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Catfish Connections

The catfish community is a caring group of people. Month after month the evidence is clear. When a fellow catfish angler is faced with adversity in their life, someone always steps up to help.

I have witnessed those misfortunes and the corresponding responses time and time again. Houses have burned, tackle has been destroyed or stolen, life has been lost, dogs have been lost, or maybe someone was stuck on the water. Regardless of the situation, some catfish anglers always came to the rescue. I don't expect it to change in the future.

I believe that the positive and caring attitude of the majority of the catfish community will win out in the long run over the drama that occurs from a few. Let's stay optimistic and push forward. We all can contribute to the growth of the sport through our actions that often speak louder than words.

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We are extremely pleased to bring you this month's collection of catfish related content with a special emphasis on the women of the sport. We ask you to share this issue with your friends, relatives and other catfish enthusiasts. By doing so you just might help them catch more Catfish Now.

Fish with passion,
Ron Presley, Editor



Front Cover:
Amy Smith, an incidental angler in her youth has come to love tournament fishing. This nice channel cat is a testament to her ability to catch catfish.

CATFISH FEVER

by Ron Presley

The prescribed medication is more catfishing.



The term “newbie” didn’t last long to describe Gaffney, SC resident Lindsey Patterson as a cat woman. She caught the catfish fever on her first catfishing trip in May of 2017.

The dictionary defines “newbie” as an inexperienced newcomer to a particular activity. Change one word in that definition and you describe Lindsey as it relates to her catfishing today. She may still be considered a newbie to some, but inexperienced she is not. In the year that’s past since her first catfish trip she claims Lake Wateree, SC as her home waters; she has hit the tournament trail several times; and she has

With slightly more than a year as a catfish angler Lindsey claims her personal best as a 80-pound blue cat from the James River. Her second best is a 64-pound blue from Wheeler.

put some really nice blues and flatties in the boat.

It wasn’t that she never fished before meeting Benji Brown, she just didn’t target catfish before. Now catfish are definitely her favorite target.

“I grew up in a home of all girls,” recalled Lindsey. “My dad decided he

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wanted to take the oldest daughter (me) fishing. It soon became a regular event. Every Saturday dad and I would go fishing. He had me baiting my own hooks and cleaning my own fish. We didn't go for catfish though. We were fishing for bass and brim."

Targeting catfish started after she met Benji Brown. Benji is an avid catfish angler and it was probably a pretty good bet that he would try to pass his addiction on to Lindsey. It was just a few months after Lindsey and Benji met that he invited her to a tournament weigh-in. It was a Cabela's King Kat event at Lake Wateree.

"I was excited about attending," stated Lindsey. "I loved this stuff and it meant a lot that Benji wanted me to come and check it out. I had been seeing the pictures of these big catfish and I could not believe the size

Lindsey enjoys the travel associated with tournament fishing. Lindsey and Benji are shown here at the SeaArk Owners Invitational Tournament in Decatur, AL.
Daniel R. Parsons Photo

of them. But nothing compared to getting to see them up close and personal. Attending that weigh-in was very, very impressive. In my mind I was thinking, 'I want one.'"

A Date Night Fishing Trip

"It was the one and only Benji Brown that took me out catfishing for my first time," offered Lindsey. "I knew he was into the catfishing world and tournament fishing. It did not take long until we began to work our dating life around catfishing."

It was almost like Lindsey had a built-up passion for the sport that needed to



be released. It wasn't long after attending the King Kat weigh-in that Lindsey asked Benji if they could spend a day fishing on their upcoming date night. Of course, Benji obliged and the catfish couple took off for Lake Wylie and that now infamous day in May when Lindsey's catfish journey began and she caught catfish fever.

Memories of a Catfish Christening

Even after making the date-night request Lindsey was not sure what she was in for. Her experience with Benji, his love for catfishing, and her tolerance for fishing for catfish were about to be tested.

"I was nervous, to be honest," recalled Lindsey. "It had been years since I had been fishing and I knew it would be a trial and error type thing. Mainly, I didn't want to mess up anything. Catfishing was far different from any fishing I had ever done."

"Lindsey has become a heck of a fisherwoman," stated Benji. "When we first began dating, she knew that I had a passion for these whiskered fish and was eager to get on the boat to see what it was all about. I remember that the fishing was tough that first night and the fish were not biting as I had hoped."

Benji's hope was to find her a trophy catfish. He was not as satisfied about the trip as she was, but she didn't have anything to measure the trip against because she had never been catfishing before.

"It's like a big surprise just waiting for you."

"I know we caught a couple fish," continued Benji. "The biggest fish we caught was a 20-pounder and it was a monster in her eyes. She was completely fascinated and was definitely hooked from then on. I don't think she realized how that one trip to Lake Wylie would change her life forever."

"If I remember correctly, we caught a



Lindsey's personal best flathead weighed in at 28 pounds.

couple fish that night," confirmed Lindsey. "I was excited and impressed about the whole trip. Benji, not so much. He knew the spawn had started and the bite would be tough, but he still took me out fishing that night."

Since that first catfishing trip Lindsey has solidified her catfish passion with a personal best blue cat of 80 pounds and a personal best flathead of 28 pounds. That's a pretty impressive start for a "newbie" in her first year.

Final Thoughts

"Everything about the catfishing world fascinates me," declared Lindsey. "From the anglers who love to catch them to the creatures themselves. The group of men

and women I have met in the past year are some of the best people you could ever meet anywhere. They have the biggest of hearts to go with their passion for catfishing.”

“I love the opportunity to travel and try out new waters. Each new location offers its own challenges. It’s like a big surprise just waiting for you. Catfishing is kind of like when you’re a kid getting a toy out of the bottom of a cereal box. First you experience the fight of reeling him in, and then the challenge of getting the fish in the boat. You’re not sure what you’re about to pull out of the water.”

“There is nothing like the feeling you get when you see a big old catfish come to the surface. The adrenaline kicks in big time and the joy surfaces. I am usually laughing the whole time until we put him back in the water.”

“I am definitely on board with catch-photo-release (CPR),” said Lindsey. “It hurts my heart to see a big, slimy, ugly/ beautiful catfish not being released back into its waters. I beg everyone to practice CPR.”

“There’s nothing wrong with us gals getting our hands dirty,” suggested Lindsey. “I’ve never been one to mind it at all and that mindset carries over easily to catfishing. There’s a lot that has to be done while you’re out in the boat and in the time between fishing trips. I have found that being eager to learn new things is helpful. And most importantly, for us catfishing ladies, don’t forget a bucket for the boat for those long fishing days!”

“I believe everyone should try catfishing at least once in their life,” concluded Lindsey. “It’s definitely worth it. There is of course, the risk you run of getting hooked and catching catfish fever for life!”

Lindsey has made the journey from novice catfish angler to passionate and experienced catfish angler as a member of Team PoleKat while fishing from a SeaArk boat equipped with Warrior Cat Rods,



Day or night, it’s all fascinating to Lindsey. But she says she likes night fishing best

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 - Ron Presley

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Catfish Basics #043

Tournament Travel
Joyce Muse, Corinth, MS

Editor's Note: There are plenty of cat women that never wet a hook. That doesn't mean they don't support the sport. In fact, many of them are some of the best supporters and promoters the sport of catfishing has. Joyce Muse is a case in point. She has volunteered to help in many tournaments, doing whatever is needed. From keeping statistics to registering anglers, she has been there, done that as she accompanies her husband, Larry Muse, to catfishing events all over the country!



I want to begin by recognizing the women who do fish. They love what they do. Just ask some of the tournament fishing ladies like Teresa Owensby, Natalie Brooke Wilbanks, and so many other great fisher women. I would list more but I am afraid I would leave someone out. If you love to fish, join your husband and do it. You never know, you just might win some big money.

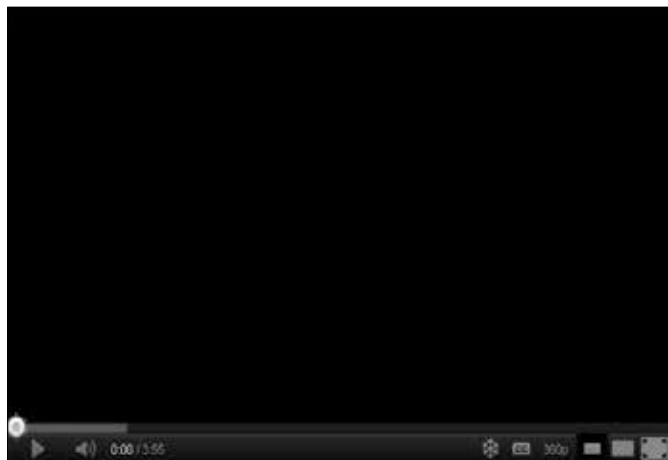
I can't be called an angler, but I am guilty of supporting my husband in the sport he loves. I have traveled to many different locations because of the tournaments Larry fishes.

