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Neal Mason is the founder and President of Fish'N Mason's Lane. He will be welcoming us to his "Lane" of life's coexistence . . . fishing!

When Neal was growing up on Lake Erie, his Dad would come home from work on Friday afternoons and take him and his brother fishing. His Dad would call Mom from work and say, "tell the boys to get ready," which meant start digging up worms for night fishing! Their stringers were always full of fish to clean for the family fish fries on Saturday nights. Since the age of 3, fishing has been a part of Neal's internal fabric; handed down from Dad and confirmed today each time he's on the water; generating a burst of laughter after every catch.

Raised in Northern Virginia, Neal has always been passionate about fishing; and after nearly 30 years of Government service, he decided to follow that passion.

He attended a private School for Guides (FISHER-BEN\_Hahn) in Colorado. The comprehensive week-long certification course covered all matters related to guiding, as well as operating a successful guide business.

For the past 20 years, he's fished the local waters, organizing multi-day group excursions for friends and family. Known as one of the best smallmouth bass fisheries in the state of Virginia, a full-day float trip routinely yields 20-35 bass! Talk about a fun time; these fish fight like "hell on water."

"Destinations on the Fly" is the travel entity of Fish'N Mason's Lane that organizes and hosts anglers to world-class fishing destinations. Fish'N Mason's Lane has partnered with YellowDog Flyfishing Adventures booking agency to enable once-in-a-lifetime angling dreams come true, specializing in trips to the country of Belize in Central America.



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# Upcoming Events

**Join us Wednesday, July 26th, for our monthly meeting.** Bruce Ingram will be our speaker. 7:30-9:00 PM at the McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA 22101.

PRSC will be partnering with NHBA to support the **Kids Fishing Derby on July 15th at Lake Fairfax.** To volunteer for this event all you need to do is show up at the Lake Fairfax park at 7:00 AM. If you want more information or to volunteer for a specific task, call NHBA's Greg "Moose" Cronin [Cell 703-395-6661] or email him at [raftandfish@hotmail.com](mailto:raftandfish@hotmail.com) I hope to see you all there!



**Event:** FREE Youth Fishing Derby

**When:** Saturday June 3, 2017 & July 15, 2017 (Rain or shine)

**Where:** Lake Fairfax, 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive, Reston, VA

**Time:** 8:00 am – 9:00 am Registration  
 9:00 am – 12:00 noon Fish  
 12:00 noon - 12:30 pm Seminar and lunch  
 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm Awards

**Participants:** Kids ages 15 and under

**Register:** **Derby limited to 300 kids.**

Pre-registration is encouraged to assure your space.  
 Pre-registration available after May 1, 2017  
<http://www.nhbayouthfoundation.org/derbysignup.html>  
 or parents may register kids at the derby !



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# PRSC on the Water



PRSC member Chun Rhee with a 17-inch smallmouth he caught May 25th using a chatter bait at Riverbend Park.

PRSC member Marcel Courtillet had a good day on May 26th. After launching from Lander, he fished Catoctin Creek, catching many smallies on 3.5" tubes rigged weedless with a weighted hook. His best fish was 16 inches and his best five totaled 74.5 inches.



Ernie Rojas is the current Big Fish leader in the PRSC Fishing Contest Section 3 with this 21.25" smallmouth he caught below White's Ferry on June 22nd.

# PRSC on the Water

PRSC member Randy Hall took a trip on the New River on May 20th and battled this 29-inch channel cat.



Randy Hall's 6-year-old son Hunter caught this fine 15-inch largemouth while fishing in Broad Creek on May 22nd.

Randy's friend Mike hauled this magnificent 29-inch hybrid striper out of the New River on the same May 20th trip.



# PRSC on the Water



*Buzz* editor Rick Mrstik with one of many 15-inch small-mouth caught over the Memorial Day weekend on the Great Sacandaga Lake on the southern end of the Adirondack Park in upstate New York. It was the first time my wife ventured out with me on my new boat.



I celebrated Father's Day by taking my grandkids fishing at Lake Fairfax. Rebel (left) is a pro at catching bluegills. Charleigh (center) caught her first fish ever! But she's not so happy about posing with the snapping turtle she caught (right).



