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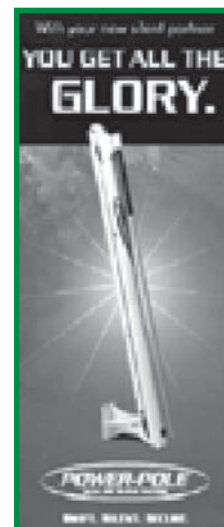
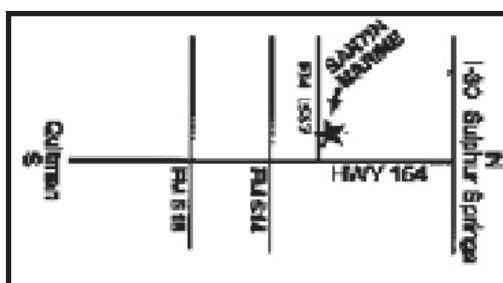


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54.3-pound Blue Catfish Sets New Mark for Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center

Jordan Rethmeier of Garland and his father often fish in Lake Zebco, the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center's stocked casting pond. They've caught some big catfish, but Saturday, March 16, produced the biggest yet, a new water body record blue catfish.

Jordan reeled in a 54.3-pound fish that was 47 inches long and 31 inches around.

Lake Zebco covers about 1.5 acres. A stream enters one end of the pond, and fishing piers line both sides. At the opposite end the pond widens and deepens, and that's where Jordan was fishing.

"The bait was a whole four-inch gizzard shad set two to three feet below the bobber and left to drift as the wind blew it across the pond," he said. "I was using a heavy spinning reel with 50-lb. braided line on our standard big-fish pole that we never thought would get seriously tested by anything. We set the pole down and flipped the bail so if it got a bite the fish wouldn't haul off with it; it's a good idea if you want to keep your rod and reel!"

Jordan sat down to rig a trout pole, and suddenly his dad yelled, "Jordan your bobber is gone and it's not coming back up!"

Jordan continued his story. "The fish took the bait as all the other big ones do in that pond. They grab it and start swimming off. There is no playing around with those catfish. Once they decide to eat it, they rarely if ever let go. He took off on his first run, and I felt his full power! My eyes got big when I saw the huge swirl

he made on the surface of the water! My dad said he must be a good one, 15 maybe 20 pounds.

"This fish was big and fighting like it; you could



Jordan Rethmeier shows off his new Lake Zebco Record Blue Catfish. This fish weighed 54.3-lbs. and was caught 3/16/13 using a gizzard shad for bait.

feel the power in every tail stroke! When he would start to get close to shore he would peel off line and head back for the middle of the pond. The difference with this fish was the endurance he had. He just would not tire out and kept peeling line whenever he would get close to the bank. There was one point when he went into a roll, and I thought I was going to lose him. When they do that it sometimes dislodges the hook. We didn't get a look at him for quite a few minutes, but after each run, my dad kept raising his guess as to his weight, 20 to 25, another run, 30 pounds?

"Then we caught a glimpse of him and my dad just said, 'OH MY! We may need a golf cart to haul him to the scales!' The fight must have lasted eight minutes or more--just a tug of war with him taking line whenever he came in close and me pulling him back in afterwards. Thankfully he got tired out just before I did! I pulled one last time and got him close in, where my dad managed to grab him and pull him up on shore with my assistance since it was a bit too heavy for him alone. We both were speechless, and just knew we had a BIG one but didn't know how big! Fortunately a TFFC staff member arrived with the golf cart to put him in, and it was off to the big scale. I was exhausted! We weighed him and measured him and couldn't believe the numbers! 54.3 pounds, 47 inches long, and 31 inches around! All I could do was smile. We took him back to the pond and made sure he was doing OK and let him go. Truly a magnificent fish!"



