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The Stripper
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T.S.B.A.



*The
Tennessee
Striped Bass
Association Newsletter*

*June
2003*

**DON'T
FORGET
THE
TSBA KIDS
TOURNAMENT
June 22, 2003**

Letter from the "Prez"

Hello striper gals and guys.

Well it is Summer time and the stripers are starting to bite pretty good in several places. The water temp is starting to warm up too, so keep a close eye on the temperature so that you don't let fish go that will die after release.

If you like fishing below the dams it is time, so get out there and go get them Stripers. The Striper fishing below the dams will just keep getting better from now till October. Remember below the dams is the place to go once the water temp gets to high in the Lakes. I believe that once the water temp reaches 78 to 80 degrees the fish will die when released, I use 15 to 17 pound line and get the fish in pretty quick. If you use smaller line you should stop releasing at about 73 to 76 degrees.

The Kids tournament will be held on Cherokee Lake at Ranger County Park on June 22nd from 6am till 9:30 am. If you plan on fishing this tournament please call me at 865-694-8888 and let me know how many kids you are bringing. Please try to let me know no later than June 19th. All Kids ages 1 to 17 are able to fish this tournament so please get out there and enjoy some time with the kids.

Please don't forget the meeting at Mountain Lake Marina on June 30th. It is important to the club that you come and join in the meetings we eat at 6pm and the meeting starts at 7pm. So please come and join in. Remember take a child fishing they are our FUTURE.

Your striper friend and Prez. Allan

Gill Netting 2003

Norris Reservoir

Sampling date: January 14 - February 3, 2003

Species collected in the survey (27 gill nights)

Channel Catfish - 8	Sauger - 4
Flathead Catfish - 2	Striped Bass - 32
Walleye - 175	White Bass - 11

TWRA Summary:

We have used winter gill netting during the past several years to determine the health of Norris walleye and striped bass fisheries. We have been able to ascertain the effectiveness of our stocking programs and growth characteristics of the fisheries through the gill netting. Our gill netting catch rates for walleye have been very good during the past three years. Tagging and gill netting studies have shown that our aggressive stocking program has contributed greatly to the health of the fishery. During the late 1990's, sampling by Chris O'Bara's group from Tennessee Tech determined the walleye fishery was failing and that walleye were having limited spawning success. In response, we began an aggressive stocking campaign and have stocked an average of ten walleye per acre each of the past five years. The fishery has rebounded tremendously and there are now adequate numbers of walleye in the reservoir to successfully spawn on their own during the late winter river runs. Gill netting has also shown our recent stockings of striped bass are contributing to the fishery throughout the reservoir. The 32 striped bass collected in 2003 ranged from 8 to 34 inches.

Reprinted from the TWRA Region 4 Web Site

Preventing Boat Theft

Boat and Marine theft is big business and has become a problem nationwide. Millions of dollars in insurance claims are made each year due to the theft of boats, motors, trailers, and an array of associated equipment.

What Thieves Like and How They Work

Favorite Targets: Boats under 20 feet long, Personal Watercraft(SeaDoos, Jetskis) Boats easily transported and stored.

Know Your Vessel

Keep a record of:

The Hull Identification Number(HIN). The HIN consists of a series of 12 letters and numbers unbroken by spaces or dashes. All boats commercially built since November 1972, have a unique HIN. The series of numbers and letters are usually found on the back of the boat, starboard side.

What your boat looks like. Photograph or video your boat from different angles. Include the registration and HIN numbers. Record the boats color, make, and model. Tennessee requires the registration number to be displayed on the forward part of the hull of the boat. Make sure the information about your boat matches the information on your registration certificate, especially the HIN. Keep these records in a special file such as a safety deposit box with your other important papers.

Know What You Have On Board

Make a list of everything normally kept on the boat; motor, radio, depth sounder, trolling motor, etc. Include model numbers, serial numbers, manufacturers' name, and written descriptions. If possible, photograph these items and keep the pictures in your special file. Does your insurance cover your equipment as well as your boat? Find out. Engrave/mark your boat and equipment with your drivers license number. Use a waterproof, permanent marker to write your name on sails, personal flotation devices, chairs, cushions, fishing tackle, boat cover, and any loose items.

Protect Your Boat and Equipment From Thieves

Get the strongest locks and chains available.

2003 TSBA Calendar

Attend TSBA sponsored tournaments & join us at the meetings.