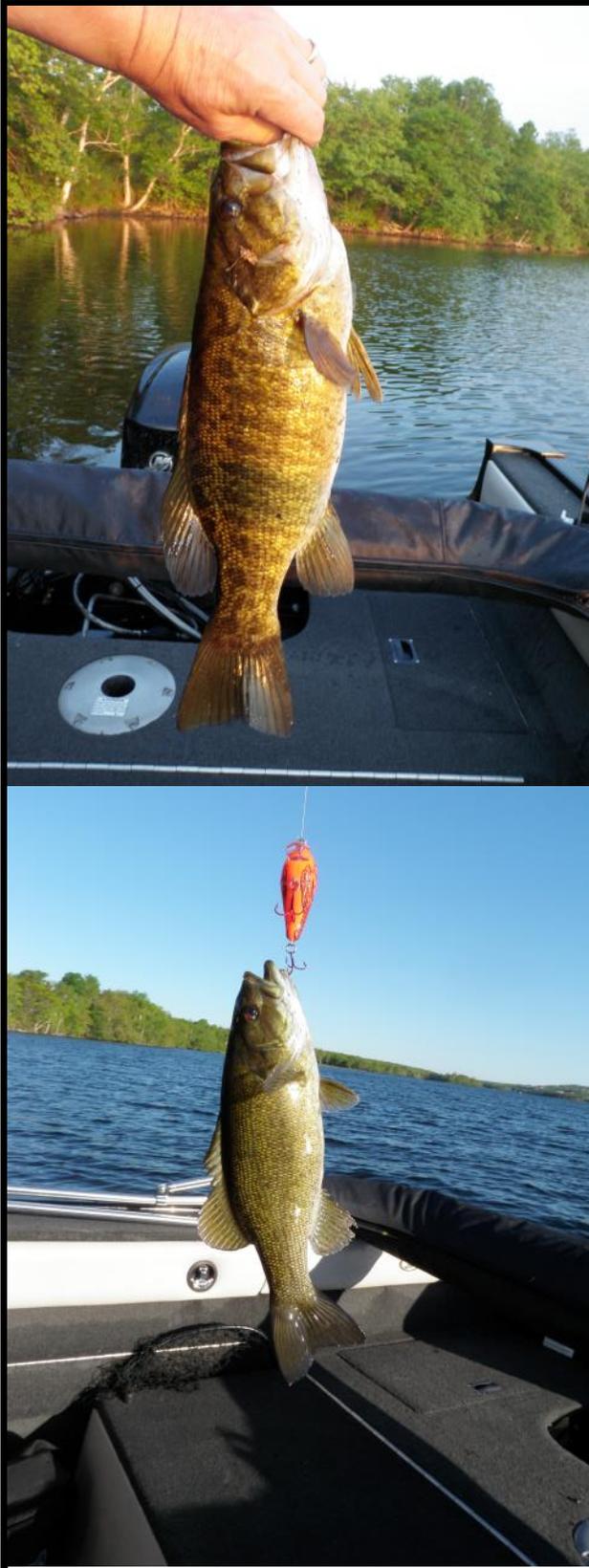
## PRSC on the Water



June 3rd was a hot day, but PRSC had a “cool crew” (above) on hand at Lake Fairfax for the Kids Fishing Derby we supported along with NHBA and Fish and Explore. Madelyn Goodman (top right) was a frequent visitor to weigh-in tent #4. In fact, at age 7, she was the overall winner in the upper age bracket (7-15). She won a fishing rod and loaded tackle box that probably weighed as much as she did! More than 350 kids and their parents took part in the Derby, the lunch, and the awards ceremony that followed. Kids and parents lined the shore (below), and the kids had a great time fishing from 9:00 AM to noon. Kids would bring their catch to be recorded, measured, and de-hooked, as Steve Kimm is doing for one young customer (bottom right). The next Derby will be on Saturday, July 15th. Please come out and volunteer. You’ll be glad you did!



# PRSC on the Water



## Report From the PRSC Canadian Auxiliary

By Jed Woodill—in Nova Scotia

We moved into our new digs on June 5th and by June 10th my lovely wife had granted that all important kitchen pass so I could test the local waters. Morris Lake is about 2 miles long, around a half mile wide and mostly between 3 and 8 feet deep with a few holes as deep as 35 feet. It's tricky navigating so I took it very slowly. My first foray into the depths produced six SMB and two Chain Pickerel with another two very large fish released at a distance without being seen. The next trip on 13 June produced four nice SMB, the smallest being 13 inches and the largest 16.5. The Bass were caught on Sexy Shad Mann's Baby 1 Minus (6) White Whopper Plopper (1), Red Crawdad Mann's Baby 1 Minus (1) Mepps Silver spinner (1) and a silver with red and black lipless crank-bait.

