

Fishing The Wind:

Fishing on windy days can be difficult but not impossible. On windy days bass congregate around wind blown points and banks to feed on baitfish as they swim by or are carried into the shallow water against the bank. This type of structure is best to fish in the following suggested ways:

- Fish wind blow banks by running parallel to the shoreline and casting to shore and retrieve back towards the boat. A slow steady retrieve seems to work well. If you position your trolling motor so the head is pointed slightly into the wind direction (away from shore) it will allow you to keep the boat parallel to shore and run a straight path. This will give you better boat control and maximize fishing.
- Fish windy points by starting on the calm side of the point and run parallel to the point casting into the wind and up on to the point. Bring the lure back to the boat in a slow steady retrieve. Turn the boat into the wind and work across the point casting towards shore. You can then let the wind drift you back across the point and cast towards shore and the down side of the wind blown point.

The Red Eye Shad or RattleTrap (lipless crankbaits) and spinnerbaits are good choices and cast well into the wind. Casting into the wind makes the retrieve look more natural to the bass as it comes with the current and you will catch more fish.

If you want to try a worm rig, it may result in a catch if there was no bite casting. Fishing in the wind with worm rigs is very difficult as the wind will put a bow in the line and make the "feel" very difficult but not impossible. Light bites are easy to miss. It is best to use a heavy weight like a ½ ounce.