larger portions of the lake...and eventually the entire lake.

And don't forget, you can always join a bass club...just be sure they have an awesome logo!

Until next time...take a kid fishing... or take me...my wife says it's the same thing...!

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10 Things To Remember When Teaching Fishing Skills

by Debbie Hanson

When teaching fishing skills, there are a few key things you can do to keep new anglers engaged. Consider these ten suggestions that will contribute to positive early fishing experiences and encourage long-term interest.

1. Make the overall experience fun and interesting.

Kids really enjoy doing simple things like watching baitfish swim around in a livewell, or netting shrimp in a bait bucket. While you might be eager to teach someone how to catch fish, allow them to enjoy the process.

2. Limit mentoring time to an hour or two.

Keep initial fishing trips short, especially when teaching kids. Children and beginners will stay more focused and have a better chance of retaining information if you keep mentoring sessions short.

3. Stay close to home.

When teaching beginners how to fish, head to a fishing spot that's close to

home. They can see how accessible fishing can be and won't get tired on a long drive or boat ride.

4. Stick to the basics.

Think along the lines of "fishing 101" by teaching simple beginner fishing tips for the first few lessons -- too much information can feel like overload to a new angler.

5. Use live bait.

Worms or crickets are good live baits to start out with for species like bluegill or perch. Live bait gives new anglers the best chance at catching fish, which will keep them interested.

6. Provide encouragement.

Support beginners with encouragement and offer helpful fishing tips along the way.

7. Work with one or two anglers at a time.

Providing individualized attention is important when teaching a beginner how to catch fish. Be there to answer questions and coach them through how to cast or how to reel in fish.

8. Bring PFD's for everyone.

When teaching new fishing skills from a boat, bring along the proper type and size PFD (personal flotation devices) for each angler. Include fishing safety tips into your lessons and set a good example as a mentor.

9. Bring along healthy snacks and water.

Pack up some trail mix, fish-shaped crackers, turkey jerky, or other healthy non-perishable snacks -- it's hard for anyone to stay focused on learning if their stomach is growling.

10. Instill a conservation mindset.

Part of teaching "fishing 101" is educating newcomers about why fishing licenses are required (the funds go to conservation efforts), and the reasons that regulations are put into place by state agencies.

When you're ready to introduce someone new to fishing, remember these tips to help keep new anglers engaged for the long-term.



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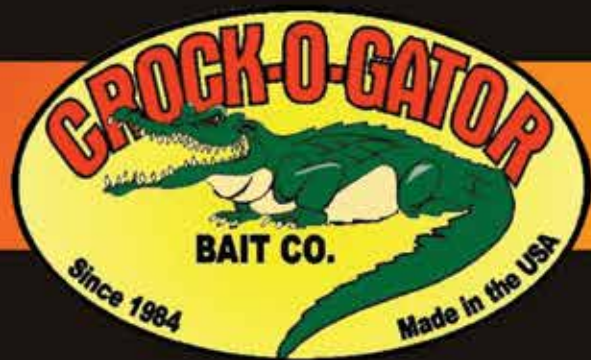
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The Importance of Marine Battery Maintenance

How to get more life out of your trolling motor and cranking batteries. It starts with proper maintenance and care.



The sun's not quite up over the horizon when it's your turn to launch at the busy boat ramp. All backed in, your rig floats off the trailer, and your buddy holds it steadfast to the dock with the mooring lines. You park and hurry back as there are so many others waiting. Now in the boat, the key gets turned and, and, and... nothing; the only sounds heard are the countless groans from those waiting in line.

Yeah, you just became "that guy"; not only the one with the proverbial monkey wrench thrown into his day's fishing gears but the one delaying all those other anglers now facepalming and shaking their heads.

But you didn't have to be that guy.

How to Extend Marine and Trolling Motor Battery Life

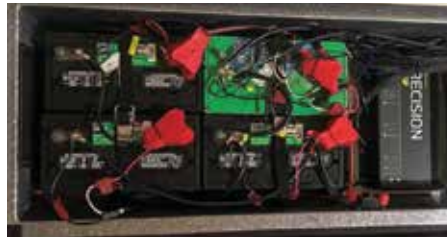


Start a conversation about what deep cycle batteries are best for boats on social media and you'll get 100's of different answers about absorbed glass mat (AGM), gel, flooded lead acid, and lithium. All have their place. All can fail. And they don't have to be old to take a sudden nose-dive. It takes nothing more than improper charging, and their lifespan can be shortened tenfold.

"Basically, you have a battery go bad, and you're not going fishing; it's as simple as that," says Jason Przekurat. The Stevens Point, Wisconsin, angler has been promoting the sport of fishing full time since 2007, starting as a guide and tournament

angler in 1995 and now focusing on the latter throughout the Midwest, as well giving seminars and appearing in videos.

