

Tennessee Striped Bass Association

Get Hooked !

July 2017



Monthly Meeting First Monday at Puleo's Grill, 110 Cedar Lane off Merchants Rd. at I - 75

TSBA web site <http://tnstripedbass.com/> for the latest news.

Members Photos

Ezell putting the smiles on this young man.



Cover photo; Dennis and Adam Bryant

Dues are due for 2017 Paypal Payments can
be sent to: tennstripedbass@gmail.com

August Expectations

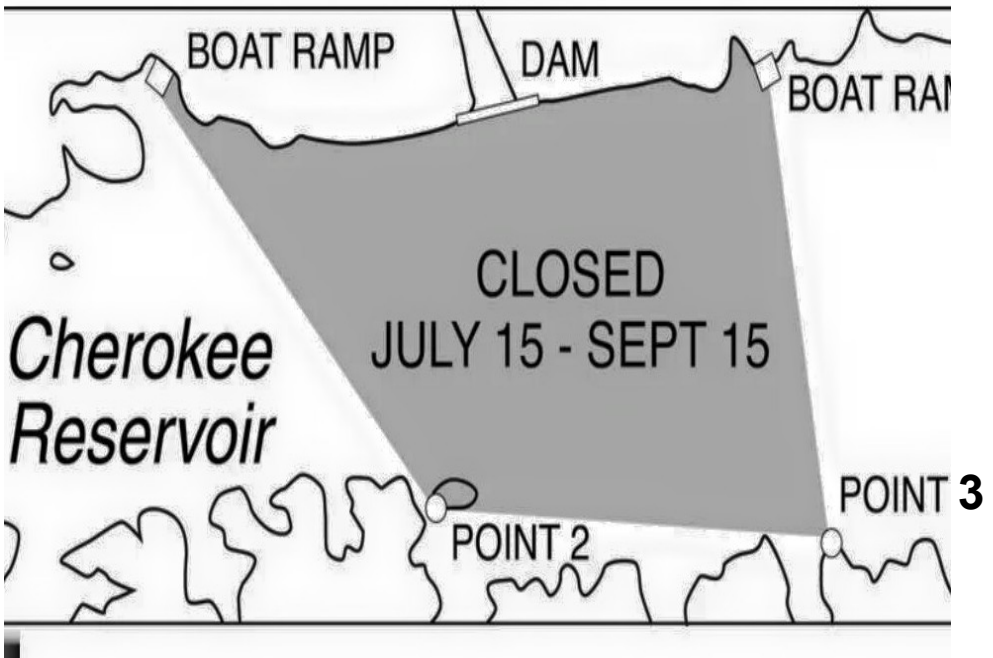
Expect to find the thermocline developed and getting deeper in the stratified calm waters with 80 + degrees on the surface. Striped bass are temperate bass and they will be seeking out the deeper, cooler temperatures. Water quality reports sometimes become available by Region 4 TWRA biologists on Norris and Cherokee Reservoirs in July and are worth looking at to locate areas with suitable temperature and dissolved oxygen at depth.

The gizzard and threadfin shad will seek out the warmest water they can find; the striper will follow them to feed then return to their thermal refuge quickly. The alewife is also a temperate species and will seek out deeper cooler water, making a fish finder your best bet for finding them. The striper and bait-eating birds will be where the bait is most abundant.

Artificial baits can be very productive this time of year. You may want to try jigging or trolling. Umbrella rigs have become a favorite method the last several years. Be safe and aware of the extra activity on the lakes as the other large boats with skiers, wake boarder, and swimmers have also come out to play. Large live bait is working well again and normally easy to catch this time of year. Catch and release may become questionable in some places this month. Please don't kill a fish that is not part of your harvest limit in the hot summer months. Ezell Cox.

July Expectations

The migration downstream toward the dam has started in the reservoirs. The stripers will be a little easier to locate as the temperature in the coves and creeks pushes them into the deeper, cooler main channel. The thermocline will continue to get deeper with the fish staying just below it, and surface feeding in the reservoirs is over until October. A good topographical map now becomes a great fishing tool. The tailraces will continue to improve. They will be a good place to find some action while also still allowing successful catch and release in the hot summer. Working the "boils" will become very effective in July. It is your life and money, so remember to wear your life jacket at the dams. It is the law also.



July outlook for current fishing spots

Cherokee Lake - Good

Stripers will not go back well in July. Catch your limit and quit. Released fish will not survive for the most part. Hybrids are more tolerant of the warm water and can often be caught in schools in shallow water. They can also be released normally without mortality. The no fishing zone is in effect again starting July 15. The humps and islands near the dam up to Point #21 normally become excellent.

Norris Lake - Fair

Point #26 on the Clinch and Point #14 on the Powell to the dam. Most of the stripers will move into the main channel out of the shallow warm coves. Down lines and downriggers work well over marked fish.

