

2009 Newsletter

Watch the weather. Yesterday was my last scheduled charter of the season. Tomorrow is the first day of deer season, after that I'm game if you are until the ice covers the slack water. I have the 6hr cold water specials or less if you want. I will be going out by myself also. I just can't hang it up yet.

Nov 28th: Cold water special with Steve Demherst and Mat Russick . The sky was overcast with high winds 20 to 30mph. The water was stained and 43 degrees. We caught 20 fish with 3 walleye, and a musky in the mix. Matt caught all the big fish today. We used jigs.

Nov 27th: Cold Water Special with Ed Nestor, Barry Buchecker, and Joe Getz. The sky was cloudy with some wind gusts and the water was stained and 45 degrees. We caught 37 fish with 5 walleyes in the mix mostly on jigs.

Nov 25th: Cold Water Special with Steve Demherst and 13yr old Jake Hottle. The sky was overcast with light rain in the morning. The water was stained and 45 degrees. We caught 45 fish with 2 walleyes in the mix. Alluring Baits Trick Sticks and a new JJ's prototype hair jig, the JM PT jig caught the fish.

Nov 24th; Cold Water special with Kevin Readinger today. The sky was overcast and the water was stained and 45 degrees. We brought our musky rods today and managed to work out our arms but no musky. But we also fished some for bass and walleye which we got 18 fish with 1 walleye and 1 sucker in the mix.

Nov 22nd: Cold Water Special with Jake Buxton and his buddies John and Pat. The sky was overcast and the water was dark stained, up 2ft, a little fast, and 45 degrees. We caught 21 fish. Jake had the hot rod and also brought in a beautiful 18" smallie. Alluring Baits Trick Sticks caught the fish.

Nov 15th: Went fishing with John Snyder and Earl Samual. The sky was partly sunny and the water was stained and 46 degrees. We caught 32 fish with 1 walleye and John caught his first musky. Jigs and jerk baits caught the fish.

Nov 14th: Went fishing with Doug Backman and Fran D. The sky was overcast and the water was stained and 45 degrees. We caught 62 fish with 3 walleyes in the mix on LD Smallie Slammers.

Nov 13th: Went fishing with Rick Liebert and Ron k . The sky started sunny then turned to cloudy. The water was light stained and 43 degrees. We caught 42 fish with a 36" musky that Rick caught. Rick brought a musky set up with a 8" swim bait. Three casts and he had a musky, how cool is that. However that was his last musky bite of the day.

Nov 12th: Went fishing with Lou Roberto and his dad Lou. The sky was mostly clear and the water light stained and 44 degrees. we caught 37 fish with 6 walleyes in the mix on

jigs.

Nov 11th: Went fishing with Paul Szyszko and Lou Quinn. The sky was overcast and the water was 45 degrees and stained. We caught 60 fish with 9 walleyes in the mix on a variety of jigs including JJ's Hair Jigs and Alluring Baits Trick Sticks.

Nov 10th: Went fishing with John Madden and Bob Kosheff. The sky was overcast and the water stained and 45 degrees. We caught 44 fish with 3 walleyes in the mix all on jigs.

Nov 9th; Went fishing with Alan Probst for just 3 hours to shoot a TV show. The sky was sunny and the water stained and 43 degrees. Alan stayed with the LD Smallie Slammer and caught twice as many fish as I did. I tried to get as many different lures shown while taking some good natured ribbing from Alan for not catching as many fish. I started out with a black woolybooger hair jig from JJ's jigs and caught a couple of bass on that before I lost it, then I used a brown woolybooger and caught a nice 16" bass on it. Switched over to a jerk bait and after a long while caught a bass on that. Last I switched to a Black 4" Trick Stick from Alluring Baits and caught a nice 18" smallie and several other bass. As always a good day?/few hours with Alan.

Nov 8th: Went fishing today with John and David Satteson . The sky was sunny and the water stained and 43 degrees. David has been in the Army 20years and just got out this fall after several tours in Iraq. Thank you for your service David. Needless to say his fishing skills got a bit rusty and this was his first fishing trip on a boat. As the day went on he got better and better. We caught 43 fish with a 36", 25lb carp that David brought in on a light rod. Jigs were the lure of the day.

Nov 7th: Steve Demarest and Mike Yurkovic came fishing today. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water stained and 41 degrees. We caught 67 fish with 4 walleye where Steve caught one 23 ", Mark caught his first Muskie, and Steve caught a big 38", 28lb carp. Everything was on jigs.

Nov 6th: Ed and his son, Adam came fishing today. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water, stained and 43 degrees. We caught 57 fish with 1 northern pike in the mix and many big quality bass. Jigs caught the fish.

Nov 5th: Went fishing with Mark Cook today. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water was stained, 44 degrees and a little fast. We had a great time catching 50 fish with 2 walleyes in the mix and I don't think more than 5 bass were under 12". Jigs caught the fish.

Nov 4th: Went fishing with Rich Myers and Jeff LaBonde. The sky was mostly cloudy. Last night was cold in the high 20's and a full moon. The water was stained and a high of 46 degrees. We caught 26 fish with 2 northern pike, 2 suckers, in the mix. Rich caught a 29" pike. We got several big smallies. It was JJ's Jigs that the fish wanted the most. Black Woolybooger shorties. The pike were caught on jerk baits.

Nov 3rd: Went for a half day with Dick Rivers. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water was dark stained and 48 degrees. We caught 20 fish with Dick getting a nice 19"er and 2 suckers in the mix. As a matter of fact only 3 bass were under 15". We caught them on JJ's wooly Booger Jigs and Alluring Baits Trick Sticks.

Nov 2nd: Went fishing with Dave P of JJ's jigs for a couple of hours today just to test the waters. We used his brown woolybooger jig and caught several hog bass. WE'RE BACK!!!!

Oct totals: Smallmouth Bass 2088, Walleye 77, Rock Bass 12, Northern Pike 10, White Sucker 5, Musky 4, Bluegill 1, Channel Cat 1, = 2198 fish.

Oct 29th through Nov 1st. No fishing, too high and Muddy

Oct 28th: Went fishing with Will Cresman and Bruce Christman . The sky was overcast and it rained hard again!! We caught two bass right away but I could see the river rising quickly. After fishing for two more hours in the hard rain we called it off because it was only going to get worse. When we got back to the access I noticed the river came up 6" in the three hours we were out! Even though we caught a couple of fish, I told the guys no charge today. That night the river shot right up to 8ft and I called the next two charters to reschedule. The next day river was cresting close to 9ft. It would take several days to recoup. I went to work for the wife, Oh crap!

Oct 27th; Went fishing with Rhett McManus and Ed Thompson. The sky was overcast, windy, and the water still muddy and 49 degrees. We caught 28 fish with Rhett catching a 19 1/2" bass for an Angler Award. We got done for the day and it started to rain again, hard!

Oct 26th: Oh crap, the river came up 3 1/2ft and it's a dark muddy fast swirl . The fish are just in survival mode. Went fishing with two guys, one of them has been fishing with me for many years. We caught nothing!!!! This is now the third time in 29 years that I've been skunked!!!! If I was a drinker, tonight would have been it. Of course the customers did not have to pay for the trip, I didn't even charge them for the fish camp where they stayed last night. It was depressing.

Oct 25th: shot with the cowboys at North Mountain today,(I should have went fishing), then went and helped the wife with the woodworking at her factory. I have 5300 custom wood crosses to make just for one of her customers .

Oct 24th: Rained like heck today, I mean really hard. After setting up targets for the cowboys this afternoon I had a half charter with Jack and Steve Warninski. It was raining so hard I had to use the bildge pump. The water was still clear except where it came off the shores and creek in a muddy swirl. We did manage to catch 52 fish with 4 walleyes and a northern pike in the mix. We used jerk baits and JJ's Jigs. This ain't going to be good.

Oct 23rd: Went fishing with Dick Rivers today. The sky was overcast and the water was 50 degrees and clear. Dick wanted a walleye for supper so I kept mainly in the deep water avoiding the great jerk bait bass bite. We caught 8 walleyes but all were short. We also caught 57 bass and a sucker for a total of 60 fish. Most were caught on Alluring baits 3" Trick Sticks,(LD Smallie Slammers)

Oct 22nd: Went for the third day in a row with Rick and Jay. The sky was semi cloudy and the water got up to 51 degrees. We used mostly jerk baits in water up to 8ft and jigs whenever deeper. We caught 94 fish today with 3 walleyes in the mix.

Oct 21st: Went fishing with Rick and Jay again. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water got up to 50 degrees and clear. You know what that means! Top Water! Yes we got to use the Hubs Chubs surface lures today and we caught some big bass. We also used jerk baits to catch 103 fish today with 2 suckers, 1 walleye, and a small muskie in the mix.

Oct 20th: Went fishing with Rick Porter and Jay Murphy. The sky was sunny and the water clear and got up to 48 degrees. We caught 83 fish with 2 walleyes and Rick got a Northern Pike. all on jerk baits.

Oct 19th: Went fishing with Lew Bolinger and Joe James. The sky was partly cloudy , cold in the morning, The river was clear and 47 degrees. We caught 62 fish with 3 walleyes in the mix all on jerk baits.

Oct 18th: Went fishing with Ed Moses and his son Jeremy. The sky was mostly sunny and the river was clear and 46 degrees. We caught 113 fish with 1 channel cat, 3 walleye, and 4 northern pike. We had another pike bite us off. Mostly on jerk baits, the cat and 1 walleye came on a jig.

Oct 17th: Went fishing with Tim miller and Dave Borkowski. The sky was overcast with light cold rain and the water was clear and 45 degrees. We caught 86 fish with 4 walleyes in the mix on jerk baits.

Oct 16th : the evening charter called and didn't want to fish in the cold weather.

Oct 16th: Had a charter with Larry Snoke and Tom Ohr. The sky was overcast and cold rain. The river was clear and 46 degrees. We caught 80 fish with 4 walleyes, and a small muskie in the mix. Mostly on jerk baits and some on jigs.

