

Fishin Factory 3 Striped Bass fishing has slowed up a little bit in the northern stretch of the River.

There is plenty of bait around (Shad & Herring) but the number of Bass isn't too impressive this year. We still hear about a few keepers a day being caught on bait, mostly Sand or Blood worms, from Haddam to Cromwell but nothing like years past.

The die hards that are putting in the time with the bait are catching though.

The water temperature in the river was 64 degrees yesterday, so its not too warm for the fish to bail south.

The top-water bite never really got going, a few fish in the Cromwell to Hartford stretch are being fooled by Sluggo's and Swimbaits but consider yourself lucky to put three fish in the boat on any given day using this method.

There are still some fish north of Hartford so we have our fingers crossed that these fish will intercept some herring in the Middletown/Cromwell stretch for a few days of top-water fishing, as it did last year around the first of June.

Cat Fish continue to cooperate with some big fish being reported in the Haddam area. Most of these fish are being caught using chunk bait once the lights go out. This is a great time of year to target Big Cats in the River.

Long Island Sound

Striped Bass fishing has really picked up in the Race over the last two weeks.

Three waying bucktails tipped with pork grind or large Shad Bodies such as Storm Wildeyes has been a good method for hooking'em up.

Plum Gut has had similar reports as well. There are some Bass on the Shoal as well at Hatchetts and Bartletts.

Three waying Live Bunker or Eels has been the most successful method as of late. The mouth of the CT River isn't like it used to be, some mornings are good casting plastics on the flat and other mornings its a ghost town.

The general consensus has been that the run is nothing like it has been in years past, hopefully the fish that are north will stick around the flats once they return from the Herring run.

There are some Bluefish on the flats, mostly pushed up against Great Island, there are also some Blues in the Race.

Fluke reports since last weeks opener have been decent with the "hot" bite being @ Block. Reports of a mix of shorts and keepers (mostly shorts) are coming from Niantic Bay and Long Sand Shoal. Misquamicut and Fisher's Island are reporting the same, plenty of fish however most of the fish coming over the rails are short. It has been a great Squid run in Long Island Sound this year. I've had a few customers telling me that tying a squid jig above their fluke rig they have scored a good amount of squid, especially behind Fisher's Island.

Don't forget to inquire about our Season Long Fluke Tourny next time ya come in! We are excepting registration now!

Connecticut Outfitters:

Connecticut River

Dan E landed a few really nice pike over the last week, the largest was a healthy 39.5 inches caught on a "livetarget" herring pattern swimbait, in 8 feet of 60 degree Connecticut River water.

The river was fairly muddy which slowed the striper bite a bit, still some keepers being caught but no quantities, Blaine say's there are more stripers to be found in the Windsor area.

Shad fishing is still holding its own.

The Big news was

Ethan K. helped weigh and confirm a new ct state record carp this week, it really does pay off to go to the free seminars ;)

with the popularity of carp fishing on the rise He wouldn't be surprised to see the record broken again and again over the next few years

Wethersfield cove:

Crappie and Perch are hitting small shiners very well.

Catfishing is good in the coves and the main river

North of Hartford:

Striper reports still strong from the section of river above the Bissel Bridge all the way to Enfield. Sluggos, and Lloyds lures reported to be the go-to baits.

Salmon River and Farmy TMA's:

Sam F was fishing the Salmon this week and the angler upstream from him reportedly landed a 20 plus inch tiger trout. No pictures L

MARINE:

FLUKE!!!! Opens today. CT regs: 5 fish per angler per day over 18. Considering the last few years, these regs are excellent.

Fish connection Preston Ct.

Sweet water

Still Good reports from the trout guys and girls but most of the customers are heading to the salt, now that Fluke Season is open.

The Thames

Cheyenne tells us that the stripers are out of the coves and in the main river now, anywhere along the railroad tracks near buoy 27 is your best spot from shore or boat. At the mouth there are still some pods of bunker with some bluefish and stripers chowing down on them.

Millstone is loaded with smaller bass and blues!

Cheyenne says some customers have had great results throwing "Hogies" and similar plastics at striped bass feeding on the squid at Watch Hill and Sugar Reefs.

Still Bass blues and Squid in the Mystic River, not many reports from the Pawcatuck River but Cheyenne says there should be stripers there as well.

Flounder reports are still coming in to the shop from Bluff Point and the Niantic River and

The Race is hot for those that like to bucktail bass without too many marauding bluefish in the way!

Don't forget The Fish Connection in conjunction with Rivers end tackle in old Saybrook and Hillyers tackle in Waterford is holding an awesome Fluke tournament with weekly prizes and a 1000 dollar grand prize, Stop at any of these three shops to enter!

Hillyers Tackle

Waterford Ct

Great News from Jon Hillyer

Starting with flounder

Jon say's there are still fish in the Niantic River but they are now migrating and can also be found along the beaches, Jon reminds us we can fish on the day of may 30th but the season is closed on May 31st.

Porgies have been showing up over the last 10 days or so, they are running big but there are not many yet, best spots are white and Black Rocks.

Fluke:

It's still early but Jon say's it seems better than last year at this time, the fishing at Montauk is spotty for some reason but Isabela's , Black Point and Millstone have been good and the shop has already weighed in a 10 and a 10.7 caught from these areas.

Make sure to enter the Fluke tournament before you go out!

Striped Bass Fishing is really good! Three waying bucktails or wire lining bucktails are the best methods

The hottest Bucktails are the Striper Snax

In these colors Holy Guacamol, Blue Berry Muffin and Broccoli and cheese, these are really nicely made lures.

Jon say's the Bass are out numbering the Blues but that won't last long.

Last but not least Jon say's there are tons of squid everywhere, they are very thick and have been in for a while, Jon say's it's just a theory but the obscene numbers of squid in the sound this year may be why the fishing is so good!