

From Moodus Ct.

Dave's bait and tackle, A bait and tackle shop that run's on the honor system!

Dave

Reports lots of customers stopped in for bait for opening day of trout season, Dave is located right in the heart of trout country, minutes from Salmon, Blackledge, Jeremy and Eightmile Rivers, Day Pond and right down the street from Moodus Reservoir. Dave say's now that the rivers are up the trout have spread out better the reports have been great , when Dave's there to hear them, when he's not just scoop your own shiners, gab your wigglers from the fridge, stock up on necessity tackle and leave your money in the honor box.

I bought some fresh crawlers from Dave's just last night and the price was right and the bait was tight

Look for the bright orange sign on route 149. Dave's bait and Tackle moodus CT.

Fishin Factory 3

We got the rain we desperately needed over the weekend

The high water should bring some more herring, and more herring means more Striped Bass in our neck of the woods. Just before Sunday nights 3" of rain the fishing was starting to look up, Andrew was able to get his skiff in the water and fish from Rocky Hill to Middletown with numerous stripers following the plugs and knocking spooks in the air but he was only able to connect and land a hand full of fish.

Andrew expects that to change by the end of the week, this coming weekend should be pretty damn good once the river settles down a bit after the monsoon. Anglers from shore have been connecting pretty steadily with bait in the same stretches mentioned above.

Numerous keeper size fish have been brought into the store for photo op's in the last few days. Most of these fish are being caught with either Sand or Blood worms.

There doesn't seem to be one "hot spot", reports of keepers are coming from all over! White Perch reports have also been pretty good the last few days, most reports are coming from the Middletown area with the "slaughter house" area being the most productive.

There are some smallies chewing among the structure with some good reports coming from the Sabeth. Pike fishing has slowed a bit but were still hearing of fish hitting "clown" pattern plugs in both the Sabeth and in the Haddam stretch of the river. Andrew say's to Catch'em up!

Don't forget

Registration for Fishin Factory 3's CT River Striper Tourny is now open, \$20 Bones gets ya in. Tourny will run from May 7th - June 3rd, more details to follow!

Fishin'Factory 3's Annual Opening Weekend Trout Tournamet Results

The winner was

Shawn N. 5.05 pounds

Congrats!! Shawn

CT Outfitters

Great news! The river isn't coming up as high as initially forecast...

The increased flows in the tributaries should pull the alewives up the river and right behind them will be the push of stripers we've been waiting for. The weekend should be RED HOT on the CT River!

Congratulations to John W of Wethersfield who won the biggest trout contest opening day weekend.

The contest was free to enter

John will receive a \$50 gift certificate for bringing in the biggest trout, a 7 and a quarter pound bruiser!

This fish will be mounted by the great craftsmen and women at Northeast Taxidermy in Middletown, CT.

This breeder went 23 1/4 inches and 7.25 pounds! John took it on a copper/gold Colorado spoon near the Satan's Kingdom section of the Farmington River on Saturday.

Captain Blaine, caught a decent smallie earlier this week on the river, A Live Target Blueback Herring pattern did the trick.

This weeks rain has been a blessing. The CT river crested on Wednesday at just 11 ½ feet and is now clearing up and staying cool! The Farmington and Salmon rivers are flowing at something resembling normal thanks to the rain also.

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Mouth : More Bunker reported. Many anglers hitting the woodlot off great island with mixed success.

Lots of boats snagging between the bridges, and catches of Striped Bass from the docks by shore-bound anglers under the Baldwin Bridge reported also.

Lower: Herring are in! Stripers seem to be everywhere. Some great Carp and Channel cats reported caught in the Haddam stretch.

Greater Hartford Area:

Keeper Striper s are plentiful. Anything you use to lure a bite is in competition with the ample numbers of Herring and Alewife. Best bet without breaking the law will be Bloodworms on a slider, chunk pacific herring, or some yellow white swimmers early in the morning like Danny's T-man or Lloyds. Take time to listen for herring splashing and breaching to locate fish.

Wethersfield cove:

Tommy F Blind Squirrel landed a 30 inch SB in Wethersfield cove earlier this week. Many reports of schoolies on light bass tackle. An unusual number of Bowfin catches this week also.

North of Hartford:

Water flows finally picked up, and its payin off. Shad catching has been extreme before and after the rain. Now that the lower Farmy has water and is really clear, the shad and striper fishing should be red hot.

Salmon River and Farmy TMA's: Most anglers reporting the trout are the biggest they've ever seen. We have had over 5 rainbows and browns weighed in at the shop this week in the 3 ½ to 7 ½ pound range. Sam F of Wethersfield caught a limit this week in between the covered bridge and the handicap ramp on the Salmon in the rip drifting Super Mealies.

CT Outfitters is your source for the best Information, Fresh Bait, and Angling Gear of all kinds in the state. Specializing in Striped Bass, European Carp Tackle, and all freshwater species, including stocking up for the tournament Bass Angler! Stop by and get to know us, you'll be glad you did.

Fish Connection Preston Ct.

CT Saltwater fishing is getting better by the minute! With nice populations of Stripers showing in our tidal rivers. The Thames River in particular is seeing Schoolie stripers from the mouth of the river all the way up to Norwich Harbor.

Bunker have been in the river daily between the Gold Star Memorial Bridge and the Sub base on the Thames River and stripers can be found feeding on them at times with some small blue fish in the mix.

Cheyenne tells us that some really big shad were taken at Greenville Dam on the Shetucket River just yesterday 4/26/12 get em' while their hot!

Cheyenne say's the best trout fishing reports have been coming in from Long Pond and say's that quite a few customers are also catching the Atlantic Salmon averaging 2 – 6 lbs. the that D.E.E.P recently stocked in Long Pond, shiners have been a good bait as well as trolling or casting inline spinners.