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Another Great Year in 1000 Islands

2007 started with a couple of great ATV meets, some great pike fishing, but June brought some nasty weather and less customers. When July rolled around Caiger's got busy and stayed busy right until the end of October. The weather was great, fishing was the best we have seen in years, and the water temperature was very comfortable for the divers.

It seems like the boarder crossing issue will be resolved without passports, **this is a very good news for all.**

We offered more choices in our menu and that change was well received by our guests. We intent to add a few more menu items, keeping in mind that healthy eating is becoming more popular.

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2007: THE FISHING SEASON IS OVER

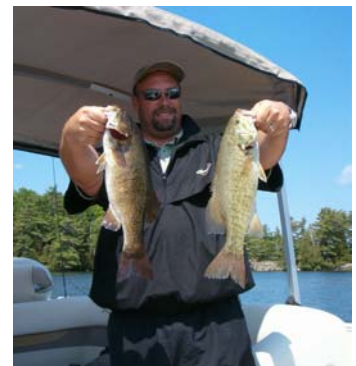
By: Doug Amos 1000 Islands Guide Service

This year saw a great resurgence in the pike fishing at Caiger's. The early season pike fishing was truly fantastic. In my 37 years of guiding here, I have never seen such a productive May and June pike fishery. The fish were shallow and very aggressive. You could catch a limit of good size fish within a mile of Caiger's docks by throwing flukes, Husky Jerks, X-Raps, Mepp's Spinners or Cy-

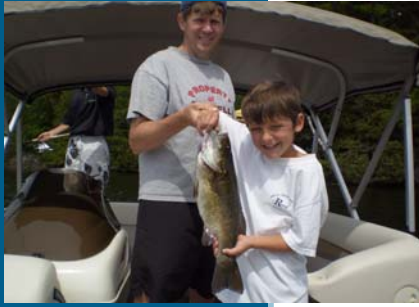
clopes spoons.

From a great spring of pike fishing we moved in the bass season and it too proved to be one of the best of all time. The smallmouth fishing on Charleston Lake and the River was well above average. The opening week on Charleston L. was outstanding with a one day catch of 16 board bass (3 lb. - 5 lb.) caught on senkos and flukes. I had a 9 yr. old boy who caught 6

smallmouth over 3 lb. in one day!! The river produced some great deep water smallies like the ones we caught back in the 80's. Best results



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Too heavy for one person

came on drop shot rigs with small twister tail grubs and jig heads with plastic crawfish imitations.

The largemouth fishing was good this year too, but not outstanding like the pike and smallmouth were. They were caught around the reeds in the summer and off the points during the fall. One exciting tactic during the heat of summer was fishing top

water frogs and Flapp'in Shads and watching the big largemouths come crashing through matted surface weeds to inhale the bait. One of the issues with the largemouth is the lose of weed beds and therefore cover for the fish. They are adapting to this by moving to new cover and structure, which gives us all a challenge to find them.

The highlight of the year is a tie between the 9yr. old and his 6 board fish (a Caiger's record) and watching Andrew S. catching a small muskie (12 lb.) on his new light Shimano rod, using a senko, in 3 feet of water, no leader (bass fishing), and seeing it go airborne.

Hope to see you next season with tight lines and bent rods.

Being prepared the best advice for fishing success

By Doyle Dietz Pennsylvania Outdoor Writers Association

If there is one thing to be learned about fishing the St. Lawrence River in general and the 1000 Islands Region in particular, it is to be prepared for any and all conditions.

Over the nearly two decades I've fished out of Caiger's for both pleasure and to gather material for feature articles, a pattern had been developed. In the spring, it was time to crank for Northern pike; by the opening of bass, it was time to work scented tubes, worms and other softbaits; by mid-August, it was off to the covers before breakfast and after supper for topwater action; and in the fall, well, by then, the bass and pike are so aggressive that almost anything works.

Well, last year, the pattern got broken, thrown out and forgotten.

Our group of three couples arrived in early July prepared as always with an assortment of tackle rigged for jigging and weedless worming. In fact, two nights were spent preparing our boats, as to take advantage of the fishing within minutes of checking-in and launching.

None of us guess that last year would be the "Summer of the Frog" in most of our favorite spots along the 1000 Islands Parkway. Yes, by the time we arrived, the top-water bite was on, and the bait producing the most bites was frogs.

Fortunately, I try to keep at least one pack of every YUM and Berkley scented bait known to man in my supply bag, and, sure enough, there were enough YUM frogs to get us through the first day. As for color, that really never seemed to matter as much as lure presentation, and adding to our success was fishing scented flukes in support of the frogs.

First, we would cast, flip or pitch a frog along a weed line or over heavy submerged cover, making sure to close the bail just as the bait is about to hit the surface. Then, we began retrieving as soon as it hit the water, keeping it on the surface to avoid tangling in weeds.

