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April 16, 2013: The Proteus was out for her spring shakedown yesterday mid-day. The river water has warmed to 44 degrees and is migrating east. Hard south winds are not letting warm water settle in. Two other charter boats took some browns between the detached north-east wall of the harbor and Cemetery Hill. Stick baits in chocolate water took some browns!

April 21, 2013: Conditions have improved substantially for Oswego Brown Trout fishing after a three day blow out of the west. The river water is 48-49 degrees. The river muddy water plume is 47-48 and is clearing up. Several nice browns were taken by members of the charter fleet out of the Oswego Marina. Browns were taken off both inline boards and big boards with Smithwicks and Rapala's in black and silver and firetiger all with orange on the bottom. Riggers with small spoons the lighter variety down 4-6 feet, back 60-80 feet off ball are also making a pay. The Proteus is fish ready and in the Brown Trout "open for business" time of year. Water levels in the river and in the lake are up in Oswego.

April 28, 2013: South winds are playing havoc with brown trout fishing. All the warm water is going away fast and scattering fish. Lake Trout action in 80- 120 feet of water is good already. Lakers are taking #7 fireplugs and wobble glow peanuts.

April 29, 2013: The south wind backed off this morning and the brown trout fishing picked up in Oswego. 51 degree river influence water is holding some nice browns at the mouth of the river and Cemetery Hill. Browns were taken on Southwick body baits, various colors, all with orange bellies and #11 rapala's black and silver and chartruse in color. Lake trout are being taken in 85-120 feet of water on the bottom on bells and wobble glows.

May 4-6, 2013: Mixed bag fishing was the order of business in Oswego over the weekend. Some Browns were taken in the harbor and the river mouth on stick baits and small spoons. Smithwicks and 11 size rapala's are working . The harbor area bite is over when the sun gets high. Nice catches of Lakers were taken on a three mile troll in 113-115 feet of water on the bottom, with cowbells. Suspended Browns and a few Kings were taken on Sunday, 45-65 feet down over 90-130 feet of water, on NK and silver streak and stinger spoons, in various colors, depending on light position. Dipsey diver riggs, #3 setting and 140-180 feet of line was best. Rigger hits were coming 45-65 down . Some Steelies were taken on the temperature breaks in 300 feet of water.

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May 13, 2013: Mother nature won the battle over the weekend with a hard three day west blow. The Proteus fished for a few hours Saturday morning before the cold front came in and shut everything down by mid morning. Lead core took a Lake Trout and a Brown Trout on stinger spoons, NBK variety on the river influence mud line and then the wind blew. Fishing should improve by mid week. Breakfast at Maria's on West 2nd Street in Oswego was good! The tackle is all re-organized and ready for the next calm day.

May 14, 2013: The west wind backed off enough for a few charter boats to fish out of Oswego! Everyone followed the mud line to the east from 10-30 feet of water. Smithwicks with orange bellies and small glow spoons, both stingers and R-R spoons off riggers down six feet. The largest Brown Trout taken was 14lbs . Leadcore 1-2 colors worked too. Look for warmer stained water. Lake Trout on the bottom in 120 feet of water being taken on cowbells.

May 18, 2013: You snooze you lose! Early is very important with clear water and bright skies! Brown Trout are being taken in 10-30 feet of water, off of Ford Scholl's and Four Mile Point. Planer boards, with Smithwick's and Stingers, back 110-130 feet and riggers down 6-10 feet, back 60-80 feet using flutter spoons are all working. Lakers on the bottom in 120-130 feet of water are being taken on cowbells and peanuts.

May 20, 2013: This morning the Proteus had the distinct pleasure of taking a crew of Wounded Warriors out for a trip. I was joined by charter boats Cold Steel, Argo, and Dixie Dandy. Shore line browns are being stubborn due to the south wind and sun, along with clear water. There are plenty of Lakers east and west of harbor in 130-150 feet of water, on the bottom and are hitting on cowbells and peanuts and Flatfish. A north blow is needed to get the Brown's going!

