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## Loading Up Walleyes

Courtesy of Jason Mitchell

at <http://jasonmitchelloutdoors.com/>

Like many anglers, I learned how to live bait rig for walleyes with the bail open and my trigger finger on the line. At the first indication of a bite, the though process was to let line peel off the spool giving fish line so that they could swallow the bait. Anglers insisted that the less a walleye feels your presence, the better.

There are situations where giving to the fish whether it be by feeding line or pointing the rod tip back when either running live bait rigs or spinner rigs can be the ticket. Especially earlier in the season, the drill often seems to be creeping the rig along and feeding the fish momentarily before the hook set.

One adjustment to make however that can be difficult for some anglers is dragging the fish versus feeding the fish. Around the 4th of July on many bodies of water year in and year out, the water temperature continues to climb and the metabolism of the fish climbs. There comes a point where you catch so many more fish by dragging the fish along versus feeding the fish. Dragging the fish is just that. No finger on the line with the bail open, no worry about the fish "feeling" the angler and no pointing the rod tip back towards the fish. When you get a bite, you simply let the rod load up and drag the fish along

until you start to get a few head shakes. Ever had one of those days where the rod holder out fished you... when you were trying hard to catch a fish with the rod you were holding? I know I



have.

I think what happens as fish get aggressive is that they simply grab onto the bait and just don't want to give it up if it seems to be getting away. When you drag the fish with steady and constant pressure, the fish just seem to keep choking up on the bait or harness until they hook themselves. This adjustment or change in attitude happens every summer.

Earlier in the season, rigging with live bait can often be considered a finesse tactic. As the summer progresses, I often find that I catch more fish with a more aggressive mindset concerning live bait rigs... power rigging. I often use a heavier walking sinker or bottom bouncer that keeps the presentation close to the transducer of the sonar.

I like heavier snells, sometimes as heavy as twenty pound monofilament so that I can move really fast without the snell twisting up. I often move as fast as a mile and a half an hour but then drop my speed as I mark fish on the electronics. Once fish are deeper than fifteen feet, I feel that I will mark most fish that are below me. The name of the game is to scoot along fast until you come across another pod of fish. Once you find or mark some fish with your electronics, you can slow down and fish at speeds that might range between half a mile an hour to a mile and a half an hour for rigs and up to two miles per hour for spinner rigs.

One of the hottest rigging trends the past few seasons have been half crawler rigs that utilize a bent hook that causes the half crawler to rotate or cork screw through the water. Most of the half crawler rigs on the market today use a much heavier hook and use two bends on the shaft of the hook which is quite different from the original half crawler rigs we made ourselves from the standard gold Aberdeen hook. I still think the original designs are much better because the hook is lighter and only incorporates one bend so the action on the night crawler is tighter and more of a shimmy at a much slower speed.

Recently I designed a half crawler rig for Northland Tackle called the Crawler Hauler that also has a barb on the hook to keep the night crawler pinned in the right position. I have a video explaining how to use this hook design to catch a lot of walleyes, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zV6Qcryfik8>

### Club Calendar

- July 30th .....NUASF Club Meeting
- Aug 15th .....NUASF Social Night at Club House
- Aug 14th ..... Kids Fishing Contest at Riverside Park 4-8
- Aug 28th .....NUASF Club Meeting
- Sep 1st .....Labor day (Give Boat Away)
- Sep 11th .....NUASF Social Night at Club House
- Sep 13th .....Peterman's Fall Fishing Contest
- Sep 25th .....NUASF Club Meeting

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## From the President .....

By Jason Kuester

The next BIG club event is The kids fishing contest at Riverside Park. Mark your calendar for August 13th. This event takes a lot of volunteers and we would appreciate as much help as possible. Most of the prizes for this event are picked up. I would like to thank all of our volunteers for their hard work putting this event together. Our main goal is to make this a fun event for the kids. At the next meeting, there will be a sign up sheet to help organize what needs to be done on the day of the event. This will help everyone plan for the event Thanks in advance for helping with this great event.