Below Fort Loudoun & Melton Hill Dams - Good & Improving

The law is you must wear your life jacket in these dangerous waters. Put your sinker and hook close to the bottom with plans to lose a few for the most catches. Pulling side planer boards down the banks can also catch fish for miles downstream.

The club is in need of a member to take over the position of **Newsletter Editor** starting January 2018. If interested please contact one of the board members.

Club Meeting; Speakers for 2017

February: James Everett and Michael Hick- TVA River Forecast Center

March: Jim Farmer- Cast Away Bait and Tackle

April: Keith Shannon, Alan Franklin and David Powell- discussion on finding, catching, and keeping live bait

May: Fuzzy Lambert- Humminbird/ Minn Kota Electronics and trolling motors

June: Captain Mack Farr

July: Captain Chadwick Ferrell- Fishing the boils and tailraces tips and tricks

August: TWRA Mike Smith- Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery discussion on striper stocking

September: Club Fish Fry (no regular club meeting) Fish Fry will be at Grainger County Park September 9th

October: Ken Cutsinger with TWRA- Water Safety, First Aid, and boating requirements

November: Open meeting- Year end review and recommendations for 2018

December: Board of Directors meeting (no regular club meeting)

The club is looking for a member in good standing to take over the position of : **web administrator**, Duties include: uploading new content, keeping the information on the website current and accurate by updating. If you are interested contact one of the board members.

Creel and Size limits

CHEROKEE LAKE

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, 15 inch minimum length limit

NORRIS LAKE

Striped Bass

April 1–October 31: 2 per day, 15 inch minimum length limit

November 1–March 31: 1 per day, 36 inch minimum length limit

WATTS BAR

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass:

April 1–October 31: 2 per day in combination

November 1–March 31: 2 per day in combination, only one may be a striped bass.

Striped Bass:

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MELTON HILL

Striped Bass or Hybrid Striped Bass: 2 per day in combination, including Clinch River upstream to Highway 61 bridge in Clinton. 15 inch minimum length limit

Striped Bass: 32–42 inch PLR; only one fish may be over 42 inches

TSBA. Tournament 6-17-2017



Participants; L to R. Charles. Eric, Charlie, Chet, Art, Keith, Justin, and Steve. Photo Below; Keith with the big fish



Keith fishing the TSBA. Tournament below Melton Hill dam. Frisky live bait, you never know what kind of fish will hit your bait.



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Members Photos



Jason (top) and Steve fishing the boils.



New Members List: Welcome to the club guys

Robert Metz - Harrison, Oh

Frank Zimmerman - Stow, Oh

James Rigney - LaFollette, Tn

Michael Carter - Knoxville, Tn

Michael High - Knoxville, Tn

Lawrence Douglass - Crossville, Tn

Joseph Campbell - Russell Springs, Ky

Jason (Chris) Stansberry - Seymour, Tn

Stuart Bilbrey - Jacksboro, Tn

Melvin Brook - Lily, Ky

Robert Fuller - Charleston, Wv

Tob Trenkamp - Hamilton, Oh

Jacob (Jake) Plasters - Gallipolis, Oh

Josh Treadway - Rockford Tn

Columbus Whaley - Sevierville, Tn

John Galliher - Norwood, NC

Clay Haselton, Kingsport, Tn

Jim Wallace, Knoxville, Tn

John Vincenzo, Knoxville, Tn

Tommy White, Sevierville, Tn

Sam Lanning, Rogersville, Tn

Jacob Lanning, Rogersville, Tn

David Maurer, Guilford IN

Gary Conley, Chapmanville WV

Tracy Templeton - Dandridge, Tn

Brian Oaks - Maynardville, Tn

How to Contribute to the Newsletter:

Please send in any pictures or news that you think would interest club members – we are always glad to hear from you. You can e-mail photos and reports to: bcbusy@att.net We usually put the newsletter together around the end of the month, but send your information any time and we will work it in.

Members Photos

Bobby Crabtree fishing with Joe Asher



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- * You'll be informed of new regulations & information that affect striper fishing.
- * You'll develop a network of "striper friends."
- * You'll learn new methods to improve your striped bass fishing effectiveness.
- * 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.

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I have read and agree to abide by and be bound by the Tennessee Striped Bass Association, Inc. (TSBA) Bylaws. A copy of the Bylaws can be found on the TSBA website at www.tnstripedbass.com or at the offices of the corporation.

(Signature)

(Date)

Enclose a check for \$20.00

Mail to: TSBA

2954 Lake Forest Circle

Talbott, TN. 37877

Simplified Renewal Note: Returning members with no changes to their contact information are not required to fill out the application. Just send a \$20 check to the address above. Be sure to include the member's name on the check. When you send in your check, please provide TSBA with an email address where we can send your club newsletter. Yearly dues are due in January each year. New members that sign up in Oct., Nov., or Dec. will get credit for the remainder of that year and the following year.

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