May 25, 2013: A hard three day blow out of the north has the charter fleet tied up in their slips in Oswego. Last good report was May 23rd when some nice kings were taken down 40 feet, over 450 feet of water, straight out of Oswego. Tired of breakfast and no fishing! Hoping that tomorrow afternoon will get us back out on the water. Brown Trout fishing should improve when the wind stops blowing as warm, muddy water will be back. Stay tuned!

June 2, 2013: The wind and thunderstorms backed off long enough to get out on the water for a few hours this afternoon. An east to west troll in 125-130 feet of water, from the five stacks to the harbor produced good action for Lake Trout. First

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light until mid-morning in 50-80 feet of water, 15-40 feet down, produced browns on stingers and various spoons; same size as nk-28's. 3-7 colors leadcore and riggers and slide divers were the best apps! There is alot of bait around Oswego. King Salmon have to be close!

June 3, 2013: There was a hard west wind and colder temps today, but I was able to fish for part of the morning. We had good action and boated some nice Brown Trout in 30-50 feet of water, between Four Mile and Bayshore. Riggers down 15-30 feet with Michigan Stingers in glow colors were taking some Brown Trout, up to 12lbs. We lost a high teen at the net. Four and five colors leadcore with evil eyes are also working good.

June 9, 2013: Abundant rain over the last several days has created a tremendous flow of water out of the Oswego River. Water is leaching east and bringing in good amounts of bait. 40-60 feet of water, on a line east to the nuclear plant is producing some good catches of Brown Trout on riggers and leadcore 2-4 colors on stingers and pro kings. Lake Trout are on the bottom in 115-130 feet of water and are hitting on cowbell and peanuts. Some King Salmon in the 20 lb class are being taken in 400-500 feet of water on bait pods. They are down 50-60 feet and being caught on riggers and wire dipsey mostly spoons straight north of Port of Oswego. There is no thermocline yet off of Oswego.

June 15, 2013: A tremendous amount of water is running into the lake from the Oswego River due to the recent heavy rains. The canal is closed and debris is heavy in the river and at its' mouth. Water currents are going crazy in the lake and there is no thermocline yet. There is plenty of bait in 300-500 feet of water, but active fish are in 140-160 feet of water, straight out from 40-80 feet down. Spoons with dipsey's and riggers are taking a few King Salmon. Lake Trout are on the bottom and hitting on cowbells and fireplugs. The Kings are on the way!

June 17, 2013: Conditions are changing fast for the fishery as water coming out of the Oswego River has stabilized quite a bit. King Salmon have found the flow and bait in 120-150 feet of water and several were taken today on riggers, dipsey and copper rigs. Kings are biting on Sting Ray Stingers and Pro Kings 40-100 feet down and Echips fly rigs. Lake Trout are taking Cowbell rigs with Fireplugs, peanuts and cutbait on bottom in 130 feet of water.

June 23, 2013: South winds are still causing problems with the setup of the thermocline. Brown trout are in shallow water 40-50 feet down, 20-35 feet on

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flutter spoons and stingers off riggers and leadcore. Lake trout are on the bottom in 120-130 feet of water and are taking fire plugs and peanuts with cowbells. Some King Salmon are being taken in 150 feet of water on flashers with cut bait and dodgers and flies.

June 26, 2013: The thermocline is lightly forming off of Oswego. There have been nice catches of two and three year old Salmon when coming into the river influence. The Salmon are coming in 53-56 degree water, from 30-55 feet down, over 150 feet of water. Salmon are taking echips and flies. Spin doctors and smartfish with cut bait are good too. Lake Trout are on the bottom in 115-140 feet of water and are hitting on cowbells and quickfish and peanuts. Brown Trout east of the harbor are in 40-60 feet of water. They are hitting on flutter spoons and leadcore. Make sure to leader down. An early fishing start is critical!

June 29, 2013: The thermocline is finally setting up off of Oswego, 50-60 feet down. Some nice King Salmon were caught very early in 140-230 feet of water, east and west of the harbor. Kings are taking green echips and green flies down 55-60 feet on riggers and 230-250 feet of wire on dipseys number three setting. Four hundred feet of copper with spin doctors and smart fish is working too. Brown Trout are in 40-60 feet of water, off four mile and hitting on flutter spoons and four color lead core. Lake Trout are on the bottom east and west of harbor in 120-130 feet of water, on cowbells and fireplugs. No water fleas yet!