Oct 15th: Had a 4hr afternoon charter with Rob and Bob Gunther. We caught 72 fish with many big quality bass all on jerk baits. Water was 48 degrees.

Oct 15th: My friend 85 yr old Jerry Premuto was supposed to fish with me on his birthday today like he has for the last 14 years but an illness took over and he had to cancel. Happy birthday Jerry, I wish you well and I'll see you next year.

Oct 14th Went fishing with Bob and Joe Herzog. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water was clear and 49 degrees. We caught 83 fish with 3 walleyes in the mix, mostly on Jerk baite and Alluring Baits trick sticks.

Oct 13th: No show. Delaware Valley Outdoors was supposed to show up to film a show they booked a year ago and they forgot they booked it! I could have booked this date many times over.

Oct 12th: Went fishing with Todd Fetterolf and Lew Lose. The sky was partly sunny with a little rain at the end. The river was mostly clear and 52 degrees. We caught 64 fish on jigs and jerk baits.

Oct 11th: Evening trip with Steve Fenstermacher and his daughter Alexis. His wife Karen came along for the ride. We caught 20 fish and saw a Buck whitetail deer swimming accross the river.

Oct 11th:Went fishing with Pat McDermott and his 14yr old daughter Katie. Cold in the morning, I had to scrape the ice off the truck window. The sky was partly cloudy and the water was light stained and 54 degrees. We caught 80 fish with 2 small northern pike in the mix. Katie caught the big fish of the day with a beautiful 19 1/2" smallmouth which will earn her a C&R Angler Award. We caught many big quality bass today.

Oct 10th: Went fishing with Paul Szyszko and his 9yr old son Dakota. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water was light stained to clear and 55 degrees. We caught 85 fish with 4 walleyes in the mix. We caught many big quality smallmouth today up to 20". And with the exception of being crowded by some boats that need a lesson on boating manners it was a great day.

Oct 9th: Had an evening charter with Joe Hays. We caught 40 fish with 3 walleyes in the mix. A great evening.

Oct 9th: Went fishing with Rich Heck from Medalist apparel and his father-in-law Bernie Deren. The sky was overcast with some rain in the morning.Good thing we were all wearing Medalist Max rain suits.The water was light stained to clear at 3ft and 55 degrees. We caught 80 fish with 3 walleye, 1 rockie, and one white sucker in the mix which bit on a Hubs chub surface lure, a first for my boat. We used Hubs Chubs on the surface, along with jerk baits, and Alluring Baits Trick Sticks.

Oct 8th: When I went fishing with Bill Dombrowski and Dave Flannery today they told me they had one mission. TO GET THE SEASON RECORD for most fish caught in one day. "If it swims we want to catch it!" was their saying for the day. So fish we did and caught 185 fish! We also caught 6 walleye and 6 rock bass. Most of the fish were caught on the LD smallie slammer trick stick from alluring baits. We also caught some on the surface with Hubs Chubs. We were only 11 fish off from the all time record of 196 fish but the rules say that we must be back at the access within 10 hours so we stopped. In another half hour we would have been in the 200's!

Oct 7th: Holy Crap did the wind blow today! 20MPH with 35 to 40MPH gusts. That's what Joe LaMarca and Walt Shadler and I faced today! The sky was mostly cloudy and the water light stained and 56 degrees. The wind blew the boat around like a toy! It came from all directions! The fish would bite if you could present the lure halfway correct. We managed 52 fish with some big ones and stopped a little early. The guys are to be commended for sticking it out. Trick Sticks and tubes with heavy weights did the job.

Oct. 6th: Went fishing with Marion and Rich again. It got cold overnight and the fog was thick in the morning. We started out with top water and Hubs Chubs surface lures and did great until the sun burned through. We decided to take it easy today and not try to catch the most fish. We used a variety of small crank baits and soft plastics but most fish were caught on the 3" LD Slammer from Alluring Baits. We caught 105 fish today. Rich caught a small 24" Muskie and I got a 38 " northern pike on a Slammer and my light rod. Took a while to get it in but with Marion and Rich manning the cradle net it was landed. We also caught 2 walleye.

Oct 5th: Went fishing with Marion Nunan and Rich Bealer . The sky was partly cloudy and the water was light stained and 55 degrees. We started out slow but we did get a big bass on a Hubs Chub top water lure. The rest of the day was mostly LD Slammers from Alluring Baits. The afternoon bite came on strong and we ended up with 130 fish with 5 walleyes in the mix.

Oct 4th: Can you say Top Water Fishing? That's what we enjoyed first thing when Dan and Earl West came fishing. The Hubs Chubs surface lures did great and we caught many quality smallies on them. The sky was overcast and the water light stained and 55 degrees. We ended up with 64 smallmouth and many big ones.

Oct 3rd: Evening trip with Scott Alexander and his wife Val. We first caught fish with the trick sticks then switched over to finish the day with Hubs Chubs surface lures. We caught 40 fish and it was Val with the hot rod tonight. She outdid us both.

Oct 3rd: Went fishing with Steve and Jim again. The sky was partly sunny and the water was light stained and 54 degrees. It went down to the wire but in 8 hrs we caught 157 fish with 8 walleye. 1 rockie, 1 36" northern pike, and a small 24" muskie. Mostly on LD smallie slammers from Alluring Baits. We also caught some on top water with Hubs Chubs lures. This is now the season record so far.

Oct 2nd: Evening trip with Steve Getsie and Jim Utley. We caught 40 fish with 1 walleye and 1 sucker in the mix.

Oct 2nd: Went fishing for 6hrs with Dick Rivers and Jeff Hardin. The sky was mostly sunny and the water stained and 54 degrees. We caught 67 fish with 9 walleyes and 2 rockies in the mix. Mostly on Trick Sticks.

Oct 1st: Hold on to your hats: Went fishing with Ed Nestor and Barry Buchecker. The

sky was overcast with light rain and 8mph winds. The water was stained and 56 degrees. We caught 150 fish with 7 walleyes, 2 rockies and a bluegill, a so far season record. Mostly on Alluring Baits Trick Sticks but I caught several big bass on the 4" Black Hubs Chub surface lure. Ed and Barry caught some big bass on surface lures and crank baits. A great day! Barry found a hanging grape vine that just couldn't stay away from his lure.

Sept totals: Bass 1961, Walleye 49, White sucker 8, Northern Pike 7, Rock bass 6, Bluegill 4, Musky 3, Carp 1 = 2039 fish

Sept 30th: Went fishing with Lew Bollinger and Bill Anderson. Tough fishing conditions again. The sky was overcast with 15 to 30mph winds, rain and cold. Lots of rock moss. The water was dark stained and 58 degrees, water rising. We caught 71 fish with 4 walleyes, 2 rockies, and 1 bluegill in the mix. Mostly on Trick Sticks and some on LD spinner baits and the JJ's Hair jig in Penn State color. It's not just for decoration. LOL.

Sept 29th: Went fishing with Brad and Jerry again. The sky was partly cloudy with a 15 mph wind. The water was dark stained with lots of floating rock moss and still plenty on the bottom and 60 degrees, water rising. We caught 50 fish with 4 walleye and a 3ft northern pike. Mostly on Alluring Baits Trick Sticks and crank baits.

Sept 28th: Short evening trip with Brad Dusold and Jerry Rahn. We caught 17 fish on trick sticks and crank baits. Brad caught a nice big smallie on a Hubs chub surface lure.

Sept 28th: Went fishing with Ed Coons and Bill Sordoni. The sky was partly sunny and the water was dark stained with lots of rock snot and 64 degrees. We caught 20 fish and had to work for each one.

Sept 27th: My scheduled day off so I finished a custom rod for a customer/client. a 7ft, 1 piece, Med/light with a fast action tip. SCV, St Croix blank. The best they make. High grade titanium guides and cork handle. You could feel a fish sneeze on this rod, it's that sensitive. LOL

Sept 26th: Was invited to be in the New Albany Parade with my truck and boat. We filled up the boat with kids and a thousand pieces of candy to toss to the spectators. It was fun and something different to do. A good way to advertise for my sponsors.

Sept 25th Evening. Went fishing with Sy Belden and Phil Grecol. The bite was off until the last 1 1/2 hours with Surface lures, then it was the Hubs Chubs all over. We had a lot of action but we kept on missing the hits. It was almost comical. We ended up with 17 fish mostly on the surface but some earlier on jigs.

Sept 25th: Went fishing with Dick Rivers and George Coyningham. The sky was sunny and the river was stained green with rock snot and 65 degrees. We caught 50 fish with 5 walleyes in the mix. In the morning we caught several with the Hubs Chubs surface lures then it was the 3" trick sticks from Alluring Baits and hair jigs from JJ's Jigs.

Sept 24th: Went fishing with Joe Stevko and his son Brian. The morning was overcast for about 2 hrs we did great on a surface strike with the Hubs Chubs lures. We caught 6 trophy smallies out of one small area with them! For the rest of the day we used 3' Trick Sticks by Alluring Baits and I caught them on a JJ's Hair Jig. We ended up with 71 fish with 1 northern pike and 7 walleyes in the mix.

Sept 23rd: Had a 3hr evening charter with Dave Flannery and Rich Maredict. The sky was overcast with some light rain and the water was light green stained and 68 degrees. We did well . We started out with 3" trick Sticks, then I got a couple on a jerk bait but it wasn't as good as the jig bite, then, Look Out the last half was all top water bite with Hubs Chub surface lures. We caught 33 fish tonight with 1 walleye and 1 bluegill in the mix..

Sept 22nd Evening. Was supposed to have a charter but the guys couldn't get to me in time for an evening trip because they decided to go for a canoe trip earlier which took too long. By the time they would have made it to the access and put the canoe away, and get their poles ready to fish we would have only had an hour left to fish of a 3hr charter. Maybe some other time. Maybe.

