

Some of my favorite Mack Lures presentations by John Clark

Below are just a few ways in which Mack Lures has increased my catch.

Some of our club members got their hands on Mack's new Line Tammer. These new line containers work great on keeping line in the boat. The line tamer keeps the line out of sunlight which damages line after exposed to sunlight for long periods of time. The line tamer also has a line cutter on it so to don't need to carry extra cutter. For those of you that like to spool up your on reels the line tamer makes this job easier for one person to do by their selves. The line tamer has an internal spring inside that keeps tension on the line as it is coming out of the container. All you need to do is place to line tamer between your knees or feet and you will have no trouble spooling you on line without the hassle of line twist.

When I use live bait tactics I like to use several Mack lures products as my components. I start by tying a USA Chain Swivel to the end of my spinning reel line. I then use the line tamer that is filled with 8lb Fluorocarbon line for my leader line. I usually pull my live bait behind a small walking sinker that is tight to the bottom. Above the swivel I attach a sliding walking sinker then a bead. The bead helps keep the walking sinker from beating against the knot at the swivel and making it weak. The size weight I use depends on a lot of factors. If I'm up in front of the boat running the trolling motor I prefer a ¼ ounce weight for five foot or less. When fishing 15 foot to five foot I use 3/8 walking sinker. 15 foot on down I use a 1 ounce to 2 ounce walking sinker. Now if I'm in the back of the boat I prefer the let out more line. For 5 foot or less I use 1/8 to 1/16 ounce of weight. 5 foot to 10 foot I use 1/8 to ¼ ounce walking sinker. 15 foot and deeper I use ¼ to 3/8th ounce walking sinkers. All these weight I mention are for slow trolling, when the fish decide they want it faster I just go up in weight by one size. On the very end of my live bait rig I tie a number 2 or a number 4 hook. Sometimes I add the newer size 0.8 smile blade in front of the hook so that I might turn a slow bite into a fast bite. Another thing I like to use instead of a plain hook is Mack Lure Red Series Glow Hooks or the Glow hook Sparkle –Tail Series. These two hooks have caught as many fish if not more fish than the plain hook does. For those of you that don't like to tie your own rigs. Mack Lure has the Slither Rig, which has everything you need for live bait rigging including a flexible slither weight and a quick release weight clevis. The weight clevis makes it easier to change you weights on the go without having to cut your line.

I'm a big fan and truly loved it when Mack's introduced more Mirror colors for the smile blade. In addition to the Motor Oil Mirror color is Chartreuse, Red, Blue, Flame, Purple, and Hot Pink. I'm a big fan of the mirror colors because I believe they have a lot of flash to them. I'm not saying that the other colors don't produce a flash. It is my belief that the mirror colors work great in stained to muddy water. Ohio has several lakes that are stained most of the time and are shallow with an average depth of 8ft. These lakes that have shallow depth tend to muddy the water faster with any wind or rain. Another great place to use these blades with supreme flash is Lake Erie. I know I said mirror blades work well in muddy to stained water, but they also work well on the great lakes. The reason they work so well on Lake Erie is the walleyes may be in the 30 foot of water column, and they will come up in the 10 foot or less water column to attach their prey and feed. Lake Erie is usually very clean water with water clarities reaching 20 feet. I believe these fish ambush their prey by hanging out in the deeper water where their

prey can't see them. Remember fish don't look down. When they see the flash of baitfish swimming way above their heads something triggers them to attack the flash and eat their prey. This concept is also why I like to run a Hot Wing about 3 feet in front of my spinner rigs and crank baits. I have personally found that the hot wings have increased my fish numbers and helped me catch more fish than I caught before. I have experimented with these Hot Wings since Mack Lures first brought them out. What I did was run the exact baits on all my rods. I would put the Hot Wings on 50% of my rods. What I have found is that there were times when the Hot Wings greatly out fished the rods without the Hot Wings. Then there were times Both Rods with and without Hot Wings produced the same. I can't explain why the Hot Wings worked when they did except that they were what the fish wanted that day. Weather, wind, sun, cloud cover, boat speed, and lure presentation didn't seem to matter when they liked the Hot Wings or not. What I found out was the bottom line was that there were times when the Hot Wings increased my fish catching numbers, and in the same note. I couldn't find a time where they hurt my catching numbers. This is why I always run a Hot Wing in front of my spinner rigs, crank baits, and spoons when I fish any of the Great Lakes.

These are just a few of the different Mack Lures products that have helped me increase my catch. I hope you give some of them a try to increase your catch.