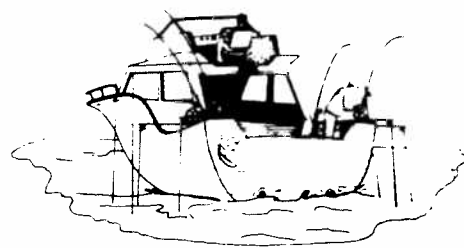




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Excellent Catches of Trout & Salmon Expected 1st RESEARCH TRIP – MAY 7

The Detroit Area Chapter of MSFFA will hold its first boat research trip on the St. Clair River May 7th. Boats will put in at Deckers Landing.

Saturday night festivities, including cocktails, dinner and good talk will be planned. Don't miss the excellent salmon and trout fishery that is just being found out about.

Marine City is the "Hot Spot" now and according to the experts, May 7th will be even better at Deckers Landing area of the river.

For details contact Larry Serafin 537-6926. We have to plan on how many for dinner Saturday night, so call and let us know.

Have your wives meet you there. Sorry fellas....

FISHING BOAT RAFFLE DRAWING

April 27, the monthly meeting of the Detroit Area Chapter, MSSFA will raffle off a 1977 16 ft. Starcraft "Fishermen" – with 25 HP '77 Johnson, fully equipped with the newest Aqua Scope Model 1300, straight line graph, Luhr Jensen long arm downriggers. Tickets will be on sale at the meeting, 3 for \$1.00.

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2. Have your fish certified by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

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SAGINAW CHAPTER vs. DETROIT CHAPTER IN LAKE TROLLING TOURNAMENT – May 14th

The Saginaw Chapter has challenged the Detroit Chapter of MSSFA to a day of lake trolling to see who can catch the most trout and salmon.

They'll be meeting at Tawas Point at Jerry's Marina on Saturday morning, May 14th. It is not necessary to sign up – just be there and help support your chapter by adding your catch to the weigh in at Jerry's around 4 PM.

Look for the handout at the meeting which will give list of DNR offices and fish species and present records.

Remember – you must have your fishing license with you when you sign up.

1st DETROIT CHAPTER TOURNEY IN TAWAS – April 23rd

Saturday, April 23rd marks the first Detroit Area Chapter boat tournament. The next tournament will be held May 28 at South Haven. Contact Bob Rutt – 644-1206 for details.

If any member wishes to participate in the tournaments, but does not have a boat, contact Bob Curtis, 397-0377, for Tournament Fishing Partners.

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COMING EVENTS

- April 29 — April Membership Meeting at Troy Hilton
- April 30 — 1st State MSSFA Tournament in Michigan City
- April 30 — Trout — Opening Day
- May 7 — 1st Research Trip — Chapter — St. Clair River
- May 14 — Saginaw vs. Detroit Chapter Trolling Tournament in Tawas Bay
- May 15 — Pike — Opening Day
- May 25 — May Membership Meeting at Bonnie Brook
- May 28 — Chapter Tournament in South Haven
- May 28 — Bass — Opening Day
- May 31 — Memorial Day

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 April 27, May 25, June 29,
 July 27, August 31,

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The popular chapter Fishin' Partner Service has been activated again now that the trolling season has begun. This service is another of the benefits included in your Detroit Area Chapter membership package.

All names on file from last year have been scrapped and we'll start over again. Stream fishermen, beginning trollers and non-boat owners (any member) can sign up for free fishing trips on the big lakes for big fish.

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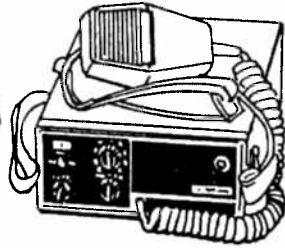
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ENGLISH FLY RODS INVADE MICHIGAN STEELHEAD STREAMS

by John Hawkins

I was touring the aisles of my favorite sporting goods store in search of new and unique fishing items when a barrel full of assorted rod blanks made me come to an abrupt halt. Among the popular gold-colored blanks were a half of dozen, vaguely familiar, blue-gray rod blanks. A closer look revealed that my suspicions were true and these long, mat-finished blanks were definitely of English origin.

