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I received reports from a few different anglers who reported catching Snapper Blue's at Saybrook Point this week, so I'm assuming that if the Snappers are chewing @ Saybrook Point then the D.E.E.P. Dock and Causeway should yield the same results. They are on the small side but expect them to grow quick! Blue Crabs are still abundant in the lower coves off the CT River and at the D.E.E.P. Pier. So far it's been a great start to the Blue Crab Season!

Porgy fishing has been pretty good the last few weeks, from shore your best bet is the rocky shoreline @ Watch Hill. Harkness and Hammonasset have been fishing good as well. Most of the major reefs have a healthy population but the best reports continue to come from Hatchett's, where they are plentiful and big! Bartletts, Goshen and Hens & Chickens are all a good bet as well. Don't forget, you're permitted to keep twenty fish this year @ 10 1/2 ".

### Fluke

Locally, outside the mouth of the CT River the reports of a "good" Fluke bite are scarce. There is no shortage of small fish on the Shoal and to the East, Soundview, but reports of keeper size fish have been on the slow side. The most consistent report of keeper size fish in that area are coming from the Mouth of the River itself. When the river isn't a mad house with boats the fishing can be pretty decent. Even from shore at Saybrook Point, shore bound anglers have been scoring some keeper size fish on mackerel chunks. To the East the bite is just "ok" in Niantic Bay and the backside of Fisher's Island has been hit or miss. It seems like the bulk of the squid has moved on from this area. The Rhode Island beaches are fishing decent but the "hot" bite has been Block. Dave Russo continues to stay on top of our leader board with his 9.38 lb Doormat caught a few weeks ago.

### Bass & Blues

July is here, which is typically a tough month of the year to catch Stripers during broad day light. Drifting Eels after dark on the major reefs is your best bet this time of the year. There is a load of Bunker in the mouth of the River so "making Bait" hasn't been a problem yet this year. The Sand Shoal gives up a few nice fish every now and then but it's not what it was a few weeks ago, expect to work for your fish. Bartlett's and Black Point have been decent during low light conditions, both reefs have "the Blues" so fishing during these conditions is prime. The Race was hot, especially for the guys fishing live Bunker at Valient first thing in the morning but that bite seemed to have slowed down in the past few days, but Valient with live bunker is ALWAYS worth a shot. From shore I haven't heard too many reports of Bass. I know a few fish hit the Dock every now and then at both Saybrook Point and the D.E.E.P. Dock, mostly on Chunked Bunker or Mackerel. Harkness State Park also gives up some nice fish on the chunk, fishing after the [lights](#) go out better your odds for sure. I haven't heard much from the Rhode Island Surf in the



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last few weeks either. The "Dog Days" of summer are here, so were gonna have to switch up our tactics a bit, get it done!

## CT Outfitter's Fishin' Report or the week of July 14, 2012

By [gbrummett](#)

### CONNECTICUT River:

#### North of Hartford:

Water flows are fairly low and the water is warming up to normal summer temps. Fish seem to be lock-jawed except for the deeper spots. Catfish fishing at night seems to be doing well. Smallie fishing for the wet-waders in Enfield is doing well with rewards of 2-3lbbers on light tackle, pumpkin keitech swing impacts on swim head jigs.

#### Greater Hartford Area:

Catfishin in and around the coves (Wethersfield, Keeney, and White Oaks) in the dark is productive. Also from the deep hole just north of the rt 3 bridge. The channel into white Oaks is a 6" of water if you are lucky, drag your small boat in. Ben B lost a huge pike after dark on a black jitterbug this week. He estimates the fish was close to 40". Crappie fishing is doing alright with small Arkansas shiners and Marabou crappie jigs.

[Carp fishing](#) is slowing up due to the heat.

#### Salmon and Farmington Rivers:

Ovation pool is giving up some browns in the 22-24 inch range this week. Spin fishermen struggling to make effective presentations to the depths. Aaron is using successful Nymphing techniques to entice the Bows to bite in the Farmy.

#### Mouth and Lower:

There still remains a ton of bunker for the taking. Cast nets, snag hooks, or gill nets if you have the license. Fresh bunker is an excellent get-your-own bait for stripers, blues, nad blue crab traps. The blue crabbing has been excellent from the causeway and the DEEP dock in Lyme. Also hearing continued reports of Hickory shad.

Big FWBass reports from Candlewood. Night bite can be crazy in the coves when Alewife stack up.

Orest's brother took a 15 lb carp in the "glen locken" pond in Glastonbury on a trout rod with 4lb test and a crawler!



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**MARINE:**

Sand eels are starting to show, and we heard report of Cinder worms too.

Snapper Blues are in, 4-5" as of last report.

Fluke fisherman Marc P reporting that his technique of baiting fluke rigs with Gulp Alive 4" Mulletts is outfishing the rest of his crew 4-1 even against live mummies and huge trolling squids. **Sully landed his PB Fluke this week off Block that was 30" and bottomed out a 10lb scale.**

**Porgy fishing is still excellent with lots of fish and lots of big fish.**

No one really seems to be blackfishing from our customer reports.

**Stripers:**

Stripers seem to be having on and off lock jaw. Lots of fish to be seen on [radar](#), but not a lot of takers. Diamond jigging remains a successful tactic for stripers when you can get you jig down past the evil hordes of Bluefish.

Some successes also at the outflow of millstone with tube and worm trolling around.

Live lining bunkers or scup is challenging due to the bluefish.

**The Blackops fishing mafia report**

The big news is FiShawn and Kyle have been slaying large and small mouth bass in local ponds, lakes and the CT River. The fish are hitting chatter baits, jigs, jitterbugs, frogs and worms they have caught hundreds of fish in the last week but no real lunkers.

Catpaw Cavanaugh is and has been having great results at his secret spot for trout and river bass

Also the Shetucket River, where he has been doing quite well, but wants me to warn folks of the unpredictable surge of water when they release from the dam. He said it is very quick and dangerous and he and his dog Lucy were stuck on the wrong side of the river in minutes!

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