June 22nd: Kids Tournament. Register start at 5:30 AM. Start time 6:00 AM. End time 10:00 AM. Granger County Park on Norris. No Fees

June 30th: Monthly meeting. MOUNTAIN LAKE LODGE at Mountain Lake Marina on Norris Lake. Dinner: 6PM. Meeting: 7PM MAP

July 28th: Monthly meeting MOUNTAIN LAKE LODGE at Mountain Lake Marina on Norris Lake. Dinner 6PM. Meeting 7PM MAP

August 25th: Monthly Meeting. MOUNTAIN LAKE LODGE at Mountain Lake Lodge on Norris Lake. Dinner: 6PM. Meeting: 7PM MAP

September 27th: TSBA Fish Fry and Annual Reunion

October 27th: Monthly meeting. MOUNTAIN LAKE LODGE at Mountain Lake Marina on Norris Lake. Dinner: 6PM. Meeting: 7PM

November 27th: Monthly meeting MOUNTAIN LAKE LODGE at Mountain Lake Marina on Norris Lake. Dinner: 6PM. Meeting 7PM MAP

December: No Meeting

**Other Dates Will be added*

TSBA Kids Tournament

June 22nd

Register Start at 5:30 AM

Start Time: 6:00 AM

End Time: 10:00 AM

Location: Granger County Park On Cherokee

NO Entry Fee

Everyone welcome....

Call Allan for details at 865-694-8888

June Expectations

With the continuing rains, the fishing this month will be slow in the upper lakes with highly elevated lake levels. The best spots will be below both dams in the Boils of Watts Bar Lake. It's hard to believe but summertime fishing conditions will be approaching very soon. Spending time re-spooling reels and washing the boat while looking forward to lower lake levels may be a wise approach for the rest of June. July should bring about a change as the rains subside. Summertime patterns in the upper lakes should prevail but our catch and release window is fading until Fall.

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Fishing "Not So"



Hot Spots

Watts Bar

Condition: Heavy generation
Bait: Below dams and in rear of creeks.
Location: Discharges from both dams.

Cherokee Lake

Condition: Poor and flooded
Bait: Hard to find due to water level. Some smaller baits in the back of coves. Try grassy banks.
Location: Spread out all over the lake. Some small Hybrids being caught using Hopkins Spoons.

Norris Lake

Condition: Poor and flooded
Bait: Impossible to catch as always on Norris.
Location: Point 19 to 33 bridge area best but the action is very poor

Melton Hill

Condition: Fair with moving water due to Norris spilling.
Bait: In the back of most creeks.
Location: Best bet near Bull Run Steam Plant using down lines.

New Password:
The current password
is:

Username: "tsba"
Password: "club"

The TSBA web site offers up to date fishin' reports to all TSBA

to the TWRA boat ramp at the north end of the dam. All bank fishing will be open and the coves along the southeast shoreline will be open to boat fishing, but no fishing will be allowed in the described zone from July through the 15th of September.

2. Cordell Hull and Melton Hill Reservoirs - The daily creel limit is still two fish but all striped bass between 32" and 42" must be released. Also, only one of the two fish may be over 42 inches. The purpose of this regulation is to increase the number of trophy Stripers in these waters.
3. Norris Reservoir - The April through October regulations for Norris are identical to the statewide regulations of two Striped and/or Cherokee bass in any combination and the minimum length is 15'. However, from November through March, the daily creel limit is reduced to one Striper or Hybrid bass and its minimum length must be 24 inches.

Consumption Advisory for Striped and Hybrid Bass

The TWRA periodically issues advisories against consuming various species of fish taken from specific waters. At this present time, the TWRA is warning the general public not to eat ANY Striped Bass taken from Watts Bar reservoir. This includes the waters below Melton Hill and Fort Loudon Dams. Have a great time catching them, but don't eat them

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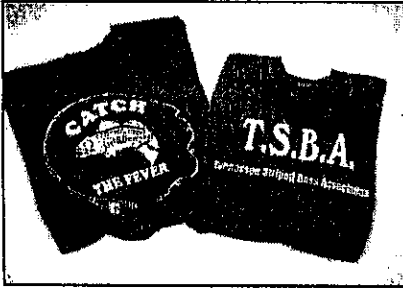
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TSBA Merchandise



Hats are gray w/ a Striper on the front & the letters TSBA in green. Adult T-shirts are gray or tan depending on availability in sizes w/ a Striper and Tennessee Striped Bass Association embroidered in green. Kids shirts are gray. Sweatshirts are hunter green with TSBA in gray on front & Catch the Fever on the back with a Striper & fishing rod.

