



There's No Fool Like A Fishin' Fool

## Fishin' Lines

May 2019

The Oswegoland Fishin' Fools is a multi-species fishing club. We meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Allied First Bank Building, 3201 Orchard Road, Oswego Visit us on the Web at: <http://www.fishinfools.org>

# OSWEGOLAND FISHIN' FOOLS



## May 6 Speaker, Mike Norris talks Big Green Lake

On Monday, May 6, the Oswegoland Fishin' Fools will welcome Mike Norris, pro fishing guide and outdoor writer/lecturer, to talk about fishing on Wisconsin's Big Green Lake. Mr. Norris has competed in numerous fishing tournaments and continues to be a consistent producer of quality fish. His secret? He finds the fish! Come find out how.

Non-members will be welcome with a donation of \$10 (which will be credited to annual dues if that person joins our club within the calendar year.)

## President's Ponderings

Hello fellow Fool's, I thought I would send this out again from a few years ago. I came up with a compilation of statements made from boaters' and non-boaters' comments. Hope you enjoy.



...Non-Boater: when you get to the ramp, check with the boater first to see if they want help in getting the boat ready to launch. Some boaters have a routine they use, and you don't want to throw them off and have a problem. Same with after fishing.

...Non-Boater: be ready to share expenses, gas, oil, tolls.

...Non-Boater: do not assume it is a smoking boat and vehicle. Be polite and ask permission first.

...Non-Boater: ask if you can drink and eat in your partners boat.

...Boater: do not assume your non boater partner has knowledge of working a boat.

...Non-Boater: don't be shy, if you need a bathroom break while traveling, just say something.

...Boater *and* Non-Boater: be polite and ask permission before changing any settings on graphs or borrowing their gear.

...Boater *and* Non-Boater: if you are new to fishing, be careful on how you cast. No Boater wants to have hook embedded into their seats or carpet and nobody wants to get hooked in the back of their head.

...Boater *and* Non-Boater: do not have threesomes, they are dangerous, when the boat is small.

...Boater *and* Non-Boater (Foursomes): swapping partners is okay, especially if your original partner is not catching any fish.

...Boater *and* Non-Boater: if something happens and you cannot go on your trip, let your partner know asap so that they can find somebody else to go with.

...Boater *and* Non-Boater: if your partner has to cancel, please be understanding, they wanted to go as bad as you did.

--Jim



## The old guide...

### Tom Cebula

After four years of study, I can safely say that one of the most reliable and consistent patterns for

catching good size bass right after ice out is by slow rolling a chatter-bait along the bottom of your local pond or lake.

There is even a good chance that it will be the biggest bass in the pond. There is something about

the vibration the bait makes that triggers strikes during this very cold-water period.

First off let's talk about the retrieve. If you just throw it out and wind it in, you will have very little success during this time of year. What will work in May or June will not work in March or early April. I would liken the retrieve more like working a jig or plastic worm. That is, moving the bait with the rod tip just fast enough to feel the vibration of the blade, and using the reel only to take up the slack. This is very important. Strikes at this time of year will be very soft if at all. Sometimes your line will go sideways, other times you may just get a feeling of



weightlessness. Set the hook on anything that feels different!

To get started, you will need perhaps three different colors of baits to represent different types of forage. I would have either a white or white/chartreuse with a swimbait trailer and either a gold or silver blade. This would represent a shad or shiner. Next would be a green pumpkin with black blade.



This would be a good crawfish or bluegill imitator. On this I would hang a Rage Claw chunk on a matching color. One of my favorites has been Okeechobee craw. One other color of Chatter bait that I have a lot of confidence in is a bluegill or



breem pattern. All my baits by the way are 3/8 ounce. This weight allows me to throw the bait a long way yet allow for a very slow presentation. I fish these baits on a 6.5 or 7 foot bait casting rod with either 12- or 14-pound test fluorocarbon or mono.



I started catching them this year a day after ice out, and so far my three biggest have been an 18", a 20.5" and a 21" all from different ponds. Here (in this article) are pictures of these three fish, and one of the lures I use.



### Say it in Pictures!

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## March Fish of the Month

### Tom Cebula



**Fish:** Largemouth Bass

**L:** 21", **Wt.:** 5-lb. +

**Lure:** Chatter-bait with Green Pumpkin Rage Crawler Trailer

**Location:** Local Pond

**Date:** March, 2019

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**Nice way to start the season Tom. Well done!**

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**Happy Earthday  
April 22, 2019**

# 2019 Fishin' Fools Event Calendar

# NOTES:

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| April<br>13, 14 | Clinton Lake, IL                          |
| April<br>27, 28 | Jacksonville, IL (non-tournament)         |
| May<br>28, 19   | Big Green Lake, WI                        |
| June 1, 2       | Braidwood                                 |
| July 13         | Spring Valley (Barto's Landing)           |
| July 14         | Ottawa (Allen Park)                       |
| Aug 17          | Prairie Lake<br>(Jim Edgar-Panther Creek) |
| Sep<br>28, 29   | Winneconne, WI<br>(Landing on the Wolf)   |
| Oct 12          | Lake Kincaid (Main Ramp)                  |
| Oct 13          | Crab Orchard Lake (West end ramp)         |

\*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.

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