

Ludington 8/4 and 8/5

Headed to Ludington for the 2nd annual Educated Angler picnic/ Big Sable shootout. After having bragging rights since last year, I was dethroned by team Just Right. This event is basically for bragging rights for a year and an excuse to get a bunch of great people together for the weekend. We weigh our best 3 fish only. Just Right fished Manistee waters and brought to the scales 60+ #'s, including one brute that was just a couple tenths short of 27#. What a monster. I did manage to be first loser, taking the second place spot with 51#.

Friday afternoon found my team on the water. I had Bob (Bird Dog), Clark (BFG) and Reid (Red Rider) aboard. I think we took the prize for most diverse crew, each being from different states. Iowa, Ohio, and Wisconsin were represented and of course Michigan for me.

Fishing was great to say the least with our crew landing 13 of 17 fishing the late afternoon and pulling lines well before prime time. Northport Nailer spoons took most bites, but flies are coming on. 6 bites were on flasher flies and blues and greens ruled there. either blue or green hologram spinnies with Atomic Green Glow or Sea Mist flies were the ticket. Spoons in blueberry glow, Blue Mahi, Halloween, Dolphin glow, Roughy, Mixed Veggies, and bloody nose all took fish. Fish were in the 145-175 fow and ranged from 85 back on a diver all the way down to 21 colors of lead and 125 down on riggers.

Saturday found the crew fishing similar water depths and even deeper, but Saturday Flies ruled. Landing only 14 of 25 hits, flies accounted for 17 of the 25 hits. Spoons that were hot were similar to Friday, with blues ruling like blueberry glow and blue mahi and glow tiger dolphin. Halloween and roughy each took another fish as well. Flies In sea mist took 6 hits and blue glow took 7 hits and Atomic Green glow took the rest. Fish continued to be deep as the sun rose, same as Friday, but earlier in the morning, fish were taken higher up in the water column.

Fishing continues to be spectacular. Get out there while its hot.

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