"The technology of today's battery chargers is amazing, even compared to what it was only five years ago. The speed at which batteries can be charged without damaging them has increased, which allows me to know my boat is 100-percent ready go with just one overnight charging. That's not the way it used to be, however; I don't know how many times I had to head out for a full day on the water with batteries that weren't totally topped off."



Aboard Przekurat's boat is four group-size 31 batteries; three for his Minn Kota bow-mounted trolling motor and one for starting his engine, running his Humminbird electronics, bilge pumps and more. Also onboard is a four-bank Minn Kota On-Board Precision Charger, which keeps his batteries in tip-top shape.

"The Minn Kota Precision is so much more than a battery charger; it's a full-service battery-maintenance device," Przekurat adds.

Right off the get-go, it's internal intelligence senses how much current is going into the system itself, compensating for any low-voltage impute when outlets aren't putting out the 120 volts they're supposed to because they're overloaded, or, the unit is hooked up to long extension cords.

Next, each bank of the Precision has a mind of its own, sensing the ambient temperature and creating just the right amount of charge for each battery. And with just a push of a button, you're able to select the type of battery each bank is wired to, as well, giving each one the proper current for its kind and the conditions.

Overcharging and Undercharging Marine Batteries

"Overcharging? Undercharging? Neither are good," says Dan Baston, Product

Manager / Lead Engineer at Minn Kota. Over or undercharging your batteries will shorten their overall life. Minn Kota chargers are digitally designed to deliver just the right amount of juice every time you plug in. No more. No less.

"We've met with several of the large battery manufacturers to see what each style and brand needs for long-lasting performance. And we've built each and every one of those needs into our chargers. These are huge features that no other charger manufacturer has compensated for."

With up to 15 amps pumping in, batteries charge quickly, and then the Precision turns off the juice individually as each battery tops off. If a charge is being added to a battery that's fully charged, irreversible damage can occur. And there are many chargers on the market that keep the power on until you unplug it.

The good thing is, all Minn Kota Marine Battery Chargers come with Automatic Multi-Stage Charging where the charger controls the voltage and current your battery gets throughout the charging cycle, ensuring a fast, safe and precise charge. Precision battery chargers also reduce voltage and display a flashing 100% GREEN LED for each bank to indicate the battery is in Maintenance Mode and ready to use.

After 12 hours, the charger automatically turns off and a steady 100% GREEN LED is lit for each bank to indicate the battery is in long term Maintenance Mode and ready to use. The charger will automatically resume charging when the battery voltage drops below 12.6V.

Marine Battery Longevity and Lifespan



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"The On-Board Precision charger has a very dynamic charge curve, implemented with temperature compensation. Overall, other brands build their chargers to work best at 25-degrees Celsius [77-degrees Fahrenheit]; this one, however, adjusts the output for the conditions at hand, ensuring a fast, safe and precise charge," Baston says.

Baston also adds that for battery longevity, especially with lead acid batteries, to get them on the charger within 12 to 24 hours of use. Also, never drain them to the point they are dead as damage will undoubtedly occur. Never storing batteries uncharged, as well not allowing them to freeze is a must, as well.

8 Tips for Extending Marine Battery Life

- Charge after every use and allow the battery to receive a full charge
- **Avoid high voltage fast charging cycles** – Stick to recommended voltage requirements and unplug immediately after the charge is complete **OR** see the next tip.
- **Use a charger with Multi-Stage Charging for a safe and fast charge** – As mentioned above, all Minn Kota Marine Battery Chargers come with Automatic Multi-Stage Charging where the charger controls the voltage and current your battery gets throughout the charging cycle, ensuring a fast, safe and precise charge. Precision chargers also reduce voltage and display a flashing 100% GREEN LED for each bank to indicate the battery is in Maintenance Mode and ready to use. A steady 100% GREEN LED is lit for each bank to indicate the battery is in long term Maintenance Mode and ready to use. The charger will automatically resume charging when the battery voltage drops below 12.6V.
- Avoid storing in very cold or hot temperatures – Bring your batteries inside over winter when your boat is in storage and avoid leaving them in your boat or garage for long periods of time during extremely hot temperatures.
- All Minn Kota battery chargers have an Automatic Temperature Compensation feature that adjusts for fluctuations in temperature to prevent damaging your battery.
- **Battery Equalization** (Flooded Lead Acid Batteries only) – Cleans and protects your battery to improve battery life
- Utilize a charger that has battery equaliza-

tion that cleans and protects your battery at least once or twice a year. Ideally, once in spring and once before winterization or in fall.