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Strollin' With Stroman



By Dean Stroman

During late winter when days grow longer and the surface water starts to warm, approaching spring, virtually all fish species start congregating in staging areas to make their annual move to shallow water. Bass will start suspending more and more as the days grow longer and surface water warms. When spring rains start, bass will move up on funnel areas, main lake points, bridges, secondary points, creek channels and underwater ponds which are top staging areas. When rains start and there is a rise in water level, bass will move to the most shallow water. Once they move into shallow water sanctuaries they are easily

caught. When they get familiar with their surrounding area they will set up on their core area and are more difficult to catch. The longer they remain in or near shallow water, the harder they are to catch.

Move to the shallows starts first with bass that do not migrate out into main water. These fish are shallow water oriented and spend much of their time in or near the secondary creek channels. Bass that live deeper and out in main bodies of water will never go to the back of major creeks. These bass spawn off the edge of coves, near the main open water areas, even over shallow open water areas. And some even top trees in the middle of the lake.

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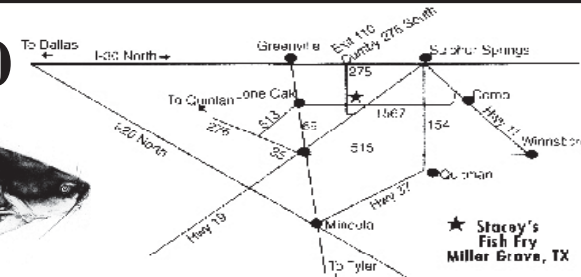
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Because water warms at different times from back of creeks out into the main lake, spring spawn will last from the end of February to late May. Fisheries biologists agree that bass spawn at sixty-five degrees. Over the years I found that a lot of bass will start spawning in several degrees cooler, beginning at sixty degrees.

Spring rains and longer days are what trigger most fish movements to shallow water. Normally bass will wait for these rains/rise sequences, including those that spawn in latter part of spring. If the water remains low and clear, bass that spawn will do so in considerably deeper water and over a much longer period of time. A lot of this has to do with the fact that clear water warms slower than muddy water. Also bass will spawn in much more shallow water if the water is muddy.

If heavy spring rains occur during early spring, the deep water bite will be tough. However, if minimal or no fresh water enters the system, the deep water bite can be good. By the end of February deep water bass are starting to congregate off of deep water staging areas and if the spring rains hold off they will go on major feeding binges.

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TPWD Approves Changes to Fishing Regulations

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has adopted fishing regulation changes on two largemouth bass fisheries in East Texas, and new possession rules in state waters for aquatic resources taken in the EEZ (Exclusive Economic Zone) as part of the 2013-14 Statewide Recreational and Commercial Fishing Proclamation.

The regulations go into effect Sept. 1.

On Lake Jacksonville, the change removes an 18-inch minimum length limit for largemouth bass. The five-fish daily bag for bass will be retained, but anglers will be allowed to keep two largemouth bass less than 18 inches in length as part of that five-fish bag.

For Lake Kurth, the change establishes a 16-inch maximum length limit on largemouth bass, with a temporary retention of bass 24 inches or greater for weighing purposes and/or submission to the ShareLunker program. Anglers will be allowed to harvest five largemouth bass less than 16 inches in length.

TPWD also adopted changes defining the parameters of handfishing for catfish and restrictions to aid in public understanding and

enforceability, specifically regarding prohibition of the use of devices, such as poles, sticks, boxes, and pipes to aid in handfishing.

Canyon Lake Project #6 in Lubbock was also added to special regulations for catfish and device restrictions.

The department also clarified the definition regarding possession of fish to indicate possession limits do not apply once a wildlife resource has reached the possessor's final residence and is finally processed. It also clarified the def-

inition of what constitutes a permanent residence.

In addition, TPWD clarified the definition of fish harassment to note it is unlawful to use any vessel to harry, herd, or drive fish by any means including but not limited to operating any vessel in a repeated circular course, for the purpose of or resulting in the concentration of

fish for the purpose of taking or attempting to take fish.

TPWD also removed prohibitions concerning possession of red drum and bonus red drum tags simultaneously.

