

Rigging Your Boat For Spring Trolling

Because of its shallow depths and southern most exposure, waters off lower Lake Huron warm up fast each spring, drawing schools of spawning Smelt and Alewives shoreward. The relationship between salmonoid and the forage base is the key. Find warm water and bait and ravenous salmon and trout won't be far behind.

Dedicated angler's fish well before dawn, starting shallow in less than 10 feet of water and working their way out to depths of 20 to 50 feet by mid morning.

Try matching your lure to that of the forage base. Body baits like Jensen Power Minnows, Bombers and Rapalas best imitate the smelt; spoons like, Pirhanas, Northern King NK28, Diamond Kings and Silver Streaks best imitate the alewives. Spoons usually don't come into play until fish move out into depths exceeding 25 feet. Controlling lure depth is extremely important; it's always better to be running lures a little above fish than below.

With Zebra Mussels doing such a thorough job of improving the water clarity of the Great Lakes each year, offshore trollers have had to modify their trolling techniques to cover a wider area of water and target fish that shy away from the noise of your boat.

On any salmon boat, downriggers are an essential accessory when it comes to depth control fishing. However, in shallow gin clear water the amount of underwater disturbance caused by the cables and cannonballs as they cut through the shallow water might actually be spooking fish away from your setup. Running longer 100 to 150 foot leads should help eliminate this problem.

Multiple rod holders are a must, they have to be durable to withstand the heavy pressure from dipsy divers, yet flexible enough to be able to swing straight up and from side to side to

accommodate leadcore, dipsy rods and both planer board and in-line rods. A salmon boat rigged properly with 2 or 4 downriggers and good quality rod holders, like those manufactured by Scotty or Pursuit Sports, will easily allow you to present from 6 to 12 lines and tackle different depths and cover a wider trolling area.

Dipsy divers are a must with any serious offshore troller. They're designed to provide both downward and outward mid depth coverage.

Fishing a couple of dual planer boards or inline planers, like those manufactured by Church Tackle Co. and Off-Shore Tackle on each side of your boat can help cover a wider area of water and produce a lot of bonus fish missed by the riggers and dipsy's.

Boards have always been a great way to target fish near the surface, but with the aid of mini disks, jet drivers and snap weights, lures can now be presented to depths exceeding 40 feet. Remember, when running

Luhr Jensen mini dipsy divers on in-line planers or dual boards to set the disk on zero so it runs straight down to achieve maximum depth and tracks true through the water.

Leadcore line is the latest trolling technique to hit the Great Lakes and is accounting for more fish every year. Leadcore comes in 18, 27, 36 and 45# test strengths, a full core is 10 colours or 100 yards. Your leader can be upwards to 100 feet long and should always be lighter than the leadcore. If you snag, your lighter lead will be the first thing that breaks. Two hundred yards of braided line will fit as backing underneath your 100 yards of leadcore. When running leadcore, put all of it in the water for best results.

The key is to cover as much of the water column as possible. A couple of downriggers and a good rod holder placement for both dipsy divers, in-line planers and leadcore rods can greatly improve your next spring outing.

Pete Bothwell



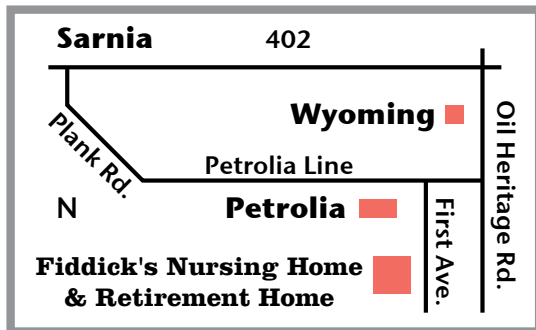
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Our main goals are to provide anglers with an opportunity for fellowship with men and women who share common interests and concerns for fishing and the environment in lower Lake Huron. In 1986, we completed construction and started the operation of our full scale hatchery facility that raises over 200,000 salmon and trout annually. We sponsor a number of events each year, including the Bluewater Anglers Salmon Derby, Family Fun Fishing Day, Spring Shoreline Clean-up and Teach a Kid to Fish Day.

If you are concerned with the fishing and the environment of lower Lake Huron and the St. Clair River and would like to improve the fishing quality, perhaps you should consider joining the Bluewater Anglers. It's a great way to make friends, have fun and become a better fisherman while you make a contribution to fishing.