Sept 22nd: Went fishing with Don Lechner and Dale Moyer today. The sky was overcast and the water light stained green and 67 degrees. We caught 53 fish today on Hubs Chub top water lures and 3" Trick Sticks from Alluring Baits along with hair jigs from JJ's Jigs. The last fish of the day was a big old carp that latched on my Trick Stick and nearly spooled me out as I chased it with the trolling motor. It's always pleasant to fish with Don and Dale.

Sept 21st: Can you say Top Water bite! That's what we had big time when Bill Kurz and Dave Weiss came fishing. The morning was overcast and the water semi clear up to 3ft. We totaled 70 fish with 1 walleye in the mix but all morning long it was the top water bite and big smallies. We caught 40 just with the Hubs Chub surface lures. The combination of the rear prop, the side water scoops, and the rattle chamber on the Hubs Chub lures were just too great of a temptation for the smallies. Then the sun came out and the surface action stopped. We finished out the day with 3" Trick Sticks from Alluring Baits and I was using the new hairy nymph jig from JJ's Hair Jigs.

Sept 20th: Went fishing with Russel Decker and his son Jeff. The sky was mostly sunny and the water was green stained and 67 degrees. Russel told me some new jokes and completely had me on the poor dog that got his tail cut off with a weed whacker until he said they took the dog to Walmart because they are the largest RETAILER in the USA. LOL. The morning was slow and in mid afternoon there was a mayfly hatch and a feeding frenzy that went with it. They were good 14 to 18" bass that we caught and ended up with 60 fish for the day along with 3 rock bass, 2 walleye, and a small northern pike in the mix.

Sept 19th. had an evening charter with Cip Kalfaian and his 9yr old son Eli. We caught 25 fish with 1 walleye in the mix.

Sept 19th: Went fishing with John and Jody Satteson. The sky was partly cloudy and the water was green stained and 66 degrees. We caught 60 fish with 3 walleye and 3 suckers in the mix. Jerk baits and jigs caught the fish.

Sept 18th: Went fishing with Walt and Tom Schadler. The sky was sunny but we had a 15mph wind. The river was green stained and 67 degrees. We caught 69 fish with 1 sucker and 4 walleyes in the mix. Jerk baits, Alluring Baits Trick sticks, and JJ's Hair Jigs caught the fish.

Sept 17th: Went fishing again with Steve and Norbert. The sky was overcast with a little rain in the morning. The water was dark green stained and 66 degrees. We caught 70 fish today with Steve catching his biggest Northern pike to date at 36" and Norbert catching his biggest smallie to date at 17". There was also 1 sucker, 1 walleye, and a small muskie caught. A great three days with a couple of real nice guys.

Sept 16th: Went fishing again with Steve and Norbert. The sky was partly cloudy and the water dark green stained and 67 degrees. We caught 116 fish with 1 rock bass, 1 walleye, and 2 suckers in the mix. Trick Sticks and jerk baits caught the fish

Sept 15th: Went fishing with Steve Gehringer and his dad Norbert. The sky was partly cloudy and the water dark green stained. We caught 83 fish with 1 walleye, 1 sucker, and 1 small muskie in the mix. Most fish were caught on Alluring Baits Trick Sticks, tubes, and jerk baits.

Sept 14th: Went fishing with Shamus Smith and his dad John. The sky was partly cloudy and the water dark green stained and 67 degrees. We caught 72 fish with a nice 34" northern pike, 2 walleye, and a small muskie in the mix.

Sept 13th: Went fishing with John Snyder and Jeff Trauger. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water was dark green stained and 67 degrees. We caught 70 fish with 1 walleye and 1 northern pike in the mix. Jerk baits and Alluring Baits 3" Trick Sticks caught the fish.

Sept 12th: Went fishing with Paul Szyszko and Tom Horan. The sky was overcast and the water was dark green stained and 67 degrees. We caught 65 fish with 1 rock bass in the mix mostly on Trick Sticks. We caught many big bass today.

Sept 11th: Went fishing with Dick Rivers today. It rained all day but mostly lightly, the water was dark algae stained and 68 degrees. We caught 70 fish with 1 walleye in the mix on Alluring Baits Trick Sticks and Jerk Baits.

Sept 10th: Went fishing with Will Cressman and Bob Blemn. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water was dark algae stained and 69 degrees. We caught 102 fish with 3 walleyes in the mix. Mostly on Alluring Baits 3" Trick Sticks (LD Smallie Slammers)

Sept 9th: Went fishing with Barney Cook and Lonny Shirk. The sky was mostly cloudy

and the water was dk green alga stained and 69 degrees. We caught 101 fish with 2 bluegill and 1 walleye in the mix. Jerk baits , Alluring Baits Trick Sticks, (LD Smallie Slammer), and JJ's Shorty Jigs caught the fish.

Sept 8th: Went fishing with Paul Vanvermartin and his wife Pam. The sky was cloudy in the morning and late afternoon and hot and sunny midday. The water was stained and 69 degrees. We caught 83 fish with 1 walleye in the mix. Jerk Baits and Alluring baits Trick Sticks caught the fish. A black bear came down to the river to cool off at midday, see photos on photo page.

Sept 7th: Went fishing with Mark Cook and Tad Soden. The sky was partly cloudy and the water stained and 70 degrees. We caught 117 fish with 1 northern pike in the mix. Alluring Baits LD Smallie Slammer Trick Sticks and Jerk baits caught the fish.

Sept 6th: Went fishing with John Snyder and his friend Duff. We caught 40 fish with 1 sucker and John caught and landed another rock! His second with me this season. Must have been his cotton candy colored Fat Albert he was using, LOL. The day ended with some top water action. It's about time for that to happen..

Sept 6th:Went fishing with Ed Schaneley and his wife Billie. Billie did about a half day with us and Ed and I did a couple hours more. We caught 75 fish with 1 walleye and 1 sucker in the mix. I counted over 20 boats we saw today. Can't wait for the weekend to finish the zoo is still here.

Sept 5th: Evening trip with fly fisherman Ed Blanchard . Ed had several on and landed 4 bass including his personal best 16" smallie on his fly rod.Ed if you read this I can't send the photos to you with the e-mail address you gave me.

Sept 5th: Went fishing with John Hendrickson and Rick Vary.Started out foggy then went to full sun. The water was dark stained and 69 degrees. We caught 97 fish. Alluring Baits Trick Sticks caught the fish. LD Smallie Slammer to be exact. Again it was a total zoo out there because of the holiday weekend. There was a guy with a Florida glass flats boat trolling down the narrow river with 4 rods out. As we were floating down a channel he powers around us within 15ft and cuts in ahead. All his lines and lures went right under my boat. The dummy! No wonder we say those who can't fish the river troll the river!

Sept 4th: Had an evening trip with Harry Gillmer and Carl Bickert. We caught 65 fish with 1 walleye in the mix on LD Smallie Slammers.

Sept 4th: Had a 6hr charter with Jack,Dave, and Keith. These were the guys in the other boat from last night. Now the contest got interesting. The two groups kept their total inches from last night so now my boat was down by 200 inches to start the day! The guys were hot and I was so busy retieing jigs and adding up fish and inches that I didn't even touch my rod until the guys got in the first 40 fish and I was supposed to be fishing with them. Then we poured it on thinking the other boat was way ahead because they

started higher than us and we were all fishing in the same area. We ended up with 103 fish by noon when the contest ended and the other boat was maybe half that from what I was told by my first group. It was a fun contest and I'm glad I was invited. Oh yea, LD Smallie Slammers by Alluring Baits caught the fish both days for our boat. I gotta pour some jigs tonight!

Sept 3rd: Evening Trip with Bill, Dave, and Bob. They were part of a 6 man group. The other three guys were in another boat. They were having a contest on which group could catch the most fish. They used total inches to determine the winner. Our boat beat them pretty good with 60 fish total and 1 walleye in the mix. It was fun.

Sept 3rd: Went fishing with 85 year old Jerry Premuto and Tom Baldini. The sky was sunny and the water was dark stained and 68 degrees. We caught 64 fish with 1 walleye in the mix. LD spinners and Alluring Baits Trick Sticks caught the fish.

Sept 2nd: client called in sick and canceled.

Sept 1st: Went again with Jay and Dirk. The sky was partly sunny and the water was brown and 66 degrees. We caught 57 fish with 2 walleyes in the mix. LD Thumpers and tubes caught the fish.

Aug totals: Smallmouth Bass 1307 fish, Walleye 34 fish, Rock Bass 14 fish, Channel Cats 5 fish, White sucker 3 fish, Bluegill 2 fish, Carp 1 fish, Musky 2 fish, Northern Pike 1 fish. = 1369 fish

Aug 31st: Major Mud!, Went fishing with Jay Murphy and Dirk Cleveland. The sky was partly sunny and the water was high, fast muddy and 67 degrees however it was on the way back down We caught only 33 fish but we got some big ones. Jay caught a 20 + " bass that had to be over 5lb. See photo in photo page. LD Thumpers and big tubes caught the fish.

Aug 30th: The river came up 2ft with mud! Went fishing with John Snyder and Larry Woodward. The sky was a pleasant mostly sunny day but with 15mph winds and the river was fast, muddy, and 70 degrees. We caught 30 fish with 1 rock bass, 1 channel cat, and 1 walleye in the mix. John brought in a nice rock which fought him quite awhile. Mostly on LD Thumper spinners and Larry caught some on a crank bait.

Aug 29th: Evening trip with Paul Szyszko and his 9year old son, Dakota. It was partly cloudy and the water was dark stained and 71 degrees. We caught 40 fish with 2 walleyes, 1-sucker, and 1 bluegill in the m

Aug 29th: Day trip was cancelled. Hard rain all night and morning. Took the opportunity to go to Snake Creek Marine and put new tires on the boat trailer.

Aug28th: Evening trip with Keith Huffman and his son-in-law Chris. It rained all evening . We caught 45 fish

Aug 28th: Went fishing with Dick Rivers for a half day. It rained all day The river was stained and 72 degrees. We caught 47 fish with 1 walleye and Dick caught a 31" Carp in the mix. Alluring Baits Trick sticks and JJ's Jigs caught the fish.

