

## Using A Fishing Log

Can a log book really help you catch more fish? The answer is - absolutely. Every minute you spend taking notes will come back to you tenfold in the future when you navigate these same waters. Why else do you think all the top professionals in our sport take notes? Taking good notes is one of many factors that got them where they are today. There are many ways to record fishing trips. Any method you choose will work as long as you utilize it. You can customize your log to fit your needs.

Weather and water conditions are one of the most important factors if you hope to repeat a catch. It is amazing how much the air and water temperature can change year to year.

The water temperature has a strong influence on the fish and will determine the technique you should be fishing. The wind, sun, and clouds are all important to note.

Location on the lake and the type of structure you were fishing will help you repeat the same technique in different areas of the lake.

Be sure to note the depth the fish were caught in and I like to note the depth of water the boat was in. Lure selection is important. It is just as important to list what didn't work, as it is to list what worked. With a proper log, you will know what you didn't try, and can give it a shot the next time you are in the same area. I want to know what lure was used, its color and size, how it was fished, and line size and type.

The final detail is the reason we are on water, the fish. You can make this as simple or as complex as you would like. I only note the amount of keepers and non-keepers.

Keeping and utilizing a fishing log will help you catch more fish. Regardless of what species you fish for.