The water is very clear and the Smallies will travel a long way to hit a lure. The result is that even in the rare case when I can't see the fish bite the lure there is no doubt that one has taken it. The boat ramp at Morris Lake is less than five minutes drive from my house. Morris Lake has been designated a trophy lake and therefore it has an upper limit for keepers at 35 cm (just under 14 inches).

# Brunswick to Point of Rocks

By Jamie Gold

On June 10th I lead a PRSC club trip on the Potomac River from Brunswick, MD to Point of Rocks, where Route 15 crosses the Potomac River. A few years ago Maryland put in a very nice boat ramp and parking lot, and we used this as our take out point. Joining him on the trip were fellow PRSC members Edgar Diaz, Terry Cooney, Rick Mrstik, Joseph Petty, Leon Kates, and Ms. Shawn. This trip was originally scheduled for May, but spring rains and high, muddy water on the Potomac caused several postponements. So we were all very happy to finally get to do the trip. The water was up, with the gauge at Point of Rocks just below 2.5 feet, but the water was quite clear. The sky was also quite clear, portending a bright sunny day on the water.

This 6.5 mile stretch of the river has plenty of riffles and ledges, but no major obstacles. The first 5 miles of this float are the best part, while the last mile or so has flat and uninteresting water. Putting in shortly after 8:00 AM, I started with a buzzbait and was rewarded with one blowup that missed and one fish that went about 12" long. A few of the others started off with fish, particularly Terry with his dark colored senkos. That was a theme for this trip, darker colors really out fished the lighter colors. I know because I tried white senkos and Case salty sinking minnows with no luck, while hearing Terry catch several fish. As soon as I switched to darker plastics, I started to catch more fish.



At about 10:30 the buzzbait and soft plastic bite completely died for me. So I tied up a red Rebel crayfish, and started picking up fish. In the next 20 minutes I caught 10 fish, and missed several other bites. However, as is usually the case for me with that lure, they were all small fish . . . between 8-10". Then that bite died for the rest of the day. I then switched to a watermelon red salty sinking minnow. I don't know that the specific color was that important, but I do think the fact that it was darker in color made it more effective than the white one I had thrown earlier in the morning. I picked up a few more fish until we stopped for lunch. Throughout the morning I also threw an X-Rap suspending jerk bait in a classic black and silver pattern and caught several fish on that . . . until it snagged and I had to break it off. Ouch!

There is a very nice landing on river left above Lander that has a nice hard, rocky shore line, perfect for pulling over in our boats to eat, drink and tell some fish tales to each other. Everybody was enjoying the float and nearly everyone had caught at least a few fish.



After lunch I stuck with the salty sinking minnow and decided to breakout the fly rod. I tied on a sky blue Walt Carey Sneaky Pete with six white rubber legs on it. Fishing from Lander to below the last riffle is a lot of fun, and probably the best part of this trip. There are several ledges, lots of rocks, and good shoreline tree cover. And there are plenty of fish. While twitching the minnow aggressively across kind of shallow water I saw a decent fish come up and swipe at the bait. With the way it turned its head, I thought it had missed. Then I felt the weight . . . set the hook . . . and the fight was on. After a fun battle I landed a nice 19" smallmouth. This was my biggest fish of this trip and my second 19" smallmouth this year.

# Brunswick to Point of Rocks

Continued . . . By Jamie Gold

I then decided to start casting the fly rod. I didn't expect much since I was throwing a top-water bait in the middle of the day on a bluebird sky day. Fortunately I turned out to be wrong. The key was casting the fly into calm water right next to current. I also did pretty well casting into shade beneath the trees on river left. And with the clear water, while standing in my canoe, I could see the fish swim up to the fly and inhale it. Top-water is truly my favorite way to fish, whether on the fly rod or the spinning rod. I ended up with about 10 fish on the fly rod, including a nice 15" fish that put a great bend in the rod.

We ended at the take out after a fun day of fishing on the water. Most important, we all got back safe. I think everyone had a good time.