I had traveled through the British Isles a few years earlier and had noticed that English fly rods varied from our own. The English prefer long, limber fly rods, at least 9' for trout and 12' for salmon. My immediate reaction was to write off their technique as die-hard English tradition but a little research revealed some startling and practical answers. It seems that almost all English trout and salmon streams have scaggily bushes lining the banks. The angler therefore uses a long fly rod to keep the line and the fly well above these fly-intercepting bushes. Therefore, a fly rod in England for a 5 weight line would be 10' whereas the US counterpart would only be 7 or 7½'. And a 10' fly rod for a 5 weight line is a very limber rod.

The color of the rod is vitally important to the English fisherman. The angler believes that the color of the rod should

match the color of the sky so as not to spook the fish when the rod is flexing back and forth over the fish's head. Since it rains or is overcast in the British Isles more often than not, a blue-gray colored rod is ideal. Should the sun decide to shine, the rods have a mat finish which prevents sun reflection from spooking the fish. Therefore, rods with a high gloss finish are virtually non-existent in the UK. I came away with the idea that maybe these people know something that we don't. After all, they have been at it longer than we have. However 9' and 10' fly rods for 5 and 6 weight fly lines in Michigan just did not seem practical to me and I continued my trek through the store.

My second encounter with these English blanks took place a few months later during the steelhead run. Among the throngs of fishermen below Tippy Dam were 6 steelheaders flailing the familiar blue-gray English blanks that each had made up into a spinning rod. A spinning rod on a fly rod blank? It seemed unorthodox but after a conversation with 2 of the fishermen I was told that the 10' 5 weight English fly rod blanks are very conducive to fishing 4 lb. test line for steelhead and make excellent spinning rods. Everyone knows that light line fishing for steelhead is the best way to go but not all spinning rods can be used with light line. It appears that our English cousins, through their efforts to produce suitable fly rods in their own land, have indirectly produced the perfect

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SPRING SHAKEDOWN

by Jim Boyer

Spring, ah Spring. Its the time of year to forget the long, cold winter just past and to look forward to the warm days that are just around the corner. It's time for the trout opener, and for getting the boat out of mothballs and ready for another great year of lake trolling. This year, during the warm spell the last week in March, found a lot of us busily working to get our boats ready to meet the first warm Spring breezes of April, Sometime after midnight on April 2nd, mine was finally ready for her Shakedown cruise on the St. Clair River. My crew arrived promptly at 7 am and, amongst all the good-natured bantering that goes along with high expectations, we were off for a day of fishing.

After picking up Tom Schneider and following him and his new boat to Decker's Landing we finally put in and made the invigorating run up-river to Marine City. A quick glance at the graph indicated about 25' of water so the downriggers were dropped to 8'-15' and we were finally fishing for the first time this year.

Time went by very quickly as we were sitting back enjoying the beautiful Spring day and renewing friendships on the radio, but when the first down-rigger went off my mate was right there ready for the long awaited battle. After a short hard-fought battle and superb net handling by the captain, our first catch of the year was finally put into the box, a beautiful 6oz. clam. After resetting the line, a lot of ribbing, and a dose of "Snake Bite" medicine, we were again ready to do battle with those finney creatures of the deep. This time we didn't have long to wait, as within a few minutes we had a fine silvery coho to add to our growing collection.

After this, the fishing slowed to the point that even Jim on the Pequod II wasn't picking up anything. But with the warm spring sun shining no one really minded. Finally, as the mid-afternoon sun was causing the shadows to creep out onto the river and the breeze was starting to pick up, another nice coho "jack" was put into the box and we reluctantly pulled out lines for the



Jim Boyer's spring catch from the St. Clair River area.

run back to Deckers.