- The beauty is that Minn Kota Precision onboard chargers do it automatically, every time you plug it in. They also allow you to activate a more rigorous cleaning with a push of a button.
- **Ensure proper water levels in flooded lead-acid batteries** – Top them off with distilled water
- **Avoid storing uncharged batteries for long periods of time**
- **Keep your battery terminals clean** – Scrub off any corrosion with a brush and a paste solution of baking soda and water.

Full Charge Ahead!

By following these simple battery maintenance tips, you can extend the life of your batteries by a couple of seasons – resulting in more money in your wallet and more time on the water. You don't have to be that guy with the proverbial monkey wrench thrown into his day's fishing gears and delaying all of the other anglers sitting there shaking their heads.

Just remember it's not usually the battery's fault, rather an inferior charger, and improper maintenance.

Article from Minnkotamotors.com

Mizzou Bass Fishing

The Mizzou Bass Fishing Club is composed of full-time students who attend the University of Missouri. This club is open to anyone who would like to join no matter their skill. We fish events all around the country hosted by MLF, B.A.S.S., and ACA Championship series. This year we have only fished two collegiate level events so far. In October of 2021, we sent five boats to the Abu Garcia College Fishing Central Division - Lake of the Ozarks tournament. The second tournament that we fished this year was the Major League Fishing - Open tournament at Table Rock Lake where we had 3 teams qualify for the upcoming 2023 MLF National Championship. Coming up we have a packed schedule for the rest of the year. Coming up we have a fundraiser tournament at Lake of the Ozarks on April 30th hosted by BassingBob.com. This summer we are planning on sending a handful of boats up to La Crosse,

Wisconsin for the second stop of the Abu Garcia College Fishing Central Division. After summer break wraps up, we will be fishing the Aftco Collegiate Bass Open on Lake Dardanelle on October 8th followed by the last stop of the Abu Garcia Fishing Central Division - Lake of the Ozarks on October 14th.

Currently, our club competes against each other a couple times a semester on Lake of the Ozarks to gain experience on what we call our "home lake." These club tournaments dictate who will end up traveling and fishing the collegiate level tournaments. During these times, boaters and co-anglers are paired up randomly, which allows a lot of different people to fish together and for us to find out who fishes well together in order to create pairings for larger tournaments.

The club provides us with a great opportunity to meet people with similar



interest and develop as anglers. Having this opportunity while attending school is something we never take for granted. The club could not happen without support from our local sponsors, we can't thank the folks over at Bassinbob.com, Cellar Baits co., Crock-O-Gators, and Fitz's Fishing enough for helping the team throughout the year!

If you have any questions about the club or would like to get involved please contact you the Club President Cale Mccandless via email at cdmvsfb@umsystem.edu or message us on Facebook @Mizzouclubbassfishing.



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April 23

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Frost Breaker Nationals – POWRi 410/ASCS

May 6/7

Battle at the Beach – MLRA/POWRi/ASCS

May 27/28

Spring Sprint & Midget Nationals - POWRi/ASCS

June 10/11

Non-Wing Nationals – POWRi National Racing

July 2/3

Prelude to the Stars – USRA/POWRi

July 8/9

POWRi Super Stock Nationals - USRA/POWRi

July 22/23

Beach Brawl – Tony Stewart ASCOC/POWRi

Sept. 3/4

Fall Sprint & Midget Nationals – POWRi/ASCS

Sept. 10

Honest Abe's Racing Series – Championship Night

Sept. 14/15

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Oct. 6/7/8

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Fronts and Summer Fishing

The cold of the winter and early spring has passed, and the warmer water temperatures have both baitfish and gamefish moving and active. With warmer temperatures in the forecast, the fish are much more willing to feed and freely move throughout the water column. Because of this, most fishermen relate these warming temperatures in late spring and early summer with some of the best fishing of the year for all species, especially bass.



by Chaminade HS student Vincent Rumsey

During this time, the bass are actively feeding leading up to and after the spawning period, with both prespawn and post-spawn bass often being extremely aggressive and fun to target. Even though the fishing during this time is usually spectacular, it can be easy to get comfortable with the enjoyable temperatures and favorable fishing conditions, and often the forecast is only used to ensure that you do not get caught in a storm while out on the water.

In the forecast, though, there is a great amount of fishing knowledge and information that can be gained by paying attention to incoming fronts and atmospheric pressure.

During the late spring and summer, when temperatures are relatively comfortable, we all seem to pay less attention to fronts and environmental activity as we do in the winter. During winter bass fishing, much more attention is paid to the incoming warm fronts or cold fronts and how the fishing will be effected. Once spring comes, though, we all seem to forget about this knowledge that we cared so much about during the winter months.

Over the spring and summer, one of the most important environmental factors with regard to fishing are cold fronts. During the early spring and prespawn, cold fronts are often dreaded by fishermen, as they continue to delay the spawn that we all are looking forward to. Also, prespawn cold fronts can seem to put bass in a funky mood, moving them deeper and making them often unwilling to bite. The cooling surface temperatures and change in pressure pushes the bass into deeper water and causes them to be less active.

