

OSWEGOLAND FISHIN' FOOLS



FISHIN' LINE

May/June 2020

The Oswegoland Fishin' Fools is a multi-species fishing club. We meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Oswego Police Department located at 3355 Woolley Road in Oswego. The Community Room.

Visit us on the Web at: <http://www.fishinfools.org>

President's Ponderings



Hello Fellow Fishin' Fools, I just wanted to let everybody in on some exciting news for my wife and me. After much consideration, I have decided to take a transfer within the company I work for to a position in Southern

Illinois. With this means I will have to move down south and also step down as President of the club. Barbi and myself are looking at houses in Marion Illinois. Yes I do realize I will be 15 minutes from Crab Orchard or 20 minutes to Lake of Egypt or even yet only 30 minutes from my all-time favorite muskie lake, Lake Kinkaid. Another good part is we will be only 2 hours from our home on Kentucky Lake. As of 4/22 we have a firm signed contract on our house and are looking to close on 6/15. I want to tell you guys and gals what an absolute great honor

it has been to be a member and an officer in such a great fishing club with a fantastic bunch of friends. I have been a "Fool" since 2003 and have enjoyed myself ever since. I have seen many new members join and many pass on. We have had so many great outings together and I really don't think I can pick a favorite trip except for Winneconne, Kinkaid, Mississippi, Clinton, and don't forget Chetek or Jacksonville. Oh and Sturgeon Bay! I do plan on coming up to fish Winneconne and Crab Orchard later this year. I also will be renewing my membership for 2021 so that I can say that I am still a member of the best fishing club around, "The Oswegoland Fishin Fools" Until June, I will keep Pondering.

PrarieFest has been rescheduled to Labor Day weekend

Fish & Hook Show was rescheduled to February 20, 2021



FISH OF THE
MONTH

February

John Olivet



34" 14 LB Brown Trout Caught: Benton Harbor
Michigan Date: Feb. 15, 2020

If you have a favorite place to fish,
please share your spot and write a little
synopsis of what makes it special.
Send it to jjnieland@gmail.com



FISH OF THE
MONTH

March

Mark Lutz



16.5" Smallmouth Bass caught: Dupage River
with a jig & crawler off the bottom.
March 25, 2020

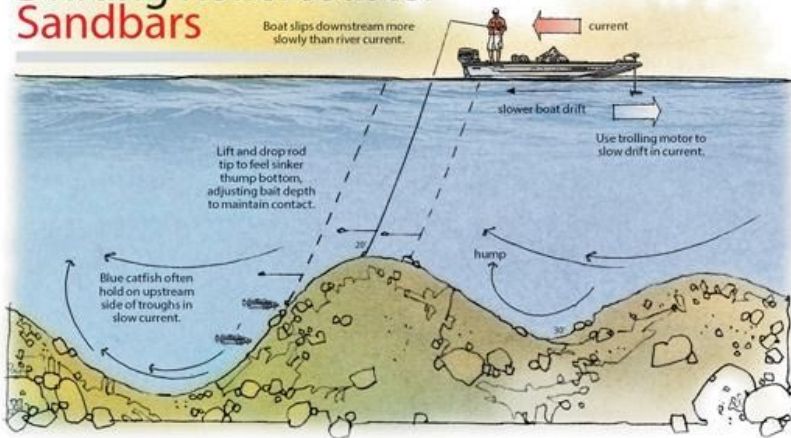
Your donation of aluminum cans and
batteries helps our club pay for speakers
and programs that benefit YOU! Please
be generous and DONATE!

Drift Fishing for Catfish by Danny Cossich

Drift Fishing is one of the most productive fishing methods for Blue Catfish. Drifting is not much different to trolling except the key to success is speed. If you drift too fast, you won't catch fish. Your speed should be between 0.5 mph and 1.0 mph. The idea is to keep your bait moving as slow as you can over potential areas that hold catfish like drop-offs or humps.

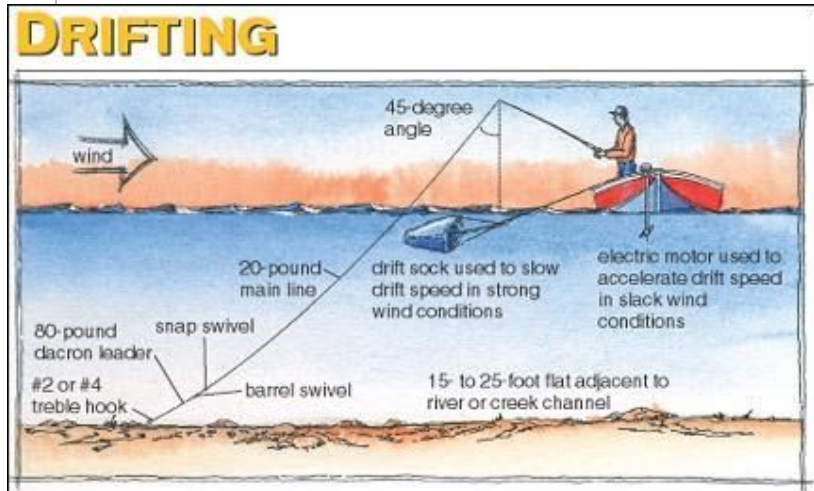
Use your charts and fish finders to help find these locations because just drifting over areas aimlessly will not be as nearly as productive.