One of my favorite tournament towns is New Madrid, MO. If the women of catfishermen go with their husbands and don't fish they should take advantage of where they are. New Madrid, for example, is a precious little town that offers a lot. The town turns out and supports the fishing tournaments. They have several old homes that you can tour, a museum, and even ghost tours in the fall.

Another of my favorite towns to tour is Richmond, VA. It is a beautiful city with Antebellum home tours. These are just two towns, think of the possibilities if you travel to the tournaments.

But the thing that really makes me travel with Larry is that he loves the support. I am always waiting for him at the weigh-in to take his picture with his fish. To us, even though I do not fish, these trips are our time together and it is cherished by us both.





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Catfish Profiles

in Passion: Teresa Owensby

by Ron Presley

From girly girl to tournament time

Teresa Owensby was a self-described girly girl in her formative years. That means simply that she dressed and behaved in a traditional feminine style using make-up, wearing dresses and blouses, and living the traditional gender role of a female. Then came marriage, a husband, and a family of three boys.

"My love for fishing started several years ago," explains Teresa. "I was a girly girl growing up, but marriage added three boys to the family. Tim and I wanted to bring them up hunting and fishing."

Every fishing trip that the family went on added memories to an outdoors existence that they continue to cherish each day. As time went on, and the fishing trips continued to grow in number, Tim talked Teresa into fishing a catfish tournament.

"We hooked not one but two, 25-pound blue cats that evening," recalled Teresa. "It was the biggest adrenaline rush I have ever felt. I never knew catfish could get that big. I was hooked and my passion was born."

"It was my husband, Tim, who inspired me to fish," continued Teresa. "The more I learned while fishing with him the more excited I got. He had patience with me and it really helped me enjoy our times out on the water. All those experiences created a 'Catbuster,' (me) who loves to chase monster fish."

"The name Catbusters came when we first started fishing the Hilljacks on the Chattahoochee River," explained Teresa. "We were trying to think of a good team name. We took the Ghostbusters symbol and put a catfish in there and called it Catbusters. The name became the Owensby catfishing team name and Teresa became more and more enthusiastic about

tournament preparation and participation.

"My specialty is preparing for the tournaments," offered Teresa. "I like catching bait. Some people may think it's work but I really enjoy it."

"We began fishing local tournaments and continue to do so. Our home water is the Chattahoochee River in east Alabama. Each tournament is an opportunity to learn and grow in the tournament world. After gaining experience on the local trails we now travel and fish other tournaments. I hope my future includes fishing as many tournaments as we can. We really enjoy it. Win or lose, we will always be chasing the big one!"

The Catbusters team has fished the Mississippi River Monsters tournament out of Memphis, TN where they claimed big cat honors in 2016. They have fished a couple of Winter Blues tournaments, some Tennessee River tournaments and a few Chattahoochee Hilljack Tournaments. They have also fished two SeaArk Tournaments.

"In one of the SeaArk tournaments our youngest son Hunter caught a 60-pound blue cat," recalled Teresa. "Ooooooh, that was a fun day!"

"I look forward to fishing new waters," acknowledged Teresa. "Tournaments allow us to compete and put our skills to the test. We don't always place, but we try to learn something new every trip and that's a win to me. By traveling we also have the opportunity to fish waters that hold bigger fish and try different techniques."

Teresa has enjoyed a lot of success in the world of catfishing, but her most precious memory is fishing a tournament with her dad, Russell Richards.

"My best day ever was when my dad caught a 72-pound blue during the



Mississippi River Monsters tournament,” recalled Teresa. “We were anchor locked and drifting bait back on current seams. Dad’s pole got a few small taps. Then down it went. I saw his pole bend to the water.”

“He went to reeling,” continued Teresa. “Then I said, ‘oh dad, you have a monster.’ About that time the fish came up and rolled. Seeing him reel that big fish in was awesome. He was so excited. I get very enthusiastic when we bring in big fish but the excitement my dad showed that day, and still shows today, is priceless. It is a memory that I will have forever.”

Teresa says she learned an important conservation lesson that day. After being placed in the livewell the big fish began to struggle. It did not appear to be doing well and she is a big proponent of proper fish

Teresa tournament fishes with her husband Tim under the team name of Catbusters. They are shown here on the morning of the 2018 SeaArk Owners Invitational Tournament out of Decatur, AL.

handling and care of trophy fish.

“We have a large livewell,” explained Teresa. “But we had a big fish that was struggling to live. We didn’t expect to have any issues, but we learned that for traveling long distances we needed a water recirculating system. Because of what we learned that day we have one now. But the bottom line is that the big girl did survive.”

Beyond what anglers can do with respect to conservation, Teresa believes that states have a role to play in protecting





Teresa is shown here with her personal best 58-pound blue catfish caught on Wheeler Lake in Alabama.



trophy catfish and their actions are a mixed bag at the present. Some states are aggressive in protecting catfish populations while others do very little.

"If all states would regulate the fish being taken I feel the sport of catfishing would grow to an even bigger level," states Teresa. "I really wish we had regulations across states everywhere. It takes many years for fish to grow into the monster fish that we all enjoy catching. It is up to states individually and in partnerships to protect

"It was the biggest adrenaline rush I have ever felt."

Teresa considers fishing with her dad, Russel Richards, at the 2016 Mississippi River Monsters tournament out of Memphis as her best day ever. Team Catbusters won big fish honors with a 72-pound blue cat caught by Russell.

the trophy cats."

Teresa also has a special affection for fishing with kids. She does it for her own enjoyment as well as for making anglers out of them. She has a few tips for making fishing trips with kids successful.

"I fish with kids often," offered Teresa. "It's fun to watch their excitement. Some are eager to hold them and some not so much, but they are equally proud of their





catch. It's very important to be patient with them and brag on how good they are doing. Don't press too hard and burn them out, especially if the fish are not biting. They just need to have a good time. I enjoy it when kids show an interest in fishing. Having fun, making memories, and creating future fishermen/fisherwomen is what fishing with kids is all about."

Family comes first in Teresa's list of priorities. Her passion for fishing runs a close second to her passion for being a great mom and that's the way she wants it.

"I would really like to be remembered as a great mom, wife, fisherwoman, and for helping others when I can," offered Teresa. "Like fishing tips for example. I don't mind giving friends fishing tips. It is a reciprocal thing. I get a lot from my friends that helps me along the way. I hope I am remembered for keeping a good attitude and being a

Teresa credits her husband, Tim, for introducing her to the sport of catfishing and all the fun that comes with it.

great sport to fish with or against. I feel laughter and fishing go hand in hand. If you laugh and have fun it makes for a great day even when the fish don't bite."

"Tim knows that he created a fishing monster," joked Teresa. "But he loves me anyway. I would like to thank him for being the fishermen that he is and for introducing me to the sport. I have been addicted ever since the first rod went down and I will continue as long as my hands can hold a fishing pole."

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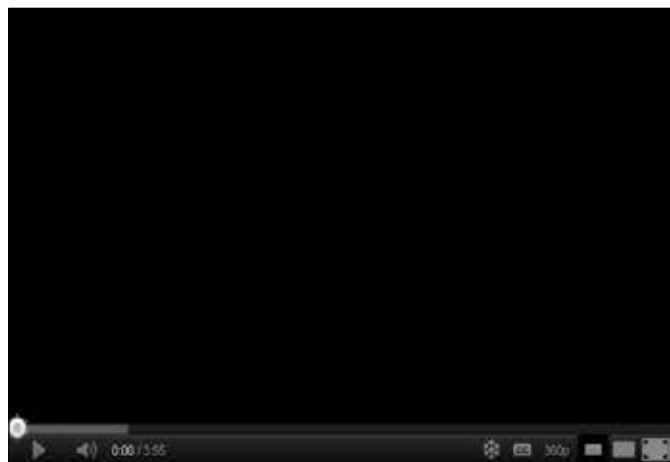
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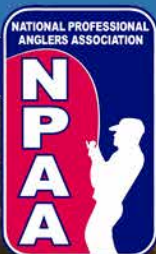
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Catfish Gear #006 — SeaArk Boats

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Tabitha Linville and Justin Conner operate their Catfishing Duo Guides Service with a Procat 240. They have been fishing from a SeaArk since 2012.

"SeaArk boats are tough and are built



for life," offered Tabitha. "They are stable on the water and handle rough waters with ease. Ours has a 80-gallon livewell that is plenty big enough for several big fish. One of our favorite features is the self draining bow and the walk thru windshield that protects us from the elements. Importantly, as guides, there is plenty enough room for us and our clients on the Procat240.

