

SliderLines

Finesse Fishing Began Here

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A NOTE FROM CHARLIE



Charlie Brewer, Jr.

Slider fishing is a system, not just another finesse method. This is how my dad, Charlie Brewer, Sr., described Slider fishing. You'll see this and many other of his tips on Slider fishing each issue on page two, "In his own words".

Slider fishing is another tool to add to your other methods of fishing. I have seen photos of anglers using the Slider approach in state-level tournaments with significant money on the line.

I am asked, on occasion, if big fish can be caught using a Slider. You bet. A number of big fish photos of bass caught using Sliders arrive at our office quite frequently. And, most of the fish were boated using 6 lb. test line! My dad always said that "Slider fishing is not horsing fishing".

We are also asked what is the best way to learn/try Slider fishing. Again, as my dad often said, "If you want to learn or prove that Slider finesse fishing works then give it a try when the fish are biting. If you try our system when the fish are not hitting any other lure then you will be discouraged and not see the true results".

Send us your photos of "Slider fish" so we can share how you are doing.

Brad Whitehead "the crappie guy"

Brad Whitehead, from Muscle Shoals, AL is well known for his crappie catchin' ability. Brad had another productive trip a few weeks ago on Pickwick while guiding a guest.



Brad Whitehead shows one of the crappie caught on a funky monkey-colored Slider Lures Crappie Grub.
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As to where and what kind of cover he was fishing Whitehead said, "We were fishing stakebeds we had put out for crappie." The crappie phenom said the stakebeds were in about 12 to 16 feet of water. He added the stakebeds and their depth made for perfect vertical jig fishing. Whitehead noted, "We

would cast from to time to time if this (vertical) bite played out."

...1/4 oz.. jig head rigged with a Slider Lures Crappie Grub.

The average number of crappie caught on these trips average 20 to 30 paper mouths. The guide said his clients really enjoy feeling the "thump" of a crappie strike.

The tools used on this trip were a 10 ft. BnM, BGJP jig pole and 8 lb., clear, Vicious fishing line. The lure used was a 1/4oz. jig head rigged with a Slider Lures Crappie Grub in the "funky monkey" color.

There is another Whitehead with



Nathan Whitehead is following in his dad's crappie footsteps.
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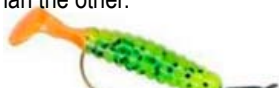


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How to fish the Weedless Crappie Slider

The techniques, or methods, of fishing the Weedless Crappie Slider is about the same as using all other crappie type jigs. However, there are two techniques of fishing the Crappie Slider that is recommended.

One technique is the slow (very, very slow) steady retrieve. The other is the "pull and drop" method. The slow, steady "do nothing" retrieve seems to be the most popular and the most productive. The "pull and drop" method is also highly productive but it takes a little more experience and know-how to fish this technique. However it will pay to learn both techniques. At times, depending on the mood and location of the crappie, one technique can be more effective than the other.



Weedless Crappie Slider

some crappie catching ability himself. Whitehead's son, Nathan, is a natural and picking-up on his dad's



The dynamic duo- Nathan and Brad Whitehead.

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tips and techniques.

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Slider fishin' rod selection

"IN HIS OWN WORDS" - CHARLIE BREWER, SR.

Rods for Slider Fishin' and other similar light tackle lures do not need to be expensive or "wimpy".

For years, ultra light spinning rods were light in weight but were noodle sticks. This gave fishermen a negative opinion about an ultra light rod. A good ultra light rod does not have to be like a willow stick.

I have done a lot of experimenting with rods for 25-30 years.

To prove a point, I went to our local Wal-Mart and looked over the large selection of rods on display. I found a spinning rod for \$4.97. I attached one of my old Mitchell 308 reels to the rod. I fished it faithfully for 5 or 6 fishing trips. I caught several limits of bass while fishing with the rod using 4 and 6 lb. test line.

As I said, a rod doesn't have to be expensive for Slider fishing. I later bought a rod and reel combo for \$20.00. This combo also proved fine for fishing the Slider and for catching bass. All you need are a few worms, Slider heads, a paper sack and a cheap rod and reel. But, maybe a better quality rod is more ideal.

Can the rod handle and land a big fish? I have landed a largemouth bass 7 lbs. 2 oz. and smallmouth in the 5 lb. class up to a 20 lb. drum.

Your rod should be light with a medium action- not too limber and not too stiff. Most good, light tackle bass men in the country seem to prefer 4'8" to 5'5" lengths.

Slider Lures offers a short, light rod and a longer Slider Rod. The

shorter Slider Rod is 4'9" long, very light and has medium action- not too soft, not too limber. With the ultra light 4'9" rod, you can fish the very light 1/16 oz. Slider rig and on up to heavier jigs.

The second is the 6'6" Slider rod. Many fishermen use the 6'6" rod for Slider fishing and for their smaller crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Light line right on up to the heavier 8, 10 or 12 lb. test line can be fished on this Slider Rod.



Slider 4'-9" Fishing ROD with Tennessee Handle; Blue; Rod



Slider 6'-6" Fishing ROD with Cork and Reel Seat; BLUE; Rod

Both Slider Rods have a cork, "Tennessee handle". For Tennessee Handles that do not have a reel seat you simply tape the reel to the cork grip. Attach reels to Tennessee Handle Rods with reel wrap, tennis wrap, or a good grade electrical tape. I prefer to wrap the reel on the cork grip slightly toward the back of the grip. By taping it on this way the end of the rod does not "poke" up my shirt or coat sleeve. Place the reel on the grip where it is most comfortable for you. Slider Rods are also available with reel seats.

Slider Rods have a moderate, fast action tip with 4 lb.-12 lb. test line recommended. Camo and mid-night blue colors available.

When fishing ultra light tackle you should be using keen, needle hooks. These super sharp hooks can be set without too much extra pressure.

