

Angling For Crappie – Mini Pontoon Boat Fishing

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There is nothing quite like fishing from a mini pontoon boat. The agility and stability of the compact designed mini pontoon makes a perfect platform for crappie fishing. Crappie can be found in almost every kind of fresh water. The mini pontoon boat makes it possible to navigate around from backwater streams to open lakes. Many anglers enjoy crappie fishing because the equipment and technique needed to catch crappie is fairly simple.

Drift fishing is a popular way to catch crappie in the summer months. Crappie, like most fish, will head for deeper water in the summer to cool off. They will not go far below 25 feet due to the low oxygen content of the under layers of the lake. They prefer still waters, so if you are fishing rivers and streams, look for deeper areas with little current to locate your favorite crappie hole. Drift fishing is fairly simple and works well for these crappie holes, as well as the lake. You will want to locate an area that seems crappie friendly. Do not drive your motor directly over the fish or they will scatter. What you want to do is to use the trolling motor and quietly drift past the hole with your line in the water. Work the line up and down to attract the most fish.

In lakes, many crappies congregate along dam walls to feed. This is where the lake naturally collects things that crappie consider food. Using a mini pontoon boat to drift fish a lake dam is the perfect strategy. You will have a quiet drift along the dam while easily conquering other boats' wakes.

One of the best times of year to fish for crappie is in the spring. As water temperatures rise in the shallows, crappie moves towards them for spawning. Male crappies will be building their nests at this time. Look for grasses that rise above the water, submerged structures and big rocks. Nests are usually made near vegetation in the shallow water. This is where that mini pontoon boat can really pay off!

Think about spawning behavior when fishing for crappie. The males protect the nest. This means that they will become aggressive and attack certain bait. Using this strategy, you can figure out how to catch them. A lot of fishermen are fans of the worm on the hook type of bait, but the male crappie is not necessarily interested in a lot of eating at this time. He will, however, attack larger jigs and bait that looks like a threat to the nest. This is how you can catch a large quantity of crappie in the spring.

Utilizing a mini pontoon boat in your favorite lake, river or stream can help you to have your most productive crappie season yet!

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