Their durability and customer service are very important to longtime owner Tim "Doc" Lange. Lange has been a SeaArk owner since 2009. He is shown in the photo at the recent SeaArk Owner's Invitational Tournament out of Decatur, AL. More than 350 anglers from 22 states enjoyed the hospitality, good food, and friendly competition of the much anticipated annual owners tournament. It is just one more benefit of owning a SeaArk.

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Women and Catfishing

by Brad Durick

Guiding women on a catfish outing is always fun and rewarding



The women I know who like catfishing don't just like it, **THEY LOVE IT!**

It's no secret that catfishing has the reputation of being a man's sport, but that reputation is changing. There are a few women in catfishing and that number is growing for sure.

Over the years I have guided just about every demographic you can imagine but many of the trips that are memorable are when women and girls come with me.

Many women who end up in my boat are wives or girlfriends. They probably came along for the ride. Catching fish is exciting to them but more often than not the day starts

This teenage girl has always been all in on fishing. She gets right in to baiting hooks and holding fish.

out with the proclamation, "I am not holding one of those ugly things!" I will let you in on a little secret—they usually do before the trip is over.

I recall one couple in particular. It was one of my first years in business and they had joined me for an evening on the river. The trip was a birthday present from the girlfriend to the boyfriend. It was made very clear from the start that she would not be holding any



fish.

Well, the first fish of the day was a true monster. She was hooting and hollering while fighting the fish but when it got in the net she would not hold it. Finally, after both the boyfriend and I had tried to get her to hold it he picked the fish up and said, "Then I will hold it and tell everyone I caught it."

She almost pushed him out of the boat to get the fish, held it tight, and smiled wide for the camera.

Another time, a family from Iowa visited me for a couple days. The mom made it clear that she was not touching a fish. Well, after her eight-year-old daughter caught a big cat and held it proudly for the camera, mom, not to be outdone, had to change her tune and

"...if they experience some success they will probably grow up to be a woman who fishes."

This gal was just along for the ride and caught this monster. She is one of the few I have not convinced to hold the fish.

hold a catfish too.

In both of these cases the women survived and had a great time on their fishing trip.

Fishing with Little Girls

I especially enjoy fishing with families that bring little girls along. I like it because they tend to have a lot of fun. Also, I suspect that if they experience some success they will probably grow up to be a woman who fishes.

Little girls, like the one mentioned above, seem to be afraid of fighting the fish and the rod at the start but quickly get over that. They are so fearless when it comes to touching and holding the fish that it is amazing. In my experience, little girls tend to be less skittish of fish than many teenage boys.

Young girls, before they are 13 or 14, tend to show pure joy when they are into a





fish. They enjoy cutting the bait and putting it on the hook. They pet the fish and when it comes to photo time they generally just give it a big hug that makes a great photo.

One thing I have noticed over and over through the years is that when females hit the age of 13 or 14 years old they become “girls” as I call it. They all of a sudden become grossed out by cutting bait or putting it on the hook. This is clearly society at work. The ones who are serious about fishing will quickly get over it but it is always fun to call them out on the boat. I remind them that they were cutting suckers the year before and now scared of them.

When the Woman is the Angler

There are other women who visit me because they are the angler and the husband is the one who is along for the ride. These women know the routine, but in most cases do not have boats of their own.

These women are always fun because they are just so happy to be on the water and catch fish. They show the big fish who is boss and get right in there to hold them and smile

This little girl was not afraid of the fish. After she held up a cat her mother decided she could too.

for the camera. The real treat of fishing with these women is unlike most days of guiding. They are the ones who are telling the fish stories of their travels and what they caught. This is proof to me that fishing is not gender specific. We should be taking girls fishing as much as boys. Fishing creates a lifetime of great memories no matter who you are.

Older Women

Older women who are 60 plus are interesting to fish with. Many of them loved it throughout their life but they tend to say the same thing. “It was a man’s thing so I stayed home.”

I remember my grandma talking about fishing a couple times and how much she loved to go. But she understood it as what Grandpa and his brothers did together so she stayed home with the kids most of the time. It seems a shame that more women didn’t go

in the past. If they had, we might have a more equal representation of women in the fishing ranks today. It was simply not what they had been taught. What matters most is that they still enjoy it and still go fishing today.

One woman that I enjoyed fishing with was 82 years old when she first fished with me. I'm not going to lie, I thought I was going to lose a rod on this trip. The day was cold, windy and raining. This woman could not raise her arms high enough to put her hood up.

What I perceived as a lack of strength was why I was thinking I would lose a rod that day. When her turn to catch a fish came up all I could think was, "here we go." I had to help her off her chair and hand her the rod with what felt like a big fish.

To my surprise she set her hip into my console and proceeded to kick that fish's butt. She fought that fish and laughed while doing it. She caught five or six more that day laughing louder with each one. She went on to tell stories of taking her kids catfishing back in the 50s and going herself as a little girl during the depression. She talked of running homemade hoop nets in the stream just to catch fish to feed their family. Her fishing trip brought back great memories of her past.

At the end of the trip she threw her arms around me and said she had not had fishing like that in over 20 years. Complements from women like that make this job totally worth it.

Women who fish are very special. Sometimes you don't know what you will get guiding women for catfish. But many of them get in, get dirty, and have fun. It is nice to see more women getting into catfishing.

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This is the mom who decided to hold her own fish after her daughter showed her how.

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Live Bait Logistics

by Ann White

Fresh bait is worth the effort.

Keeping a couple dozen minnows alive for a day long fishing trip isn't very difficult—a 5-gallon bucket, a battery operated aerator and an occasional water change is sufficient for most. But for many tournament fishermen, bait requirements go far beyond the basic set up. Having the ability to keep numerous baitfish alive for extended amounts of time can be a lot more complicated.

As bait shop owners, we have learned many things about the care of large quantities of minnows. That knowledge can be translated from commercial use to consumer use. While there are many options available for the angler who isn't afraid to spend some money to keep his bait in good shape, there are other options for the do-it-yourselfer (DIY) who wants to save some money.

The most important piece of equipment is a live bait storage tank. The question is, how can you keep your bait alive at home and on the road for less money?

DIY Bait Tank Basics

The basic needs of baitfish are the same no matter the species. They include oxygen, clean water, and stable water temperature.

When storing bait at home, we have found that stock tanks are a good buy for the money. The rounded sides prevent self-inflicted wounds. The tanks are inexpensive, durable, and can often be found used online. A 100-gallon tank will keep 200-300 dozen minnows alive for many months, depending on the size of course.

The average fisherman should be



Ann White is shown here demonstrating that fresh bait results in good fish

just fine with a 35- to 50-gallon tank. Stock tanks can be left as is or coated with a dark finish (spray on bed liner is a popular product for this). Many people believe that a darker tank will keep the fish calmer than a light-colored tank will. We do not notice a significant difference, except that a light tank makes it easier to see how many fish you have and how healthy they are.

Anglers should keep in mind that many species of minnows are jumpers and your tank will need some type of cover to contain the fish. We use a sheet of 1/2-inch foam insulation cut to fit the



tank. It is heavy enough to stay in place, but light enough to handle easily. The material is water proof and inexpensive. One sheet will cover a 6-foot tank and costs about \$10 at Lowes or Home Depot.

Agitators, Bubblers, and Pumps

Boat Cycle sells commercial agitators which are very effective to add oxygen to the water. They consist of a motor driven rotating paddle enclosed in a cage to prevent damage to fish.

