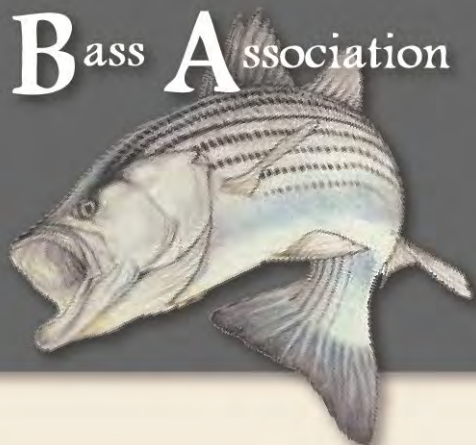


Tennessee Striped Bass Association

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November 2013 }



*Todd Kilby,
with his new personal best*

Letter from the Prez

Greetings Fishing Friends,

November is here and the year is winding down. The lakes are cooling and the fall spawning bait fish are a flipping on the warmer shallow flats. The striper are aggressively feeding for their winter metabolism slow down. Surface feeding is increasing as the fish are ripping through the smaller bait. It is a great time to be out on the water.

With the end of the year it is also time for our TSBA Board to elect our officers, determine 2014 meeting topics, and review the club directions. The Board currently consists of 10 members with revolving 3 year terms. This year 3 seats will be open for election by the members at our next November meeting. The elected Board will then meet in December and approve/elect the officers. Several of our officers have held their posts for several years and are stepping down for a break this year. TSBA has a need for new faces and ideas within their Officers. Please consider how you can help our club and become involved with its future. Any member wishing to become an Officer or Board member, can attend the next or the December meeting or by contacting any of the Officers (see contact info page).

The November newsletter is the last for 2013 as we take December off for the holidays. I believe we had a great Club year with several new looks (newsletter, website, facebook and youtube), meeting videos, and increased number of tournaments. I am hoping more of our members will get involved in 2014 and we have an even better year.

The Bass Pro meeting room will not be available for the November meeting, so please make note that our next meeting on Nov. 18 will be at Austin's Steak and Homestyle Buffet.

The late fall can have some great calm days for fishing with great reward. Bust a move, pick one of the many watery options, and GO FISHING!

— Doug Steffe, TSBA President

TSBA November Meeting
Monday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Austin's Steak and Homestyle Buffet
900 Merchant's Drive, Knoxville

We have a private room reserved 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Come early and have dinner. Buffet is \$10.

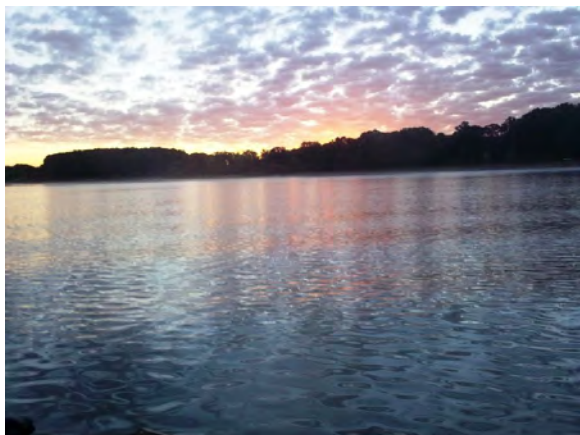
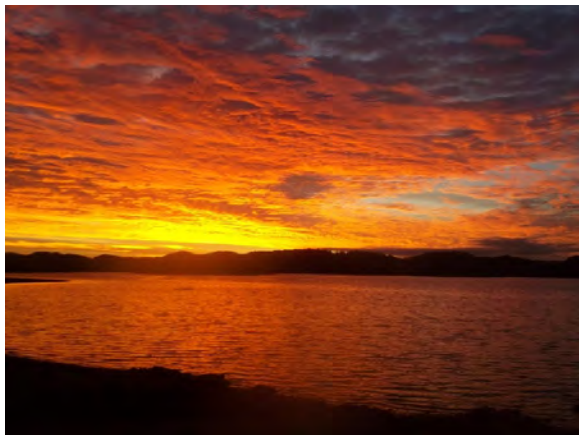
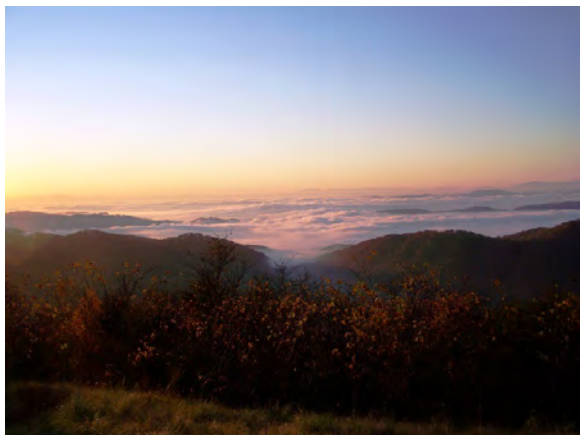
Topic: Striper Fishing Tackle;
Catch and Release, Why and How

