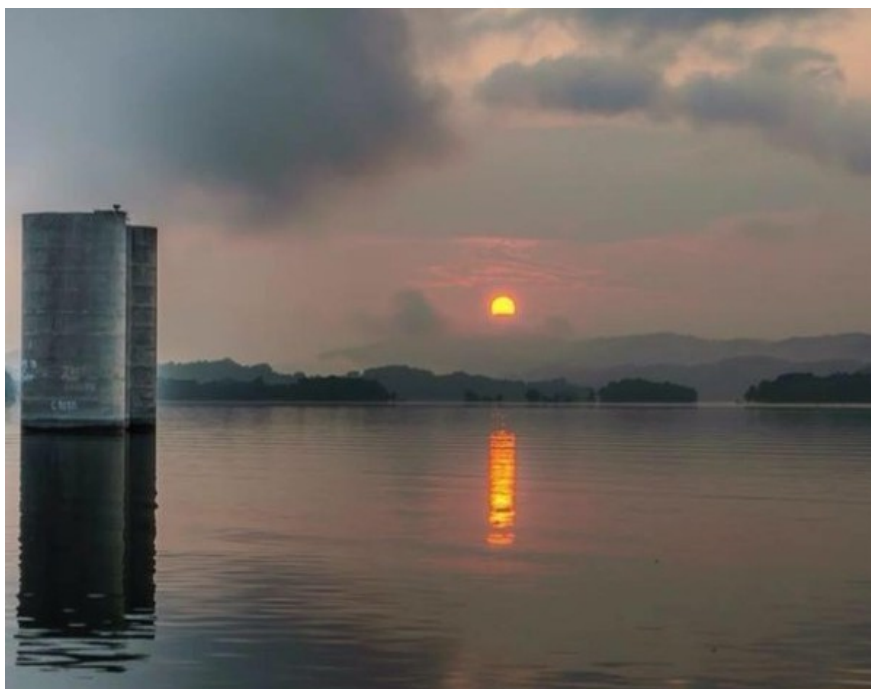
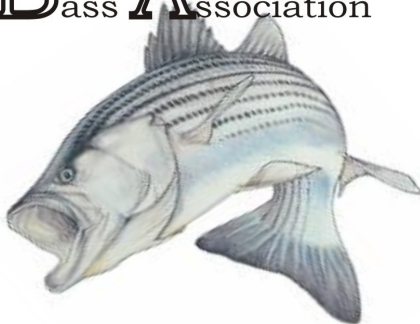


Tennessee Striped Bass Association

Get Hooked !



August 2017



TSBA Tournament August 12

We will be meeting at the Cherokee Dam boat ramp at 5:30 AM on Saturday August 12. Fishing tournament will be from 6-10 AM. \$20.00 entry fee. Followed by a barbecue social hour with burgers, dogs, chips and drinks provided by the club. There will be a cash award for the longest fish caught. Please contact Art, or post on the TSBA. Facebook page if you will be participating stating the number of people in your party, so he can plan accordingly. arthurmuchow@yahoo.com .

Outlook for current fishing spots

CHEROKEE LAKE

The striped bass and alewife will be seeking refuge in cooler, deeper water as the lake warms up into the high 80's. Looking for the large concentrations of baitfish and bait-eating birds is still a good way to find stripers/hybrids, but breaking fish on the surface will slow with only a few showing up early in the morning until later in the month when they are released from their thermal trap. Large schools can often be found on the fish finders, allowing jigging to work well on the main channel points and humps near the dam area. The premium locations are normally downstream near the dam around the underwater humps near the main channel. The larger stripers can be stressed with the warm water and low dissolved oxygen, making it difficult to release these fish successfully. The no fishing zone is in effect until September 15.