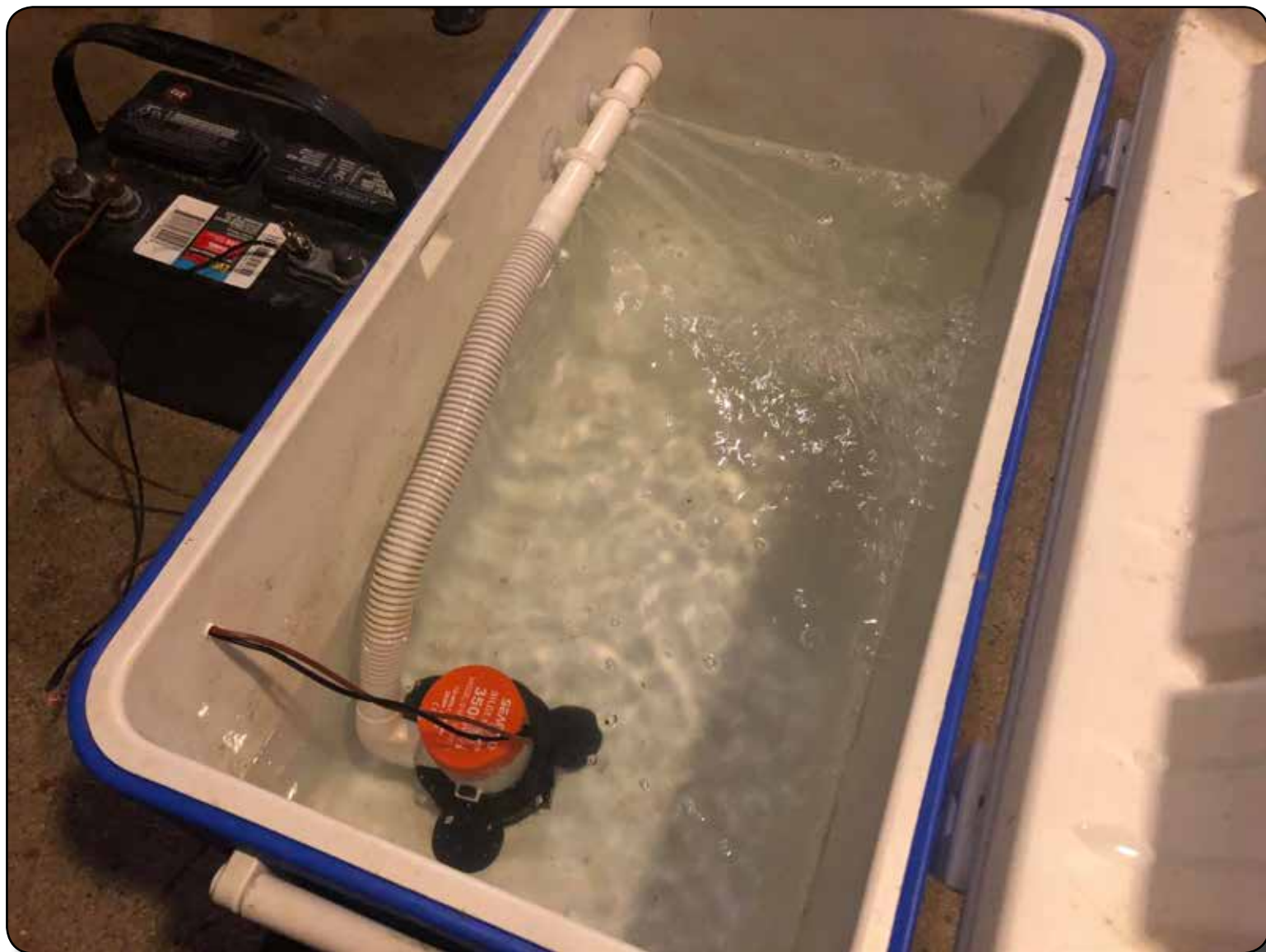
“...basic needs of baitfish are the same no matter the species...”

Clint Crawford's homemade bait tank addresses the basic needs of bait fish. They include oxygen, clean water, and stable water temperature.

They are suspended above the tank at a level that will allow the paddle to agitate the water, but deep enough not to cause splash over. These types of aerators can be expensive, averaging \$200-\$500 each. A less expensive option is a fish tank bubbler.

Bubblers will cost \$15-\$60 depending on the power level but can be found at most major retailers and pet supply stores. Needed accessories include tubing, aerator stones, and





replacement filters.

A popular alternative is a spray bar powered by a pond pump. This setup works by constantly recycling water through a pump. The water is picked up from the tank and sprayed back into the tank through small holes in the tube or pipe. The process adds needed oxygen to the water.

A spray bar system can be constructed with a little human ingenuity, plastic tubing, PVC pipes and simple tools. Most big box stores carry the pond pumps capable of powering the spray bar. An important consider with this type of set up is the added heat a pump will add to the tank. Either monitoring the tank temperature or setting the system

A bilge pump attached to a ice chest provides Clint Crawford a suitable bait tank for when he is filming his Crawdaddy Catfishing YouTube adventures.

up so that the pump is outside the actual tank will eliminate this potential hazard.

A DIY Holding Tank

Clint Crawford is the creator of Crawdaddy Catfishing on YouTube and an ardent DIY'er. He is also a member of Team Rollin' Flatties, prostaff for Mudbums Supply Shack, and HookSetter USA. He built his holding tank from a cutdown water tank. (See photo)

A good filtration system can reduce the amount of ammonia in the water but can be expensive. A simple way to reduce the ammonia is to change out the water. In Crawford's creation a pond pump takes the water out of the tank to be filtered through a PVC pipe containing lava rocks and cloth. The water is filtered as it falls through the pipe before reentering the tank as spray through the small holes in the cap of the PVC pipe.

He added a couple of extra aerator stones attached to fish tank pumps to add extra oxygen. Keeping as many electric pumps out of the water as possible keeps the water temperature cooler.

The jumper problem is solved on Crawford's tank with a simple wooden frame covered with chicken wire. The heart break of losing a couple dozen bait fish to Kamikaze jumpers overnight are stopped by this simple addition.

Crawford added hot water pipe insulation around the top edge to make scooping bait more comfortable. Repurposed pool noodles work well for this as well. Clint keeps chubs, suckers, sunfish, and blue gill in his tank easily. The baitfish can stay alive and healthy for several weeks at a time. He does add a water conditioner to his tank once every couple of weeks.

Making it all Mobile

So now that you have your home tank set up, how do you take your live bait with you to fish? With the rise in invasive species, many states are increasing the regulations on live bait usage. As fishermen, it is our job to remain cognizant of the law and follow all regulations in the area being fished.

Although there are many suitable products available in sporting goods stores, we have seen no real advantage in using them instead of one you make yourself. Chances are you will save some money too.

Ann's Live Bait Tips

1. Ammonia is a by-product of fish waste and reduces the water's ability to retain oxygen. A simple way to reduce ammonia is to change out the water.
2. Many minnow species are sensitive to water temperature change, so changing the water out slowly is key to preventing mass die offs.
3. If you use city water it is likely to be chlorinated. You should leave your city water exposed to air for a minimum of 24, but preferably 48 hours, before using it in the tank. The chlorine will evaporate.
4. If you are having issues with keeping your bait alive try a commercial additive. As an alternative, we have found that adding a small handful of NON-iodized salt to the tank will promote fish health. The addition of salt aids the fish in their production of protective slime coats and seems to help stop the spread of a disease.
5. Adding bags of ice to the bait tank can be detrimental to the bait through drastic temperature changes and the addition of chlorinated water when the ice melts. Instead of bagged ice use frozen jugs or reusable ice packs that will not release chlorinated water into the tank. Remember to add the frozen items slowly to prevent temperature shock and associated bait loss.
6. Quickly remove any dead or dying fish from the tank. Disease can spread quickly through contaminated fish. Place the dead fish into a plastic baggie and freeze for use later as cut bait. Nothing is wasted in the bait game.



The Ice Chest

One great alternative is an ice chest and a bubbler. Once you determine that your cooler is water tight you can build your own portable bait tank. A hole drilled in the top, with an aerator hose in place (silicone caulk works great to get a tight seal) will allow your battery operated bubbler to properly oxygenate your bait fish.

A bungee cord will keep the bubbler attached to the side of the cooler. Ice chests with extendable handles and wheels make packing in and out of your fishing destination a whole lot easier. If your source of well water is reliable, there is no need to add any sort of additive to this water, because you will not be keeping this bait long enough to worry about ammonia build up.

The Bucket

A 5-gallon bucket with a tight-fitting lid works well for transporting bait. It is however, much more susceptible to temperature changes. We have seen many fishermen pick up bait in a 5-gallon bucket, drop the bucket into the back of a pickup truck, and drive 2-3 hours in the blazing sun. Once they reach their destination they find their baitfish dead. You have to remember that baitfish are more sensitive to temperature changes than larger fish are.

If you are using a 5-gallon bucket keep it inside the vehicle for temperature control. Keep it out of direct sunlight during the day and check water temperature often. Academy sports sells a minnow bucket lid for \$2.50 that fits 3- and 5-gallon buckets. This lid has a hole for the aerator hose, a clip on the side to hold the battery powered aerator, and a hinged opening that allows you to reach into the bucket for bait without removing the entire lid. More expensive versions have cushioned seats, drink holders and compartments to hold tackle.

Concluding Remarks

We love what we do as commercial bait dealers and as such we have walked into the heartbreak that is a whole tank of dead fish. Knowing that each and every fish was hard fought to collect I hope that this information will benefit you in your fishing endeavors.

Healthy bait can make the difference between a good day of fishing and a tournament win. By tending to your bait at home you can save both money and time.