## Rick Mrstik's thoughts on the trip:

"With the Point of Rocks gauge running at 2.5 feet, flow rate near the median, and water temperature at 81 degrees, river conditions were nearly ideal. The water was pretty clear, with just a slight stain. I was getting bites from the very first but was having trouble getting hook sets, so I missed several fish early on. I reminded myself to slow down, and that helped with my first fish of the day, the first of several in the 10-inch class. The bass seemed willing to bite on many different soft plastics and hard baits. I caught fish on Texas-rigged black grubs and purple Zoom Dead Ringers; 4" Keitech swim baits in Baby Bass color drop-shot rigged; a Bomber Little-A in white/chartreuse; a Rapala HJ-8 suspending jerk bait in Baby Bass color; and a Reaction Strike thin shad. My best fish was 16.5 inches and went for the black grub. A 13-incher went for the Rapala jerk bait. I landed 15 fish for the day; 10 came before Lander and five came after that point. All things considered, it was a great day on the river with great company!"



# Florida in April

By Bill Owensby and Jamie Gold

## From Bill Owensby:

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> I traveled with John Lipetz, Jamie Gold, Doug Marshall, and Craig Bishop to Everglades City, Florida for a week of fishing. The fishing was wonderful and the potential was unbelievable.

I caught variety of fish, including Speckled Trout, Lady Fish, Red Fish, Goliath Grouper (approximately 80 pounds and took 10 minutes to land), and Snook. We tried sight fishing for Triple Tail but had no luck getting them to bite that day.

While fishing from a kayak in about four feet of water, John, who was wading in the water nearby, directed me to a channel he thought might be a good spot due to the incoming tide. I anchored up as John walked away. After 20 minutes or so I had something hit my lure and take off. The drag was just giving out line like crazy. Eventually the fish began to tire. I still had no idea what was on my line. As I started to make headway with the fish, it still tried to make several short runs. Finally I had gotten it close enough to see what I caught. It was a very large Snook about 36 inches and heavy. I looked around to ask for someone to document my first Snook, no one was in sight. I decided to take a picture myself while holding the rod in one hand and the phone in the other. I was able to capture a few pictures while the fish was still in the water.

I turned to put my phone away and noticed the rod move slightly. I looked and saw that my line had snapped. I was not to upset because I was able to get some pictures. I was heading to meet up with the others when I noticed something floating just in front of my kayak. As I took a closer look I realized it was my Snook but only half of it. Apparently a shark had bit my 36 inch fish in half right under my nose and I didn't even notice. I picked up the remaining half of my fish to take a picture and show the guys.

I cannot express how much of a great time I had. Great guides, great company, and a great trip.



# Florida in April

Continued . . . By Bill Owensby and Jamie Gold

## From Jamie Gold:

I was also able to go on this Florida trip again this year. This is the fourth or fifth year that I have done this trip. Much thanks to John Lipetz for organizing this trip again. We again worked through Captain Charles Wright of Everglades Area Tours (<http://evergladesareatours.com>) on Chokoloskee Island. This time we stayed in a large house that we came to lovingly call The Ark. This place was big enough to sleep 15 people; plenty of room for the five of us. Once again it was a really fun trip consisting of great fishing, great company, excellent food, and lots of drinking and story telling.

We had planned one day of kayak fishing and three days of guided trips. On the kayak day, the good captain loads us, our gear, and the kayaks into a large boat, then takes us to a good spot, drops us off, and lets us fish awhile. He then picks us up, moves us to a new location, and drops us off again. The guided trips were either among the islands, or in the backcountry among the mangroves, or on the Gulf of Mexico. For the guided trips we split into two groups of two people, and one person got a guide by himself.



All of the guides are great, and worked really hard to put us on fish. John Lipetz and I fished one day together with guide Don, and had a great time. We started off looking for triple tail, which like to hang around crab trap buoys. We spotted several, and cast lures at them, but not much luck. However, the rest of the trip that day was a lot of fun. I managed to catch a shark.

I also got lucky enough to catch one of my bucket list fish. We were in the Gulf of Mexico and came across what was either one huge school of Permit, or else several large schools of Permit swimming close to each other. John and I both got very excited, and the Captain put a live crab on John's line and he cast out. While the Captain rigged up my

crab, John got a big hit, but missed the fish. I cast out, got a hit, set the hook, and the fight was on. I fought that fish for 10 minutes. We even saw it and the Captain estimated it at 20+ lbs. But somehow it got off the hook. I still don't understand how that happened. John then cast out another crab, but with no luck. After a few minutes of collecting myself and calming down after losing that fish, I cast out again right into a small group of permit. One picked it up, I set the hook, and the fight was on again. That fish fought, and fought, and fought. After about 45 minutes I was finally able to land this incredible fish. What a thrill!!!! Thank you Captain Don.

