

Columbia River Bassmasters



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*** April Meeting ***

Who Song & Larry's

Tuesday, July 7th @ 7PM

111 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver

Meeting Agenda

Call meeting to order/Guest Intro -----Tim
Meeting Minutes -----
Fishing Reports ----- Members
BASS/FLW Report ----- Zip
Treasurer's Report -----Chuck

OLD BUSINESS

-----BREAK-----

NEW BUSINESS

The Dalles Tournament draw ----- Mark

For the love of bass fishing



Current Events

Zip Decker provided seminars on River Bass Fishing at Cabelas in Tualatin March 14th & 15th. One of several events during their 2015 Spring Outdoor Days promotion. Each seminar was attended by approximately ten enthusiasts seeking to learn more about the smallmouth bass fishery represented by our two major rivers.

Zip had a projector and screen with internet access and it opened the world of river bass fishing visually for the attendees. He talked about rod and reel combos first and the characteristics and the application of the different line types. Then a discussion including images of what the fish eat in these systems. Examples either extracted from the stomachs of fish or what they had spit up when they were caught.

Next, a step by step approach to getting ready to fish he called Preparation ABCDE. Attitude (of the fish), Bait, Conditions, Depth, and Equipment. A Power Point presentation. Attendees asked questions about the specific topics throughout the talk. Zip promised to meet the group in the fishing department afterward for one on one conversations.

The talks ended with a sobering conversation about boating hazards on the rivers- hazardous unless strict attention is paid to navigation markers, these obstacles create the habitat that's so excellent to fish however. Zip spoke about tidal movements on the lower rivers and accessed a web site with that information. Then he logged on to the Windfinder.com website and encouraged its use to find the days of more pleasant conditions to fish in Columbia River Gorge.

Each attendee said they learned a lot and some asked for Zip's contact information. Which he gladly shared. Part of his credentials he provided is his long term membership with the CRB.

Boating Safety

Getting your boat ready for the season

If you're a do-it-yourselfer, create a "to do" list. Here are some suggestions of items that should be on the list.

Outboard: Tune-ups should be done in the fall, especially in colder climates. If you neglected it, at least change the spark plugs and add fuel conditioner to the gas tank. This is also a good time to stock up on outboard motor oil. Buy it by the case and you'll save money.

If the propeller is bent or nicked badly, get it rebuilt or buy a new one. Order now to avoid shipping delays.

Batteries: If your batteries are a couple of seasons old, it's time to replace them. If the batteries are in good condition but have been sitting for a while, charge them. Always keep batteries fully charged and never allow them to sit too long without a charge.

Trailer: Do the bearings need to be inspected or repacked? Is the carpet worn on the bunks? Does the winch need oil or the strap need to be replaced?

Replace bulbs in trailer lights so they'll burn brightly. Make sure wiring connections are solid and there are no exposed wires that can cause a short. Also, inspect trailer tires for unusual wear. They may need to be replaced, balanced, rotated, or inflated. Check the spare, too.

Boat: If you're blessed with a warm winter day, wash and wax the boat. Crawl around inside and inspect electrical connections, giving them a shot of corrosion-preventative lubricant. Tighten all screws and bolts.

Look into storage boxes for messes. Mice love to winter in boat storage boxes, and they've been known to tear up insulation and chew into wiring.

Inspect bilge and livewell pumps. If they're old, replace them. Trace transducer cables and look for cuts or bad spots that can distort your signals.

Accessories: Think about what you'll put in storage compartments. List essentials like rain gear, safety items, tools and the other necessities.

Don't neglect safety equipment (such as fire extinguishers, life jackets, horns and flares). Replace worn life jackets. Fire extinguishers may need to be recharged.

Investing the effort now will avoid boating problems later, and keep you focused this spring on the business at hand – catching fish.

<http://www.bassresource.com/hank-parker-fishing/bass-boat.html>

2015 Tournament Schedule

Date	Location
April 11 th	The Dalles (Lake Bonneville)
May 2 nd	Boone's Ferry (Upper Willamette)
May 30-31	Boardman (Lake Umatilla)
June 13 th	Cascade Locks (Lake Bonneville)
July 25 th	Celilo (Lake Celilo)
August 15 th	Hood River (Lake Bonneville)
September 5 th	Riffe Lake, WA
September 26 th	Celilo (Lake Celilo)
October 3 rd	Cascade Locks (Lake Bonneville)
October 17 th	Don Abbott Classic, Location TBD

Other News and Comments

Mark does a great job of keeping the website up to date so please check it out for AOY/CAOY Standings, Event Pairings, Schedules, and other CRB information. Please use the following link.
http://columbiariverbassmasters.org/Home_Page.html