Upcoming membership meetings are planned for March 10th and April 7th at the Point Edward Arena Optimist Hall. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

Bluewater Anglers

Listing of Events

2009

General Meeting	January 6
Ice Fishing Derby	February 15
London Boat Show	February 20 - 22
General Meeting	March 10
Fish Hatchery Open House.....	March 21 & 22
General Meeting	April 7
Shoreline Clean-up	April 18
Club Derby.....	April 25
Bluewater Anglers Salmon Derby.....	May 1 - 10
Bluewater Anglers Derby Awards Night	May 20
Kids Training Day	May 30
Family Fun Fishing Day	July 11
Walleye Derby.....	August 8
General Meeting	September 8
Big Fish Derby.....	September 19



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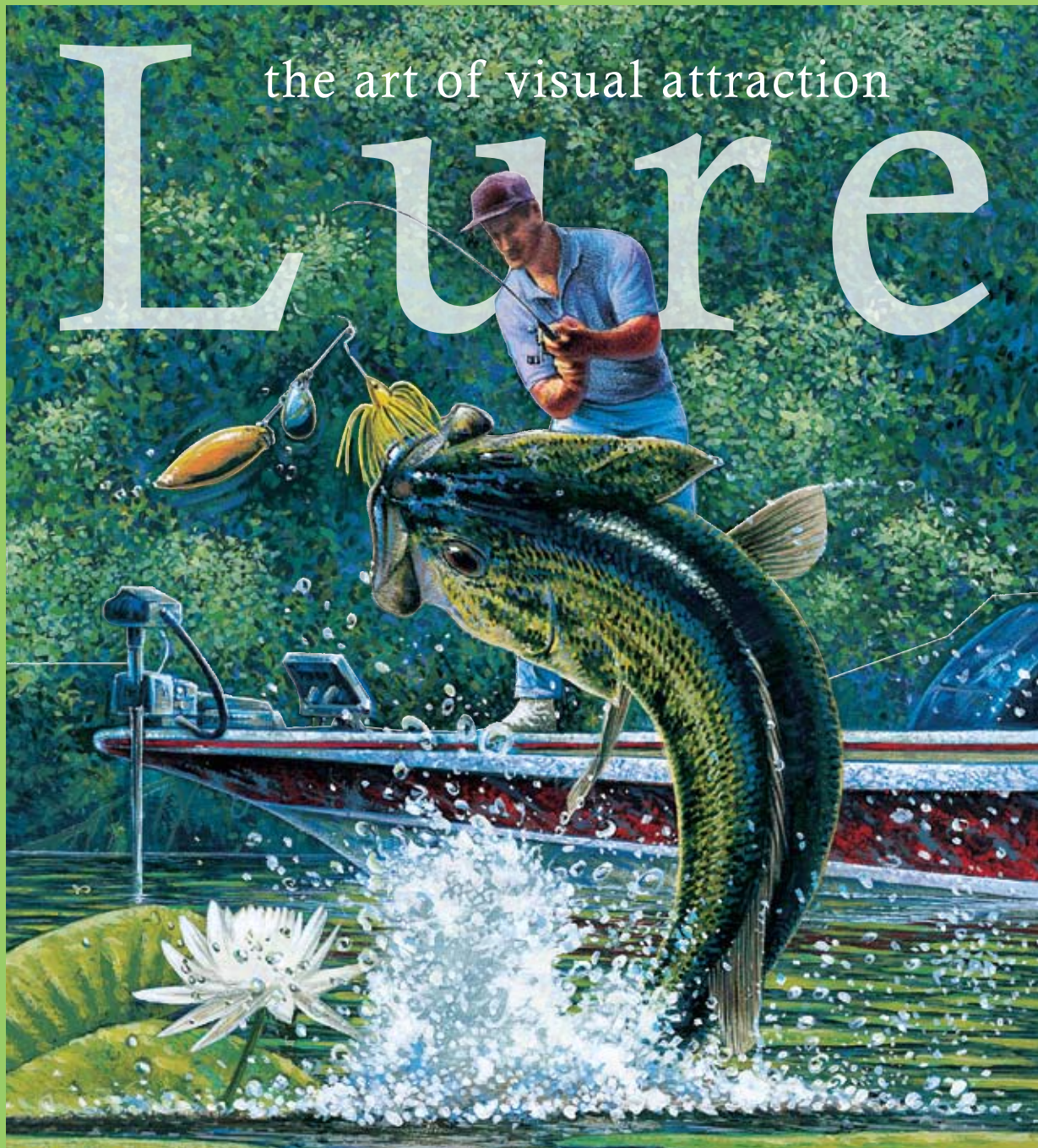
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