# Florida in April

Continued . . . By Bill Owensby and Jamie Gold



On another day I got lucky and was able to fish with Captain Bruce and Doug Marshall. He is the backcountry guru, and put me and Doug into some good fishing. This time it was snook we were catching. Early on we did well with spinning gear and seemed to trade big fish back and forth, with Doug coming out ahead.

However, as the sun came up, the fish seemed to get very spooky. I noticed that even the sound of our baits hitting the water seemed to bother the fish. So I decided to breakout the fly rod and start casting a rather small streamer pattern in flash white. This proved to be pretty effective. While the fish I caught were smaller than the snook earlier in the day, catching them on the fly rod was really a blast.



The last day was a bit slow for me, but I still had a great time. However, we needed to catch some keeper fish for dinner on the last night. That has become a tradition for us. Fortunately, the other folks came through and caught some very nice speckled trout. So at the end of the day, after a shower and several drinks back at The Ark, we took our filets to a restaurant in town. This place has a great deal where they will prepare the fish as you ask, and serve it with salad, rice and grilled vegetables at a good price. We had half the fish fried and half pan sautéed. The preparation was great and the fish was awesome. A great way to end the trip. I can't wait to go back again next year!



# Speakers Share Fishing Tips . . .

Iowa and Missouri      By Bill Amshey

The following is Part 5 in a six-part series of articles on smallmouth bass fishing out West. At our April 2002 meeting, outdoor writer Charlie Most, spoke to the Club under the title, "Vacation Out West Bass Fishing," which sparked my curiosity of smallie fishing possibilities west of the Mississippi.

## Iowa

**The Iowa Department of Natural Resources reports that** smallmouth bass, among the most important Iowa gamefish, are most common in small to medium central and northeast Iowa rivers, but can also be found in larger rivers such as the Cedar, Des Moines, and Mississippi, as well as some natural lakes in northwest Iowa. Smallmouth bass are sight feeders and prefer waters with low turbidity, including some instream impoundments and portions of the Upper Mississippi River.

About a half-dozen Iowa lakes consistently have catches of smallmouths. Spirit Lake and West Lake Okoboji have the best populations and provide good opportunities for large fish. The Iowa state record smallie came in at **7 lbs 12 oz.**

Dan Anderson wrote an article for *Iowa Game & Fish* in October 2010 on "Top Streams for Central Iowa Smallmouths." "Longtime central Iowa anglers Tom Holcomb and Kurt Rowland discovered central Iowa's secret smallmouths years ago in rivers near their homes. When veterinarian Dr. Tom Holcomb moved to Adel in the early 1970s, he was a diehard catfish guy who only found smallmouths in the Middle Raccoon River by accident. Not many years later, the Iowa DNR acknowledged the unique fishery by establishing a 'No-Kill' zone on the Middle Raccoon River from the Lennon Mills Dam at Panora downstream to the dam at Redfield.

"Mother Nature damaged what the DNR was attempting to protect. The floods of 1993 dumped massive amounts of silt in the Raccoon River and damaged much of the smallmouth habitat. The river's smallmouth population dwindled through the mid to late '90s. But in recent years, smallmouth-friendly habitat has reappeared, thanks to moderate water flows and improved soil management practices on the Raccoon watershed.

"Kurt Rowland, who operates Whitebreast Adventures guide service — [www.whitebreastadventures.com](http://www.whitebreastadventures.com), (641) 947-2261 — on Lake Red Rock, discovered smallmouth bass in the Des Moines River below Red Rock Dam nearly 20 years ago. "For years and years, I had them pretty much to myself, because nobody else knew they were there," he said. "When the flow is right, I know places where I can catch and release 20, maybe 30 smallmouths a day. Most of them are in the 2- to 3-pound range, but my biggest so far was a shade more than 6 pounds."

## Missouri

In April 2012 Doug Smith wrote an article titled "*Missouri Bass Fishing Hotspots.*" "Whether you're a big-water boat angler or a puddle wader, Missouri has the bass hotspot for you. From trophy largemouth in impoundments like Lake of the Ozarks or Truman, to big smallmouths pulled from riffles and holes in Black River or the Gasconade."