As soon as the boats were put snugly back on their trailers we retired to the lounge to compare notes and enjoy a little libation, as is sometimes done at the close of a fine day on the water. After talking to the "Corkie-Man", Tom Schneider, and Howard Mills we found that almost all of our fish were taken on Krocidiles and Little Cleos, 15 — 25 pulls behind downriggers 8' — 18' down. You must fish close to, or even right over the drop-off between 10' and 25'. The best color was blue and chrome followed by chartrouse and red

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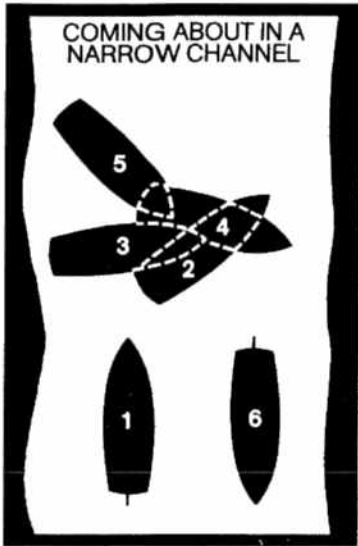
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**TROUT AND SALMON
PLANTINGS
MATURING IN 1977**

RIVERS	Type of Fish
Boardman	5,094 Steelhead
Platte	87,600 Steelhead 500,000 Coho
Betsie	10,044 Steelhead
Manistee	60,000 Steelhead 250,000 Chinook 200,000 Coho
Little Manistee	402,000 Chinook 400,000 Coho
Pere Marquette	500,000 Coho
Muskegon	35,600 Steelhead 5,000 Browns
Grand	300,000 Chinook 100,000 Coho
Black	30,000 Steelhead 10,000 Browns
St. Joseph	20,000 Steelhead 10,000 Browns 201,000 Chinook 200,000 Coho
Ocqueoc	5,064 Steelhead
Thunder Bay	30,000 Steelhead 60,000 Browns
AuSable	36,660 Steelhead 401,000 Chinook 200,000 Coho
Tawas	5,000 Steelhead 10,000 Browns 75,000 Coho
AuGres	57,000 Steelhead 175,000 Chinook
Rifle	65,000 Steelhead
Huron & Detroit	10,160 Steelhead 501,000 Chinook 200,000 Coho

**LAKES GOT
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More than 26 million hatchery reared fish were released in the Great Lakes in 1976. Lake Michigan received 47% of the fish, Huron and Erie each received about 3.5 million.

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Major species planted included 7.4 million lake trout, 6.7 million chinook salmon and 6.2 million coho.

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Nearly 4 million of these will come from the Jordan River National Fish Hatchery. The rest come from the Pendill's Creek and Hiawatha hatcheries in the UP.

Lakes Michigan, Huron and Superior received 4.5 of the lakers this spring. Another 500,000 will go into Lake Ontario this fall. An estimated 200,000 surplus fish will be planted in the 3 upper lakes this fall.

**USE NUMBER ONE—
Time to oil the reels . . .**

by Don Calhoun

This is the time of the year when the Steelheader looks forward to the ice leaving the big lakes and wading into those cold streams. It is also the time of year when you should take a close look at the condition of your rod reels.

One thing you can do to get ready for spring fishing is to check your reel lubricant. I found after fishing the Platte River in minus eight degree weather, that the lubricant I was using just wasn't ready for the cold temperatures. After doing some investigation I believe I have found the solution for cold weather fishing in a new synthetic lubricant put out by the Mobil Oil Co. called Mobil One. This synthetic oil offers many advantages over conventional reel oils.

It's cleaner, lighter, smoother and more durable. Because it is a synthetic oil and not derived from crude oil, it keeps lubricating long after conventional oils would break down. In my reels I found the oil did not gum up or thicken when steelheading during cold temperatures. (Mobil states that it will still flow freely at temperatures up to -45) The reel operated with less friction and spun with ease. Another advantage is the oil has less of an odor which might transfer from reel to hand to spawn bag or wigglers.

This light oil, with its thin protective film, also performs well when used for lubricating downriggers, outriggers and other pieces of equipment on boats and trailers.

The coat of the oil may surprise some Steelheaders, as a quart runs approximately \$4. The quart, however, will last you for years as a little of this oil goes a long way. Because the amount required for reel lubrication is so small (only 3 or 4 drops from an eye dropper) I recommend, that several steelheaders split the cost of the oil among them.

So, it its time to rehaul or clean those favorite reels of yours, give number one a try!

