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## Calendar of Events

### September 9, 10, 11

Fall Musky Contest and Outing - Lake Tomahawk Community Center

### September (Early)

Mini Angler Contest Awards

### February 18, 2006

2006 Annual Banquet

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## "Boat Side"

By: Dick Mech, Editor

After 11 years at Three Lakes the Spring Outing was moved to Lake Tomahawk in hopes of a larger attendance, unfortunately this years attendance was low. If you have any ideas or suggestion on how the club can increase attendance, please contact Dan Doolittle at 766-4410.

The club would like to thank Spring Outing committee on the job well done.

**Be proud of YOUR club, and the work you put into it.**

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The lunch was great too, we had orange soda!

The prizes at the end were very pleasant

surprises - Next

year we hope to

get our names pulled for the mountain bike !!

Thank you for a great day - Thank you for your time & energy in little kids like us.

Mom and Dad had a great time watching us, helping us, and sharing in our 1st fishing memory - please say thank

you to all your helpers & sponsors for us - we will be back next year!

Thank you for starting and continuing this great event. You do make a difference!!

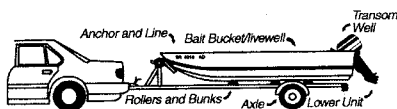
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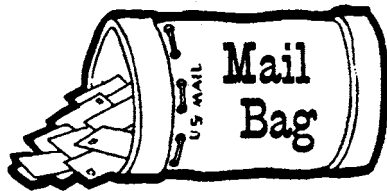
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## Wisconsin muskie lore

Wisconsin owns world records for the largest natural muskellunge (69 pounds, 11 ounces in 1949) and the heaviest tiger muskie (51 pounds, 3 ounces), a natural muskie and northern pike hybrid.

Once known as the fish of 10,000 casts, the muskie is proving to be a bit less elusive. The DNR estimates that in 1999, anglers needed about 3,000 casts to land a muskie. Most muskie fishermen credit catch-and-release for the resurgence in the sport's popularity the past two decades. Of some 200,000 muskies estimated to have been caught in 1999, for example, biologists believe about 98 percent were released alive.

If you do use live bait, use quick-strike rigs and set the hook immediately. Keep a long, needle-nose pliers and quality hook cutter handy to assist release. Net the fish only as a last resort; netting can remove the fish's protective slime and entangle hooks.

The DNR says muskies are found in 711 lakes and 83 rivers in 33 of the state's 72 counties. Most are in the northern third of Wisconsin. Muskie guide Pete Maina, of Hayward, believes the waters off Green Bay will eventually produce some of the state's heaviest fish (please see story on page 16).

In January of 2000, a 55-inch muskie with a 31-inch girth and an estimated live weight of 55 to 60 pounds was illegally taken by an ice fisherman from Manitowoc in a southern Door County bay. DNR fisheries technician Tim Kroeff of Sturgeon Bay checked scale samples and guessed that fish was 12 to 15 years old. However, he said it could have been older. Lychwick said the fish looked like a Wisconsin strain fish, not a Great Lakes spotted muskie.

—Kevin Naze

## 2005 Musky Contest/Outing Dates

### FALL OUTING

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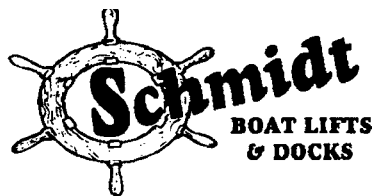
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# How To Pick A Guide

By George Langley

When you travel to a new area on vacation or move into an area and would like to "speed learn" the fishing, or you would just like to try a guide, the hardest thing about the trip is finding a GOOD guide. In many cases the enjoyment of the trip is predicated on finding someone pleasing to fish with who will add to that enjoyment. There are a lot of guys out there who call themselves guides. They may even have a guide's license, but they are not true professionals.

The guide will be punctual; ready to go at the agreed upon time and place. The guide's boat will be clean and well organized. Equipment will be rigged and ready. The guide should be polite and sensitive to the needs of the client. The guide should be a willing teacher and not be a clockwatcher.