Aug. 27th: Went fishing with 85 year old Jerry Premuto and Dick Gibson. The sky was partly sunny and the water was dark stained and 75 degrees. We caught 63 fish with 1 walleye in the mix. LD Thumpers and Alluring Baits Trick Sticks caught the fish.

Aug 26th: Went fishing with Ken Roberts and Matt Roberts. The sky was partly cloudy and the water brown and 76 degrees. We caught 83 fish with 1 sucker in the mix. LD thumpers, JJ's jigs, and Alluring Baits Trick Sticks caught the fish.

Aug 25th: Went fishing with Ken Roberts and Jim Rosenstein. The sky was partly cloudy and the water brown and 76 degrees . This was Jims first time fishing and he did well. We caught 53 fish with one walleye in the mix. Tube jigs and LD Thumpers caught most of the fish.

Aug 24th: Went fishing with Jerry Zimmerman and his son Jerry. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water brown and 76 degrees. We caught 79 fish with 4 walleyes, 1 rock bass, and 1 bluegill in the mix. LD Thumper spinners, Alluring baits Trick sticks and good old tubes caught the fish.

Aug 23rd: Went fishing with Gary Rickler and Sam Fairchild. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water, brown and 77 degrees. We caught 63 fish with 2 walleyes in the mix. LS Thumper Spinners along with JJ's Hair Jigs and Alluring Baits Trick Sticks caught the fish.

Aug 22nd: Evening trip with Ed, Joey, and John Thomas. The water was dirty brown and it turned out to be a nice evening. It had rained in the morning. We caught 12 fish with 1 channel cat in the mix. The fishing was slow for the first hour and then they turned on late in the charter.

Aug 21st: Went fishing with Dick Rivers and Tom .The sky was mostly overcast with a hard rain in the PM and the water a dirty brown and 77 degrees. We fished for 5 hours and caught 40 fish with 1 walleye in the mix. LD Thumper spinners and JJ's hair jigs caught most of the fish.

Aug 20th: Went fishing with Rich Heck from Medalist SilverMax apparel and his son Grayson. The sky was mostly overcast and the water dark stained. I pro-staff for Medalist and I invited Rich to come and give me the details of why Medalist is such a superior outdoor clothing. While he was telling me about the company we caught 43 fish with 2 walleye, 1 channel cat, 2 rockies, and several big quality smallies.

Aug 19th: Went fishing with Tom Robbins and Lynwood Meyers. The sky was partly cloudy to start and the river was dark stained and 79 degrees. A Thunder / lightning storm chased us off at 1:30PM but we still got 50 fish with 1 rockie in the mix. We'll

make up the rest of the time with an evening charter later this year. LD Thumper spinners and Alluring Baits trick sticks caught the fish.

Aug 17th and 18th: Went fishing with Ken and Gene Roberts. The skies were sunny with chance of afternoon showers. The river was dark stained and 78 degrees . We caught some big fish and Gene caught a nice 17" smallie on his fly rod. For the two days we caught 152 fish with 3 rockies, 1 walleye, and 1 northern pike in the mix. Gene used an assortment of streamer flies, and we all used JJ's Hair Jigs, Alluring Baits Trick sticks, LD Thumper spinners, and small crank baits. We caught a couple of beauties on a black woolybooger JJ's Jig.

Aug 16thWent fishing with Steve Skidmore and his wife Donna. We were on a Get to know the river and fishing combo. We caught 17 fish all smallies on LD Thumper spinners and Alluring Baits Trick Sticks.

Aug 16th: Went fishing with 79yr young Skip Connant and his grandson Roman Wlodarczyk. The sky was sunny and HOT. The water was dark to dirty stained and 77 degrees. We went out for just 6 hrs and caught 40 fish with 2 walleye and 1 muskie in the mix. Alluring Baits trick sticks,LD Thumper spinners and small crank baits caught the fish.

Aug 15th: Evening charter with Keith Ives and his 9yr old son Christain. We caught 21 smallies on LD Thumpers, JJ's Hair jigs, tubes, and stick worms.

Aug 15th: Went fishing with Charles Goins and his 6yr old son Aaron. The sky was sunny and hot. The water was dirty brown and 76 degrees. We caught 42 fish with 1 walleye in the mix. Arron caught several fish all by himself on his pushbutton rod, helped me bring in any fish I hooked up and he learned how to cast a spinning rod . Many kinds of lures were used including jj's hair jigs, Alluring baits stick worms, rattle traps, and creature baits.

Aug 14th: Had an evening charter with Si Belden. The sky was mostly sunny and the water was muddy, fast, and 75 degrees. We caught 17 fish with 1-walleye and 1-rockie in the mix. mostly on black tubes.

Aug 13th: The river came down but still muddy. Went fishing with Steve Gehringer and his son Andrew. The sky was partly cloudy and the water was 71 degrees. You couldn't see your lure 4" in the water. I told the guys that getting skunked was NOT an option. You can fish in any kind of water, you just got to change your tactics. We caught 23 fish today with 1 channel cat and 4 rockies in the mix. Only saw one other boat all day.

Aug 12th: Scheduled boat maintenance day. Good thing, the river is still in bad shape but coming back down to fishable levels.

Aug 11th: Water came up 4ft and muddy, rescheduled charter.

Aug 10th: Went fishing with Lew Bollinger and his son Mike from the University of California Berkley. The day was very hot with partial clouds and the water was dark stained and 73 degrees. We caught 45 fish with a beautiful 40" Muskie that Mike caught on a LD Thumper Spinner. It was quite a long fight because Mike was using one of my med/light rods with 10lb Stren Magnathin line. The big fish crushed the jig on the spinner and the hook was just about open when we finally got the fish into the cradle net. See this fish on my photo page.

Aug 9th: Went fishing with John Snyder and Cornell Hopkins. The sky was overcast with a morning hard rain and we just beat a severe thunderstorm in the evening. The water was dark stained and 71 degrees. We had two fronts come through. We caught 52 fish with 1 sucker and John caught a channel cat. LD Thumpers and Trick sticks caught the fish.

Aug 8th: Had an evening charter with Mike D'Elia and Jim Pointek. We caught 27 smallies on a calm and peaceful evening.

Aug 8th: Had a great fishing trip with Rick McNeal and his boys Christopher 11 and Stephen 9. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water was dark stained and 72 degrees. This was the boys third trip and they caught many quality fish by themselves. Christopher caught a 17" smallie and a 20" walleye and Stephen brought it a 18" smallie and his first walleye. See them on my photo page. The boys ended up with 36 fish with 4 walleye in the mix. All the boys fish were caught on LD Thumper Spinners.

Aug 7th: Had an evening trip with Dirk and Steve Koch. The fishing gods were not good to us as we managed to get 14 fish with 1 walleye in the mix on LD Thumpers and Trick Sticks

Aug 7th: Went fishing with Dick Rivers and his son-in-law Jeff Hardin. The sky was sunny and the water dark stained and 72 degrees. It was a short day and we caught 43 fish with 1-walleye in the mix. Jeff tried out his new custom rod I made for him and he enjoyed it. Trick sticks and Thumper spinners caught the fish.

Aug 6th: Went fishing with Jerry and Al Premuto. The sky was partly cloudy and the water dark stained and 72 degrees. We caught 63 fish with 3 walleye and 1 rockie in the mix. Jerry who is turning 85 this year has been fishing with me for 13 years now caught the biggest bass a beautiful 18"er. LD Thumpers and Trick Sticks caught the fish.

Aug 5th: Went fishing with Rick Liebert and his son Ricky. They have been fishing with me now for 11 years now. The sky was partly cloudy and the water was dark stained and 72 degrees. We caught 63 fish with many big bass and a rockie. Everything was caught on Alluring Baits Trick Sticks and LD Thumpers. And Ricky was top rod this year.

Aug 4th: Went fishing with Mike Yakubik and his son John. Conditions were the same as yesterday except sunny and 13mph winds. Water was dark brown, little high, and fast

at 72 degrees. We caught 61 fish with 3 walleye and 1 rock bass in the mix. Most fish were caught on the LD Thumper spinner. Several big smallies were caught.

Aug 3rd: Went fishing with Steve Hillman and his son Justin. It was a really good day for the conditions we fished in. The sky was mostly sunny and the river was dirty brown, a little high, fast, and 72 degrees . We caught 64 fish with 1 walleye in the mix. Since the water was a dark brown we used LD Thumper Spinners, Black Alluring Baits smallie Crawls, and medium crank baits custom painted black with the spray can.LOL, I'm such the artist. They all worked great with many big quality smallies caught.

Aug 2nd: Went fishing with Don Biggs and his dad Don. The sky was overcast with on and off rain. The river was dirty brown and 74 degrees. We caught 28 fish today including some big ones. It was the LD Thumper spinner that worked today. Hard to beat in dark muddy conditions.

Aug 1: High Muddy water charter rescheduled

July totals: Bass 1755, Walleye 68, Channel Cats 6, Rock Bass 9, Northern Pike 1, White Sucker 2 = 1841 fish

July 31st: Guess I got the day off. My client called, he was on the way up, thunder/lightning storms all day today. It wouldn't have been a fun day anyway dodging lightning. I'll catch up on my lure orders today.

July 30th: Went fishing with Mike Nakonechy and his grandson Tyler. Tyler confirmed with me that's he's been fishing with me now 7 years. A beautiful day, the sky was partly cloudy and the water was brown/green after the storm yesterday. We caught 67 fish with 1 walleye and 1 rock bass in the mix all on jigs. Talked briefly with one of our local WCOs today, Terry Deibler, while he was on patrol. He's a good guy, just make sure you have all your safety equipment on board which we did.

July 29th: After the tremendous rain storm I had a great evening charter with Sam Wiley and John Schad. The fish turned on after the storm and the humidity left. We caught 28 fish with 2 walleyes in the mix. We caught everything on jigs. And for the gentlemen bets, Sam won it all. The first, the most, and the biggest. A big congrats to you.