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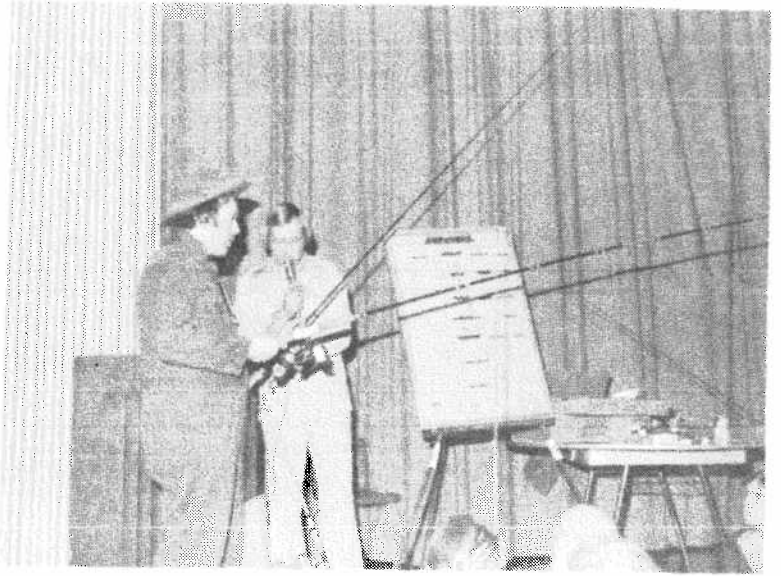
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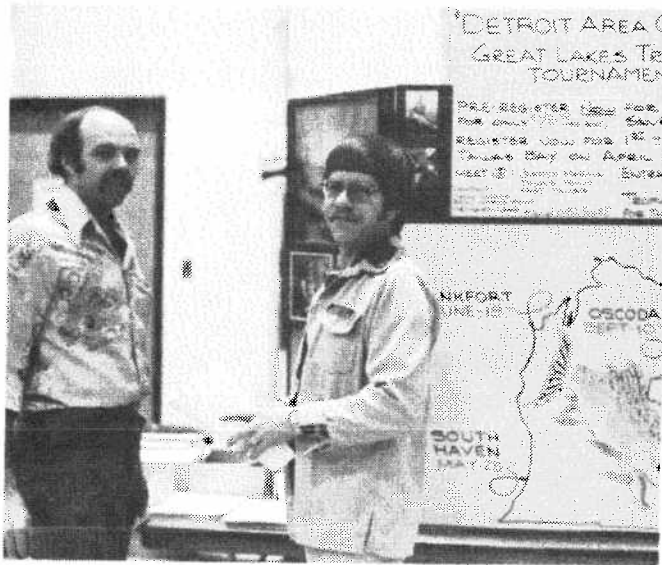
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KEEP THE SALMON UP NORTH

MY OPINION —

by John H. Beer

I was fortunate enough to be invited on some of the more successful MSSFA Detroit Area Chapter's salmon boats the last couple of years. I've also helped put my share of "Fish in the Box" (ask my wife what the new freezer did to our budget)

However, intuition tells me something isn't right. The fish planting priorities are not in order; part of the program seems to be off on the wrong track....

Listen to this! What if we kept the salmon up North. How would it be if we stopped the salmon planting program in Lake Erie, St. Clair, and the Detroit River, effective immediately!

This area is presently a world famous fishing holes for other game fish. The "Almighty Salmon" is not native to these waters. I'm afraid the existing species are being neglected, while much time and effort is spent in establishing "Salmon" in the Detroit River and adjacent waters.

The stocking programs over the last few years in the Detroit area have been unsuccessful and can be tagged as failures. No significant chinook catches have ever been reported despite the fact that many fishermen have put in much time and effort to "hook a chinook". Many have also returned from a fishing trip without so much as a "hit". I should know, I have experienced some unsuccessful trips of this nature during my fishing excursions.

Why not encourage stocking programs to promote fish that are native to the waters? The programs could include development of muskies, walleyes, pike and bass, whose survival rates are a proven fact. This also might be a little easier for fishermen with limited capital who can't afford the expensive salmon boats and equipment.

Imagine for a moment, if the salmon program were a success as evidenced at other salmon streams. Thousands of snaggers (oops! foul hookers) would descend on the area bringing with them all their litter and trash. Result: AuSable Many Times Magnified!