Beware of hiring a guide while enjoying libation at a local tavern or hiring "the friend of a friend who wants to get started as a guide." While you might find a decent fisherman they are in no sense professionals.

How DOES one determine whether or not a guide will meet the client's expectations? There are ways to qualify a prospective guide.

1. Check to, see if there is a local Guide's Association. If such an association exists secure a copy of the association's brochure.
2. Inquire at the local Chamber of Commerce. They usually have a pretty good-idea of which guides are respected in the area.
3. Ask Resort owners or motel managers. They realize that happy clients are more likely to return to the area and will refer you to guides whose clients have given them favorable reports.
4. Speak with the prospective guide on the phone. Explain to the prospective guide what your needs and expectations are. The guide's demeanor during the phone call can tell you much about whether or not his approach to guiding will meet your needs..
5. Ask the prospective guide for references and call the references to find out about the guide.
6. Ask the prospective guide about liability insurance coverage. A professional will carry the coverage necessary to protect himself and his clients during their. outing.
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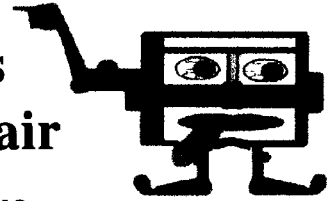
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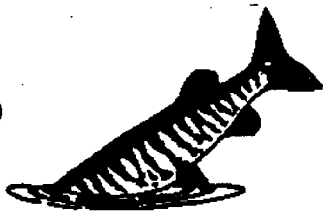
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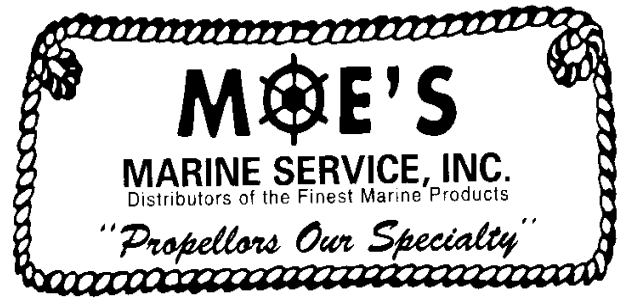
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# Crankin' for Night Time Muskies

By Rick Landaal

The popularity of fishing for muskies at night is, increasing each year. When I first began night fishing about nine years ago, I usually had the entire lake to myself. I could fish any weed flat at any time with absolutely no competition. But, in the past decade, circumstances have changed. Musky anglers have become aware of the extreme effectiveness of fishing muskies after dark. As a result, fishing pressure at night has increased tremendously, and new strategies are needed to catch weary night fish.

One way to increase your catches is to become versatile. Don't isolate yourself to using only the traditional surface lures. They aren't the only lure type that will catch muskies. Crankbaits should definitely be included in your nighttime arsenal. Here are a few crankin' tips to make your night fishing trips more productive.

When searching for high percentage weed flats, select smaller areas. Smaller weed flats can be fished much more thoroughly and effectively than larger ones. Also, muskies are generally more concentrated in these areas. If you are after trophy sized fish (who isn't, right?) try to find flats that have deep water directly adjacent. Deep water muskies use these flats as food shelves after dark.

The type of equipment used also determines your success rate. 7-1/2' rods are a must for night time cranking'. Longer rods allow you to figure 8 the lure more effectively without having to bend over after each retrieve. That saves on back pain and increases your stamina:

Large jointed crankbaits that have a very pronounced wide wobble at a slow speed of retrieve are the number one choice. Also look for triangular shaped lips. These will go through weed cover much easier than other style lips. A head lamp and a large landing net are also a necessity. I use a head lamp that has a krypton bulb and a 6 volt battery pack you wear on your belt. These are much more powerful than smaller head lamps are available. It leaves your hands free when changing lures, or trying to land fish you are fighting. Hand landing is fine when it's light out, but can be dangerous in the dark. Always use a net at night.

