A new product to help members showcase their catch and “maybe” stretch the size a bit for those memorable photos to share with others. Just sayin’.
15 Ways to Avoid Pissing Off Your Fishing Guide …..Tom Keer – Field & Stream

1. Be on time: Some spots are better fished at certain times of the day. Arrive 5-10 minutes ahead of departure.
2. Let your guide set everything up: Guides have a basic routine to get ready from boat to rods to flies.
3. Don’t hook the lure/fly on the inside of ceramic guides: If it chips you may lose your fish to a severed line.
4. Learn to cast accurately: ‘Nuff said.
5. Pay attention to catch more fish from a boat: Look ahead if you’re in the bow of the boat.
6. You’ll catch more fish if your line is in the water: Should be obvious to most.
7. We want it more than you do: Don’t keep reminding the guide.
8. Don’t dance in the drift boat: Unless you might want to fall in and get wet.
9. Define what you want to do but remain flexible:
10. Be honest about your physical condition:
11. Make sure your goals are the same as the people you’re fishing with.
12. The fish really are at your feet: Don’t bomb out a 60’ cast away as you may spook the close ones.
13. Be open minded: If a 30 mph wind picks up you may have to change to a spinning rod.
14. Don’t jinx the boat: Nothing kills the action faster than reliving yesterday’s slay fest.
15. Let your guide tie the knots:

Advertising from the 1887 issue of American Angler Magazine
Mike Grinwis shared this pic of his new personal best largemouth he caught a few days ago. This “beastie” measured in at 21” and weighed a ton based on the “oomph” needed to lift it out and the near “U-shape” bend of the rod. I was fishing a canal off the southern Saginaw Bay using a double-bladed Mepps spinner. Would have loved to say I got him on a streamer, but if I hooked it with a streamer, the streamer would be gone, the rod would be in pieces, and this picture would not exist!

No news yet on the club outing planned for July 31st - Aug 2nd at WaWaSum. Waiting on MSU to make a decision based on the current Covid 19 issues. As soon as we hear any word on a go/no go we’ll let everyone know about the event.

Shark Awareness Day ~ This holiday is always observed on July 14

The odds of being attacked by a shark is 1 in 11.5 million. The odds of being struck by lightning is 1 in 600,000, unless you’re with this editor when the odds are 1 to 1. So far no one has seen a large fin in Lake Michigan…..yet.

Like to tie flies, or thinking of getting into this part of the sport? Here’s a chart that will help with the proportions of the different types of flies you’ll be using all around Michigan and beyond.

Michigan Streams Update: The Au Sable, Upper Manistee, Pere Marquette all hit 70 degrees or higher this week. Make a note that the recommendations are NOT to fish for trout during periods of extremely warm water. This is a good time for chasing bass, ‘gills, pike, etc.