June 30, 2013: Early birds are catching the Salmon in Oswego! The best bite is at first light in 150-200 feet of water in the river influence. Green echips with glow green flies are best off of riggers; down 45-60 feet was the best today. Wire dipseys set at 2/half, 160-200 feet of wire took some twenty plus pound Kings. Three hundred copper with smartfish and spin doctors took Silvers too. Plenty of Lake Trout are on the bottom in 150-160 feet of water and hitting on lemurs and cowbells. Brown Trout are off of four mile, down 30-50 feet and hitting flutter spoons. Four color leadcore is good too!

July 2, 2013: A few charter boats got out this morning after yesterdays blow off with the northeast wind. Everything is "iced" out today and the thermocline is currently gone. There are reports of a few King Salmon being caught on leadcore and riggers down 50 feet. Spoons and echips are hit and miss as fish are scattered. The lake needs to heal and stabilize, hopefully by the weekend. Lake Trout are on the bottom; taking peanuts and cowbells. No Brown Trout reported from anyone.

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July 4, 2013: The lake is finally healing after the northeast blow this past Monday. Good water is out in front of the harbor and to the east. There is cold water between the front door west toward west Nine Mile. Brown Trout are being taken from Bayshore to the high rocks past the nuclear plant, 15-25 feet down on riggers and four color leadcore. King Salmon are coming in 130-140 feet of water, 45-65 feet down with cutbait, spoons and attracters and flies. Proteus Sportfishing took a nice 28 lb King Salmon this morning. It was a great 4th of July fireworks display on a dipsey! Lake Trout are on the bottom in 130 feet of water. Happy 4th of July everyone!

July 7, 2013: Oswego needs a northwest blow to bring our water temperature back. The thermocline is gone and 46 degree water is only 20 feet down . From 25-50 feet of water, from Bayshore to the high rocks, there are some nice Brown Trout being taken on riggers and four color leadcore and slide dipseys all on spoons. Some Steelhead are coming in the top thirty feet, over 200-240 feet of water on red pro kings. No Lake Trout report . A few King Salmon are hitting drive by dipseys. No particular numbers.

July 8, 2013: The northwest wind today did the fishing in Oswego much good. Several charter boats found the temperature stabilizing in 300-400 feet of water this morning and took some nice Steelhead on four to six color leadcore on red spoons. King Salmon were taken down 45-60 feet on riggers, on spoons and cutbait. Green echips are the ticket. This afternoon while doing my charter for the Warren group, I found some nice Kings on current line with riggers down 45-90 , and divers set 200-250 number three. Steelhead were taking red spoons on six color leadcore. Brown Trout were hitting flutter spoons on riggers and four color leadcore.

July 10, 2013: Oswego is the home of the big King Salmon so far this season. A great current line and good quantity of bait holding fish within a three mile arch of the Port of Oswego. Kings are coming 45-90 feet down on riggers, dipseys and leadcore. Cutbait , whole bait, echips and spin doctors with a-tom-mik flies are working, as well as, familiar bite cut and whole bait clean and behind small flashers. A 38lb, 46" King was taken aboard Hat Trick Charters yesterday. Good dates are still available with the Proteus!

July 13, 2013: Good numbers of King Salmon are cruising the current lines off of Oswego now. Fish are coming in 160-400 feet of water, in 48-54 degree water in the thermocline. Riggers down 50-100 feet and dipseys run out 150-250, number three are working. Combination of flashers, flies, cutbait, wholebait and spoons are

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all working . Spiney water fleas are bad now so check lines often and wire dipseys every fifteen minutes.

July 14, 2013: I had the pleasure and honor of taking the President of Nils Master USA, JP out on a salmon trip out of Oswego and we were not disappointed. We caught some beautiful mature King Salmon in 200-350 feet of water on dipseys set at 280 number three pulling nuclear uv echips with cutbait. We also had action on V-2 Nils Master flashers and Viva spoons. Downriggers down 97 feet took a couple too. The water fleas are very bad . There is a good thermocline now and alot of bait fish.