Drifting Rollercoaster Sandbars



Also use your GPS to mark waypoints at your starting point and along the way when you get bites. That way you can mark the depth that you had the bites and repeat process to pinpoint a productive depth. Catfish are not always on the bottom and can be suspended. There are a number of catfish rigs that can be used for drift fishing and no right or wrong answer when how to rig for drift fishing. One of my favorite rigs to keep your bait in the strike zone is to use the Sante Cooper Rig using a slip sinker which I have discussed before. Drifting covers lots of water and puts your bait in front of a lot of fish. You can control your drift and direction with your trolling motor along with a number of other various methods like drift socks or dragging chains. If you have a stiffer wind, use two drift socks. Just be cautious during high winds, and wear your life jacket. There is also an advantage

to fishing on windy days. Windy days provide less



light penetration and provides an advantage to larger catfish to feed. The food chain gets mixed up on the windy side of the lake so don't forget to take advantage of this like other fish do.

Drift fishing can be used for any catfish, just be sure to use the correct bait for the right species. Catfish can often be scattered and hard to find in concentration in a small area. Drift fishing is an excellent solution to find the fish and help you learn to use your graph in the process.



For Those Seeking Toilet Paper

Upcoming 2020 Fishing Events

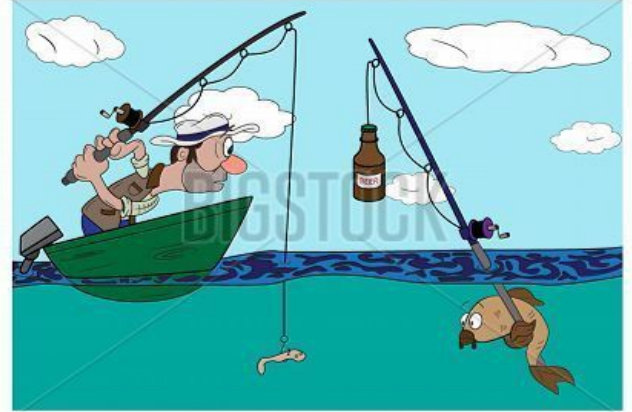
June 13th	Prairie Lake, Jim Edgar Panther Creek, Chandlerville, IL	Muskie
July 18th & 19th	Mississippi River, Pool 13, Savanna, IL	LM Bass, CatFish
August 15th & 16th	Illinois River, Ottawa, IL	Drum WhiteBass
September 19th & 20th	Winnebago Chain, Winneconne, WI Landing on the Wolf	SM Bass White Bass
Oct 25th	Crab Orchard West End Ramp Carterville, IL	Crappie

*We offer Tournaments to all members during Events when noted above. It's not required that you participate in the Tournaments. All Participants in the Tournaments are required to sign a Release of Liability prior to the tournament start and all Boat Owners are encouraged to carry boat Insurance

2020 Angler of the Year

Everybody is Tied for First.....

Got a great fish photo or story? Share it in our newsletter. Send photos and/or stories to the newsletter in care of Jeff Nieland at: jjnieland@gmail.com



Three guys are out fishing when Dave falls out of the boat and sinks like a stone.

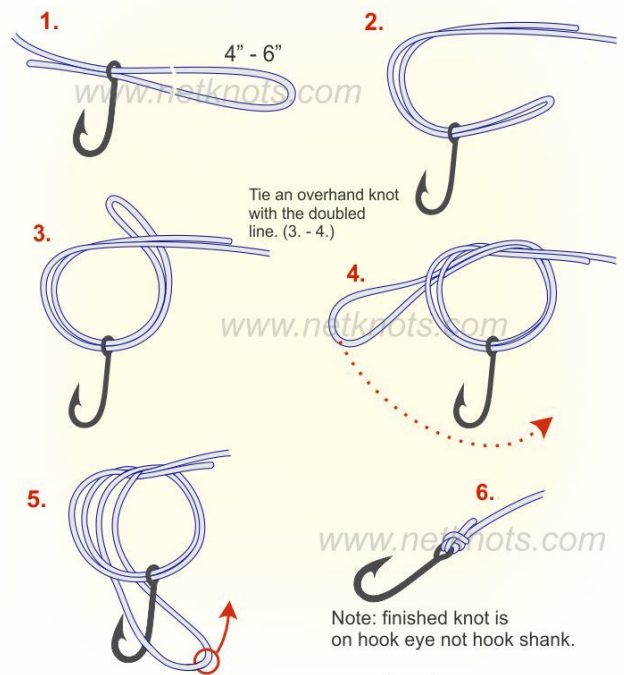
The two left start panicking and pull in their rods but one is caught on something.

Pull him up, pull him up, they both heave till he is in the boat and not breathing.

I know mouth to mouth yells Steve and gets right down to business administering first aid to their fallen buddy Dave. After a couple of minutes Steve has to stop and throws up over the side of the boat.

Wow man I don't remember Dave having such bad breath....And why is he wearing a snowmobile suit????

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