During the summer months, small cooling trends can often be good for the fishing, keeping the bass active throughout the entirety of the day. These small breaks in the heat waves of summer keep both baitfish and bass active later into the day, extending the summer bite past just the waking hours of the morning.

Large summer cold fronts, on the other hand, often have a drastic negative impact on the fishing, changing patterns, baitfish movement, and fishing locations. When the daily high temperatures drop significantly during the summer, the water temperature is changed to a much greater effect than it is during the winter, fall or spring. Also, the pressure systems that move in along with the summer fronts can be exceptionally large, causing a great swing in the atmospheric pressure.

Similar to cold fronts in other times of the year, summer cold fronts cause the bass to slow down and move into deeper water, where they are more comfortable and less affected by the environmental changes. To fish spring and summer cold fronts, it is similar to cold fronts throughout other times of the year. The fish's strike zone shrinks, and the fish are less willing to eat a large meal. Therefore, the most effective way of being successful is to downsize the presentation and to try to force the fish into a reaction bite. Furthermore, targeting fish in deeper water will lead to a much greater amount of success, as fish that already reside in deeper water are effected by the atmospheric conditions much less than the shallow group of fish.



During any time of year, though, not all parts of the cold front lead to tough fishing. Before the cold front settles in and as the storm or weather system moves into the area, fish become much more active and willing to strike. The falling pressure, low light conditions and the storm lead to near-optimal conditions for fishing for bass before a cold front moves in. Likewise, bass fishing is usually very productive in the days after the temperatures warm up and the cold front lifts.

During the spring and spawning seasons, warm fronts have much of the opposite effect as cold fronts. While the water is still cold and warming temperatures mean increased activity, spring warm fronts cause the bass to move shallower and advance in their movements toward the spawning banks. As the surface temperatures warm, the microorganisms in the water become more active as well, leading to increased baitfish movement and bringing schools of shad into the warmer, shallower water. For these reasons, springtime warming trends can lead to some of the most exciting days on the water, making it easier to catch large numbers of bass as well as a few good sized fish.

As time moves on, though, the spring warm fronts become the norm, and instead of being waves of nice weather, they turn into heat waves. This turn and the beginning of summer heatwaves has an opposite effect on the bass and the baitfish. Shad and most other baitfish are very delicate and temperature sensitive, and summer heat waves can push the water temperatures far beyond the optimal range for bass activity. During the heat of the summer, all species must find a way to keep cool and keep out of the reach of UV rays, which are often harmful to the fish. Bass move under docks and into deeper water, including creek channels and off the main lake. Likewise, baitfish move deeper during the day, often hugging the thermocline and only going shallow during the cool hours of night and early morning. Even though fishing summer heat waves and warm fronts can be tough, fishing deep and slow and keeping mind of the thermocline, bass fishing during these times can still be very productive.

Key to understanding the effect of weather patterns on fish is atmospheric pressure. Atmospheric pressure is the pressure or "weight" of the air in the atmosphere. Atmospheric pressure changes with the movement of weather systems, and as warm and cold fronts move in, the air pressure rises and falls. Fish are often distinctly sensitive to the atmospheric pressure, and their reactions to weather patterns often depends on the pressure changes. The fish's sensitivity to pressure is because of their swim bladders. When the air pressure changes, it has an effect on the air that the fish stores in its swim bladder.

Understanding this is most important in the context of cold fronts. During cold weather systems, the atmospheric pressure rises after the storm bringing in the front. Along with the cooling surface temperatures, the high pressure causes discomfort in the bass' swim bladders, especially when in shallow water. These two factors largely explain the movement of bass to deeper waters during high pressure systems throughout the year.

In conclusion, even when weather gets warm and the bass are active, weather patterns are just as important as ever to the fish movements and fishing patterns. Considering this information, it is evident that fronts and environmental patterns are essential to understanding bass fishing and the wider realities of the ecosystem that our hobby is so closely tied to.

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Fishing is easy, inexpensive and can be done close to home. A "fishing hole" of some sort is accessible to all Americans, regardless of location, income or age.

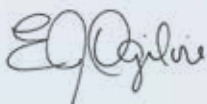
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These are stories that resonate with all Americans, not just outdoor enthusiasts. Publications and other media sources that focus on travel, healthy lifestyles, parenting and economics, to name a few, could benefit from a dose of recreational fishing.

This guide contains resources such as statistics on the fishing economy, data on participation rates, links to a wide range of organizations that help people by taking them fishing, plus media contacts for further information. We hope you find inspiration to tell these stories herein.