Correct lure presentation is vital for the success of catching muskies at night. Because their vision is limited in the dark, they feed primarily by honing in on vibrations. An ultra slow retrieve makes the lure a much easier target for the musky to zero in on.

Use heavier line or keep the rod tip up high when fishing deep divers over the weed tops. This will make the crankbait run shallower and decrease the amount of snags you get.

There are two ways to free a crankbait of weeds and simultaneously provoke a strike. When the lure bumps into vegetation, immediately use controlled slack to let the bait rise up and out of cover for a splitsecond and continue the retrieve. Often times, the upward directional change of the lure will trigger a strike. This is known as the bump-n-rise technique. Controlled slack combined with a sharp snap of the wrist is another method of triggering strikes when the crankbait encounters weeds. It allows the bait to cut itself free and dart forward. This is probably the best tactic there is to trigger following muskies into attacking the lure. However, this method is best applied when fishing in sparse or isolated weed patches. Snapping a crankbait in thick vegetation only results in more hang-ups due to the diving action.

I like to make two drifts on each flat. First, I position the boat on the outside weed edge and cast perpendicular over the top. On the second pass, I cast parallel in deeper water. This allows the angler to cover both shallow and deep water with two different retrieve angles. If there is no action, I' move to another location.

Weeds aren't the only structure muskies frequent at night. Shallow rock piles will also hold muskies. Fan cast these areas thoroughly. Try to make contact with the bottom once in a while and bounce the crankbait off rocks. As I mentioned earlier, deep water nearby will make the area more productive.

Don't forget to figure 8 the lure at the end of each retrieve.

Muskies don't always fall for surface lures at night. I've been on fishing trips when the only lure they'll take after dark were crankbaits. Be versatile and try crankin' for night time muskies.

Badger Sportman



**Spring Outing Musky Contest**  
**Muskies Registered**

**3 Fish Registered and Released:**

Steve VanAsten	45"
Randy Bigler	43½"
Larry Slagoski	34½"

**Door Prize Winner: (Reel) - 52 Members signed in.**  
To be announced at the February Awards Banquet

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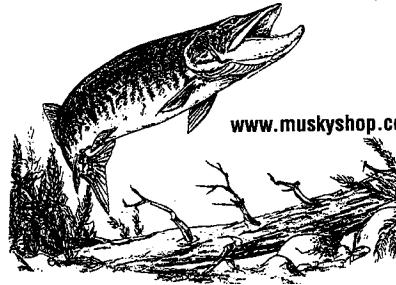
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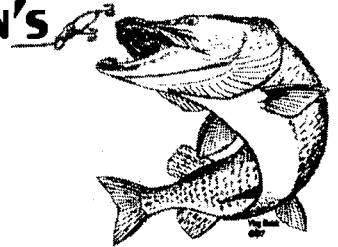
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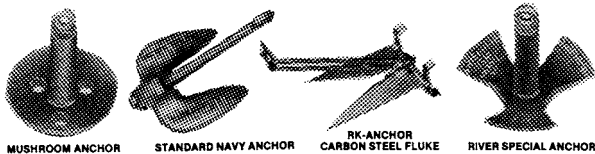


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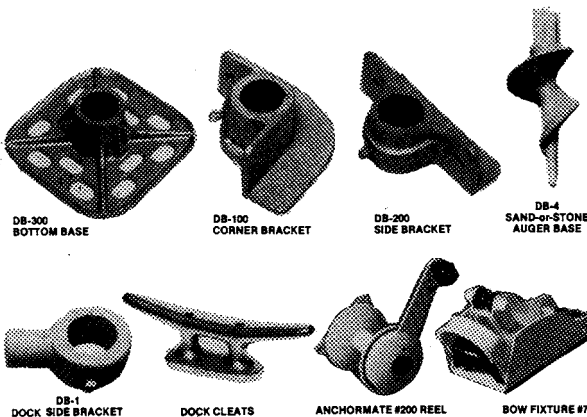
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# Three Things To Consider When Crankin'

By Joe Bucher

No doubt, crankbaits are the #1 selling lure on retail sporting goods shelves all across the U.S.A. Anglers certainly love to buy them, but honestly few really know how to work them correctly. I'm not saying that the average person can't go out and catch a fish or two on the crankbait he or she just purchased, but I'll bet my best graphite rod that better than 80% of those who fish crankbaits do not know how deep the lure runs nor how to make it run deeper or shallower.