"Smallmouths have been flourishing in Ozark streams and rivers since before the first white men stumbled through the rolling hills of virgin timber and discovered the pristine streams. In the early to mid-1900s, when most of southern Missouri's lakes were being created, the state's conservation department was coming into its stride with fisheries management techniques. What might have been lost with the damming of streams was saved with more aggressive efforts to keep the smallmouth population strong."

## . . . Go West for Smallies

“Currently the Missouri Department of Conservation, in conjunction with the Missouri Smallmouth Alliance, has 12 streams targeted for special management plans. All total that accounts for 358 miles of northern Ozarks streams. Some of the best habitat for smallmouth lie inside these Stream Black Bass Special Management Areas, or SBBSMA, but not all. Some streams have excellent smallmouth populations with no hands-on management needed. Streams with SBBSMA sections include Big Piney, Mineral Fork, Joachim Creek, Eleven Point, Elk, Gasconade, Jacks Fork, James, Meramec, Osage Fork of the Gasconade, and Tenmile Creek.

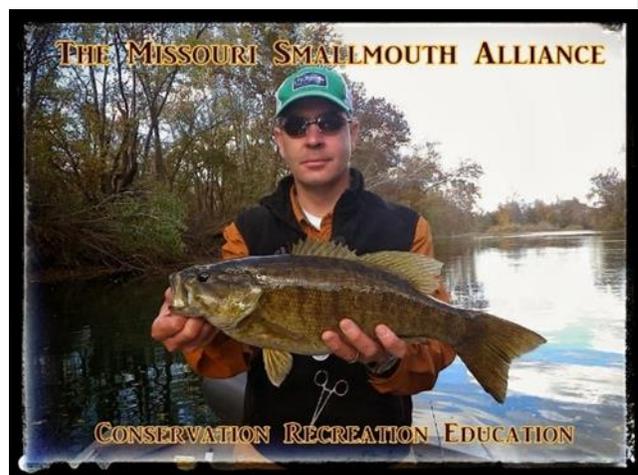
Mr Smith wrote: “I grew up near the Black River in Iron County, just upstream from Clearwater Lake. The pristine river that spans several counties has long been considered one of state’s finest smallmouth streams. While a small section is prone to float jobbers, the bulk of the river from where the three forks merge, in Reynolds County some 80 miles southwest of St. Louis, to the headwaters of Clearwater Lake in Wayne County is remote and generally untouched except by a few locals.

“The upper stretch, upstream from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers’ Clearwater Lake, holds an excellent population of smallmouths. Fish in the 20-inch range are common, and lunkers 4 pounds or greater range can be found. MDC Fisheries Management Biologist Paul Cieslewicz, who manages the upper Black, said sampling in May of 2011 showed some “dandy” smallmouths with quantities of fish between 18 and 19 inches and enough larger smallmouths to keep it interesting.

“The upper Black River includes three forks suitable for wading year ’round or floating when water levels are high. The East Fork flows past Ameren UE’s reservoir-fed power plant and Johnson Shut-Ins State Park. The West Fork flows past the Reynolds County Seat of Centerville. The Middle Fork flows about halfway between the other two. The Middle and West forks merge upstream of the community of Lesterville, while the East fork joins just downstream of the small town. From that point downstream the river is generally floatable year ’round.

“A canoe is a great way to cover water and target deeper holes, while much of the stream can be plied by a johnboat with a jet prop. While we’re putting upper Black River in the “smallmouth” category, you might want to test Clearwater and the river just downstream of the spillway for some nice largemouth and spotted bass. There are plenty of shallows, with maps available showing the stream channels and underwater topography. Once you travel downriver to the Markham Springs area you’ll start finding consistent smallmouth angling again.