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AMERICA'S YOUTH (AGES 6 TO 17) WENT ON

145.5 million fishing outings

IN 2017



CHILDREN (6-12) TOTALED

81.1 million outings

WHILE TEENS TOTALED

64.3 million outings



WHILE THE 6-12 AGE GROUP PRIMARILY
WENT WITH A RELATIVE

teens were more likely to go with a friend



WHY DO PEOPLE TRY FISHING FOR THE FIRST TIME?⁸

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- ➔ Nearly 78% of current adult participants were introduced to fishing during childhood

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especially family and friends. When describing
influential or memorable moments in nature,
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experiences occur—and are remembered—
because they connect people to one another.”⁹

⁸ Source: 2019 Special Report on Fishing
⁹ Source: The Nature of Americans Report

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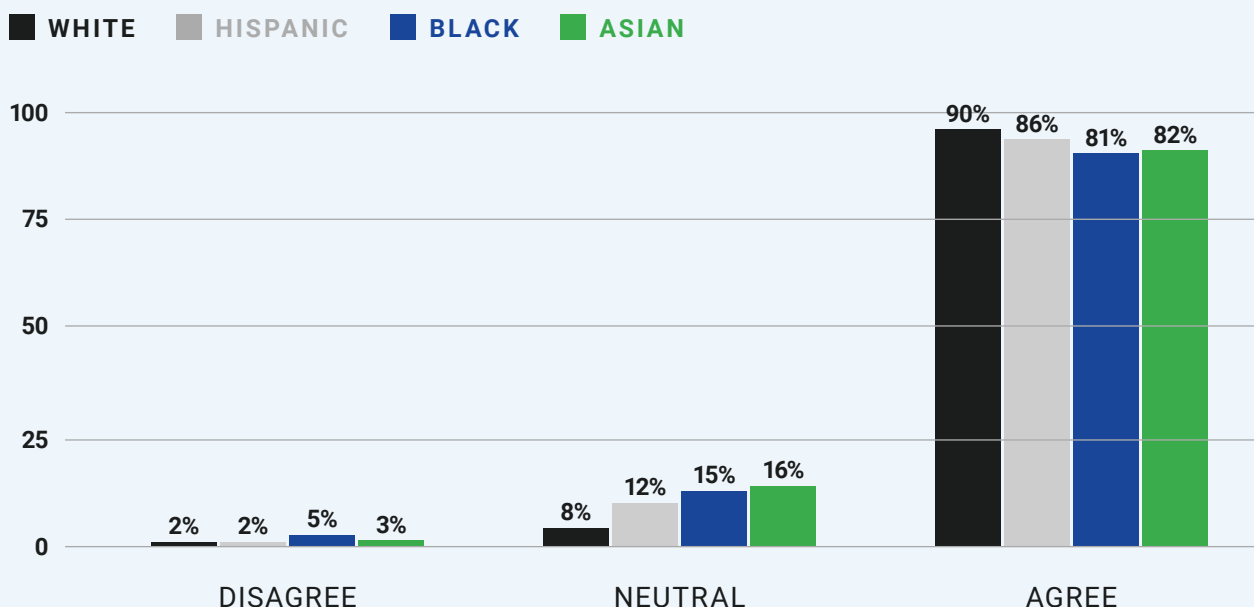
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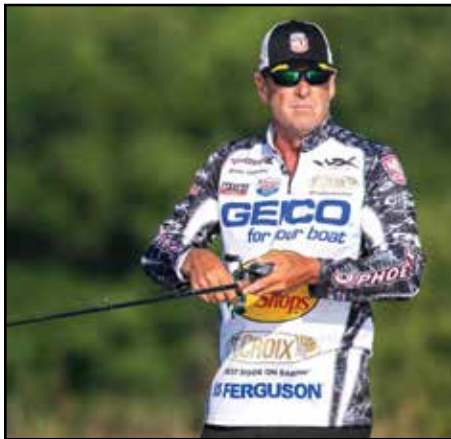
Pro Rides

MFL Tournament pros credit Phoenix Boats for stoking their competitive edge

by Deborah Wolfe

When Phoenix claims their boats are “built by anglers for anglers,” they mean it quite literally. In fact, Phoenix Boats’ co-founder and president Gary Clouse is himself a pro angler. Originally from Missouri, Clouse cast his line into the world of pro fishing in 1982. At the same time, he continued to build his career and reputation as a leader in the boating industry.

Clouse began his boating career working in customer service and sales for Stratos Boats before becoming the national sales manager for Triton Boats in 1996. He returned to Stratos as president in 2001 before partnering with Teresa Johnson to launch Phoenix Boats in 2007. The partners’ passion for craftsmanship, engineering and fishing, inspired them to make a significant commitment to the sport as the Exclusive Boat Sponsor of Major League Fishing in 2019.