I suggest that the DNR use more of their revenue to promote the established species in the southeastern Michigan waters. If a continuing salmon program is necessary then the "Detroit Salmon" plantings should be confined to the lower southern end of Lake Huron. However, pro-

moting the established species of native game fish should take precedence. This would provide excellent salmon fishing within a short distance of Detroit for both the fishermen seeking the native game fish and the ones that specialize in salmon.

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by Jim Smith, Sr.

The Arrival of a Fishery

As I pulled into the DNR parking lot at Harrisville Harbor on Friday evening, July 23rd, 1976, I saw what promised to be a fine weekend. The skies were clear and the water calm. I was not to be disappointed.

Saturday morning July 24th dawned warm and clear. As I watched my boat "Jims Joy" slide gracefully into the mirror-like water of Harrisville Harbor, anticipation of a good day's fishing ran high among my crew. They were not to be disappointed. My crew consisted of Howard Bertram and Lee Nancarrow.

Having talked to Murph at Harbor Tackleland in Harrisville the previous evening, I took a heading of 110° as I cleared the harbor entrance. After a run of 10 to 15 minutes I was in water 100' deep. The call went out, "set lines". All 4 downriggers were set at depths from 90' to 100'. Within minutes after turning the chart recorder on, we were marking fish on the bottom. The number of fish we marked steadily increased and after approximately 45 minutes of trolling one of my crewmen hollered "fish on".

In the next three hours we landed 7 lakers and 1 small king, and then nothing. It was as if they had taken an extended coffee break. We could not buy a fish for the next 2 hours. As suddenly as they quit hitting they started again. In the next 2 hours we landed 4 more lakers and 1 small king.

We took a grand total of 13 fish for the day, 11 lakers (the largest 6 lbs.) and 2 kings for a great day of fishing. All the fish caught that day were caught with Fireplugs, Flutterspoons, and Mini Bosses in yellow and green. The Mini Bosses were run 12" behind a 000 chrome dodgers. Fireplugs were run behind dodgers and clean. Flutterspoons were run clean. All lures were run 20" to 30" behind the boat.

This one day of fishing is just an example of what Lake Huron has to offer in the way of fishing. Today Lake Huron has a great abundance of lake trout, splake, chinook salmon and very good populations of coho,

browns and steelhead.

1976 was the first year that lake trout were taken in catchable numbers. The fish weighed 3 to 6 lbs. on the average, and should weigh 5 to 8 lbs. this year, with all kinds of 3 to 9' lakers right behind them.

Harrisville, Au Sable Point (south of Oscoda), Tawas Point, and Grindstone City should all be hotspots for lake trout this year. I mention AuSable Point and Tawas Point because they are potential hotspots. Each has received large plantings of lake trout, especially Tawas Point. Both areas have received very little fishing pressure and are practically virgin fishing grounds.

In conclusion let me say that Lake Huron has as much potential if not more than Lake Michigan has or ever will have.

P.S. we also have better wind conditions.

LAKE HURON HOTSPOTS

Found to be good by:
Jim Smith, Sr.

ALPENA — Browns
Months - April, May - Fish the cement plant warm water discharge, the river mouth, and Sulphur & Scarecrows Islands.

HARRISVILLE — Chinook
Months - Mid-July to November
Start in deep water and work towards breakwall as spawning time nears.

— Lake Trout
Months - May to November - Fish outside the breakwall in May, then work towards deeper water till fall.

— Launch and camping facilities very good.

OSCODA — Chinook
Months - Late July to 1st of October - Fish off of Lakewood Shores water tower 70' to 100' in late July and early August. 35' to 70' mid-August to Sept. Fish AuSable River mouth area September to October.

— Lake Trout
Months - May to November - Fish AuSable Point area. (potential hotspot)

— Steelhead
Months - October thru May - Au Sable River, best Steelhead river in state.

— Launch and camping facilities excellent.

TAWAS — Coho
Months - Mid-Sept. to Nov. 1st - Fish from city dock to just south of the Tawas River, 15' of water and shallower.

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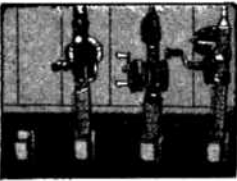
— Browns
Months - Mid-April to Mid-May and October - Fish from city dock to Tawas River. 6' of water and shallower (Potential hotspot)
— Lake Trout
Months — May to November - Fish Tawas Point area. (potential hotspot)

— Steelhead
Months - October - Fish same area as for coho and browns
— Launch adequate, camping excellent.