NORRIS LAKE

The best tool will be the fish finder as the fish start to go deeper in the water column in search of thermal refuge. The largest concentrations of striper will be in the downstream half of the reservoir and in some of the major deep coves like Cove and Big Creeks, but near deep water main channel humps. The bait eating birds are scarce on Norris to help find the bait but the bait and striped bass will be much easier to locate on the fish finder as they move away from the banks and out of the coves. Good catch and release practice on some of the smaller striper may still be successful by removing the hook quickly while still in the water but release of the larger adult striper is not a good conservation practice. Caution should be used with a harvest and quit plan. The thermal trap on Norris lasts well into October so the best fishing should be deep within a few miles upstream of the dam.

WATTS BAR & MELTON HILL

Fishing in the tail race and downstream river will only get better as the flow at the dams increase and the water cools. The release schedule plays a major role in the quality of fishing below the dams and it seems to be much better with flow. Release schedules can be looked up on the TVA web site to improve your catch rate by being there at the right time. Top water bites can happen all summer in the tailrace and downstream. Limited handling of the fish can improve the survival of released fish. The fish in Watts Bar & lower Clinch Watts bar have contamination warnings so should not be harvested.

TSBA. FISH FRY

Our annual fish fry will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9 at Grainger County Park. We will start at 2:00 at the pavilion on the top of the hill. Please bring a covered dish to share. Fish, hush puppies and drinks will be provided. We hope to have a great turnout this year. It's a lot of fun and a great way to meet members who generally can't attend our meetings. We'll have cast net competition for men and women too. Hope to see you there. Please take pictures for the newsletter.

August Expectations

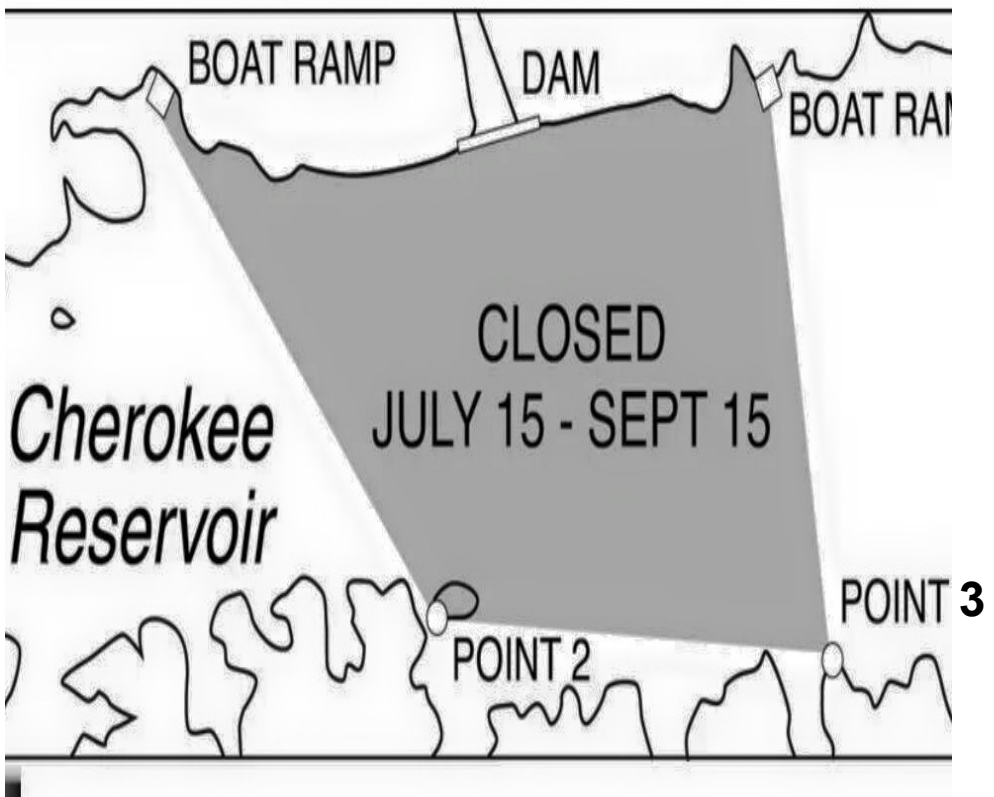
Expect to find the thermocline developed and getting deeper in the stratified calm waters with 80 + degrees on the surface. Striped bass are temperate bass and they will be seeking out the deeper, cooler temperatures. Water quality reports sometimes become available by Region 4 TWRA biologists on Norris 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.

SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS:

A closed fishing zone will be in effect from Jul 15 through Sept 15. This zone is enclosed by lines from the boat ramp at the south end of the dam across the lake to Point 2, from Point 2 to Point 3, and from Point 3 back across the lake to the TWRA boat ramp at the north end of the dam.



September Expectations

Expect to find the thermocline developed and getting deeper in the stratified calm waters with 80 + degrees on the surface. Water quality reports sometimes become available by region 4 TWRA biologists on Norris and Cherokee reservoirs in July, August, and September; these are worth looking at to see suitable temperatures with dissolved oxygen at depth.

Striped bass are temperate bass so they seek out the deeper, cooler temperatures until the water column homogenizes top to bottom. The gizzard and threadfin shad will seek out the warmest water they can find and the striper will follow them to feed, then return quickly to their thermal refuge. The alewife will also seek out deeper, cooler water. They can be found by using a good fish finder. The striper and bait-eating birds will be where the bait is most abundant.

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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 striped 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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November 1–March 31: 36 inch minimum length limit

Hybrid Striped Bass: 15 inch minimum length limit

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

Members Photos



Terry, Jennifer, and Cody Reinitz fishing with Ezell Cox
Cherokee Lake 7-2017





Cody and Jennifer
Reinitz

Larry Scott fishing the boils



Members Photos



TSBA. Members enjoying the day on Cherokee



New Members List: Welcome to the club guys

Robert Metz - Harrison, Oh	Clay Haselton, Kingsport, Tn
Frank Zimmerman - Stow, Oh	Jim Wallace, Knoxville, Tn
James Rigney - LaFollette, Tn	John Vincenzo, Knoxville, Tn
Michael Carter - Knoxville, Tn	Tommy White, Sevierville, Tn
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Lawrence Douglass - Crossville, Tn	Jacob Lanning, Rogersville, Tn
Joseph Campbell - Russell Springs, Ky	David Maurer, Guilford IN
Jason (Chris) Stansberry - Seymour, Tn	Gary Conley, Chapmanville WV
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Melvin Brook - Lily, Ky	Brian Oaks - Maynardville, Tn
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Jacob (Jake) Plasters - Gallipolis, Oh	Dan Hall from Loudon, TN
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Columbus Whaley - Sevierville, Tn	
John Galliher - Norwood, NC	

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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: bcbusyb@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.

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.

July 2017 TSBA Meeting Minutes

The Tennessee Striped Bass Association (TSBA) held its monthly meeting on July 3, 2017 at Puleo's Grill in Knoxville. Approximately 20 members attended the meeting. Captain Chadwick Ferrell was the meeting's guest speaker. Chadwick is a Knoxville based guide who specializes in fishing the "boils" below Ft. Loudon and Melton Hill dams. The following is a brief synopsis of his presentation.

Chadwick fishes below the dams approximately 180 to 200 days per year. He has found several rules of thumb for catching striped bass below the dams: 1. Fish can be caught year round but the best fishing usually occurs between April and October. 2. Fishing tends to be better when water flow through the dam is greater and when it is consistent throughout the day as well as from day to day. 3. Morning and evening are the best times to encounter feeding fish but fish can be caught throughout the day especially on overcast days. 4. Fish can be very picky about bait. In spring, threadfin shad are typically preferred. 5. Fish tend to hide in the rocks on the river bottom so use enough weight to keep your bait near the bottom. Be prepared to lose rigs to the rocks. 6. Fishing tends to be better below Ft. Loudon dam in the spring because the water is not as clear as the water below Melton Hill dam. 7. The abundance of zebra mussels necessitates heavy tackle. Chadwick prefers 65 pound braid with a 20 pound fluorocarbon leader. Adjust your hook size to the bait to ensure a natural presentation. 8. Keep a rod with a topwater plug handy to throw at breaking fish.

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- * 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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