Phoenix Boats co-founder and president Gary Clouse has been a pro angler since 1981.

In a press release announcing the title sponsorship, Johnson, who is now Phoenix Boats Chief Operating Officer, credited Clouse’s background in marine sales, customer service and leadership in the bass boat market as driving forces in Phoenix Boats’ reputation for its high-quality, innovative, angler-focused bass boats with unmatched customer service.

“Phoenix Boats is the only boat company whose co-founder and current president is also a pro angler,” Johnson said. “We focus on building a product from an angler’s perspective and are extremely invested in the sport of tournament bass fishing.”

Having spent his adult life realizing his childhood dream of being a pro angler, Clouse knows firsthand how difficult it can be for weekend anglers to achieve pro status. With this in mind, Clouse and Johnson collaborated with Major League Fishing (then FLW) to ensure the Phoenix Boats sponsorship would reflect the company’s commitment to anglers of all levels.

“The partnership with FLW and the Bass Fishing League is a perfect fit for Phoenix Boats,” said Gary Clouse, President of Phoenix Boats. “I know from personal experience from fishing my first BFL in 1981 and many more since that the FLW platform delivers a great angler experience at each of their 128 tournaments. That alone makes this a perfect fit for Phoenix.”

The Phoenix Bass Fishing League presented by T-H Marine offers weekend anglers the best payouts and advancement opportunities for the lowest entry fee available anywhere. The League holds five tournaments in each division plus six no-entry-fee regional championships, a no-entry-fee wild card championship and the prestigious no-entry-fee BFL All-American that pays \$100,000 to the winning boater and \$50,000 to the winning co-angler.

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Camdenton resident Andy Newcomb garnered Ozark Division Angler of the Year in 2021 and a position on the Tackle Warehouse Pro Roster in 2022. Newcomb is a loyal Phoenix boat owner and ambassador as part of the Angler’s Port Marine Pro Staff. He credits the customer support and service at the Warsaw, MO-based marine dealership for keeping his Phoenix bass boat finely tuned for the demands of competitive fishing.



2021 Ozark Division Angler of the Year Andy Newcomb is a loyal Phoenix boat owner and Angler’s Port Marine customer.

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About Angler’s Port Marine

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To learn more about Angler’s Port Marine boats, services and events, visit angler-sportmarine.com or call (660) 438-4600. Or stop by their showroom at 13979 MO-7, Warsaw, Missouri.

About Phoenix Boats

Phoenix Boats is a Tennessee corporation founded in 2007 by bass anglers for bass anglers. It has risen to become known as one of the industry leaders in quality and innovation. For more information, visit phoenixbassboats.com.

"Angler's Port Marine has a friendly and knowledgeable staff that make the boat buying process a breeze and their service after the sale is top-notch," Newcomb said. "I highly recommend you check out Angler's Port the next time you're in the market for a new or used boat."

In addition to Newcomb, Angler's Port team of pro anglers includes tournament top dog Dennis Berhorst and local up-and-comer Brad Jelinek – both of whom are avid Phoenix enthusiasts, plus more than two dozen local and national fishing pros.

Angler's Port Marine sales and marketing director Don Schlesselman credits owner Klaus Fink's love of fishing and years of product development and engineering experience as key factors in the company's growth and commitment to quality.

"Klaus' focus is to create a place where fishermen and boaters can receive the guidance needed to buy the right boat for their lifestyle," Schlesselman said. "And then provide them with exceptional service over the life of their boat."

Likewise, Phoenix Boats' reputation for cutting-edge engineering and customer satisfaction makes it a brand Angler's Port is proud to represent.

"We took on the challenge of bringing Phoenix bass boats into this area because they are designed by fishermen for fishermen," Schlesselman said. "Simply stated, they are the best riding high-performance fiberglass bass boats on the market today."

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AN INSIDE LOOK INTO

TOURNAMENT FISHERMAN

Brad Jelinek and Brock Reinkemeyer



It's hard to believe that 29-year-old Brock Reinkemeyer and 27-year-old Brad Jelinek only started fishing together four years ago. To most of us tournament anglers it seems as they have been fishing together, winning a lot of tournaments, and finishing in the top ten for a lot more years than that.



Brock was raised in Lee's Summit Missouri. When he had time, he would fish as often as possible at Lake Lotowana, a seven-acre lake in the Kansas City area. Brock's dad had a lake house on Truman Lake. When he was twelve years old, he would go to Truman Lake with his dad to fish for spoonbill, white bass, crappie, and bass.

At age 17, he moved to Warsaw, MO and joined a local bass club. Brock attributes his learning of the seasonal patterns, baits, and electronics from the bass club. His club fished a lot of small lake tournaments and according to him, he was terrible. He then started fishing larger lakes and his learning from six years with the bass club and fishing smaller lakes really began to click and he started to catch fish consistently and somewhat predictably.

