

Columbia River Bassmasters



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May 2015

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*** **May Meeting** ***

Who Song & Larry's

Tuesday, May 5th @ 7PM

111 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver

Meeting Agenda

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

OLD BUSINESS

Elite BASS -----Mark and Jody
 -----**BREAK**-----

NEW BUSINESS

The Boardman Tournament draw ----- Mark
 Hawg Hunter Tournament Flyers-----Michaella

For the love of bass fishing



Bob and Randy Take Swan Island

The much anticipated CRB season opener has come and gone. The first tournament on the schedule for 2015 was supposed to take place in The Dalles, which is where the 2014 schedule ended. Prior to tournament day there were reports of good fishing, but also reports of high winds were being forecasted. The wind reports would hold up and ultimately force the event to be moved to the Willamette River.

Almost exactly two years ago to the day the 2013 opener started the same way as this years with a weather backup at Swan Island. On April 13, 2013 Shon Childers and Louis Smith dominated the field by more than 5 pounds with a total of 10lbs 5oz. That weight of 10lbs 5oz. would have only been good enough for a sixth place finish this year.

There were many fish weighed in by CRB members, taking first place was the team of Bob Judkins and Randy Mock.



Swan Island Continued.....

Bob and Randy caught a total of 14lbs 5oz. Bob reported the fish were very aggressive if you could find them. Randy helped the winning cause by catching a 3lb 14oz. kicker which held up as the big fish of the tournament. Randy stated that his big fish was caught on a swim bait.

Second place went to the team of Chuck Smith and Mike Leletski with a total weight of 12lbs 3oz. Chuck credited their win to his trusty lipless crank bait.

Third place went to Mark Forbes and Jody Cagle with a total weight of 11lbs 7oz. Mark and Jody reported that they were battling it out with salmon fisherman and sea lions all day. They witnessed a hungry sea lion devouring fish in their spot, including a nice size smallmouth. They managed to save a limit of smallmouth from eminent danger and relocate them to the CRB scales.

Over all the fishing was good, every team caught fish which is not always the case at Swan Island early in the season. Hopefully this is good sign for the rest of the year.

April 11th Swan Island Tournament Results

| Place | Boater | Non-Boater | Big fish/Angler | Total Weight (Lb's-Oz.) | AOY Points | CAOY Points |
|-------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------|
| 1 | Bob Judkins | Randy Mock | 3lb 14oz | 14lb 5oz | 100 | 101 |
| 2 | Chuck Smith | Mike Leletsky | | 12lb 3oz | 96 | 96 |
| 3 | Mark Forbes | Jody Cagle | | 11lb 7oz | 92 | 92 |
| 4 | John Slaven | Joe Slaven | | 11lb 0oz | 88 | 88 |
| 5 | Rich Lockhart | Dick Lockhart | | 10lb 14oz | 84 | x |
| 6 | Randy Abbott | Sheri Abbott | | 7lb 6oz | 80 | 80 |
| 7 | Tim Ihle | Jesse Jans | | 7lb 0oz | 76 | 76 |
| 8 | Scott Seros | Mike Abramson | | 3lb 14oz | 72 | 72 |

Boating Safety

Submerged objects

A submerged object in the water can be a hazard to an unwary boat operator. Rocks, stumps, logs and other objects can greatly damage a boat's hull or motor, sometimes resulting in injury or death to people on board.

Water levels vary on almost every waterway in the state. Even a few inches difference in depth can make the difference between "smooth sailing" and an abrupt end to the boating day. Running aground at high speed can result in people being ejected from the boat. Boaters can protect themselves by keeping a sharp lookout for objects in the water and changing bottom structure. A depth finder or fathometer can keep a boater informed of the depth of the water. Operators who are not sure of the bottom should reduce speed.

Current

Safety on the water depends on developing respect for the power of water. Current can be deceptive and boaters should never underestimate its power. Even a moderate current can exert a force of several tons on a capsized canoe, pinning it against a rock. Boaters venturing out in strong current must stay within their abilities and skill levels, especially in unpowered boats.

A strainer is an obstruction, like a tree or fence in the water, which allows water to pass through but holds and traps boats and boaters. Boaters in current need to keep a safe distance from strainers that they could be "pinned" against.

Overheating and sunburn

Just as hypothermia can be fatal, so too can hyperthermia. Hyperthermia is an increase in the body's temperature. The body normally cools itself through the evaporation of perspiration. On hot days, continuous fluid replacement is required to avoid dehydration and keep the body supplied so it can sweat. High humidity on hot days makes sweating less efficient as a means of cooling. On the water, boaters are in a more humid environment than when on dry land. Persons suffering from heat illness often feel faint, or are nauseous. They may have a rapid heart rate, and/or a headache. The young and elderly are usually more easily overcome by heat. A well-rested person who has had something to eat recently is better able to cope with the stress of excessive heat.

Treatment requires stopping any exercise and moving to a cooler environment. It is important to get out of the sun and heat. Drinking fluids is also important, although carbonated beverages and alcoholic beverages should be avoided. If untreated, mild heat stress can progress quickly to severe heat stroke, which can be life-threatening. Persons suffering from heat stroke usually have a deterioration in mental function and coordination, as well as the above symptoms. It is important to begin cooling and get medical treatment immediately.

Sunburn is another danger that everyone, especially boaters, must never forget. Even when wearing a hat or in the shade of a boat's awning, ultraviolet rays are reflected from the water to a boater's skin.

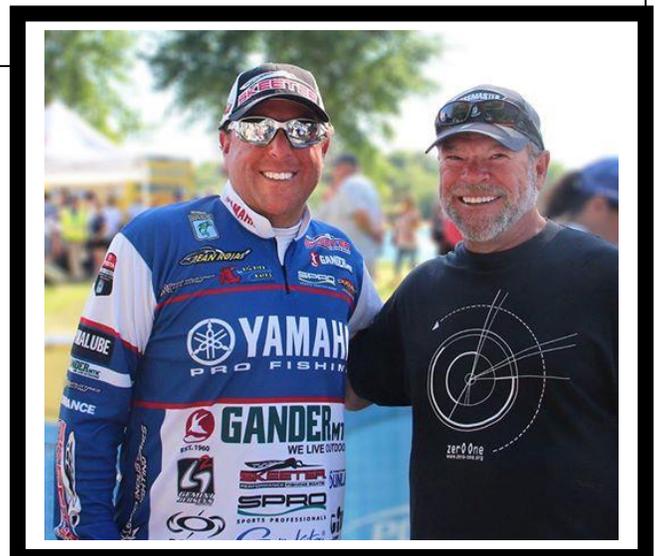
The key to avoiding sunburn is to cover the skin. A hat and light protective clothing create a protective barrier to the sun's rays. Sun blocks with an SPF (sun protection factor) of 30 are effective when applied at regular intervals. Sunglasses are also a very good idea. They protect the eyes from damaging ultraviolet rays, as well as lessen eye fatigue from constant squinting.

Prevention is the best approach to dealing with heat and the sun. Important ideas to remember are:

- Wear light clothing and a hat.
- Drink fluids regularly.
- Reduce physical activity.
- Apply sun block at regular intervals.
- Wear sunglasses.

Boaters must understand that the effects of a day on the water exposed to bright sunshine and high humidity will have a cumulative, possibly dangerous effect. This could affect a boater's judgment and the ability to keep a proper lookout, thereby increasing the possibility of an accident.

<http://fishandboat.com/damhaz.htm>



Mark enjoying the B.A.S.S. Elite Series!

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

