

Sunny Day Clear Water Lures

Lure selection for sunny days in clear water can be difficult, but if you change a few things around, you can up your odds of scoring. Clear water and sunny days allow a lot of light to penetrate the water column. I find that shiny, metallic colored spoons work the best, and often in blues and greens down deep. Common knowledge is that kings and other fish go deep when the sun pops over the sand dunes, so you need to chase them. Problem comes in when the baits were running higher in the water column don't necessarily translate into good fish catching spoons at deeper depths. Green then blues show better at deeper depths than do the reds, yellows and oranges we often catch fish on in higher parts of the water column. The "shiny" or "metallic" factor makes the lure sparkle when the sun is out. In my experience, when the sun is out, go shiny. If the fish are high up in the water, then your standard chartreuse, yellows, oranges and reds work well. Some greens work there too, but when the fish dive for bottom, the greens, blues and purple begin to take over the catching. See these spoons below. They produced a nice box south of Manistee in July. Fish were right on bottom for the most part in 90-130 fow. The sun was out and we kept on catching. They all show green or blue or both and most have some glow on them too, but subtle amounts. The orange lure was on a high diver, but seems to work in all conditions so is often the "oddball" lure that catches fish.

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