For the latest information on Lake Huron fishing contact the Detroit Area Chapter Hot Line. 291-8249

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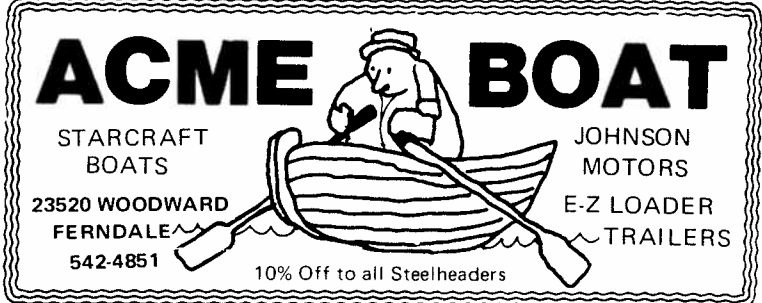
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DEATH IN CAPSIZING AND SHIPWRECKS

Next time you are in your boat, dip your hand upside. Even in summer and southern waters, the water will feel cool. That's because water robs you of body heat 20 times faster than air of the same temperature.

What if you went overboard because of a sudden catastrophe? The boat is swamped, or capsized, or worst of all sinks, You can't get out of that cool water. Cold water can be hazardous in long exposures and induces a condition called hypothermia, and it can kill you.

How cold does water have to be? Studies have shown that your body will lose precious inner core heat faster than you can generate it if the water temperature falls to a mere 73 °. Immersion would have to be prolonged but survival times shorten dramatically as water temperatures drop.

What happens when you go overboard? If the water is cool enough, there is immediate shock. Your heart pounds, your breath-

ing tightens. You will soon shiver, and your teeth will chatter; you may even suffer cramps, and aching joints. Within minutes of immersion, your skin temperature falls to within a few degrees of the water temperature.

Your "inner core" temperature falls more slowly, but it does begin dropping. If your body temperature should fall from the normal 98.6 to only 86 degrees, you will probably be unconscious. And you have a 50-50 chance of survival. If body temperature drops to 80 degrees, it will kill you.

It does take time—how much time depending on water temperature. Research shows that you would last about 15 minutes in near-freezing waters, close to 32 degrees. If it is 50 degrees, you couldn't swim a mile before succumbing. But you could last almost 2 hours in 50 degree water without a life jacket.

Why that difference? Because contrary to common belief, exertion does not increase your body warmth. When you are immersed in cold water, exertion

only accelerates the heat loss. Keeping your arms and legs moving to increase circulation only shortens survival time.

You can boost survival time to more than 5 hours if you adopt a trick dubbed "heat escape lessening posture", or HELP. Heat loss in the water is greatest from the neck, sides of the chest, and groin. You HELP yourself by hugging your arms to your chest and drawing your legs up under and in front of you.

Survival time in 60 degree water if you are wearing a life-jacket and adopt a HELP posture, rises to 5 hours and 57 minutes. You've increased your chances 2.6 times.

Another factor in survival is don't give up. Even though the odds seem insurmountable, hang in there. Be as cheerful as possible.

What if you happen to be able to rescue people who have been in cool water a long time.

People suffering from hypothermia have been conscious when picked up yet died shortly afterward.

1. Wrapping up a victim just insulates him from ambient warmth. He's sealed off from the warmer air, and his chilled body can't rewarm itself. You've just, in effect, put a cold body in a crude ice box.

2. If a damp towel is used for wrapping "convective cooling" becomes a factor. Call it wind-chill, if you prefer. The damp towel, in any kind of breeze actually cools by an evaporating effect.

BEST BET !!

A warm bath, with water between 100 to 115 degrees. Leave the limbs out of the tub. Warm the trunk first, the limbs can take care of themselves.

Without bath or shower do the best you can by taking off the wet clothes and out of the breezes and into dry clothing. Whatever you do try to raise the inner body temperature. Do not give anything orally, especially alcohol!

So remember! Don't exert yourself. Avoid swimming to shore unless conditions are ideal.

And stay with the boat. You'll be found much quicker.

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ENGLISH FLY RODS

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