July 29th: Went fishing with Bill and Steven again. The sky was overcast and extremely humid.The river was dark stained and 77 degrees. We got chased off the river early by a sever rain and thunder approaching. We caught 41 fish on alluring baits stick worms and ld spinners.

July 28th evening: Went fishing with Bill Betteridge and his son Steven. We caught 32 fish mostly on jigs

July 28th: Had a morning appointment with Snake Creek Marine. They put on my new 115/80 Merc OptiMax motor.

July 27th evening: Went fishing with Bill and Kris Lewis. We caught 32 fish with 1 walleye in the mix.

July 27th: Went fishing with Rick Stevens and his wife Cindy. Rick and I fished while Cindy checked out the local birds and took photos, boy did we ever see a bunch of eagles. The sky was partly cloudy and the water was stained and 75 degrees We caught 63 fish all smallies mostly on jigs.

July 26th: Went fishing with Dave Garrett and Tom Windfield from Ohio. The sky was overcast with on and off light rain. The water was stained and 75 degrees. It came together today with 81 fish boated and 4 walleyes in the mix along with 1 small Northern pike. LD spinners, jerk baits, and JJ's hair Jigs caught the fish. Must have seen 10 eagles today.

July 25th: Had an evening charter with the winner of the charter I donated to the Nickle Creek Childrens Derby. Five year old Mark Walburn brought his dad and his 8year old cousin. We had a great time. Mark caught his first fish. As a matter of fact he caught 5 of them as did his cousin and dad caught several also. They loved the jetboat ride. I really enjoy fishing with youngsters.

July 24th: Went fishing with Dick Rivers and Don Vish from Kentucky. The sky was partly cloudy and the water was stained and 73 degrees. We caught 52 fish with 3 walleyes in the mix. Jigs caught most of the fish.

July 23rd: Went fishing with Bill Yeagle and Nathan Lechene. The sky was partly cloudy and the water was stained and 72 degrees. We caught 44 fish with 1 rockie, 2 walleyes, and 2 white suckers in the mix. Mostly on jerk baits, Alluring Baits trick sticks, and LD spinners. Poor Nathan had a bad day but he didn't have a penny in the trip so he shouldn't complain and he caught some big fish. He's lucky that Bill is such a great guy!

July 22nd; Went fishing with Joe Galliger and his son Brady. The sky was partial cloudy until late then light rain. The water is stained with snot grass and 71 degrees. We caught 65 fish today all smallies. Saw two huge snapping turtles on shore doing what comes naturally. I got good photos. The fish were caught on Alluring Baits trick sticks, LD spinners worked great when you could get them through the floating moss and some on suspending jerk baits..

July 21st: Had a delightful charter with Julius Leite and Daniel Mosse from Brazil. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water stained. We caught 65 fish with 2 walleyes in the mix. This was all great because this was Julius's first fish caught in the USA and it was Daniels first fish ever, anywhere! The rock moss kept us from using the LD spinner baits much so we caught most of the fish on Alluring Baits Trick sticks and JJ's Jigs.

July 20th: Evening charter with Jack Flynn and his brother Bryan. We caught 22 fish with 1 walleye in the mix.

July 20th:Went fishing with Pete,Barry,and Ray again. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water was stained and 72 degrees. We caught 86 fish with 4 walleye in the mix. LD spinner baits and Alluring Baits Trick Sticks caught the fish.

July 19th: Evening charter with Pete Moffett,Barry Remley, and Ray McGuirk. We caught 25 fish, all smallies.

July 19th:Went fishing with Jay Peachey and Caleb Yoder today. The sky was partly cloudy and the water was dark stained and 72 degrees. We caught 91 fish today with 2 walleyes and 1 rockie in the mix. LD spinners and Alluring baits Trick Sticks caught the fish.

July 18th: As usual had a great time with Ed Nestor and Barry Buchecker. The sky was partly sunny and the water was dark stained along with the snot grass showing up now. This was the free trip that the guys won from me for catching the most fish in one day last season. We caught 81 fish with 1 walleye and 1 rock bass in the mix. Ed brought and cooked us a great shore lunch of 1/2lb bergers and shrimp on the grill.First time I ever had a customer cook a shore lunch for me. It was great! Spinners, crank baits and jigs caught the fish. I'm sure if we didn't stop for lunch for 1 1/2hrs we could have caught a hundred fish but the day was perfect as it was.

July 17th: Went fishing for 5 hrs with Dick Rivers today. The sky was overcast and the water was dark stained and 73 degrees. We caught 54 fish today on LD spinners and Alluring Baits stick worms

July 16th: Had an evening charter with Tom Olsen and Bert Walck. We caught 20 fish with 3 walleye and 1 Northern Pike in the mix.

July 16th: Went fishing with Earl Samual and his two grandchildren Elijah age 6, and Kalley age 9. The sky was partly sunny and the water got up to 75 degrees and dark stained. The plan was for the kids to catch all the fish and they did just that. This was not only the kids first river trip, but their first fish as well. Grandad did it right. We started about 9:00AM , fished for about two hours, went back to the access and had about an hour lunch and then back on the river for another two hours. Elijahs first fish was a 16" smallmouth that gave him quite a fight, how do you beat that! He caught a fish older than himself! Kalley not only caught smallmouth, but walleye and rock bass as well. They ended up with 27 fish with 2 walleye and 2 rock bass in the mix. All were caught on LD All Fish Spinners.

July 15th: Went fishing with Jerry Smith and Norman Baker today. The sky was mostly sunny and the water was dark stained and 72 degrees. Another good day. We caught 83 fish with 4 walleyes and 2 rock bass in the mix. LD All Fish Spinners and JJ's Hair Jigs caught most of the fish along with small crank baits and Alluring Baits 3" Trick Sticks.

July 14th: Went fishing with Ed Bardzel today. The sky was mostly sunny and the water

dark stained and 72 degrees. We had a great day! The two of us caught 66 fish with 6 walleyes in the mix. We used small crank baits hand painted a special color. The big fish of the day came on the LD "All Fish Spinner" that we were using. And quite a few were caught on Alluring Baits Trick Sticks.

July 13th: Had an evening charter with Doug Denure and his grandson Dan. We caught 21 fish with 1 walleye and Dan caught a channel Catfish on crankbaits and jigs.

July 13th: Went fishing with Lew Bolinger and Joe James. The sky was partly cloudy and the water was dark stained and 72 degrees. We caught 47 fish with 2 walleye in the mix. Crankbaits and jigs caught the fish.

July 12th: Went fishing with Gary Beyer and Debbie Rowe. The sky was partly cloudy and the water was dark stained and 71 degrees. We caught 48 fish today with 3 walleyes in the mix. Crank baits and Jigs caught the fish.

July 11th: Had a no show, no call from a good client. No answer when I called him. He did 5 charters this year, and booked 5 for next year. Hope he's all right. Meanwhile I'm doing lure orders today.

July 10th: Had an evening trip with Andy Kuzma and his son Drew. The clouds came in somewhat and made for a very pleasant evening. We caught 37 fish with 4 walleyes in the mix. All on 3" Back Trick Sticks.

July 10th: It was just me and Dick Rivers today for a 5hour trip. The sky was mostly sunny and the water was dark stained and 72 degrees. We caught 45 fish with 2 walleye in the mix. It was mostly JJ's Jigs, Alluring Baits 3" Trick Sticks, both in black and crank baits caught some.

July 9th: Did what I was going to do yesterday.

July 8th: Had a scheduled maintenance day off but didn't expect this. Took the boat up to Snake Creek Marine and Alan Coy repaired my motor in about 3hrs so I could get back on the water with no delays. He's the best marine mechanic I know. I already called and rescheduled tomorrows charter and it was too late to call again.

July 7th: had an evening trip with Steve Demarest along with his 13yr old neffew and his 13yr old buddy. We took off up river for about 2 miles and the motor came to a screeching halt. A bearing seal broke leaking water into the bearing which disintegrated. We floated back to the access catching fish along the way.

July 7th: Went fishing with Dale Moyer and Don Lechner today. The sky was overcast with severe thunder storms and the water was dark stained and 70 degrees. We got chased off the water twice with thunder storms. Once, it was severe with thunder, lightning, and hail for about an hour! We still managed to catch 59 fish with 4 walleyes in the mix. Crank baits and stick worms caught the fish.

July 6th: Today it all came together. Went fishing with Barry Buchecker and Marv Dengler. The sky was partly cloudy and the water was dark stained and 71 degrees. We caught 119 fish with 6 walleyes in the mix ! Mostly on crankbaits and jigs. Marv caught a 20 1/2" smallie and we all caught some big quality bass.

July 5th: Had a 4hr evening charter with Chuck and Dick Galley. We caught 40 fish with 2 walleye and 1 channel cat in the mix. LD Thumpers , JJ's Jigs, and Alluring Baits Trick sticks caught the fish.

July 5th: Went fishing with Ryan Huff and his dad John. The sky was partly cloudy and the water dirty brown, fast, and 70 degrees. We caught 48 fish with 1 channel cat and 1 rockie in the mix. LD Thumper Spinners along with JJ's hair Jigs and Alluring Baits Trick Sticks caught the fish.

July 4th: Had an evening trip with Reble Edwards and Hugh Ridenour. After the first charter left early I called the guys and they got there in a half hour. The bite was on, in 3 hrs we caught 32 fish with 1 walleye in the mix. Alluring Baits Trick Sticks and LD Thumpers caught the fish. A great evening!

July 4th: Went fishing with Mike Bray and his son Mike. The sky was semi cloudy and the water brown and 69 degrees. The bite was slow for the guys and they finished early with 31 fish. We used Thumpers and JJ's Hair Jigs. They should have waited because after they left the fish turned on!

July 3rd: Evening trip with Mike Bolan and his son Kevin. Had to wait out a heavy rain then went out. We caught 14 fish with 2 nice walleyes and a channel cat in the mix. All on LD Thumpers.