In Memoriam



Tom O'Neil - October 31, 2013

Enjoying the Scenery



— *Ezell Cox*

Fishing Regulations

LOOK FOR THE NEW REGULATIONS FOR 2013 FISHING SEASON ON UNBRELLA RIGS

New fishing licenses are required to fish starting each March 1st. It is each fisherman's responsibility to know the rules and stay legal. NO FISHING ZONE runs July 15th until September 15th on Cherokee Lake. Changes are normal in the management of our fishing each year, and those changes become effective on March 1st. Each body of water may have exceptions you need to be aware of before exposing yourself to a fine. There are some seasonal striped bass CREEL AND SIZE limit changes that take place April 1st and November 1st. Go online to Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency at www.tnwildlife.org or pick up a 2013 Fishing Regulations book at sporting stores or TWRA offices. Wearing life preservers are required below the dams and a good habit anytime on the water for personal safety.

— Ezell Cox

Fall to Early Winter Fishing Expectations

Lake mixing and turnover is complete with no significant thermocline by around the first of November. October is a transition month with much striper migration to bait fish sources on the upper end of reservoirs & major shallow coves. Top water action is common, with catch and release almost always successful with the temperature dropping into the 50's. Gulls start to show up around the first part of November to help locate the bait and stripers. Get the planer boards & umbrella rigs out.

A great way to find the right places to look for fish is from past history. Look at the last few years of information available on fishing websites, articles, pictures, and magazines. Many times the best clue is to find the largest baitfish concentrations that will seek out the warmest most stable temperatures with nutrient rich water that is normally murky.

— Ezell Cox

Bottom Fishing

It is funny how fishermen do things the same way, but everything they do the same way is different. This is the method I use to bottom fish. Although bottom fishing can be successful all year in the right locations, my season is the cold water months in the reservoirs. (November thru most of June) My tools are simply the eight & a half foot long rods and the reels I use to pull planner boards with. You need to be able to throw the sinker & bait with the rod, not cast it. I don't whip the tip because of bird nests on my level wind. I like 20 pound test mono with a one ounce egg sinker then a swivel with 18 inch leader. My hooks are as small as will get the job done with the bait I am using, like a 2/0 hook for up to 8 inch gizzards. I hook the gizzard thru the upper lip most of the time but if there is any surface activity in the area I will hook the gizzard just behind the dorsal fin in the top of the back. After casting the bait to the location, the sinker will stay on the bottom but you can release the bait with enough line for it to swim all the way to the surface. Here is some other bait that is commonly used: alewife, bluegill, and shiners. I like a very small hook for the alewife and shiner like a 1/0. A bluegill set up often means leaving out the swivel so the egg sinker is right down against the hook when cast out on the bottom. The bluegill is hooked in the tail and held down tight to the egg sinker so it is looking up at what is about to eat it so it gets frightened. For cut bait I like to cut the head and tail off and embed a large hook in the gut. The head with the gut still hanging also works well. If you are bottom fishing in current, I like to cut in behind the gill and slice like you would to fillet and leave all hanging from the tail hooking it in the head. Raw chicken liver also is a good hybrid bottom bait.

