

Safe boat, weather radio important

(First in a series)
By FRED DAVID
SILVER LAKE, MICH.—The key to any fisherman's success is the knowledge the angler has about his quarry and equipment he chooses to make his sport enjoyable.

Coho and chinook salmon, brown trout, steelhead or lake trout anglers here are still learning, but they've got the basics down. When fishermen travel from the Grand River from here to Lake Michigan, a half-mile away, they've got the confidence they need to bring back a few fighting salmonids. Only because they're equipped.

Lake Ontario fishermen must not undertake the task of assembling the basic "tools" to fully enjoy the promising salmonid fishery now growing in our most easterly Great Lake.

Although we fished about 34-foot trojan, there were anglers in our trolling company from here to Lake Michigan, a

smaller than ours. We were nearly five-miles out. Regardless of size, the boats in our vicinity all were equipped with the basic equipment. The two most important were a craft that can handle moderately rough seas in case of a sudden storm. Equally as important was some type of radio that monitored weather forecasts and immediate changes to avoid being caught in pre-warmed storms.

There are few fish in our region that don't prefer a special temperature range for feeding or migrating. Knowing the intricacies of that particular species you are seeking helps in catching it. It is very important to be in their temperature range.

This is where one of the most important pieces of equipment comes in. It's the downrigger. Bait will vary from coast to coast for a particular species but the use of the downrigger won't.

The downrigger is nothing

more than a weight that carries your bait to a specific depth. When a fish strikes the lure it releases the line from the heavy weight and you fight the fish on a free line. The method is called "controlled drop trolling."

There are several advantages of downrigger fishing. The first being, you can tell exactly where your bait is at all times. The depth and distance from the boat.

The angler can also make the lure perform as it should with the various techniques or rigs used behind the torpedo weight. Some downriggers use a "cannonball."

Also, the line is always directly under the stern or side of the boat (depending on which downrigger you are using) and it allows for tighter turns when trolling through an area.

Antiquated methods with lines stretched several hundred yards to get to the deep water are not necessary with downriggers. There are no cut lines from passing boats.

There is no need for hand-pulling. The automatic action most downriggers.

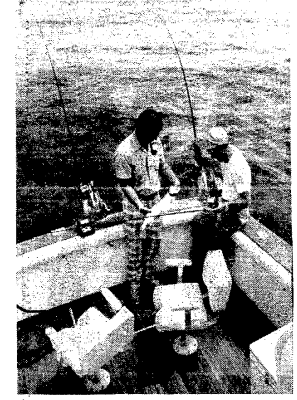
There are several dozen brands of downriggers on the market today. There will be more. We've inspected at least a half-dozen in recent months. The Walker, Mac-Jac, Big John, the Invader, the Riviera, etc.

Without a doubt, the Riviera is the best. It is ruggedly built, easy to use, and offers the most for your money. Riviera also has nearly a dozen various units from hand-pulling to automatic downriggers. Each comes in models with built-in temperature gauges and each has some method, if not by depth meter, of telling how deep the lure is suspended. Compare as many brands as possible then choose one that will not rust and last the longest.

Next week: Rigging for Lake Ontario salmonids.



In "coco country" the downrigger is an essential tool for taking salmon, steelhead and lake trout and can be found on most all craft in the eastern Great Lakes.



Michigan angler, Norm Newman, explains to Niagara Falls writer, Joe O'Connell, the physical features of the lake trout as compared to the coho, chinook salmon and steelhead.



The second portion of the annual Genesee Open Registered Trapshoot begins today at 9 a.m. at the Bridgeport Rod and Gun Club.

One hundred 16-yard targets, 100 handicap and 50-par of doubles will be provided. All welcome to participate.

BOATING by Julius Cooper

It's free... no appointment necessary

It has been said that the best things in life are free and this is true with a boating education.

Do you know that your boating education can start on the water, right on your boat? Would you believe that it is free for the asking?

As a courtesy to pleasure boat owners and operators, members of the Coast Guard Auxiliary each year check thousands of boats for both legal and safety requirements. These members are qualified as Courtesy Examiners under strict standards set by the Coast Guard and are recognized experts in their field.

However, you must request the examination.

The suggestion of a boat examination usually generates a number of questions such as:

Q: Since an examination is free, what good is it?

A: The purpose of the examination is to increase your safety and pleasure. The examination checks not only for compliance with Federal regulations but for the additional safety requirements prescribed by the Auxiliary.

Q: What happens if I don't meet the requirements?

A: The results of the examination is a matter between the Examiner and yourself. No report is given to any other person.

Q: What sort of items are inspected?

A: Those items contributing to the safety of you, your family and your boat. They are: fire extinguishers, ventilation, navigation lights, numbers and identification, to name just a few.

Q: If I pass what happens?

A: You are awarded the Coast Guard Auxiliary Decal, which is placed in a conspicuous location on your vessel.

Q: Why give a decal? I passed, isn't that good enough?

A: It is a means of telling others that your vessel is a "safe" one. It is something to be proud of. In addition, regular law enforcement officers will ordinarily refrain from boarding boats displaying this decal unless some violation of the laws is apparent.

Q: That sounds good, but suppose I don't have everything I need? Then what?

A: As soon as you have corrected the deficiencies, ask any examiner for a re-examination.

The examiners will show you how to recognize defects aboard yourself.

Remember: Safe boating is no accident.

BASS TOP 10

Ronald Martin, the mayor of former State College, returned to his former post graduate work at the fish on the water. Sportsman Society Inc. and the North American Fishing Club in Ontario to the state. The top 10 anglers to go to the World Series of Bass Fishing are listed in the article.