Brad was raised in Kansas City with his mom and his dad lived in Warsaw, MO and has guided on Truman Lake for 27 years. Brad was a very good baseball player and as he said, baseball was his thing. He would go fishing at local lakes when his baseball games were rained out. At age 15, Brad moved to Warsaw, primarily because there was a good baseball coach that he wanted to play for and learn from. Brad played most of the time at shortstop but also played all in field positions. He played college baseball at Central Missouri State College and at William Jewell college.



Brads dad and his uncle, both fishing guides as Brad to take some guide trips. He guided during college to make some money doing 100 plus guide trips per year. His guide trips then and now are for crappie and white bass. He does not do bass trips, primarily because of the competitive nature of bass tournaments and as many anglers know, Truman Lake can be finicky and hard to catch on Truman. Brad and his dad would fish night tournaments on Truman to make money when the guide business was slow. Brad has guided now for 7 years.

Brad and Brock competed, mostly on Truman Lake, Brad fishing with his dad

and Brock with his partner Brad Slavens. Both teams won consistently and regularly finished high in the standings competing.

In August of 2018 Brock approached Brad to fish tournaments together. Their first tournament fished together was in January of 2019, fishing the Bassing Bob Winter Bass Challenge. Brad and Brock went on to have great success together including back-to-back Winter Bass Challenge Series Championships in 2020/2021 series and this year's 2021/2022 series.

They have continued to have great success, targeting big tournaments with

the best pay-outs. They fish every tournament they can, Anglers in Action, Joe



Bass, OMTT, MLF Toyota Series and BFL, having achieve team and individual





success. Brad qualified and will be fishing this years Major League Fishing All-American tournament, one of the biggest accomplishments to achieve as an individual angler and Brock won the Major League Fishing Toyota Series, three-day event on Lake of the Ozarks this past March, one of the most difficult and competitive tournaments in the country.



Brad and Brock both cited, finishing second place in the Joe Bass tournament championship in 2019 which qualified them for the B.A.S.S team championship,



the most prestigious and competitive team tournament in the country, which they won, is what has given them the confidence to fish and compete well with any anglers, whether solo tournaments or team tournaments.

They fish tournaments often at Table Rock, Truman Lake, Lake of the Ozarks, Grand Lake, and others. They said they try to learn something new from each lake they fish. When they practice, they practice separately, checking different areas of the lakes, trying to find fish. When they collaborate before a tournament, they compare notes and only want to fish areas of the lake, the patterns and baits that caught big fish during practice, not numbers or not even limits, catching big fish in practice is how they decide where and how to fish on tournament day.

On Lake of the Ozarks when they started doing very well, they fished the river area of the lake often as they grew up fishing the river area a lot from their homes in Warsaw. That river bite however can be very finicky and sensitive to weather conditions. Over the past couple of years, they have worked hard to learn all the other areas of the lake, fishing and being on the water as much as possible, their hard work on the water has paid off as they win and compete well on any stretch of this lake and are very versatile with bait and techniques. Going into a tournament with an open mind and let practice inform them on how to fish the tournament. They indicated that they don't often catch their big bags of bass fishing the same spots.

Favorite Baits and Locations based on Time of Year

Spring: Motion Fishing Baits black n blue 1/2 oz. or 3/8 oz. jig or white and chartreuse spinner bait in any of the river areas of the lake, also crank baits like the wiggle wart and square bill.

Summer: From Glaize to dam, long Texas rigged worms, , 3/4 oz. Zoom Swim Bait, 3/4 oz. football head jig with chigger craw trailer and Reaction Innovations Spicy Beaver, fishing cover and points. Later in the summer big worms and jigs.

Fall: Fishing shallow from bank to six feet of water, following the shad from Tan Tara to the 80 mm. Fishing shade of docks with the Motion Baits Jigs and 6th Sense Divine Shaky Head with a worm. Also try top water baits and square bill crank bait.

Winter: Stick Baits, a-Rig and Finesse Jig fishing cleaner water, Shawnee Bend to Dam, Lower Glaize, Tan Tara to Hurricane Deck Bridge. Western Clown colored stick bait, natural brown jig with a zoom speed craw trailer, A-Rig with 6th Sense Power Swimmer. Looking for rock transitions, creek channel banks and channel swings.

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Brad and Brock would like to thank their sponsors to help them out and keep them fishing. Pro's Choice, Anglers Port Marina, Triton Boats, Phoenix Boats, Motion Fishing, Trophy Bass Company, 6th Sense Baits, Jellifish Crappie Baits, Minnow Buckets and Apparel and Lews.

A special thanks to Bobby Roberts who introduced Brad and Brock.