- Ann White



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Catfish Basics #044

Tournament Tips – Wanda Bennett
Barner, Wheatland, Missouri

Everyone should remember that fishing is not catching! Ninety-five percent of your time in the boat is fishing, so I recommend you have a fishing partner you enjoy spending time with.

In the boat I recommend that each partner has duties that they are responsible for. For example, I reel in all the fish and my partner (husband) is responsible for netting the fish. He tells me I'm "no net man" and a lot of good fish are lost at the boat.

Have your boat organized the same way each trip. When things get exciting, you may not have time to look for an item.

Always match your equipment to the size fish you expect to catch. Its fun for you that way, and good for the fish.

Don't be afraid to try something different, like rattles, planer boards, or flashers—they might work.

As far as bait goes I always remember what Phil King says. "It's easier to list what a catfish will not eat than what he will." But usually bait common to the water you are fishing works best. Here on Truman Lake in Missouri, shad will out produce any other bait. Go to Wheeler Lake in Alabama and you want skipjack. If you are unsure about a new area, ask a local angler or bait shop. Most catfisherman are more than happy to share information.

More than anything else, the best tip I have is to have fun!



2018 Schedule

Columbus, MS	2/03/18
W. Tawakoni, TX	2/17/18
Cross, SC	3/10/18
Decatur, AL	3/17/18
Sunrise Beach, MO	3/24/18
Gallatin, TN	3/30/18 - 3/31/18
Loudon, TN	4/13/18 - 4/14/18
Chester, PA	4/21/18
Camden, SC	4/28/18
Hillsboro, OH	5/05/18
Gallipolis, OH	5/12/18
Mt. Vernon, IN	5/19/18
Dixon, IL	6/02/18
Carlyle, IL	6/09/18
Pekin, IL	6/16/18
Tell City, IN	8/04/18
Huntington, WV	8/11/18
Helena-W. Helena, AR	8/17/18 - 8/18/18
Paducah, KY	8/24/18 - 8/25/18

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The 2018 schedule is complete and all events have met final approval. Please visit our website for pertinent updates and news. Also follow us on Facebook...

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Pay it forward



As a kid, fishing was only something I did occasionally while visiting my dad. He lived in a small Iowa town called Marengo where the Iowa River ran along the edge. For us, fishing was just another thing to do in the summer. And back then it was simple. When Saturday would come around we would grab the ol' trusty Ugly Stik and some night crawlers (which we had spent the wee hours of the morning in search of) and head to the river as the sun would begin to rise.

We would then walk the banks in search of that perfect spot. Once settled, it was my job to find the best 'Y' shaped stick for a rod holder. I can remember taking so much pride in this responsibility. Then I would attempt my sidearm cast, attempt being the key word here. Once I was satisfied with my

Amy Smith was transformed from a casual angler in her youth to woman with a passion for catfishing and a knack for catching the big ones.

cast I would sit and wait, listening to the world wake up around me.

To change things up a bit, about once a year we would join a friend on their jon boat to set bank lines. I know there is much debate on this style of fishing, but to a kid this was super exciting! Staying up late, riding on a boat, and the continued suspense of wondering what was lurking down below on the hook was the highlight of the summer. But that was the extent of my fishing. It was just a little hobby enjoyed occasionally during the summer months.



It wasn't until I turned 24 that I became more involved with fishing. I had recently started dating my boyfriend, Troy, who was an avid fisherman. He had grown up fishing with his grandpa on local lakes and rivers but was slowly working his way into the tournament world.

I remember him needing to go out and catch bait for an upcoming event, but his partner was unable to help. Being desperate, he asked me to tag along. And ladies, you know that you're boyfriend is desperate when he has to ask his girlfriend for help...haha! It wasn't long after that I knew I was hooked!

I am now 31 and consider myself an avid fisherman too! I have fished several tournament trails, received Lady Angler of the Year, been featured in ADVENTURESS magazine, traveled all over the country (including Canada), and am currently the only

Amy spends a good bit of her fishing time in tournament competition.

woman on the Whisker Seeker Tackle Pro Staff. I literally owe it all to my boyfriend for taking a chance on me years ago.

Important things

When I try to think about what the most important thing to me about catfishing is, I can't put my finger on just one thing. Seven years ago, I would have said winning a tournament was the most important. But I know now, that isn't what fishing is all about. Don't get me wrong. Winning is wonderful! It has helped us grow in the sport, but it can also take away from the beauty of it all.

Every tournament angler knows that a





tournament isn't just a one-day event. There are several days that lead up to this one day. You have to find and catch bait, you have to pre-fish, and many times you may have to travel several hours away.

Tournaments consist of early mornings and late nights, and more times than not you have nothing to show for it. That's where the beauty begins to die out. You stress so much about getting ready for the tournament and keeping a tight lip when amongst fellow anglers that you lose sight of the experience.

One such experience that comes to mind is when we fished Winter Blues a few years ago. We decided to make a weeklong trip/vacation out of it. We got so worked up about trying to find fish that once I caught a 30-pound blue, which I was proud of, we had to leave that spot right away and look for another. Then I caught another nice fish. But instead of being happy with my catch, we were upset that it "wasn't the size we were looking for." That really made for a long week and a disappointing tournament day when we didn't

Amy's life is so surrounded by catfishing that she even received a marriage proposal on the boat. She is shown here with her husband-to-be, Troy Hansen.

bring in anything worthy.

Now with all that being said, there are several important things I have learned about fishing, just through tournaments alone, that have molded me into the fisherman I am today. CPR is one of the most important. Trying to keep a fish alive for hours and then release it back was just unheard of in my neck of the woods. Now it has become one of my top priorities. I am a huge advocate for it now, even if it's not the most popular choice among others. I do still keep a few smaller fish for eating every now and then. After all, I am human.

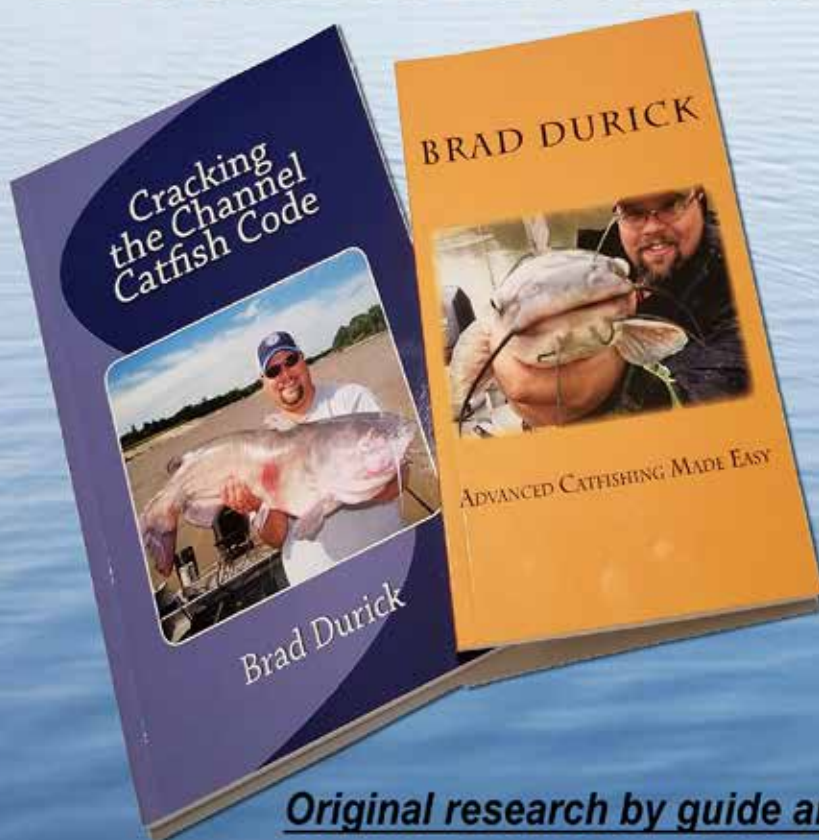
I have also had the chance to try several styles of fishing. Learning to adapt to the body of water, different baits, or the weather for that matter, have been key. This is what I believe

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sets all fisherman apart from one another. If you have an open mind and the willingness to learn new things, you will go farther. I have open water fished, iced fished, bowfished (carp only), and will soon be attempting kayak fishing. My goal is to be a well-rounded and respected angler one day.

Traveling has also played a huge part in these last few years for me. It is probably my most favorite part of fishing. Without all these amazing adventures, I would not have all the wonderful memories! And the memories are what are most important to me now! From catching a new personal best or new species, to being featured on a magazine cover, to meeting new friends, getting sponsored, or to visiting beautiful places are memories to cherish.