July 3rd: Went fishing with Dick Rivers and Jack Coyningham. The sky was mostly cloudy with some rain. The water came up again slightly with more mud and 69 degrees. We caught 32 fish with 2 walleyes and 1 channel cat in the mix. I caught a few on JJ's jigs and the rest were caught on LD Thumper spinners..

July 2nd: Evening trip with Bill Parks. We caught 18 smallies on LD Thumpers and I got a couple on JJ's Jigs.

July 2nd: Went fishing with Jeff and Gary Hartman. The sky was overcast with heavy rain several times. The water was muddy brown and 70 degrees. We caught 65 fish with 2 nice walleye in the mix. LD Thumper spinners and JJ's Jigs black booger jigs caught the fish.

July 1st evening: Went fishing with Ed and Andy Yordy. We caught 12 smallies and missed several more.

July 1st: Went fishing with Dennis Snyder and Mike Freer. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water came up 6" during the day, still muddy and 70 degrees. We caught 64

fish with 1 channel cat and 1 walleye in the mix. LD Thumpers caught all the fish.

June totals: Smallmouth bass-869, Rock Bass-8, Walleye-34, Northern Pike-2, Hog Nose Sucker-1, Channel Cat-2. Total # of fish= 916 fish. Total charters including evening- 21 charters . Ave/charter= 43.6 fish. 22 days of rain!

June 30th: Went fishing with Joe Lech and his son, Michael. The sky was overcast and it rained most of the day, sometimes HARD with some lightning. The water was a muddy brown and 69 degrees. We caught 43 fish today. LD Thumper Spinners caught all the fish.

June 29th: Went fishing with Skip Conant and Ted Manley. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water was muddy brown and 69 degrees. We caught 27 fish with 1 walleye in the mix. LD Thumper Spinners caught the fish.

June 28th: Had a scheduled cowboy action shoot at North Mountain Sportsman Club. Entered in the new Outlaw category where all your guns are shot from the hip just like an old B Western movie. That was fun!

June 27th: Had a evening charter with Scott Page. The sky was overcast, the water was muddy and 72 degrees. We caught 15 fish with 1 channelcat and 1 walleye in the mix. LD Thumper Spinners caught them all.

June 26th : Went fishing with Gary and Scott Taylor. The sky was mostly cloudy with occasional rain. We started a 6:00AM which was great in the summer. We caught 61 fish with 3 walleyes and 1 channel cat in the mix. All the fish were caught on LD Thumper Spinners. We also saw a 30" water snake that has just caught a 10" bullhead and was trying to move it up the bank away from the river. We were done at 2:00PM which was good because at 2:30PM we got a real bad Thunder storm with hail and high winds.

June 25th: Went fishing with 85 year young Jerry Premuto and Dirk Vanversterre. The sky was partly cloudy and hot. The Water was dirty brown and 70 degrees. We caught 38 fish with 1 walleye in the mix. All the fish were caught on LD Thumper Spinners.

June 19th: Went fishing with Dick and Steve Brtolet. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water dark stained and 67 degrees. The water came up a foot last night and continued rising during the day . We caught 77 fish with 1 walleye and 1 rockie in the mix. All the fish except for one were caught on LD Thumper spinners. That big worm spinner was what the fish wanted today and turned a so so day into a great one!

June 18th: Went fishing with Bob and Ty Herzog. The sky was overcast with light rain. The water was dark stained and 66 degrees. We caught 50 fish today with 1 walleye in the mix. I got many on a JJ's Jig black 1/8OZ Booger Shorty jig. Ld Thumpers and spinner baits caught some as did Alluring Baits Trick Sticks.

June 17th: Went fishing with Earl Samuel today. The sky was overcast and the water dark stained and 70 degrees. We caught 58 fish today with 3 walleyes in the mix. LD spinners and LD Thumpers caught most of the fish along with some on Alluring Baits trick sticks and JJ's Jigs.

June 16th: Had an evening charter with Russell Anderson, Paul and Stephen Walker. We caught 25 fish with 1 walleye in the mix on LD spinner baits.

June 16th: Went fishing with Will Cresman and Bruce Christman. The day was mostly cloudy and the water was 71 degrees and dirty stained. We caught 50 fish with 3 walleyes in the mix. LD Thumper spinners and Alluring Baits trick sticks caught the fish.

June 15th: Went fishing with Ed Schanely and Tom Leidy today. The sky was partly cloudy and the water dirty stained and 71 degrees. It was Toms first time touching a spinning rod in 23 years, he all flyrod. The water was much too dirty for that so he had to relearn the spinning rod and did well. We caught 30 fish with 1 walleye in the mix.

June 14th: Went fishing with John Snyder and Jim Groff today. The sky was partly sunny and the water was brown. We caught 47 fish today with 2 walleyes in the mix. LD Thumper spinners along with some big crank baits caught the fish.

June 13th: Went fishing with Joe Giunta and his son Joe. The water came up another foot last night and still dirty brown. We caught 24 fish today in very tough conditions.

June 12th: Went fishing with Steve Sosnowski and Dennis Dumas. The sky was overcast and the water dirty brown and 71 degrees. We caught 38 fish today with 2 walleyes and 1 rock bass in the mix. Considering how bad the water was we did pretty darn good.

June 11th: Went fishing with Matt Walter and Travis Leister. The sky was overcast with light rain. The water was dark stained and 70 degrees. We caught 51 fish today with 2 walleye and Travis caught a 37" Northern Pike which earned him a catch and release angler award. LD spinners and Alluring Baits trick sticks caught the fish.

June 10th: Scheduled work day for getting caught up.

June 9th: Went fishing with Dan Hrabko and Scott Dunham. I think Scott is a distant cousin of mine. The sky was mostly cloudy and the water was dark stained and 70 degrees. We caught 57 fish with 3 walleyes and 1 hog nose sucker in the mix. Scott caught his first walleye today, a 20" beauty which he let go along with all the other fish. LD spinner Baits and Alluring Baits 3" trick sticks caught the fish.

June 8th: Went fishing with Andy and Pete Nicholson. The sky was overcast and the water dark stained and 69 degrees. It came together today with 64 fish and 1 walleye in the mix. We caught many big trophy bass with Pete catching one just over 19" for a catch and release Angler Award. LD Spinners caught the fish today and not much else.

June 7th: Participated in the first annual river clean up put on by the North Branch Smallmouth Alliance. We cleaned up all the trash we could find on a three mile section of the river and ended up with about 15yds of trash and tires. There were about 12 dedicated volunteers, most were from the Smallmouth Alliance. There were two fishing guides present, myself and part time guide Greg Smith. One fish Taxidermist , Keven Raymonds, one fishing lure maker, Dave Pelecheck of JJ's Jigs. Bryan Bendock from the fish commission .

June 6th:It was a tough day for myself, Greg Radosin, and Ray. The sky was mostly cloudy, the water dark stained and 65 degrees. We caught 30 fish today with 1 walleye and 1 rockie in the mix. Ld spinners and Alluring Baits trick sticks caught the fish.

June 5th: Had a cancellation today. Learned about it when I read my e-mail this morning before going to the river. Not Cool!

June 4th: Went fishing with Dennis Snyder and Mike Freer. The sky was partly cloudy and the water was dark stained and 64 degrees. We caught 44 fish today with 2 walleyes and 1 Northern Pike in the mix. LD Spinners and Alluring Baits 3" Trick Sticks caught the fish.

June 3rd: Went on a short trip with Tom and Judi Morris. It rained all day and the water was a dark stain and 61 degrees. We caught 45 fish today with 4 walleye and 1 rockie in the mix. LD spinners , Alluring Baits trick Sticks, and Judi used an in line spinner, all which caught the fish. Several big quality bass and walleye were caught.

June 2nd: Went fishing with John Garrity and his dad John. The sky was overcast and the water was dirty brown and 62 degrees. We caught 51 fish with 2 rockies and 1 walleye in the mix. JJ's hair jigs new perch color and Alluring Baits Trick Sticks caught the fish.

June 1st: Went fishing with Ron Corona and Judi Corrigan. The sky was partly cloudy and the water was still up, fast, dirty brown and 62 degrees. We caught 45 fish with 2 rockies in the mix. Judi caught her first smallie ever . Alluring Baits Trick Sticks caught the fish today.

May Total: Smallmouth bass- 1097, walleye-46, rock bass-29, white sucker-4, Hog nose sucker-1, Pike-7, Muskie-3, Trout-1, Perch-1, LM Bass-1,Carp-1, Channel Cat-1, Total 1192 fish, 30 charters=39.7 fish per day

May 31st: Charter rescheduled.

May 30th: A high muddy swirl river greeted John Kukowski, Ed Bardzel and myself today. Everyone else gave up but we fished all day for 16 hard earned fish in the mud with 1 walleye in the mix.. It wasn't the mud so much as the fast current and winds that hampered our efforts. LD Thumper spinners, JJ's Jigs in Black and AlluringBaits Black Trick Sticks caught the fish. I caught my first bass on the new JJ's Jigs Hellgramite jig I

just got. This one will be good addition to their line of hair jigs!

May 28th and 29th: Frank Corcion and Joe Lamarca fished with me for two days in the rising water and ever darkening muddy water. Yes it was tough. We caught 60 fish in the two days with 3 walleyes and 1 rockie in the mix. LD Thumper Spinners and Alluring Baits black trick sticks caught the fish.

May 27th: Went fishing with Bill Thorborg and Jim Hendy. The sky was cloudy with rain. The river was muddy, a little high, and 63 degrees. We caught 42 fish today with 2 walleyes, 1 channel cat, and 2 rockies in the mix. Bass are in post spawn and finicky, but we caught some big fish today! LD Thumper spinners and Alluring Baits trick Sticks caught the fish.

May 26th: Went fishing with Matt Blackton and Jim Dailey. The sky was overcast and the water was dirty stained. The fish are post spawned but we caught 68 fish today with 2 rockies and 1 walleye in the mix. We used many lures but LD Thumper Spinners, and jigs caught most of them.