The department also adopted provisions regarding enforcement of federal regulations in state waters. The proposed change would make it a violation for a person to possess an aquatic wildlife resource taken in the Exclusive Economic Zone (federal waters 9-200 miles out) during a closed season provided by federal law; within a protected length limit or in excess of the daily bag limit established by federal law; or with any gear or device prohibited by federal law; or without a required license or permit required by federal law.

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Major Repairs to Battleship Texas Hull to Begin in April

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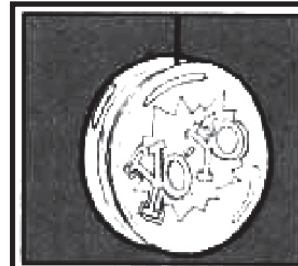
Based in Beaufort, N.C., Taylor Marine has recent experience with historic battleships, spending almost \$2 million in 2011 to replace a portion of the Battleship North Carolina's steel hull. Repairs on the Battleship TEXAS are scheduled to begin in April.

The \$17.5 million repair contract for the Battleship TEXAS will accomplish about half of the structural repair needs of the battleship and is a first step in meeting the long-term goal of placing the USS TEXAS in a dry berth, according to Scott Stover, TPWD's Infrastructure Division deputy director.

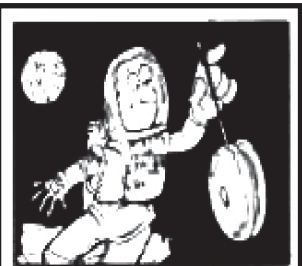
During the repair work, the ship will remain open to the public as conditions allow, and visitors will see plenty of activity at the site, as well as construction equipment and an access barge on the north side of the ship.

The repairs to the ship's structural foundation will occur deep within the ship in areas rarely seen by the public. When completed in the fall of 2014, the repaired hull will not be evident to most visitors.

If a certain aspect of the ship repair work requires temporarily closing the ship for the safety of visitors, TPWD will post that information as it becomes available. However, Stover says the public should be aware that temporary closings may occur on short notice for the duration of the project. Funding for the repairs comes from General Obligation Bonds approved by voters and specifically appropriated by the Texas Legislature for Battleship TEXAS repairs.



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Going Bananas Over Baking

By Sue Hampton

There are so many tasty pie recipes to make, it's easy to go "bananas" over baking. One of the all-time American favorites is made with the versatile banana.

Besides being the most popular tropical fruit to eat as a snack, bananas are a surprisingly versatile baking ingredient. For example, mashed bananas are a great fat substitute, lending flavor as well as bulk to a recipe.

Bananas are best for baking when brown spots have just appeared on the skins – they should be flecked

with brown spots but not blackened. Flecked bananas have a sweeter taste than yellow-colored ones, but you can use either.

If you want to speed-ripen bananas, place them in the microwave. Pierce with a fork on the outside and microwave whole, in the peel, for a minute and a half.

Right before using in a recipe, mash them well with a fork so they retain texture and some chunks. Don't blend them smooth in a blender. This can cause your baked goods to become too dense and rubbery.

This recipe for Banana Cream Pie using Karo Syrup and Argo Corn Starch will remind you of the delicious pies you enjoyed for dessert

growing up.

Karo, a natural sweetener, is pure corn syrup made with real vanilla to ensure the best quality. Argo Corn Starch thickens sauces and pie fillings with satiny smoothness and glossy appearance.

Banana Cream Pie

2 tablespoons Argo Corn Starch

1/8 teaspoon salt

2 cups milk

4 egg yolks

1/4 cup Karo Light Corn Syrup

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 tablespoon butter OR margarine

1 to 2 medium bananas

1 prepared graham cracker pie crust OR baked pie crust (recipe follows)

Whipped cream, optional

Mix sugar, corn starch and salt thoroughly in a heavy saucepan OR top of double boiler. Whisk milk, egg yolks and corn syrup together; add to sugar mixture and stir well to combine.