None of this can happen if you don't leave the couch. I have had the opportunity to travel to Canada and fish in 9 different states, soon to be 10, and meet some of the most incredible fisherman, in and out of the tournament world. I love meeting the people

One of Amy's best memories is a filming trip with Northwoods Angling. She is shown here with Luke Hentges. It turned out to be an epic trip.

who I respect and look up to, and it's always cool when they know who you are!

Most memorable moment

Each year I gain new memories in catfishing that I feel can't be beat, but life always surprises me. I have had so many wonderful adventures over the years, but this year Troy and I have been able to do something a little different. We have been able to show a little of who we are through YouTube, which has been a whole new experience for us.

A few months back we had the pleasure of meeting the Northwoods Angling guys for an ice fishing episode. It was so much fun that we decided to try it again. We chose to do a show on shallow water anchoring for catfish.

This has become one of our most enjoyable ways to fish.

The date was made for April up in Wisconsin. The morning came and we did not start off on the right foot. For like the first time ever, we were running late. Then about 30 minutes into the drive, we blew a truck tire. Thankfully it was an easy fix, but we were now an hour behind schedule on a 3-hour drive.

The Northwoods guys had been waiting at the boat ramp all morning. We felt so embarrassed. To top it off, the weather had changed. The temps dropped a bit since the previous days and now we were just hoping to catch a few to make a show. If only we knew how epic the trip was going to be.

Not long after casting out, Troy landed a 21-pound channel on his ice rod. Yes, I said ice rod. Those that know us know that we take our ice rod everywhere we go. Next I boated a 23-pound channel!

To make a long story short, we caught so many fish in such a short amount of time and had so much footage that the camera batteries were running low. We just knew the bite was only going to get better. So, we made the group decision to head back to the ramp to grill up some grub while we charged the camera batteries.

An hour later, we headed back out for the evening bite. It started off a little slow and we were getting nervous, but we moved to a new spot and before we knew it we were on fish again. We boated so many fish that day, and of great quality, it was crazy!

When 10 o'clock rolled around, we had to make ourselves quit. We were so tired but high on adrenaline it was hard to do. But we knew we still had a long drive home. After all was said and done, the Northwoods guys were able to make two separate shows of the day bite, an hour long LIVE stream on Facebook, and a night show!

The fish we caught were absolutely wonderful but having the opportunity to catch them all on film and being able to express the importance of CPR to everyone and help preserve that fishery was awesome! To top the memory off, Troy and I went back to the same lake a month later for an annual fishing

trip where he then proposed to me!

Pass it along to others

Troy and I continue to compete in tournaments together and are always trying to top our personal bests in catfishing. But when we aren't fishing for ourselves, we absolutely love to take people out.

It is so rewarding to be able to pass on our knowledge and help others catch a memory of their own! That's especially true when we take out kids or those new to catfishing. To see the smile on their face or watch them fight a big fish for the first time is such a neat feeling. And I always have to stop and remember that if it wasn't for the ones who did the same for us, we would not be able to pay it forward.



- Amy Smith

Why We Catfish Guest Editorial

This column is provided for reader submitted editorials on Why We Catfish. If you have a short story related to why you catfish, you may submit it for consideration and publication in a future issue of CatfishNow. Send submissions of 500 words or less and one or two photos to Ron Presley at presleyr@bellsouth.net.





Conference & Events: July 10–13, 2018
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Orlando, Florida

by Ron Presley

CatfishNow Report from ICAST 2018



As ICAST 2018 winds down there are a few very happy and proud companies celebrating their product development efforts. Those are the companies that came out on top of the New Product Showcase Best of Category competition. The winners are determined by visiting buyers and media members who cast their votes for their favorites. The show produced the largest attendance and the largest number of exhibitors in its 61-year history.

My efforts at ICAST were focused on catfish related products and I found more this year than last, but still a small number. It seemed like fishing line was one of the

B'n'M had numerous rods and accessories on display at ICAST.

products that showed up more than in the past. I saw several catfish branded lines.

I also saw a new T-bar scale that is not yet in production that will be great for catfish anglers. We will continue to keep an eye on its development and report on it again.

I was happy to see B'n'M Poles, Team Catfish and TTI Bakemore had booths at the show. They are both stalwart supporters of the catfish community.



Whisker Seekers Tackle was the only catfish specific booth I saw, but I did see more catfish “people” than in the past. Some were working at the various booths but more were just there for the experience and taking their own look at where catfishing will fit into the bigger picture of sportfishing in the future.

A big topic of conversation was the recently announced Bill Dance World Catfishing Expo. That event, scheduled for March of 2019 will provide a big boost to the sport of catfishing. There will be much more information to come on this event and CatfishNow will be on hand to report it.

New Product Showcase Best of Category

This new T-bar scale will weight fish up to 110 pounds. CatfishNow will be watching to see when it becomes available on the market.

Award Winners

The big winners at ICAST are listed below with contact information. The July 10 – 13 event was held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla. There were 974 products, accessories and apparel entered by 331 companies. They were vying for the Best of Show award. The competition included 25 categories.

This year, 974 products, accessories and apparel were entered by 331 companies into the 25 categories. They were all vying for the ICAST 2018 Best of Show award.



Best of Category – Boating Accessories – Johnson Outdoors Marine Electronics, Inc.

Product: Minn Kota Ultrex

Contact: **Kathy Dutton** kdutton@johnsonoutdoors.com

Best of Category – Boats and Watercraft – Jackson Kayak

Product: 360 Angler

Contact: **Sonia Cronin** sonia@jacksonkayak.com

Best of Category – Eyewear – Costa Sunglasses

Product: Baffin

Contact: **Shauna Metz** smetz@costadelmar.com

Best of Category – Footwear – Rivers Edge Products

Product: Fish Sandals

Contact: **Michael McFadden** Michael.mcfadden@riversedgeproducts.com

Best of Category – Giftware – Number 6 Brands

Product: Cauldryn Coffee

Contact: **Jason Shinn** jason@number6brands.com

Best of Category – Lifestyle Apparel – AFTCO/American Fishing Tackle Company

Product: Hexatron Performance Fleece

Contact: **Matt Florentine** matt@aftco.com

Best of Category – Technical Apparel – AFTCO/American Fishing Tackle Company

Product: Hydronaut Heavy-Duty Waterproof System

Contact: **Matt Florentine** matt@aftco.com

Best of Category – Electronics – Garmin USA

Product: Garmin Panoptix LiveScope

Contact: **Carly Hysell** carly.hysell@garmin.com

Best of Category – Fishing Accessory – YETI

Product: YETI Tundra Haul

Contact: **Ravanne Harris** rharris@yeti.com

Best of Category – Fly Fishing Accessory – YETI

Product: YETI Panga Backpack 28

Contact: **Ravanne Harris** rharris@yeti.com

Best of Category – Fishing Line – PowerPro

Product: PowerPro SuperSlick V2 Brand

Contact: **John Mazurkiewicz** jpmazurk@ameritech.net

Best of Category – Kids' Tackle – AnythingPossible

Product: Kid Casters DUDE PERFECT Fishing Kit & Casting Game

Contact: **Jason Bauer** jbauer@lilanglers.com

Best of Category – Tackle Management – Tak Logic Lure Lock

Product: Lure Locker

Contact: **John Skrabo** jskrabo@taklogic.com

Best of Category – Terminal Tackle – Rapala

Product: VMC NEKO Skirt

Contact: **Bob Bussey** bbussey@rapalausea.com**Best of Category – Freshwater Hard Lure – Westin**

Product: Freddy the Frog

Contact: **Thomas Sanotra** tsa@fairpoint.dk**Best of Category – Saltwater Hard Lure – 13 Fishing**

Product: Octopi

Contact: **Jose Chavez** jose@13Fishing.com**Best of Category – Freshwater Soft Lure – LIVETARGET**

Product: LIVETARGET Hollow Body Crawfish

Contact: **Susan Koppers** skoppers@livetargetlures.com**Best of Category – Saltwater Soft Lure – LIVETARGET**

Product: LIVETARGET Fleeing Shrimp

Contact: **Susan Koppers** skoppers@livetargetlures.com**Best of Category – Fly Reel – SEIGLER Reels**

Product: Seigler MF Fly Reel

Contact: **Russell Seymour** russell@seigler.fish**Best of Category – Freshwater Reel – Shimano American Corporation**

Product: Curado DC Baitcasting Reel

Contact: **John Mazurkiewicz** jpmazurk@ameritech.net**Best of Category – Saltwater Reel – Shimano American Corporation**

Product: Tekota 500 Levelwind Reel

Contact: **John Mazurkiewicz** jpmazurk@ameritech.net**Best of Category – Rod & Reel Combo – Lew's Fishing**

Product: Team Lew's® Custom Black LFS Combo

Contact: **Tony Mehri** tmehri@hunterspec.com**Best of Category – Fly Fishing Rod – St. Croix Rods**

Product: Mojo Trout

Contact: **Rich Belanger** richb@stcroixrods.com**Best of Category – Freshwater Rod – St. Croix Rods**

Product: Legend Glass

Contact: **Rich Belanger** richb@stcroixrods.com**Best of Category – Saltwater Rod – St. Croix Rods**

Product: Mojo Yak

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CatfishNow doctored up the welcome sign at ICAST to make a catfish version.



