

President's Fishing Report

Walleye Run

Spring is the most exciting time of year if you're a fisherman in Northwest Ohio and Southern Michigan. Spring means Walleye and lots of them. The key is being able to find these pesky creatures.

The Maumee River is now starting to produce several limit catches. Remember the limit is 4 walleyes until May 1st when the limit goes to 6. Floating jig heads tipped with twister tails in a variety of colors works well. I use an in line sinker 1/2 to 5/8 oz. Above a 3 foot leader tied to my jig. Use a color of tail according to the weather. A rule of thumb is to use dark color tails on dark days and bright colors on those sunny days.

My favorite way for fishing these walleyes is jigging in Maumee Bay. Look for fish off of Little Cedar Point, and the humps along the shipping channel, Turtle Island, and the dumping grounds on the Michigan side of the channel. If you mark fish on your fish finder start fishing. Walleyes can be caught in as shallow as 4 foot of water. If you don't have a fish finder look for the pack of boats that's usually where the fish are.

Your presentation of your jig is very important. You want to keep constant contact with the bottom of the lake. Walleye are very territorial. Males cruise the bottom looking for spawning females. This is a great way for small boat anglers to catch these tasty fish. You will need to slow drift your jig across the bottom of the lake. To do this you will need to use a drift sock if the wind is blowing hard enough to keep your jig from staying straight up and down. In some cases you might even have to anchor if the wind is too strong even with a drift sock.

The jigging technique is simple. You'll want to keep your jig within a foot of the bottom. Once you lower your line to the bottom lift you jig 6in to a foot of the bottom. Continue this jigging motion, the more you jig the more fish you'll catch. Don't be lazy! Good luck to you all and drop me a line I'd love to hear from all you other fisherman.

I will update this report as often as the fishing lets me. I do fish a lot and have various resources to help put you on fish. Soon

I'll have a report on the perch, crappie and bluegill fishing in the area.

Walleye: Action is hot on the Maumee River right now. Several limits being caught. Floating jigs working well. Caught a 3 man limit on Sun. 3/21. Seen a lot of fish caught all up and down the river. Fort Meigs and Orleans Park were very productive. The Lake has been impossible to fish due to the high Northeastern winds. I will update lake conditions as the weather permits.



