



SWIM JIGS

1. Swim Jigs – picture

2. Brovarney Baits – picture

3. What you should learn

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| -History | -What is a swim jig? | -Swim jig construction | -Trailers |
| -Rod/Reel | -Line | -Retrieve/Speed | -Color |
| -Locations | -What did you learn? | | |

4. History

- Tom Monsoor – national prominence 2004 national tournament on TV
- It was a “garage bait” for many years
- Has developed into Southern and Northern swim baits

5. Swim Jig Construction

- Bullet shaped head – comes through cover easier
- 30 degree eye placement
- Hydrodynamic shape for flat, straight tracking
- Weed guard thin, sparse and limp – acts as a keel moving through the water
- Skirt – 30-50 strands for easier movement through the water. Regular bass jigs – 60-80

6. Trailers

- 3-6” curly tail grub – also paddletail and double tail grubs
- Trailers keep jig up, the bigger, the higher in the water column
- Rig grubs with tail pointing down

7. Rod/Reel considerations

- 6’ 6” – 7’ 0” MH-H and fast. Need good hookset – maybe 7’ 6” for longer casts
- Abu Garcia/Pfleuger spinning reels
- Abu Garcia baitcasters
- Abu Garcia or Fenwick rods

8. Line

- Berkley Fireline on spinning reels
- Baitcasters – Spiderwire or Berkley braids

9. Retrieve/Speed

- Long casts best
- Near surface or just above the bottom
- Consistent retrieve in spring and fall – inconsistent in summer
- Adjust speed to contact cover – great trigger
- Drop into holes in vegetation

10. Color

- Strike appeal is visual – color and flash important
- Match the hatch
- Lighter colors for shiners and other minnows
- Darker colors for gills and perch – (black/blue)

11. Locations

- Shallow, weedy, woody, brushy areas
- Areas of FIRM vegetation, not clingy moss (Mendota Snot)
- Riprap is good
- Use where you would throw a spinnerbait, buzzbait, weedless frog or shallow crankbait
- Edges of wingdams and sloughs
- Shady side of rocks or log
- BE QUIET – you can catch multiple fish from a small area

12. What did you learn?

- Did you learn some history?
- Do you know what a swim jig is?
- Do you know how a swim jig is constructed?
- Do you know about trailers?
- Do you know about retrieve speeds
- Do you know about appropriate equipment?
- Do you know about color choice?
- Do you know about good locations