Name _____
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 City _____ State _____
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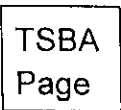
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Preventing Boat Theft continued.....

Doors: Replace spring-latch locks with deadbolt locks or strong hasps and padlocks.

Outboard Motors: Secure with special clamping locks and transom bolts sold by marine dealers.

Hatches: Install hinges on the inside of hatch covers if possible.

Windows and port holes: Add small locks and fasteners. Place dowels in the tracks of sliding windows and doors.

Consider adding a boat alarm. Take equipment home when possible. Make or buy a security locker to stow equipment when not in use. Never leave keys in the ignition. Install a master power switch in a hidden location. Install a gas line lock to prevent a thief from fueling the boat from his or her own tank.

Most Boats Are Stolen From Shore

If you trailer your boat: Lock it to the trailer. Lock the trailer to a tree or post. Keep it out of site, in a fenced area, or inside a storage building. Remove a wheel from the trailer. Use a trailer hitch lock. Record the serial number, make, and model number of the trailer and store the information with your other papers.

If You Keep Your Boat At A Marina

Install good lighting. Start a "Marine Watch" organization.

What To Do In Case Of Theft

Immediately notify local police. If at a marina, notify the owner or harbor master. Supply written notification to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency. Provide your HIN, registration, and serial numbers to the local police. Ask that the information be given to the National Crime Information Center Computer. Call your insurance company.

Buying A Boat

Ask to see the boats registration. Compare the description and HIN number to the boat itself. Be suspicious IF: The HIN seems to have been tampered with, the paint color differs, or there is any sign of alteration. The registration describes a home-made boat but the boat is clearly factory-made. Serial numbers on equipment are missing or appears to have been altered. The price is incredibly LOW....

Tennessee Fishing Regulations

By Bob Leach

While most fisherman pursuing Striped or Cherokee (Hybrid) Bass in Tennessee know the rules and regulations, I thought it would be beneficial to refresh everyone's memory. Therefore, the following is a summary of the current fishing regulations published by the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency (TWRA) as they apply to Striped and Cherokee Bass.

Statewide Or General Regulations

1. The daily creel is two Striped Bass or Cherokee Bass in any combination.
2. The total possession limit for Striped Bass and/or Hybrid bass in any combination is twice the daily creel limit. You may not have more than the daily creel limit with you while you are afield. While afield, it is unlawful to have any fish of any species which has been altered so that its species and/or total body length can not be determined.
3. The minimum length for both Striped and Cherokee Bass is 15 inches. To determine the length of a fish, lay it on a flat ruler, close its mouth and squeeze the lobes of its tail fin to obtain the maximum length.

Exceptions

1. Cherokee Reservoir - A closed fishing zone will be in effect from July 15 through September 15. This zone is enclosed by lines from the boat ramp at the south end of the dam, across the lake

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Mountain Lake Marina and Campground

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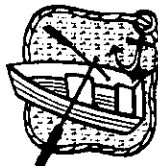
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- * You'll develop a network of "Striper friends".
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- * You'll be able to call officers for fishing reports.
- * You'll be able to attend monthly meetings with informative programs.
- * You'll have access to all areas of the TSBA web page.

Is this a renewal or a New Membership

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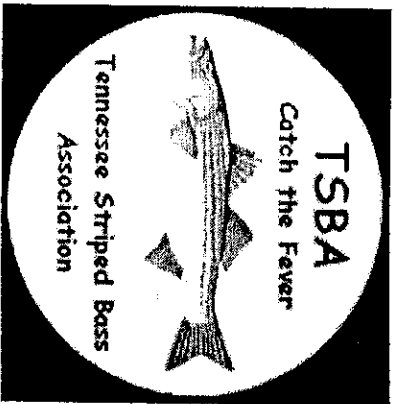
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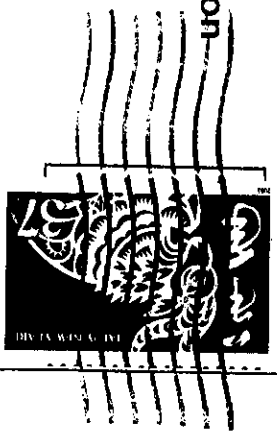
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**Have A Great
 Summer**

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