Keys to Success

1. Chemistry fishing together as a team.
2. Trusting in each other and trusting how and where they plan to fish on tournament day.
3. Confidence in each other, practice days and tournament days.
4. Fishing different baits on tournament day unless some bait or pattern is just out fishing the other.
5. Getting along with each other both on and off the water, they are great friends.
6. Learning from practice whether to fish deep or shallow and trust their decisions.
7. Know when to pull the pattern on an area, but just expand in that same area.
8. Know when to pull the plug in an area and drive several miles to another area of the lake.

TINCUP® Whiskey Announced as Latest Major League Fishing Sponsor

The Mountain Whiskey Brand Becomes Official Sponsor of Bass Pro Tour, Exclusive Whiskey of Major League Fishing MLF5

TULSA, Okla. – Major League Fishing (MLF), the world's largest tournament-fishing organization, announced today a sponsorship agreement with TINCUP Whiskey, one of the fastest-growing brands within the whiskey category. The agreement ensures that TINCUP will be showcased across multiple MLF tournament circuits and through exclusive digital content, as well as an official sponsor of the Bass Pro Tour and the Exclusive Whiskey of the MLF5. TINCUP, The Mountain Whiskey, is proud to support the growing outdoor sport of fishing and MLF given the dynamic and challenging nature of the sport, as well as the powerful bonds that are formed between participants in its pursuit.

"This sponsorship agreement reinforces the marketability that professional bass fishing offers," said MLF President and CEO Jim Wilburn. "The popularity of our

sport continues to grow, and the involvement of the TINCUP whiskey brand reinforces this. The passion and loyalty of fishing fans in this country is something that TINCUP recognizes and plans to embrace. MLF is the unquestionable leader in the industry, and this alliance solidifies our commitment to bringing the sport to mainstream America."

TINCUP will be prominently featured at all Bass Pro Tour, Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit, Toyota Series and Phoenix Bass Fishing league tournaments and will be showcased with the TINCUP Whiskey Winning Moment, which takes place at each Pro Circuit tournament. The Mountain Whiskey will also be seen across MLF's various media platforms including MajorLeagueFishing.com, the MLF NOW! live stream broadcasts, the MLF social media outlets and MLF Bass Fishing magazine. TINCUP is also slated to be

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"COMC is very excited to be in Laurie and to have the opportunity to serve both in the clinic and in the community! states CEO, Kelly Killer. We will be providing comprehensive services to Laurie and the surrounding communities that truly focus on the total healthcare needs of the community, as well as providing outreach services that include insurance applications, prescription assistance, help locating resources for housing, electricity, food, and any other needs to ensure our patients have what they need to be

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COMC offers a wide range of services based on the needs of the communities. We pride ourselves on offering high quality medical, dental, and behavioral healthcare regardless of insurance status. We accept Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, and self-pay based on a sliding scale.

COMC offers medical services to adults, infants, and children. Specialty services are available and include obstetrics and gynecology, women's health, mental health, geriatric health, pediatrics, and sports medicine. Our school-based clinics in Waynesville, Osage Beach, and Eldon provide year-round healthcare to students, parents, faculty, and staff.

The health center also operates dental clinics in Richland, and Camdenton. In February 2022, we will be adding dental services to our Eldon location which will be open to the entire community. COMC provides complete dentistry for the entire family. Our mission is to maintain healthy and beautiful smiles and to provide the highest quality dental care to keep your

smile looking and functioning at its best. At all locations we accept Medicaid and Managed Care for kids, pregnant women, and adults.

Our dental team serves the local community with state-of-the-art facilities providing a wide variety of services whether a routine cleaning, urgent care, or anything in-between. In addition, our Mobile Dental Clinic offers dental care and oral health awareness to over 23 schools, and we also reach out to assist patients that would otherwise have to travel a long distance to reach a dentist and those located in isolated, rural communities.

We are very proud of our new Mobile Medical Unit which delivers comprehensive care to COMC's most rural communities as well as providing outreach activities. The unit offers us the opportunity to expand access to the care of our community by supplying our services and removing possible barriers to receiving care in one of our regular clinic sites. Currently the MMU rotates each week between Waynesville, Crocker, Plato, and Tuscumbia.

As we grow, please consider joining our team as numerous positions will be available. Go to our website to review openings both current and future under our career tab, and check out www.Indeed.com.

Should you have questions, please contact Constance Hoffman, Marketing and Public Relations Manager for COMC at 417-344-0699. Watch our website and Facebook page for up-to-date information on our opening date and events.

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COMC staff members are committed to leading the way to healthy communities. Our services include:

- Primary Care
- Obstetrics
- Pediatrics
- Behavioral Health
- Women's Health
- Senior Health
- Sports Medicine
- Dental Care



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