Any place you already know where stripers are is a great place to bottom fish. Find shallow flats to throw your bait out on that transition to deeper water where bait is abundant near a creek and put your bait on the bottom for 30 minutes. If nothing happens or you lose your confidence find another location to try. When you find the right location, build a campfire and invite all your fishing friends over to socialize while waiting for the pole to bend.

I find where stripers are located and pull my metal boat up on the bank. After tossing the bait out to cover a wide area behind the boat, I like to stand the rods up in the boat's vertical rod holders with fighting drag and clicker applied so the pole bends and the reel screams for help.

Bottom fishing takes a lot of good bait or you may have to resort to cut-bait. The boat will get a lot of dirt and mud in it so will require some clean up when you are through fishing.

— *Ezell Cox*
Dec. 6, 2010



Ezell Cox

TSBA Members' Photo Page



Nathan Owen



Would you like to see your fishing pictures in our newsletter?
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Hot Spots

CHEROKEE LAKE

Catch and release is now possible with cool temperatures & good dissolved oxygen at all depths. Look for the gulls to find the bait and fish. Top water action is often good, so keep something to cast handy. Stripers/hybrids can migrate to any part of the lake with the temperature and oxygen comfortable everywhere, so look for large concentrations of bait fish, herons, gulls, or breaking fish. Some of the best action is often upstream of the 25E Bridge in the huge schools of bait.

NORRIS LAKE

SIZE (36 INCH) AND CREEL LIMIT (ONE) in effect on NORRIS November 1ST until April 1st. Best fishing can be found mid lake and upstream around the large coves & creeks with bait fish abundant. Top water action can be good early mornings & late evenings so take something to cast. Catch and release is now possible as the turnover and mixing is complete top to bottom with cool temperatures.

WATTS BAR & MELTON HILL

SIZE (36 INCH) AND CREEL LIMIT (ONE) in effect on Watts Bar November 1ST until April 1st. Look for the gulls. Look for the stripers in front of the major coves or where you find the most bait fish and bait eating birds. Pulling side planner boards down the banks or casting can catch some of the trophy stripers Watts Bar is known for. Catch and release works good. The fish in Watts Bar & lower Clinch Watts Bar have contamination warnings so should not be harvested.

—— *Ezell Cox*

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2013 Meeting Links

February Meeting Link

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qNz56Jq2VIO&feature=youtu.be>

Speaker: Todd Asher
Topic: Skipjack Catching and Keeping

March Meeting Link

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QAi3QyUgEyQ>

Speaker: Tom Blackburn
Topic: Trolling for Striper

April Meeting Link

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SWjsmfzX2Jg&feature=youtu.be>

Speaker: Keith Shannon
Topic: Catching and Keeping Bait

May Meeting Link

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_-svAvk ... e=youtu.be](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S_-svAvk...e=youtu.be)

Speaker: Mike Smith
Topic: Eagle Bend Fish Hatchery

June Meeting Link

http://youtu.be/IMO_JjgbIZA

Speaker: Alan Colette
Topic: Artificial Baits

July Meeting Link

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXVpyEsv5mY&feature=youtu.be>

Speaker: Mike Smith
Topic: TWRA Striper Stocking Summary

August Meeting

Speaker: Jim Farmer of **[Cast Away Bait & Tackle](#)**
Topic: Trolling for Stripers

For more information on what was discussed, please check out his blog post at **<http://castawayblog.com/2012/06/17/crib-notes-for-striper-trolling/>**.

October Meeting Link

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpDqAxQm6o&feature=youtu.be>

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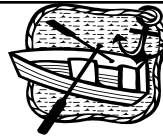
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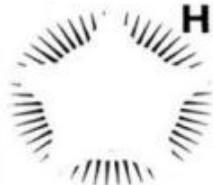
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- * You'll develop a network of "striper friends."
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- * You'll be able to call officers for fishing reports.
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