Heat over medium heat, stirring constantly until mixture comes to a boil, about 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla and butter.

Slice bananas into bottom of pie crust. Pour filling over top; let cool 10 minutes.

Cover with plastic wrap and chill several hours or overnight before serving. Top with whipped cream, if desired.

This fabulous Banana Cream Pie can be an easy no-bake recipe, but if you prefer making your pie crust from scratch, here is a recommended recipe for a homemade

baked crust.

Homemade Deep-Dish Pie Crust

In food processor, pulse 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour, 1/4 tea-spoon salt, 1/4 cup cold butter and 1/4 cup vegetable shortening until in large crumbs. Add 4 to 5 tablespoons cold water; pulse until mixture starts to form a ball (do not over-mix).

Shape dough into round disk; cover with plastic wrap and freeze for 10 minutes until easy to handle. Roll dough into 11-inch circle onto floured surface; fit dough into 9-1/2 inch deep-dish pie plate. Prick bottom and sides with tines of fork. Turn edge under and flute.

Bake at 400 degrees F for 10 to 12 minutes or until crust is golden. Cool completely before filling.



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5. To qualify, contestants must check in at tournament headquarters before fishing.
6. Fishing hours will be 6:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (official clock at sign-in station). NO FISHING from midnight till start time.
7. Fishing will be done on Lake Fork only (trailer allowed).
8. Contestants must fish from a boat. No bank fishing or leaving the boat to land a fish.
9. Life jackets must be worn any time their outboard motor is running.
10. All state, federal, and local laws must be obeyed or contestant and fish may be disqualified. No slot fish may be brought to weigh-in.
11. No one may have more than five (5) fish in their possession at any time. Only one (1) may be 24" or greater.
12. Largemouth bass 12" to 16" or 24" or greater in length may be weighed. No fish under 12" or between 16" and 24" will be weighed (or state law limits at the time of the tournament).
13. All fish must be caught on artificial bait by casting. (No trolling with gas engine). Pork trailer may be used.
14. Weigh-in starts at 3:00 p.m. (official clock at sign-in). You must be in the weigh-in line by 3:30 p.m.
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- be released (with the exception of trophy or dead fish).
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20. Contestants may not have served as a compensated guide on Lake Fork 30 days prior to this tournament.
21. Contestants may fished with a guide on Lake Fork prior to the day before fishing this TTB tournament.
22. Use of ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES or CONTROLLED DRUGS are prohibited during tournament hours. Prescription drug use should be declared at sign-in.
23. Anyone who has ever been disqualified for cheating or misconduct from any tournament is ineligible to fish.
24. Any contestant who violates any rule may be disqualified. Any act of a competitor, verbal or physical, that reflects unfavorably upon Texas Trails Bassmasters effort to promote fishing, conservation, clean waters, courtesy or safety shall be reason for disqualification from this and all future Texas Trails Bassmasters tournaments.
25. Parent or guardian must accompany contestants under 18 years of age.
26. All protests must be registered in writing with the tournament judges within 15 minutes after designated weigh-in time. All decisions of the tournament judges will be final in all matters. Anyone protesting the outcome of an Open tournament will have to pay for any additional polygraph test given.
27. All boats must be 8 feet in length or longer. An aerated live well is recommended to aid in fish survival for live release. Anglers cannot leave boat to land a fish.
28. All contestants are responsible to have read these rules and must agree to abide by them (by signing the entry form) while competing in this Texas Trails Bassmasters event.
29. Contestants will be subject to polygraph test. Failure to take and/or pass such a test will result in disqualification.

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Entry Application

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May 5 ~ Bass N' Bucks

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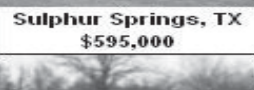

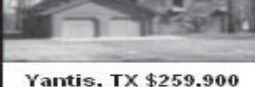

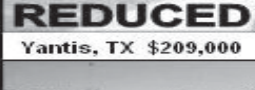
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