We need everyone to do their part and sell raffle tickets for the boat!!! (We only have 1 month left!!) It is a new 2014 Alumacraft MV1648 NCS, it has a solid floor, bow storage, Evinrude 25 Etec w/ tilt, electric start, Shorelander trailer, fish finder, and 2 life jackets. We bought the boat from Retzlaff's Marine in New Ulm. If you get a chance, stop in and Thank John for helping us out with this great boat. We will be selling 1000 tickets at \$20.00 per ticket in books of 5. Prizes are as follows, 1st Place-Boat, 2nd Place-\$1,000.00, 3rd Place-\$500.00, 4th-10th place will be \$250.00 each. You can pick up your tickets the next meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like some tickets, please contact Ross Nelson 507-766-0765 rnuw@newulmtel.net or Ken Sutherland 507-276-1534 ken.sutherland@ci.new-ulm.mn.us or myself at 507-381-2041 jr@newulmtel.net  
Note: The tickets come in books of 5 and are \$20.00 each. If you take the tickets you will be responsible for selling them or turning them back in at or before Riverblast in September.

Summer is screaming by, take time to enjoy it! Something as simple as fishing with family and friends can build a lifetime of great memories. If you would like to use a club boat they are located by Ron L shed behind New Ulm Glass. Your club keys will unlock the locks. If you have any questions give me a call at 507-381-2041.

Summer is here and what a great time to bring our friends and family to the New Ulm Area Sport Fisherman Club. We are always looking for new members to join. If you know of someone bring them along and show them how much fun we have at our club. As always, bring a friend and each of you will receive a free refreshment of your choice!

Hope to see you at the next meeting!!

## New Ulm Area Sport Fishermen Monthly Meeting

June 27th , 2014 Members Present: 40

### I. Secretary Report

A) Motion made by Jim Liebl and seconded by Jim Hulke to except report as read. Passed unanimously.

### II. Treasury Report

A) Balance \$

1) Motion made by Jim Liebl and seconded by Orin Schultz to except report as read. Passed unanimously.

2) Tony Miller talked about how we must watch our spending.

3) Please help selling boat raffle tickets at Auto Fest, Fair, Bavarian Blast.

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### The NUASF Board

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### III. Old Business

#### A) Membership update.

1) Membership stands at 183 – 29 Due. Membership drive: Ron Schnobrich 2 new members

#### B) Area Lakes and Rivers Report.

1) Clear Lake – Partial kill still plenty of fish.

#### C) Club House and Grounds Update.

1) Very good clean up.

2) Major damage on the parking lot and driveway from all the rain. Club house had water in 3/4 of The house. Jason Kuester fixed the damage hauled in 37 loads of rock.

Barry Zimmerman should come and take a look at the furnace.

3) Lawn mowers are fixed.

4) Next Social night (7/10) we need to work on problems created by the flood

5) Second social night will be held July 17th

### IV) Other Old Business

#### A) None

### V) New Business

A) Thanks to Elmer Epke for the pork chop feed.

B) A book was borrowed by someone from the CCMR . It was from Joe Fellegly and belonged to Joyce Reese , please return.

C) Mechlenburg Scholarship awards will be in the July newsletter.

D) Two thank you letters were received from the children we donated trips down the MN River Thru the Wild River Fund

E) Thank you received from ProKinship for Kids for our donation

Dave Mechlenburg will be receiving his first SS Check.

### F) Kids Fishing Contest Update.

1) Held Aug 13th

2) There may need to be some cleanup done at Riverside Park before the contest.

3) Permits all lined up.

4) Prize collection going well

### F) River Conference Report

1) There was a great turnout.

2) We were being talked about for our Wild River Trip donation.

### G) Food for next meeting. No one volunteered.

### VI) Other New Business

A) Bring the boat to Maday Motors/Auto Fest. Need to sell Tickets, Jim Liebl said he would help.

B) Money was raised from the pork chop feed donations. Motion Kim Olsen and seconded by Jim L. to give a portion to Elmer to cover his expenses.

C) Auto Fest would like to use our popcorn machine. OK was given

D) Nilson family may be looking to sell our club house site and asked if we would be willing to purchase. We will have to speak to them about our options

E) Newsletter ads need to be cleaned up in the newsletter and on the web site.

### VII) Adjourn @ 9:00

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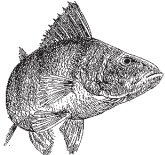
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