There are three things that effect the running depth of a crankbait, and every-one should know these basics. They are: 1) line diameter, 2) speed of retrieve, and 3) casting length or trolling length, which is simply the distance between the rod tip and the lure. All three of these factors collectively determine how deep the lure will run, but you might also want to consider one more factor, which is more variable and environmental current.

Current, created by flowing water in a creek, stream or river creates a lot more resistance against both the line and lure thus pulling the lure up shallower. Lake bound anglers need to also consider current to a degree, too, since heavy wave action on a windy, blustery day can also create noticeable drag on both the line and lure.

Line diameter is the first factor to address when considering how deep a crankbait runs, and how it is going to perform. Simply put, the thinner the line, the less drag or resistance it has against water flow. Therefore, the thinner the line, the deeper the lure will run. Most of you have noticed at one time or another in your fishing experiences a difference between fishing six-pound test and 10-pound test when fishing a small jig for bass or walleye, but few consider this when crankin', yet it is just as important. In this instance, the crankbait running depth variance between these two lines can be as much as two feet or more. If the fish are less active and resting tight to the bottom eight feet down, this two feet difference can seem like a mile since you probably won't get close enough to the fish with 10-pound test.

However, lighter, thinner diameter lines aren't necessarily always better. Sometimes you don't want the lure to run as deep. If the lure is "plowing" bottom and constantly collecting debris it's actually running too deep, and it's likely to effect your catch rate negatively. This is a clear cut scenario where going up in line test instead of down is the answer.

The speed of your retrieve or troll also has a major effect on the running depth of a crankbait. If the crankbait is a buoyant floating diver, an ultra slow crank or troll speed will barely pull it below the surface. The more speed provided in this case, the deeper the lure runs. This all sounds plain and simple, yet the opposite medicine is the answer for a sinking style crankbait like the Rat-L-Trap and similar lipless divers. Whenever you have a sinking model, less speed makes the lure run deeper - just the opposite of a floating model. You want to crank a Rat-L-Trap over top shallow weeds? Crank fast! Switch to a floating diver with a big plastic bill hanging off the front of it and you'll need to employ an exact reversal. Crank slow.

Finally, remember that casting distance, or if you're a troller it's the length of line from rod tip to lure, can greatly influence running depth. If you want to maximize the running depth of any floating diver, make-long casts. The first 25% of any typical retrieve with a floating diver is delegated to attaining its running depth. The lure travels downward in a "U" or "V"-like travel path. It's more like a "U" when the cast is long enough. It's more of a "V" shape when a short cast is employed. If you want to hit a rock hump down eight feet deep with a small deep diver, you'll most likely have to cast a long bomb. If there's tall weeds on that hump, a shorter cast is a better idea.

I'll leave you with one last crankin' trick to employ that few even think about. Got a 14-foot deep ridge that's got some big fish on it, and you want to get a crankbait down to them? It's actually quite easy. Snap on a sinking lipless rattle-style bait. Make a long cast and let the bait sink all the way to the bottom. Then pull up sharply on the rod tip to make it burst upwards. Follow that up by letting it sink back to the bottom. Or, if the water is real cold, just barely turn the reel handle on a slow steady crank. You'll be right in the fish zone with no problem.

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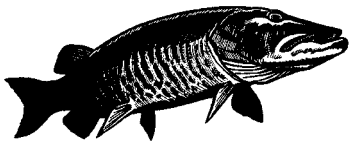
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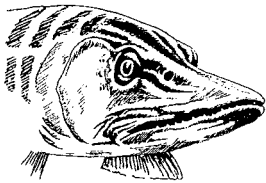
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