July 15, 2013: Dead calm water and high sun have made the salmon very spooky. Dipsey divers set out at number three, early, 240 feet out with echips and Familiar bite cutbait is taking some nice King Salmon. Drop divers about ten feet every half hour to stay in the fish. The best troll is in 200-400 feet of water, north and south. The water fleas are terrible. Check lines often. Heavier Walmart omniflex line works good to keep them off.

July 20, 2013: Mother nature has played havoc with the lake fishery again. A few boats got out for a few hours in the morning. From Four Mile Point to the plant over 80 feet of water, down 65-70 ft, some nice Brown Trout were caught on stingers, t-spoons and flutter spoons. One boat tried for King Salmon in 400 feet of water with no action to report. Tomorrow should be better after west-northwest winds return!

July 21, 2013: Several charter boats finally got out of Oswego this afternoon. They started east of the harbor in 200-300 feet of water, finding temperature and fish down 110-120 feet. Several King Salmon hooked up on echips and flies, mostly green. Wire dipseys out 300, number two setting with flashers and cut bait is working. I heard 600 copper is also working!

July 26, 2013: King Salmon are starting to show up off of Oswego, but are very stubborn. Dipsey divers set at number two 230-260 with echips and cutbait have taken some fish. Riggers set down 60-100 feet with flashers and flies, as well as stingray stingers are working too. King Salmon crusing has been best heading west from Nine Mile to the five stacks in 140-240 feet of water. Brown Trout are being taken early in 62 degree water where it meets the bottom, on stingers and t-spoons glow colors. The water fleas are still heavy.

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July 28, 2013: Winds coming from different directions everyday has messed up the thermocline and scattered the Salmon. Fish that were taken came in 140 out to 600 feet of water on a little of everything. If you have bait schools, don't leave them and work that area above, below and in the bait. Use riggers, dipseys and copper with cutbait flies and spoons mixed in your spread. Brown Trout taken east of four mile in 60-90 feet of water, with a temperature of 62 degrees, on flutter spoons leader down to 10-15 lb test.

July 29, 2013: Rough water and scattered fish were the order of the day in Oswego. Some King Salmon were taken early, down 60-80 feet over 170 feet of water, on dipseys and cutbait and riggers with stingray stingers, down 80-90 feet, as well as echips and a-tom-mik flies. Brown Trout fishing was slow but some were taken in front of the five stacks, east of Four Mile Point on spoons.

August 4, 2013: A three day blow out of the west-northwest wiped out the weekend fishing in Oswego. A lot of tackle and boat maintenance was done to get ready for the Salmon blitz. The fish should be close to the Port of Oswego when the lake lays down. I'll keep you up on what's going on!

August 8, 2013: The lake finally calmed down enough to fish. The thermocline is down 120 feet after a hard south wind yesterday and thunderstorms early today. Some nice King Salmon were taken on cutbait and paddles, and echips and flies. Stingray stingers in glow colors is working too. Kings are cruising in 140-400 feet of water east and west of Oswego and not holding to any one place. The secret to good catches is getting an early start and staying away from boat traffic. The blitz is coming soon!

August 9, 2013: Weather was big factor on the Salmon fishing today again. There were some nice catches of Kings early, until thunderstorms moved in at 9:00am. Wicked currents have spread fish out and made everyday a challenge. The thermocline is back up to 70-80 feet so dipseys, set 240-250 and 500 copper are working again. Cutbait rigs and echips and flies are the best applications. Some upcoming stable weather should improve the fishing as staging fish are nearby.

August 11, 2013: Stable weather for the day finally produced some nice catches of King Salmon in Oswego. The water line at 200 feet in three mile, on an east and west track in from the harbor did the most damage. Fish were taken early, 80-90 feet down, dropping to 100-120 feet down as the sun got high. 0% light because of dead water fleas made white and glow colors best. Cutbait and flashers off riggers

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and echip and meat off divers set at 280-330 worked best. Try to stay away from boats, have fun and respect your fellow anglers. Good luck!

August 12, 2013: Salmon are starting to show up and pre-stage off of Oswego. Fish were taken today in 120-180 feet of water, down 90-120 feet. They are taking cutbait and echips and paddles and slashers. There were some reports of fly bites, mostly glow colors. 500 copper, dipsy's and riggers are all working . Another weather front is coming midweek.