Chris Souders is shown here demonstrating how to snell a circle hook at the Daiichi booth.

CATFISH CONSERVATION

Trophy Catfish for the Future

by Jamie Moore

A Conservation Message from a Lady Catfish Angler

Tournament fishing has made me even more aware of the importance of catfish conservation. We get to travel and see a variety of waterways from rivers to lakes. There are definitely some differences in fish size and numbers from one body of water to another.

It doesn't matter the body of water; conservation and wise management is critical to growing large fish. This is especially true for catfish. Whether it's rivers or lakes these catfish take years to grow.

Over harvesting can be detrimental to the population and can impact the size of catfish a person can catch. Big fish of any species are a blast to catch and giant catfish are like none other. For me personally, it's a quest. I am always striving to catch a bigger catfish than the last one.

As trophy catfish anglers we should take a photo, make a memory, and throw the big ones back. We owe it to those people who practiced CPR before us and we owe it to the next generation of catfish anglers.



Jamie Moore tournament catfishes with her husband, Josh and brother-in law, Zed (Moore Brothers Catfishing). One of her most recent accomplishments is being named top female competitor at the 2016 Winter Blues on Wheeler. She is pictured in the photo being interviewed by Shannon Muncher at the event.

CATFISH CALENDAR

(Fishermen, check with club/association for exact dates, changes, cancellations and rules.)

JULY 18th	RED RIVER VALLEY CATFISH LEAGUE	NORTH LANDING	CLUB
JULY 21st	GET-N-HOOKED	SOONER	CLUB/NIGHT
JULY 21st	FLATHEAD BLUES ON CHANNEL2	HOOVER RESERVOIR	CLUB/NIGHT
JULY 21st	JKV CATFISHING	OHIO RIVER	CLUB
JULY 21st- 22nd	ICATS	DES MOINES RIVER/MID SEASON	CHAMPIONSHIP
JULY 21st - 22nd	MICHIGAN CATFISH ANGLERS TRAIL	SAGINAW RIVER	TRAIL/EVENT #7
JULY 22nd	SOUTHWEST OHIO CATFISH CLUB	SCHMIDT BOAT RAMP	CLUB #6
JULY 25th	RED RIVER VALLEY CATFISH LEAGUE	LAFAVE PARK	OPEN TOURNAMENT
JULY 28th	CENTRAL MISSOURI CATS	GLASGOW	CLUB/NIGHT
JULY 28th	BIG SIOUX CAT ANGLERS	SPRINGFIELD LAKE	CLUB
JULY 28th	CATFISH CHASERS TOURNAMENT SERIES	JOHN REDMOND	CLUB
JULY 28th	HOLD'EM HOOK	DITTO LANDING	CLUB
JULY 29th	TRI-COUNTY CATFISH ASSOCIATION	KUCHIES	COED
AUG 4th	CABELA'S KING KAT	OHIO RIVER	CLUB
AUG 4th	INDIANA CATFISH	LAKE MONROE	OPEN/BANK AND BOAT
AUG 4th	MISSISSIPPI CATFISH TRAIL	MISSISSIPPI RIVER/HELENA	CLUB
AUG 4th	TRI-COUNTY CATFISH ASSOCIATION	KUCHIES	CLUB/NIGHT
AUG 4th	TRI-STATE KATS	SIOUX CITY	CLUB
AUG 4th - 5th	MICHIGAN CATFISH ANGLERS TRAIL	GRAND RIVER	TRAIL/EVENT #8
AUG 4th - 5th	SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA MO RIVER CLUB	NEB CITY	CLUB/NIGHT
AUG 8th	RED RIVER VALLEY CATFISH LEAGUE	NORTH LANDING	CLUB
AUG 11th	CATFISH CHASERS TOURNAMENT SERIES	COFFEE CO LAKE/WOLF CREEK	CLUB
AUG 11th	CATFISH COUNTRY	ABERDEEN BOAT RAMP	CLUB
AUG 11th	INDIANA CATFISH	LEMON	CLUB
AUG 11th	RED RIVER VALLEY CATFISH LEAGUE	TBA	OPEN TOURNAMENT
AUG 11th	WEST TN CATFISH ANGLERS	HALLS (CARL PERKINS)	CLUB
AUG 12th	ICATS	MISSISSIPPI RIVER	CLUB
AUG 12th	WHISKEY CITY CATFISH CLUB	RIVERSIDE BOAT RAMP	CLUB



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BIG SIOUX CAT ANGLERS	FACEBOOK
CABELA'SKING KAT TOURNAMENT TRAIL	FACEBOOK
CAROLINA ANGLERS TEAM TRAIL C.A.T.T	FACEBOOK
CATFISH CHASERS TOURNAMENT SERIES	FACEBOOK
CATFISH CONFERENCE	FACEBOOK
CATFISH COUNTRY	FACEBOOK
CATFISH NATION OUTDOORS	FACEBOOK
CATFISH MAFIA	FACEBOOK
CATHUNTERS ASSOC. OF THE SOUTH C.A.T.S.	FACEBOOK
CENTRAL MISSOURI CATS	FACEBOOK
CENTRAL TEXAS CATFISH TRAIL	FACEBOOK
CHATTAHOOCHEE HILLJACK CATFISHING	FACEBOOK
FISHIN BLUES	FACEBOOK
FLATHEAD BLUES ON CHANNEL 2	FACEBOOK
GET-N-HOOKED	FACEBOOK
HOLD'EM HOOK CATFISH TRAIL	FACEBOOK
ICATS	FACEBOOK
INDIANA CATFISH	FACEBOOK
J.K.V. CATFISHING TOURNAMENT TRAIL	FACEBOOK
KANAWHA RIVER CATFISH CLUB	FACEBOOK
MICHIGAN CATFISH ANGLERS TRAIL	FACEBOOK
MISSISSIPPI CATFISH TRAIL	FACEBOOK
MISSISSIPPI RIVER MONSTERS	FACEBOOK
MONSTERS ON THE OHIO	FACEBOOK
OHIO VALLEY CATFISHING	FACEBOOK
OHIO VALLEY RIVER CATS	FACEBOOK
OLD DOMINION CATFISH CLUB	FACEBOOK
RED RIVER VALLEY CATFISH LEAGUE	FACEBOOK
SCHEELS BOUNDRY BATTLE CATFISH TOURNAMENT	FACEBOOK
SOUTHEASTERN CATFISH CLUB	FACEBOOK
SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA MO RIVER CATFISH CLUB	FACEBOOK
SOUTHWEST OHIO CATFISH CLUB	FACEBOOK
TRI STATE KATS	FACEBOOK
TRI-COUNTY CATFISH ASSOCIATION	FACEBOOK
TUG-N-JUGS	FACEBOOK
TWISTED CAT OUTDOORS	FACEBOOK
WEST TEXAS CATFISH TRAIL	FACEBOOK
WEST TN CATFISH ANGLERS	FACEBOOK
WHISKY CITY CATFISH CLUB	FACEBOOK
WICKED WHISKER TOURNAMENT TRAIL	FACEBOOK

TRI-STATE KATS

JUNE 9th

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|---------------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Tom VanKley/Ryan | 74.2 |
| 2. James Vanderhelm/Krista Vanderhelm | 26 |
| 3. Jerry Limoges | 11.54 |

BIG FISH

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|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Tom VanKley/Ryan | 55.38 |
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CABELA'S KING KAT

CARLYLE LAKE

JUNE 9th

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|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Pete Moreland/Mike Flaherty | 41.66 |
| 2. Justin Cook/Justin Neece | 39.94 |
| 3. Mark Farrow/Jerry Cline II | 38 |
| 4. Daniel Linton/Jake Nalley | 37.26 |
| 5. Justin Wolfe/Bill Parfitt | 36.86 |

BIG FISH

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|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Ryan Lawrence/Mark Blauvelt | 12.98 |
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CATFISH COUNTRY

ABERDEEN

JUNE 9th

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|---|------|
| 1. Anthony Raines/Ryan Raines | 89.9 |
| 2. Brandon Scott/Hunter Scott/Darnell Scott | 83 |
| 3. Bechtdolt/Rhodes | 52.6 |