May 25th: Went fishing with Gary and Debbie Beyer. The sky was partly sunny and the water dark stained and 70 degrees. We are in post spawn now for a couple of weeks to come and the fishing will be tougher but far from impossible. We caught 21 fish today and Debbie caught her first fish ever! It was a fun day. Jigs, and crank baits along with LD spinners caught the fish.

May 21st to May 24th: Went to the Pa. State Championship SASS Cowboy shoot for vacation. I'll be home every night to return calls and e-mails. Be back on the water Monday.

May 20th: Went fishing with Jimmy Giordano and Jerry Rahn today. The sky was sunny and the water dirty stained and 60 degrees. We caught 91 fish today with 6 walleyes and 2 rockies in the mix. The black 3" Alluring Baits trick stick caught most of the fish.

May 19th: Went fishing with Joe Stevko and Ken . The sky was semi cloudy with a great temp change. We started out at 30 degrees and ended up with 70 degrees. The water is still high & muddy with a temp of 47 in the AM and 57 in the PM. We caught 54 fish with 1 walleye and 6 rockies in the mix along with some big quality smallies. We tried them all but the Black Trick Stick from Alluring Baits worked the best.

May 18th: Went fishing with Keven Readinger, Kurt and Paul Bornman. The river came up 2 1/2 ft and muddy water, you couldn't see a lure 4" in the water. The sky was mostly cloudy with 10mph winds. We worked for the 21 fish we caught with 1 walleye and a 22lb 34" Angler Award carp that Paul got along with many big quality bass. Good old LD Thumper Spinners, along with Alluring Baits black trick sticks caught the fish.

May 17th: Cancelled

May 16th: Had an evening charter with Earl and Seth Samuel. This was a real short charter because after we sat through one hard shower the next one I could tell was going to be big and it was. We got off the river just in time to miss a severe thunder storm. We did get 12 fish on JJ's Hair jigs and 3" trick sticks.

May 16th: Went fishing with Steve Getsie and Charles Goins today. The sky was overcast and windy. The water was dark stained and 64 degrees. We caught 68 fish today with 3 walleye and 5 rockies in the mix. Alluring Baits LD smallie Slammers, crank baits, and jerk baits caught most of the fish. Charles also had a creature bait that did well.

May 15th; Went fishing with Barry Buchecker and Jake Wdssner. The sky was sunny and the river dark stained. The fishing was a bit tough today with 58 fish caught and 1 rockie, 1 northern pike and 1 walleye in the mix. Alluring Baits trick sticks caught most of the fish and we also caught some with hair jigs, spinners and crank baits.

May 14th evening: Chuck and Vince Greenland came fishing with me. We fished through some heavy rains and caught 23 fish including a nice northern pike that Vince caught that got him a catch and release angler award. Spinner baits caught the fish.

May 14th: Heavy winds! That's what I was faced with when 83 year young Earl West and Ike Fields came fishing. The sky was overcast with up to 30mph winds. The water was stained and 58 degrees. We still caught 61 fish with 1 rock bass, 1 walleye, 2 northern pike and 1 large mouth bass in the mix. Spinner baits caught most of the fish with crank baits catching a few. The wind was just too strong for jigs.

May 13th: Went another 4 hrs with Will and Kenny today under sunny skies and 58 degree stained water. We caught 53 fish today with 2 walleye in the mix

May 12th: After getting my motor repaired I went fishing for 4 hours with Will Cressman and Kenny Weidemoyer . The sky was sunny and the water was stained at 58 degrees. We caught 45 fish with 1 trout, 2 small muskie, and 1 big perch in the mix. JJ's Jigs, shorty version, Alluring Baits stick worms, and jerk baits caught the fish.

May 11th: Went fishing with Todd Fetterolf and Rob Schreffler today. The sky was mostly sunny and the water was stained and 58 degrees. We caught 80 fish with 1 walleye and 2 northern pike in the mix. We had about 30 minuits of fishing time left so I just got the boat up on plane going to the last spot and BANG! The voltage regulator overheated and blew a hole through it. After I got the fire out I cut the wires to the regulator and it started right up and we called it a day. There is a bunch more to talk about but no time now.

May 10th: Went fishing with Val Larioni and his new friend, JB from Texas up here for a year working for the Gas company. The wind was terrible at 25mph and gusts at 30mph. The river was stained and 59 degrees. I couldn't keep my hat on! We ended up with 27 fish with 1 walleye in the mix and some big bass. When we got back to the

access we talked with some fishermen that didn't catch a thing. LD Thumper spinners and Alluring Baits Trick Sticks caught the fish. I also caught some with JJ's jigs.

May 9th: Went fishing with Rhett McManus and Ed Thompson today. The sky was partly sunny and the water was stained and 58 degrees. We caught 82 fish with 5 rockies , 1-muskie, and 4 walleyes in the mix along with many big quality bass. Alluring Baits 3" Trick Sticks and LD Thumper Spinners caught the fish

May 8th evening charter: Went fishing with Pat McDermott and his daughter Katie. It was Katies first trip on the river and she did great! We caught 25 fish with 1-walleye in the mix.

May 8th: Had a cold front come through and it shut the fish down. Went fishing with Dick Rivers and Jeff Harding today. We caught 39 fish today with 2 walleyes in the mix. Caught a few on top water but most came on Alluring Baits Trick Sticks and JJs Jigs.

May 7th: Went fishing with Dave Shaw and Al Pekasiewicz today. The sky was overcast and the water stained and 58 degrees. We caught 70 fish today with 1 rockie and 5 walleye in the mix. We caught a bunch of big quality smallmouths on Alluring Baits Trick Sticks, and small crank baits but the majority of big fish came on top water baits.

May 6th: Did a TV show with Alan Probst of "All Outdoors With Alan Probst" today. The sky was overcast with light winds. The water was light stained and 57 degrees. We fished for about 4hrs and caught 50 fish. All bass with 2 walleye and 1 white sucker in the mix. This is the first show in all the years we've been doing this that we caught some big quality bass on top water. It's always a fun time on the water with Alan. And for the record, Alan caught 4 more fish than I did.

May 5th: Went fishing again with Marion Nunan and Bill Dampman of BC Dampman Lures. The sky was overcast and the river has cooled down to 56 degrees. We used a wide variety of lures today. Unfortunately the topwater lures only produced 1 fish. We caught 75 fish with 1 sucker and 1 walleye in the mix. We did catch many big quality bass today.

May 4th: Went fishing with Marion Nunan and Bill Dampman of B.C. Dampman Lures. The sky was overcast and the water was 57 degrees. We caught 84 fish with 1-rockbass and 1 walleye in the mix. Top water wasn't working so well so most were caught with jerk baits and Alluring Baits trick sticks, and a few on small tubes.

May 3rd: Went fishing with the father/son team of Bill and Billy Dombrowski. The sky was overcast and the water was light stained and 59 degrees. We caught 83 fish with 1 rockie, 1 white sucker, and 2 walleyes in the mix. We caught many big bass on top water baits along with jerk baits and Alluring Baits trick sticks.

May 2nd: Had an evening charter with Jim Bensen. We caught 12 fish with Jim catching a big walleye.

May 2nd: Went fishing with Val Larioni and Dee Dee. The sky was overcast with a cold front. We caught 52 fish with 1 rockie, 3 walleyes, 1 white sucker, 1-hog nose sucker, and Val caught a 36" Northern Pike. The pike came on a top water bait.

May 1st:Went fishing with Dan and Doug Ingram. The sky was partly cloudy and the water was 62 degrees. We caught 60 fish all smallmouth bass. Top water baits , jerk baits, and Alluring Baits stick worms caught the fish.

April Totals: Smallmouth Bass 1,357, Northern Pike 11, Walleye 35, Muskie 3, Trout 4, Perch 4, White Sucker 7, Rock Bass 1.= 1,422 Fish, 27charters = 52.7 fish per day average

April 30th: Went fishing with Doc Noel and Jeff Stumpf. The sky was partly sunny and windy, the water light stained and 62 degrees. We caught 61 fish with 1 muskie, 1 walleye, 1-rock bass, 1 white sucker in the mix and many big quality smallmouth bass. The top water bite was fun and I've never seen anyone cast a close faced reel farther and more accurate than Doc. Top water baits, jerk baits, Alluring Baits stick worms and JJ's Hair Jigs caught the fish

April 29th: Went fishing with Bill Dombrowski and Dave Flannery. The sky was mostly sunny and the water was light stained and 64 degrees. We caught 129 fish with 2-walleye, 1 perch, 2 northern pike and 5 white suckers. I caught several fish on a top water lure, the rest were caught on jerk baits, Alluring Baits 3" trick sticks, and JJ's Jigs hair jigs.

April 28th:Went fishing with Rick MacNeal and Ron Rohde. The sky was mostly sunny and the water was light stained and 64 degrees. We caught 103 fish with 1-walleye, 1-perch, and one white sucker in the mix along with many big quality smallies. Jerk baits, Alluring Baits 3" trick sticks, and JJ's Hair Jigs caught the fish.

April 27th Evening: Went fishing with Will Crestman and Andy Nicholson. The fish liked the cooler PM temps. We caught 36 fish with 1 rainbow trout and 2 walleye.

April 27th: Went fishing with Kevin Readinger, Paul and Kurt . The sky was sunny and hot in the 90's. The water was light stained and 64 degrees. A big jump in temp. We caught 65 fish with 2 walleye and 2 perch in the mix. Kurt caught a couple on top water. Most were caught on Alluring Baits 3" trick sticks, jerk baits, and JJ's Hair Jigs.

April 25 & 26: Scheduled days off to do cowboy action shooting

April 24th: Went fishing with John Yaswinski and John Jason today. The sky was sunny and the water was light stained and 52 degrees. We caught 120 fish today with 1 walleye and 1-muskie in the mix Over 30 smallmouths were 16" or better..

