

May - Week 4

Continue to work those secondary points with a Carolina Rig. Also, this week you can begin to throw in those big crankbaits. The points and humps in the creeks will continue to be the best places to look for fish staging after the spawn as they move to their summer holes. There are some good humps and points in Lick and Sugar Creeks and also in Double Branches. I like to throw a Norman® DD22 in Smokey Joe, Chrome/ Black, or Mean Green. These baits will run deep and straight and will catch some grower fish. I really like the big #7 Excalibur® Fat Free Shad™ also in similar colors for my deep cranking. Look for the fish to feed more actively during power generation times in the afternoons, especially around the mouths of the creeks and the bridges. The bridge supports can also be a great place to pick up numbers of fish. Keep your boat on the down stream side and pitch a Texas Rigged Zoom® U-Tail around the supports. Fish will stack up behind the supports to keep out of the current and ambush food as it drifts down. I like to throw a Texas Rigged Worm in Redbug, Watermelon, or Blueberry in these places. Use a 1/4 oz Bullet Weight and a 2/0 Gamakatsu® Offset Shank Worm Hook. Add some Bang® Shad scent to the worms to help increase bites. The big crankbaits can also be run around these supports to catch some bigger fish. Later in the day the seawalls will still produce on several types of top water plugs. I like the Smithwick® Devil's Horse®, Bagley's® Spin Bang O-Lure, and the Heddon® Zara Spook™ all in some sort of Shad color. The night bite will start to pick up with some warmer weather and all types of fish can be caught on small #5 Shad Rap® in Black/Silver or Shad color. Docks with lights right on the water will produce best as they attract bugs and baitfish. Keep your boat out in the dark areas and work your way in slowly toward the light. A small 1/8 oz Texas Rigged Zoom® 6 Inch Dead Ringer Worm in Junebug or Red Shad will work well around the lit docks. A glass worm rattle and some scent will help tremendously. By now the water will be holding in the 73-76 degree range and early morning and late evening will be the best times of day to catch good fish.



Fishing Tip: Tune a crankbait so it will run true by bending the eye in the opposite direction to which it is running. A spinnerbait can also be tuned to run straight by bending the upper shaft (with the blade) in the opposite direction. A spinnerbait or crankbait is MUCH less effective if it doesn't run true.

Fishing Lure Recap

- Carolina Rig
 - Zoom® 6 Inch Lizard
 - Watermelon
 - Watermelon Candy
 - Pumpkin/Chartreuse
 - 2/0 Gamakatsu® Offset Shank Worm Hook
- Crankbait
 - Norman™
 - Lures – Professional Edge™Suspend + 4
 - Deep Diver 22 (DD22)
 - Smokey Joe
 - Chrome/Black
 - Mean Green
- Crankbait
 - Excalibur® Advantage™
 - #7 Fat Free Shad™
 - Shad
 - Tennessee Shad
 - Sun Green Shiner
- Texas Rig
 - Zoom®
 - U-Tail
 - Redbug
 - Watermelon
 - Blueberry
 - 1/4 oz Bullet Weight
 - 2/0 Gamakatsu® Offset Shank Worm Hook
- Topwater Plug
 - Smithwick®
 - Devil's Horse®
 - Tennessee Shad
- Topwater Plug
 - Bagley's®
 - Spin-Tail Bang-O-Lure
 - Tennessee Shad
- Topwater Plug
 - Heddon®
 - Zara Spook™
 - Shad
- Crankbait
 - Rapala®
 - Shad Rap®
 - Black/Silver
 - Shad
- Texas Rig
 - Zoom®
 - 6 inch Dead Ringer Worm
 - Junebug
 - Red Shad
 - Glass Worm Rattle
 - 1/8 oz Bullet Weight
 - 2/0 Gamakatsu® Offset Shank Worm Hook

