

# Annual Smallmouth Outing

Chair Person/Host: Renee Schatzley Gall

## Recommendations for Equipment

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**Rods:** *Bass:* 5, 6, 7, or 8 weights – *Carp:* 7 weight or heavier.

**Waders:** *Still early in the season, could be warm or cold; & Chest Waders for sure.*

**Rain Gear/Wading Jacket:** *Might be a great idea. Rain is almost a possibility.*

**Wading Boots:** *Make sure you have something that will work well on rocks. You will be fishing and wading amongst various rock fields and debris.*

**Wading Staff:** *Very much recommended.*

**Water Vessels:** *Due to the high water the last few years, kayaks, canoes, and other water vessels are a great a choice; and make sure to have your life jacket with you. One thing to remember weather can turn nasty so always be prepared.*

**Line:** *The recommendation for the style of flats fishing we do in and around Port Austin is either Floating or Intermediate Lines if the waters are low and even high. If the waters are really high, stinking lines work great or stink tip lines.*

**Leader & Tippet:** *A straight fluorocarbon line for a leader (for streamers), for nymphs the Borger Leader or a Six 6's western leader (great for windy conditions) which also works good for dries if we end up dry fly fishing (very rare though), & the tippet you will want it to be strong enough to hold up with the fish & against the debris that is in the bays (0x, 1x, 3x or 8lb, 12lb, or 15lb Fluorocarbon)*

**Important Notes:** *Remember if the water temp is 60 to 65 degrees, then spawning time is on in the shallows. But if the temp is below 60, then the males will be on the beds and the females in the deeper water (but still able to wade). Also note, Emerald Shiners and Black Nose Dace's are the main source of food in Lake Huron.*

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## Flies:

### For Smallmouth:

Good color choices for flies would be: Chartreuse, Olive, Brown, Yellow, Purple, Blue, or a combination of colors mentioned. (colors depend on the weather & water conditions)

**Streamers (sizes 3/0 thru 10):** **Minnow Patterns** (various Clousers, Griz's CT, Mickey Finn, Black Nose Dace, Emerald Shiner, Griz's Thumper Series, Murdich Minnow or a Darter Pattern). **Sculpin**

**Flies** in Olive, Brown, Black & Yellow. **Leech Patterns** in colors of Olive, Purple, Brown or Black.

**Nymphs (Sizes 12, 10, & 8):** Sparrow, Prince Nymph, my Red Headed Prince Nymph, Zug Bug, Pheasant Tail, Clouser's Swimming Nymph, Little Black Stones various Scuds; & any type of Hex Nymphs

**Attractor Patterns (sizes 8 to 3/0):** Sparkle Grubs, Barr's Meat Whistle, Mickey Finn, Foam Bomber, Griz's Nerdy Hillbilly Streamer, Griz's Bad Hair Day, Schultz's Kickin' Chicken, & Lynch's D & D.

**Crayfish (Sizes 1/0, 2, 4, & 6):** Darkes Sugar Creek Crayfish, Clouser Crayfish, Griz's "DSP" Crayfish or if you have a favorite that will work also.

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### For Carp:

You can use above Nymphs, (make sure they are weighted though), leeches, Clousers, or even Crayfish.

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**If you have a favorite fly or flies that you may think will work, bring them**

**(The above INFORMATION is only a RECOMMENDATION for getting you going. If you have other preferences or favorites, go ahead and bring them. Hope to see you up on the Flats.)**