April 23rd: Medical emergency cancellation

April 22nd: Went fishing with Rob and Bob Guther. The sky was overcast with a little rain. The river was light stained and 51 degrees. We caught 119 fish today with two trout in the mix. Many very big smallmouth caught JJ's Jigs, Alluring Baits trick sticks, and jerk baits caught the fish. All fish were released as usual.

April 21st: Filmed two shows with Delaware Valley Outdoors today. It was a great day and the fish co-operated. We were out maybe 3 hours and caught over 60 fish with many trophy bass for the camera. If you would like to see the shows go to www.delawarevalleyoutdoors.com . It shows all the lures in action.

April 20th: All day cold rain with temps in the mid 40's and winds up to 20mph. We rescheduled and I'm doing some needed catch up work on the computer.

April 19th: Went fishing today with John Snyder and Evan Gill. The sky was sunny and the water light stained and 55 degrees. We caught 101 fish today with 2 northern pike, 4 walleyes, and 1 rainbow trout in the mix. JJ's Jigs did great as did Alluring Baits trick sticks and jerk baits. As usual we caught many big quality smallies and had a great time.

April 18th: Had an evening charter with Jim Benson. The wind calmed down and we had a good quiet trip. We caught 24 fish with two walleyes in the mix.

April 18th: Went fishing with Steve Getsie and Eric Keresty today. The sky was mostly sunny with an afternoon 15mph wind. The water was light stained and got up to 53 degrees. We were fishing not far from the access working our way down river and not one but two guides flew past us down river to what they thought I guess must have been "The good spots" before we got there. Real class guys, my friends. So I asked my clients if they wanted to continue down or fish by ourselves and go up river. They chose up river to get away from the other guides. I took them to some choice spots and we hammered the fish! We caught 134 fish with 6 walleyes in the mix and many big quality bass. There are many great places to fish on the river where we don't have to play boat tag with other anglers. Never sweat the small stuff, LOL.

April 17th: Had an evening trip with Steve Getsie and Eric Keresty. We caught 40 fish with a small muskie in the mix. Jerk Baits, hair jigs, trick sticks and tubes caught the fish.

April 17th: Went fishing with Dave Pchola and Ray Dilliplaine today. The sky was sunny and the water was light stained and 53 degrees. We caught 68 fish with 1 northern pike in the mix. JJ's Hair Jigs, Jerk Baits, Alluring Baits Trick sticks caught the fish.

April 16th: Had an Evening charter with Earl Samuel and Mike Pereyo. We caught 36 fish with 1 walleye in the mix. Hair jigs, jerk baits, and trick sticks caught the fish.

April 16th: Went fishing with Mike Poddo and Dan Butts. The sky was sunny and the water got up to 60 degrees and light stained. We caught 74 fish with 1 walleye and 1

northern pike in the mix. JJ's hair jigs,(the shorties),jerk baits, Alluring Baits Trick Sticks, and tubes caught the fish.

April 15th: Went fishing with Val Larioni today. The sky was mostly cloudy, river was light stained. We caught 114 fish today with 1 walleye and 3 northern pike in the mix. JJ's Jigs, Alluring Baits Trick Sticks, and jerk Baits caught the fish.

April 14th: It came together today. Went fishing with John Madden and Bob Kosheff today. The sky was overcast and the water stained and 45 degrees. We caught 95 fish today! All smallies and 1 walleye. There were 21 fish over 15" up to 18" and nothing under 12". Alluring baits Trick Sticks and Jerk Baits caught the fish.

April 13th: Went fishing with Ed Nestor today. The sky was partly sunny and the water was stained and 42-45 degrees, only 3-5mph winds. We caught 54 fish today all smallies and one slammer 26"-6.5lb walleye that Ed caught. The bass were from 12" to 19 1/4" that Ed also caught. We caught many quality fish today. Both of Eds bass and walleye were Angler Award fish.Few tubes, few JJs Hair Jigs, few jerk baits, mostly caught on Alluring Baits 3" Stick Worms.

April 12th: Went fishing with Pete Hanford and the cold wind was BRUTAL at 20-25mph all day, the air started out at 27 degrees and ended up at 43 degrees! The water was stained and 44 degrees. But the huge fish we caught! We caught 33 smallies , 27 were over 15" up to a 20 1/2" hog. Pete got a citation 34", 21lb carp , you got to see that thing on the photo page. Tubes, and Alluring Baits Stick worms caught the fish.

April 11th: Went fishing with John Jason and John Garrity. The sky started out overcast and ended up sunny, but when the sun came out the 15 to 20mph winds took over. We caught 36 fish with 1 northern pike and 4 walleyes in the mix. We caught some big bass today several in the 18" plus range and all the walleyes were on the big size. We had a double with both guys landing 17" and 18" bass at the same time. We used Alluring Baits L.D. Smallie Slammers and JJ's Hair jigs today. As usual all fish were released.

April 10th: Went fishing with John Yaswinski & John Jason. The sky was overcast with a cold afternoon rain. The water was fast, dark stained and 42 degrees. We caught 31 fish with 3 walleyes in the mix. Tubes, 3" Alluring baits Stick Worms, and jj's jigs caught the fish.

April 9th: Evening trip with Earl and Jared Samuel. Without the sun, conditions got worse. Earl caught a nice big walleye and lost a big bass and that was it. Well ya can't hit home runs all the time.

April 9th: The water was still high, fast, and cold. Fred Piper and Van Patton came fishing with me. The sky was mostly sunny. Air temp got up to 52. Water started out at 38 degrees and only warmed up to 41 degrees with a dark stain. We caught 15 smallies BUT THEY WERE ALL BIG ONES. Nothing under 15" up to 18". We used tubes,

Alluring baits Trick Sticks and JJ's Jigs.

April 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th. OUCH! river came up too high and muddy for a quality charter so we had to reschedule our trips later in the year. Sorry.

April 4th: Went fishing with Ed Nestor and Barry Buchecker. Today we had more than hard core fishing, we were a little crazy today. The winds got up to 50mph gusts and would lift the boat while running. The water rose 2ft while we were fishing with muddy water, and it cooled down to 45 degrees. We ended up with 12 hard earned fish. All smallies and 1 walleye. Large dark heavy jigs caught the fish. I'm having JJ's Jigs make me some "Super Booger" jigs now for high water muddy conditions. Heavier, thicker, longer than the regular Booger Jigs.

April 3rd: Went fishing with Levi Hons today. The weather was strictly hard core fishing. Heavy rain with wind gusts to 30mph. The water was stained and 47 degrees. We caught 40 fish today. All smallies with a northern pike in the mix. Too much wind for the hair jigs so we used 3" Trick Sticks by Alluring Baits. Levi is to be commended for staying out all day in that tough weather.

April 2nd: Went fishing today with Val Larinoni. The sky turned out sunny and the water was stained and 44-46 degrees. We caught 60 small mouth bass today with 12 over 15" to 19", (Val got that 19" beauty 1st cast) . The shortest was 12" . I had a muskie that took my JJ hair Jig but it jumped out of the net as we were bringing it in the boat and it bit the line off. It was approx 38". The fish were caught on JJs hair jigs and Alluring Baits 3" Trick sticks. A fun day.

March total: 4 charters - 209 sm bass, 4 walleye, 1 Channel cat, 5 carp, 2 Quillback, 2 Hog nose suckers = 223 fish = 55.8/day ave.

March 29th: Had a no show, no call today. Not cool at all.

March 28th: Went fishing with Abe Schwab from Brooklyn NY and Joe Muhler from Indiana. The rain went South of us today leaving a partly sunny and pleasant day. The water was stained and about 43 to 45 degrees. We caught 53 smallies today with 10 over 15" up to 18". The fish were caught on JJ's Hair Jigs and Alluring Baits 3" Trick Sticks. A very pleasant day.

March 27th: Went fishing with Val Larinoni today. the sky started out cold and foggy and ended beautiful and 60 degrees warm. The water was stained and 43 degrees. We caught 38 fish today with 1 quill back and 2 carp in the mix. Out of the 35 smallies we caught there were 12 over 15" up to 19" and nothing under 12". JJ's hair jigs caught all the fish.

March 21st & 22nd, Went up to Snake Creek Marine in Montrose and helped out at their open house.

March 20th: Had a charter cancellation . Boy did they miss out on some fantastic March fishing today.

March 19th:Went fishing with Kevin Raymond and Jim Barnt. The sky was mostly cloudy, air temp went up to 45 degrees. The river was up slightly, dark stained, and average water temp of 43 degrees. We caught a new March record of 81 fish! with 3 walleyes,(Jim got a 23" beauty), 1-quillback, and 2-hog nose suckers in the mix. We had 24 bass over 15" up to 18" and not one under 12". I used JJ'sHair Jigs all day. (you should buy some). Jim got his big Walleye on an Alluring baits 3" trick stick. All fish were released.

March 8th: Went fishing with Ed Nestor and Barry Buchecker. The sky was overcast with rain most of the day. The water was stained and 38 degrees, there was still some ice in the coves. We caught 51 fish with 46 smallies, 1 walleye, 1 channelcat, 3 carp, and I dredged up a turtle off the bottom. Out of the Bass there were 10 in the 15"-16" range, 9 in the 17" range, 4 in the 18" range, and Ed got an Angler Award 19"er. the rest were in the 12" to 14" range. Barry caught an Angler Award carp at 31" long and 27lbs. Most of the fish were caught on a black Booger Hair jig from JJ's Jigs. The rest were caught on Alluring Bait trick sticks and smallie craws. I highly recomend JJ's jigs. It was a great day for March!

Feb Total: 1 charter- 2 carp

Feb. 28th: Went fishing with Doug Duffy. The sky was semi cloudy and 27 degrees . The water was dark stained and 35 degrees. The river had just come up a foot last night and rose yet another foot while we were out. Wind was about 10mph. To say it was a bit nippy was an understatement. We ended up just catching 2 carp and I missed 2 other fish. It was the first trip of the season and it felt great! The coves where we wanted to fish had ice over them, and there was still ice piled up on the banks in many places. The nights are going to be in the single digits the next two nights so the ice isn't going to melt soon. But I'll try again next weekend.