August 16, 2013: Another three day blow has the thermocline in 100-400 feet of water pushed way down . I heard 160-180 feet of cable, tibreach cold water. The temperature was much higher in 540-600 feet of water. King Salmon are scattered again, but a couple of boats had nice catches on cutbait and echips and echips and flies. Stable weather over the weekend should get the Kings in the staging mood. Spread out and cover water.

August 18, 2013: The temperature is starting to straighten in the near shore area in 100-200 feet of water. Fish are starting to find the river water but are bellied up on the bottom. Cutbait and echips, slashers and spin Doctors and flies are taking some fish 110-135 feet down on riggers and 320-340 number two setting on dipseys. White color early and bright colors in the sun. The fishing should improve by midweek.

August 21, 2013: The salmon off Oswego are in their pre-stage mode now. Fish were taken in 90-140 feet of water, mostly near the bottom. Riggers and dipseys fished in 48-54 degree water have worked on cutbait as well flashers and flies. A few salmon seen in the Oswego river. The fun time is here!

August 23, 2013: Salmon are spread out along the shore now in pre-stage mode! Fish were taken today in 80-180 feet of water, using a variety of methods. Riggers and dipsy divers with cutbait and echips and paddles produced along with echips and flies. Fish are coming in and out of temperature and are starting to get dark. The time is now for good action! No run in the Oswego River yet!

August 25, 2013: Salmon are off of Oswego in 80-120 feet of water, locked close to the bottom pre-staged in cold water and very stubborn. They are hitting on cutbait and flashers and echips, as well as flies. Divers and riggers and copper are the working applications. Copper is hard to use because of boat traffic. A few fish are in the river, but 77 degree water is keeping most of them in the lake.

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August 27, 2013: The charter fleet had a slamming day on King Salmon in Oswego today. Large catches of big Kings was the order of the day. Fish were taken in 90 feet of water from the harbor east to Nine Mile on riggers, down 75-85 and dipseys 170-220, number two setting. Fish are biting on white echips and paddles and cutbait and flies. Jplugs are starting to get hits also. No big run in the river yet. Stable weather should keep the fun going!

September 3, 2013: Salmon fishing has been extremely challenging for several days. Warm river water has kept fish in the lake and confused. Fish were taken from 35 feet down, over 60 feet of water, after a north east wind Saturday night. Kings were taken on everything including spoons, cutbait and J-plugs. Look for cold water and marks. That's where to start fishing. Don't get locked into any one depth or method. Good luck!

September 6, 2013: A four day blow out of the northwest has changed things again in Oswego! The thermocline is down 150-160 feet, over 200 feet of water. Charter boats that did well on Salmon used everything in white and glow to get some action on Kings. White paddles and echips worked with cutbait and white spin doctors. Smartfish worked too, with glow flies. Hopefully the temperature will rise by the weekend.

September 9, 2013: Another tough weekend in Oswego for Salmon fishermen. Some fish were taken in the lake Saturday before the wind blew up early in the afternoon. Fish were taken 120-140 feet down, over 160-200 feet of water. White paddles with cutbait and flashers and flies took some fish, mostly on riggers. Nobody got out on Sunday, due to a strong north-east wind, which I'm sure brought in ice water. No fish in the river yet. Probably a few degrees of cold water will trigger the run. Stay tuned!

September 16, 2013: The river water is 69 degrees, so very few fish have run the river. Salmon are in 120-180 feet of water, in the colder water that is 44-48 degrees. Fish are taking white paddles and cutbait and echips and flies off the riggers in glow green and white colors. Fish taken in lake are still silver. Coho Salmon are mixed in with the Kings. I heard J-plugs are starting to work also! Good luck!

September 23, 2013: The Proteus 2013 season came to an abrupt halt with three straight blow offs this past weekend. I am officially dry docked until spring of 2014. I understand that there are plenty of mature Kings in 100-200 feet of water, if

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the lake fishermen get a day when the wind is not blowing. Thanks to all my customers and friends. A special thanks to Maureen Buckland, my super webmaster and good friend for a great job building my site and keeping the information flowing no matter how busy she was. Take care my friends!10