In my research for this series, I found one smallie club, The Missouri Smallmouth Alliance. They are a small group of dedicated and passionate anglers who started the Alliance in 1992 because they believed that Missouri’s Ozark River and stream smallmouth fisheries had the potential to provide world-class smallmouth fishing, and they wanted to work together with other like-minded anglers to help conserve and improve those resources. If any PRSC members make it to Missouri, suggest you look them up. <http://www.missourismouthalliance.org/>



# Conservation Corner

By Herschel Finch

Some odds and ends to clean up:

The Dominion Energy/Duke Energy pipeline partnership is feeling the heat. Several survey crews have been confronted by less-than-pleased landowners. Sheriff's deputies have had to be summoned in Nelson County in one case and the survey crew were escorted off the property in question. LOTS of "No Pipeline" signs are sprouting like Spring flowers in those counties where the pipeline is planned to be pushed through. Opposition to the pipeline is growing, not just among the landowners and residents near the pipeline route, but down in Richmond. They're starting to feel the heat of a lot angry constituents and this most recent political primary featured some talk about the pipeline with one candidate for governor proudly proclaiming he was accepting no Dominion Energy political contributions. Sadly he lost in the primary, but the issue is now out there and I suspect those left in the race are going to have to take a hard look at where their financial support is coming from because voters are asking about it. Keep up the pressure folks. Remember, phone calls and signed and stamped letters work better than emails.

Just heard an account of a disturbing development down in coastal NC. It would seem a chemical plant connected to Dupont thru the manufacture of Teflon, has been dumping a byproduct of their process into the Cape Fear River about 80 miles above Wilmington since 1980. The chemical is known as genX and there are NO EPA guidelines for it's treatment or requirements to get it out of their discharge stream. There are NO studies on how toxic this stuff is. AND . . . the bad part is the dumping was perfectly legal because genX is a \*byproduct\* of a different process that has been approved. I'd like to know how these people sleep at night. "Oh go ahead and dump it, even though it might be hazardous and even carcinogenic and give kids various cancers . . . it's not on the prohibited list"

I have a childhood friend who retired from the Army Corps of Engineers in Wilmington who lost his beloved first wife to a rare form of cancer some 10 years ago. I know Chuck is going to be sitting on some water management people's desks down there over this. Water management and quality was his area of expertise and he was responsible for review of many of the Environmental Impact Statements generated down there. I'm going to make a note of ask him about this situation next time I see him when I'm in NC.

The lawsuit against the EPA seeking the listing of the Shenandoah River as being impaired for Algae was filed last Monday. Now, we wait for the wheels of justice to grind slowly. I'll be passing along updates on the progress as I get them.

One note of personal interest, and maybe yours too; Heroes on the Water is holding their annual overnight camping trip at Andy Guest State Park on the weekend of July 6, 7, and 8. That's Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. I'll be fishing with them on Friday and maybe Saturday. Steve Kimm came out and helped us in this very worthy event last year and we had a ball! Let me know if you can come help, I'll get you connected with the right folks.

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Rick Mrstik with a matched pair of largemouths caught on the tidal Potomac near Mount Vernon on May 31st. They weighed 3.66 and 3.84 pounds.



## 2017 Fishing Contest

### Fishing Contest

The 2017 Fishing Contest began on 1 January. Visit our contest page for rules or to submit an entry.

<http://prsc.org/fishing-contest/>

### 2017 Leaders

<b>Section 1, Biggest Fish:</b>	George Moran	21"
<b>Section 1, Best 5 Fish:</b>	George Moran	73"
<b>Section 2, Biggest Fish:</b>	Randy Hall	16"
	Marcel Courtillet	16"
<b>Section 2, Best 5 Fish:</b>	Marcel Courtillet	74.5"
<b>Section 3, Biggest Fish:</b>	Ernie Rojas	21.5"
<b>Section 3, Best 5 Fish:</b>	Ernie Rojas	83.75"
<b>Largest on Fly:</b>	Jamie Gold	15"
<b>Best 5 Fish on Fly:</b>	No Report	
<b>New Member Big Fish:</b>	Marcel Courtillet	16"
	Randy Hall	16"
<b>New Member Best 5:</b>	Marcel Courtillet	74.5"

The Potomac River Smallmouth Club was founded in 1988 as a non-profit recreational club in accordance with IRS section 501(c)(7). Dues are \$40/year. Monthly meetings are held at 7:30 PM on the last Wednesday of each month (except December) at the McLean Governmental Center. Club by-laws and member rosters are published once a year and available during meetings or upon request. The Club newsletter, "The Buzz," is emailed to all members prior to each month's meeting. Articles, photographs and general information relating to smallmouth bass fishing are solicited. The Buzz reserves the right to edit all materials submitted for publication. Observations, conclusions and opinions expressed in The Buzz are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the club, its officers, or the editor. All materials submitted become the property of the club.