BIG FISH

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|---|-------|
| 1. Brandon Scott/Hunter Scott/Darnell Scott | 59.05 |
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ICATS

DES MOINES RIVER

JUNE 9th

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|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Darrell Carter | 38.1 |
| 2. Ryne Hilsabeck/Neely Justin | 29.1 |
| 3. Adam Swalla/Sam Powell | 24.11 |
| 4. AJ Giannetto/Katie | 18.9 |
| 5. Jeremy Ertman/Mike Gray | 17.11 |

BIG FISH

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| 1. Ryne Hilsabeck/Neely Justin | 29.1 |
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INDIANA CATFISH ASSOCIATION

VEVAY

JUNE 9th

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|---------------------------------|------|
| 1. Kevin Cain/Mike Goodman | 54.3 |
| 2. Joey Meadows/Andy Medford | 36.9 |
| 3. Woodrow Henson/Cammie Henson | 35.3 |
| 4. James Holcomb/Jeff Mitchner | 33.8 |
| 5. Kevin/Justin | 32.9 |

BIG FISH

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|---|----|
| 1. Scott Gray/Kaitlin Gray/Charlie Gray | 28 |
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**SOUTHEAST NEBRASKA MO RIVER
CATFISH CLUB**

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JUNE 9th

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|------------------------|------|
| 1. Gilkerson/Gilkerson | 17.9 |
| 2. Vinson/Hutton | 10.3 |
| 3. Heng/Walters | 9.8 |

BIG FISH

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|------------------------|-----|
| 1. Gilkerson/Gilkerson | 9.5 |
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WHISKEY CITY CATFISH CLUB

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|-------------------|------|
| 1. Land/Fields | 104 |
| 2. Team Barker | 93.5 |
| 3. Nifong/Tamer | 76.5 |
| 4. Garrett/Burden | 63.6 |
| 5. Winder/Kreisle | 49.9 |

BIG FISH

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|----------------|------|
| 1. Land/Fields | 57.5 |
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**MICHIGAN CATFISH ANGLERS
TRAIL**

GRAND RIVER

JUNE 10th

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|---|------|
| 1. Lloyd Tanner/Tony Borowski/Tyler James | 75.8 |
| 2. Zack VanderSloot/Taylor VanderSloot | 62.9 |
| 3. John Frost/Rusty Eastman | 43.7 |
| 4. Adam Weigold/George Glidden/Conner Weigold | 37.7 |
| 5. Tim Staggs/Mydalis Wendel | 25.9 |

BIG FISH

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|-----------------------------|------|
| 1. John Frost/Rusty Eastman | 31.8 |
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RED RIVER VALLEY CATFISH LEAGUE

LAFAVE PARK

JUNE 13th

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|---------------------|-------|
| 1. Lucas K/Jeff K | 26.63 |
| 2. Zach S/Ryan S | 16.1 |
| 3. Caleb W./Caleb R | 15.32 |

BIG FISH

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|-------------------|-------|
| 1. Lucas K/Jeff K | 17.33 |
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FLATHEAD BLUES

ELLSWORTH

JUNE 16th

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|-----------------------------------|------|
| 1. Joe Hatfield/Kyle Gibney | 47 |
| 2. Ron Hughes/Don Hughes/Evan | 26.2 |
| 3. David Funk/Chris Marci | 26 |
| 4. Amanda Johnson/Shane Henderson | 23.4 |
| 5. John Davis/Charles Hill | 23 |

BIG FISH

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|-----------------------------|----|
| 1. Joe Hatfield/Kyle Gibney | 23 |
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KANAWHA RIVER CATFISH CLUB

POINT PLEASANT

JUNE 16th

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|------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Frank White/Aaron Preece | 82.5 |
| 2. Cody Carver/Shawn Penix | 57.75 |
| 3. Rick Rhodes/Sherry Rhodes | 52.35 |

BIG FISH

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|-----------------------------|------|
| 1. Frank White/Aaron Preece | 51.5 |
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KERR LAKE MADKATTERS

Stauton View boat ramp

JUNE 16th

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|-------------------|-------|
| 1. Team Old Skool | 67.08 |
| 2. Team Phillips | 52.54 |
| 3. Team Lowe | 47.1 |

WEST TN CATFISH ANGLERS**JUNE 16th**

1. Chris Peyton/Mike Conrad/Roy Harkness	116.3
2. Barry Wilson/Joe Hardy	50.76
3. Jeff Kirkpatrick/Justin Russell/Todd Parmenter	42.63
4. Allen Houston	39.16
5. Ronnie Strickland/George Connor	28.53

BIG FISH

1. Chris Peyton/Mike Conrad/Roy Harkness	48.6
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HOLD'EM HOOK CATFISH TRAIL

DITTO LANDING

JUNE 23rd

1. Erin Dobbs	75.3
2. Josh Jinkins/Bronzon Miles	55.1
3. Ricky Lawson	46.7
4. Melinda Folsom/Bryan Folsom	41.3
5. Chris Robinson/David Robinson	35.6

BIG FISH

1. Erin Dobbs	65
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INDIANA CATFISH ASSOCIATION

GLENDALE

JUNE 23rd

1. Todd Gentry/Josh Worth/David Rakes	45.4
2. Kevin Yoder/Kendrick Wagler	23.2
3. CJ/Brad/Craig	21.6
4. Bruce Hupp	21.2
5. Terry/Allen	20.8

BIG FISH

1. Todd Gentry/Josh Worth/David Rakes	25.9
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TRI-COUNTY CATFISH ASSOCIATION

LAKE HENRY

JUNE 23rd

1. Bill Newington/Jim Newington	47.55
2. Ken Luttrell/Bryan Espy	47.35
3. Jack Anderson/Angie Anderson	47.05
4. Rick Knowles/Dan Hieronymus	46.3

BIG FISH

1. Randy Templeton	11.05
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MICHIGAN CATFISH ANGLERS TRAIL

SAGINAW RIVER

JUNE 23rd - 24th

1. Timothy Staggs/Mydalis Wendel	37.4
2. Lloyd Allen/Zack Allen/Nick Lewman	35.8
3. Team Whisker Ticklers	34.4
4. Jason Farmer/Noah Keel/Kyle Hutek	33.5
5. Adam Weigold/George Glidden/Al Bott	23.7

BIG FISH

1. Team Whisker Ticklers	24.4
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SCHEELS BOUNDARY BATTLE

RED RIVER

JUNE 23rd - 24th

1. Alan Erickson/Lisa Erickson	66.41
2. Rob Raymond/Kent Hollands	64.78
3. Brandon Lunski/Darwin Lunski	63.13
4. Troy Weber/Dustin Casmey	61.16
5. Andrew Vigan/Jared Kovar	57.82

BIG FISH

1. Alan Erickson/Lisa Erickson	19.74
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CENTRAL MISSOURI CATS

DALTON BOTTOMS

JUNE 24th

1. Clint Roby/Beth Roby	48.13
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BIG FISH

1. Clint Roby/Beth Roby	27.09
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RED RIVER VALLEY CATFISH LEAGUE

NORTH LANDING

JUNE 27th

1. Trevor Lunski/Riley Thingvold	21.85
2. Zach Srnsky/Ryan Stewart	18.63
3. Jeremy Snobl/Christina Leonard	14.3

BIG FISH

1. Zach Srnsky/Ryan Stewart	18.63
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CATFISH COUNTRY

MANCHESTER LAKE

JUNE 30th

1. Darrin Wright/Diane Wright	72.3
2. Brandon Darnell	33.4

BIG FISH

1. Darrin Wright/Diane Wright	43.35
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JUNE 30th - JULY 1st

ICATS

DES MOINES RIVER

1. Gale/Freddy	49.6
2. Matt Jones/Michelle Jones	41.4
3. Colby Foster/Zach Mitchell/Tyson McDonald	40.8
4. AJ Giannetto/Caiti Flowers	40
5. Johnny Coleman/Dan Elmers	37.8
BIG FISH	
1. AJ Giannetto/Caiti Flowers	17

JULY 7th

CENTRAL MISSOURI CATS

BRUNSWICK

1. Kaleb McAdams/Chris Baker	59.14
2. Brian Saunders/Ryan Norris	24.14
3. Duane Linscott	26.04
BIG FISH	
1. Kaleb McAdams/Chris Baker	40.08

JULY 7th

SOUTHWEST OHIO CATFISH CLUB

CEASAR CREEK LAKE

1. Willie Smith/Logan Smith	47.3
2. Shannon Dodson/John Baker/Dad	33.3
3. Mark Blauvelt/Phil	19.3
4. Charles Bowman/Dustin Gray/Lance Austin	5.8
5. Vince Nadosky	3.3



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