Martin, Ontario 30 pp. 2, Bill Black, Tenn. 22, 3, Roy Green, Ala. 11, Jon Hagan, Ohio 10, 5, Phil Green, La. 10, 4, Mike Smith, Ill. 12, 2, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

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Outside Insight

By Fred David
Outdoor Editor

Despite last year's mild winter the Tug Hill area is still experiencing some whitetail deer starvation losses. Especially the Highmarket area where the entire lawn crop may have died this last winter.

Game biologists recently completed a dead deer survey in the Central New York major deer wintering areas. The Oswego County area—namely the Tug Hill tract—showed the only signs of significant starvation losses.

Nearly 200 deer were found dead of starvation in the Highmarket region. It has been estimated that about half of the deer that starved there, died of starvation in the vicinity.

Otto Mills wintering deer lost about ten percent of its winter neighbors or about nine deer. All were young deer.

Findings prove there is still potential management for the area. Biologists are already trying to solve the problem with clear cut operations and have succeeded only on a limited basis.

The Otto Mills Clear Cut operation showed the program will work but was nowhere near the tract where the deer died, explained regional game manager John Prood, "but it is on a limited basis and can not keep up with the expanding or dying herds."

Hunter pressure is not the answer either. The deer are not in the Otto Mills or Highmarket area during the season. They are still spread out and moving towards the yarding plots.

The conservation department will be seeking answers shortly in attempts to solve the heavy starvation loss. The large number of deer found in these areas after only a mild winter has drawn much concern from game personnel.

New York leads saltwater fun

An estimated 10.9 million people or one in six persons representing five million households in the Northeastern States and the District of Columbia participated in saltwater fishing activities last year.

New York leads the northeast in active marine recreation (fishing and shellfishing). At most three million people representing over one million households were saltwater anglers.

Swimming was the most popular followed by fishing, beachcombing, pleasure boating, sailing and shellfishing.

The eyes of hares are never closed. They have no eyelids but are equipped with a thin membrane which covers the eye when the animal is asleep or at rest.

N.S. archers bow tourney

North Syracuse Archers, an affiliate of the North Syracuse Rod and Gun Club, will conduct a two-day holiday shoot next weekend at its Oswego County clubhouses.

Saturday's program will consist of a 20-round PAA shoot, noon-28 NPAA animal shoot, evening-clout shoot and at night—a flashlight round.

Sunday's program will be a more serious program consisting of a 28 target league shoot with guests invited.

Follow target signs from Route 81 exit at Central Square.

Also, in keeping with B.A.S.S. tradition, a bonus once will be added for every fish that is either small or largemouth bass; returned alive to Oneida Lake.

When the tournament ends, and luck holds out, all of the fish will be returned and the tournament will have passed without really taking the fish from the anglers who enjoy taking the fish.

Spectators are welcome to see the "cast off" and the weigh-in. Shady Grove is in Middle Bay, off Route 31 west of Bridgeport.

Outdoor calendar

Woodfield picnic
Today—Members of the Woodfield Sportsman's Club-Cyler will conduct its annual picnic and children's fishing derby beginning at noon today. All members are urged to participate.

Old Erie Canal Canal Regatta
July 12—The 14th annual Old Erie Canal Regatta will be conducted from the Postkross Widewaters to Canastota and sponsored by the Ka-Na-Wa-Ka Canal Club of Syracuse. For entry blanks and information contact Ralph Bowen, 118 S. Central Ave., Minna, N.Y., 13116.

Merchandise shoot
July 13—Fishing clubs are invited to the Liverpool Rod and Gun Club range, Seventh North St. (north of Wetzel road) will be held at the Municipal Dish sponsored by the club.

"The Question"
July 21—The new film "The Question of Hunting" will be shown at the Elbridge Rod and Gun Club at the Oswego County Sportsman's Federation meets for its monthly meeting. Meeting is 8 p.m. The public is invited.

College of Fishing
July 22-23—Another edition of the Clayton College of Fishing will be held at the Municipal Building, Mary Street, Clayton, beginning at 7:30 p.m. both nights. The techniques of St. Lawrence River and Lake Ontario fishing will be emphasized by local guides. Everyone welcome to attend the two-session class.

Blessings at Fair Haven, Oneida L.

Boaters in the Fair Haven and Oneida Lake vicinity are invited to participate in the annual Blessing of the Fleet ceremonies July 5.

The Fair Haven Blessing will begin at the Fair Haven Yacht Club dock at 1:45 p.m. The Rev. Arthur Clark, an avid boating enthusiast, will deliver the blessing.

The "Point Steel," a U.S. Coast Guard rescue and safety cutter, will also be at the ceremonies (if not on assignment) and the public is invited to board for inspection.

On Oneida Lake, the Brewster-Clark of Commerce is sponsoring a Blessing at 2 p.m. at the State Dock between the

Solunar table

By JIM RICHARD ALLEN KENNY
The schedule of Solar Periods, as well as the Moon's position, are listed below. The Moon's position is given in degrees of longitude and latitude. The Moon's position is given in degrees of longitude and latitude. The Moon's position is given in degrees of longitude and latitude.

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25 Monday	12:00	101° 10' 10"	1° 10' 10"
26 Tuesday	12:00	101° 10' 10"	1° 10' 10"
27 Wednesday	12:00	101° 10' 10"	1° 10' 10"
28 Thursday	12:00	101° 10' 10"	1° 10' 10"
29 Friday	12:00	101° 10' 10"	1° 10' 10"
30 Saturday	12:00	101° 10' 10"	1° 10' 10"

Pump-out map for boaters

The Conservation Department has released a map for boaters, indicating all sewage pump-out facilities in the New York State and Lake Ontario-St. Lawrence regions.

The maps are available free upon request from Bertone Mead, Regional Engineer, Conservation Department, 317 Washington St., Watertown, N.Y., 13801.

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