This technique triggered a response bite from both bass and pike, and very often the fish hit so fast they actually missed the bait. When that occurred, we had a second rod ready rigged with a fluke to toss into the area of the missed strike, allowing it to sink and retrieving by jigging in and out of openings in the weeds. So, perhaps the best advice when packing for a fishing trip in the 1000 Islands is "if you have it, take it." You never know what it will take to please a hungry bass.

When packing for fishing trip in the 1000 Islands is "if you have it, take it" ...

Doyle's first cast of the day



Caiger's ATV 2008



Hey there ATVer's- We are looking forward to another fun season of ATV riding here in Canada. For 2008, we are offering the same rate as last season with an additional discount if you prepay with the purchase of a gift certificate that is available on our website. We have two scheduled, organized, weekends for May 2008. May 9-11 and May 16-18. See our website for complete details. This year we will be going back to Dingman's red barn trails. Just a short ride from Caiger's, Dingmans offers some challenging trails, and some passive riding. This area offers dramatic

views of the St. Lawrence River, the 1000 Islands Bridge, waterfalls, high rock overlooks, and mud. Apparently, this will be the last time we can use this property since it will be sold. The future of this area is unknown, but hopefully the ATV trails will remain.

Again we will be heading out to the Limerick Forest area. Anyone that has been there before can tell you that it is a great place to ride. Thousands of acres of woodland and swamp, with ATV, dirt bike, horseback, and walking trials. Everyone is in their own element and can spend a full day there, but still not cover all the trails. As usually we will have our "trail -box lunch" to enjoy when we take a break. This property is owned by the Canadian Government, and set aside for recreation of this type.

Caiger's is just a short distance from Van Ridge ATV trails. This is a pay to ride

area, but is really a lot of fun. Many challenging areas are available for those who dare, or you can just by-pass them. Usually this is a guided tour by the owner or one of the guides that work there. If you never experienced the Van Ridge area, you need to give it a try.

Last years crew of ATVer's enjoyed Caiger's ATV weekends so much that most are returning again. Caiger's offers the best in accommodations, food, and service, to make your ATV weekend one you will never forget. Caiger's looks forward to seeing you all in May, but if you can't make the May events, you can bring your ATV anytime and venture out on your own. Then again, there is almost always someone at Caiger's looking for a buddy to spend a day on the trails.

"Apparently, this may be the last time we can use Dingman's trails....don't miss this ride!!!"



Charleston Lake Report

The 2007 Charleston Lake season was a totally different ball game! Things usually slow down in the heat of the summer but last year the smallmouth kept going full tilt through to September, never slowing down. Every time we went out we boated at least a dozen bass over 3lb and we caught more pike than usual ranging from 4-8lb. The great fishing season was mainly

due to huge numbers of crayfish found in mounds all around the lake and it didn't matter if the bait was live or a plastic worm or any soft jig, it was none stop and a fish every cast for hours on end! I had only seen this kind of action before in the Fall so this year hopefully another good hatch of crayfish and back to the mounds!

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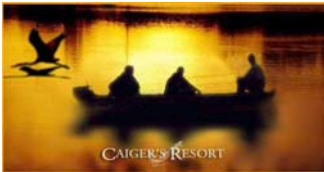
Hello Mark,

I wanted to take a few moments and thank you and your staff at Caiger's for making the past year another excellent and memorable one for myself and my students. It's not easy to find a resort that is so focused on making each day as enjoyable as possible for their guests. Your rooms are clean and far more spacious than what's available elsewhere. The home cooked meals at your restaurant excellent and the portions make sure nobody leaves hungry. The services you offer are a perfect match for anyone involved in diving or simply wanting a relaxing vacation.

The diving, that's available literally minutes away from your dock is simply some of the best wreck diving in North America. The fact that the water temperature and visibility are more in line with what you'd expect in the Caribbean, adds to the whole experience. With so many wrecks available at varying depths, this area offers something for everyone. The new diver can enjoy a multitude of shallow sites, many of which have wrecks. For those interested in the challenges of technical diving, there are deep wreck and walls that are sure to put a smile on the face of experienced technical divers.

Thanks again Mark for continuing to offer superior personalized service!

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Dates To Remember:

Spring ATV Meet:

May 9-11 & May 16-18

Fishing Season:

Pike , Walleye & Sauger:

1st Sat in May—Dec 31

Bass: 4th Sat in June—Nov 30

Muskellunge: 3rd Sat in June—Dec 31

Perch, Crappie, Sunfish: all year

New York Bass—3rd Sat in June

Other Events:

May 1-10 1000 Islands Jazz Festival

May 9-10 Brockville Woodworking Show

May 17-19 & 24-25 Art Studio Tour

June 20-22 Hydroplane Regatta

June 27 - July 1 Brockville Riverfest

August 4 - “Automotion” Street Machines

August 8-10 Ribfest

Aug 9 1000 Islands Poker Run

Sept 25-28 Harvest Fest—Rockport