



The Fishin' Line

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Collecting
Cans and Batteries



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>

Boat Insurance

Do you know exactly what your Boat Insurance Policy covers or doesn't cover? Do you have the right coverage for your needs? Not all policies are the same. Whether you already have insurance or you are planning to get new insurance, here are some good questions to ask when comparing coverage.

- Am I covered if I'm hit by an uninsured boater?
- What is the coverage for weather-related events, whether my boat is kept on the water or a trailer?
- Do you have actual cash value, agreed value or total loss replacement?
- Know what is covered by your Boat Policy and Auto Policy while the boat is being trailered.
- Is my fishing gear covered and what is included and excluded? Do I have enough coverage?
- What Inclusions or Riders are available? Boat Insurance Policies can cover more than just your boat such as medical payments, uninsured boaters, personal effects, on-water towing, pollution liability and tournament fee reimbursement and even pet injury coverage. Also, if you are going on Lake Michigan, is there a separate Rider required?

It will be worth the effort to shop around and find a Policy that meets your budget and needs.

Passenger Safety

Many times we go on fishing trips or just out for a pleasure ride, but do we think about what would happen if something happens to the Captain of the Boat? I can go on and tell you horror stories of captains that have drowned because the only other person on board did not know what to do in an emergency. It only takes a few minutes to show passengers or your fishing buddy where safety equipment is stored and how to use it as well as the proper procedure for calling for emergency assistance. Here are some Safety Briefing Bullet Points:

- Where life jackets are located and how to wear them properly.
- How to use the VHF Marine Radio
- Where to find the Visual Distress Signals.
- What to do if someone falls Overboard and where to find the throw cushion.
- How to stop the boat safely and any unique features of your boat.
- Where the anchor is located and how to stop and anchor the boat.
- That they need to follow instructions exactly and get out the way if something goes wrong and the boat operator has not asked for assistance.

Fish of the Month January 2012



Mike Griffin
16" Walleye

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 31-April 1	Lake of Egypt Event
April 21	Illinois River – Utica Event
May 19-20	Lake Jacksonville
June 16	PrairieFest Kids Fishing Clinic
June 22-23	Turtle-Flambeau, WI (or 28-29)
July 21 (Oswego)	Fox River Event and Picnic
Aug 18	Madison Chain of Lakes Event
Sept 22-23	N. Illinois Hunting & Fishing Days
Sept 29-30	Lake Shelbyville
Oct 20	Illinois River - Ottawa

Club News

March 5th Meeting

We will have a Swap Meet prior to our meeting. If you have anything you wish to sell or trade, bring it to the meeting. We will open the doors at 6:00 p.m.

Our Guest Speaker will be Bass Pro Shops Staff Member Marques Green speaking on Lake of Egypt.

Membership Dues

Membership Dues are now past due. If you haven't paid your 2012 dues, please see Jim Barton. The dues are still \$40 annually.

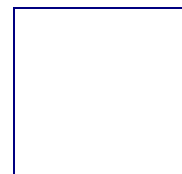
FISH OF THE YEAR

John Cox won the 2011 Fish of the Year with his 26 ½ inch Walleye. This is also the same fish that won him Fish of the Month for May. Congratulations John!



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