



## O'Neil Forebay Fishout October 7 & 8, 2017

<b>Fishout Location:</b> O'Neil Forebay		<b>Accommodations:</b> Tent camping at Group Campsite B	<b>Cost:</b> \$25 (see note below)
<b>Fishmaster(s):</b> Jim Knecht		<b>Phone:</b> 408-253-4780	<b>Email:</b> jdknecht@pacbell.net
<b>Lake/Stream/River:</b> Lake		<b>Seminar planned:</b> None	<b>Max. # Attendees:</b> 30
<b>Directions:</b> From San Jose, take 101 south to 152 East, over Pacheco Pass to O'Neil Forebay on the left.			
<b>Website(s):</b> <a href="http://www.danblanton.com/SanLuisstripers.html">http://www.danblanton.com/SanLuisstripers.html</a> <a href="http://www.gurglersonline.com">http://www.gurglersonline.com</a> <a href="http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=558">http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=558</a>			
<b>Meals provided:</b> Saturday Dinner and Continental Breakfast Sunday			
<b>Fish:</b> Striped Bass, Black Bass, Largemouth Bass		<b>Fishing strategy:</b> Fish from float tube, pontoon, or boat. There are a number of good places to fish. Early & late fish top water flies, midday fish streamers deep.	
<b>Suggested Equipment:</b>	<b>Rod Wt(s)</b>	6 wt to 9 wt	
	<b>Line</b>	Floating line, weight forward bass bug type taper. Sinking line, shooting head fast sinking or T-11, T-14, or lead core.	
	<b>Leader</b>	1x or even 12-15lb section of level line, 5-7 ft in length for subsurface, longer for top water.	
	<b>Tippet</b>	None (Just straight leader)	
	<b>Other</b>	PFD required, float tube, pontoon boat, regular boat, fishfinder, net or Boga Grip, camera.	
<b>Suggested Flies:</b>	<b>Patterns/Sizes/etc.</b>	Top water – use Gurglers in any color, Poppers, Pole Dancers typically in 1-2/0 hooks. Subsurface – Clousers in chartreuse/white, olive/white, olive/black, Smelt, Sar-Mul-Mac, Whistlers or similar patterns in 2 -2/0	
<b>Other Gear suggestions:</b> Bring a walkie-talkie in case of emergency, use the club's frequency ( <b>which is channel 3.1</b> ) Float tube, pontoon boat or regular boat. Fishfinders to track depth and mark fish. Some people carry two rods. One rigged to top water and the second with a sinking line.			
<b>Details/ Comments / Updates / Attendee list (For car pools)</b> When you check-in at the ranger station, identify that you are in Group Campsite B for Saturday night. All boats, float tubes, etc must be inspected to prevent the spread of Quagga and Zebra Mussels. The inspection is free. At the check-in, the first 10 cars can get a day use pass free because of the Group Campsite (Car pooling is recommended) Note, the campsite reservation is good from Saturday 2pm until noon on Sunday and the day use pass is good during these times. I am planning on having dinner late on Saturday to maximize the fishing time for the evening bite.			
Saturday dinner is TBD Sunday breakfast is TBD			

**If you would like to share a drink bring it. There will be beer, sodas, and ice tea at the campsite. San Luis Reservoir/O'Neil Forebay is a GREAT place to fish that is a 1 1/2 hours away from San Jose. However, both the main reservoir and the Forebay MUST be fished with respect to wind conditions that can change rapidly. On both the Forebay and main lake, there are wind warning lights that flash yellow (caution) or red (get off the water now). PFDs for every person is required and a smart idea!**

**Fish early with top water setup and flies, change to shooting heads with subsurface flies by midmorning. Late afternoon to evening go back to top water setup.**

**When using shooting heads and subsurface flies it is important to "count down" to know your flies are getting into the zone where the fish are holding. Know your fly line's sink rate and count seconds ( based on the sink rate) until you get it to the depth you want, then start your retrieve. Vary your strip retrieve and make frequent pauses. Quite often you will get hits on or just after the pause. Use a strip-set to hook the fish. Do not lift your rod to set the hook. If you miss the fish (with the strip-set), this keeps the fly in the area and bass will hit it again, and again, as long as you don't take it away from them.**

**Fishing top water make the fly "pop", quick strips to create moving water, which attracts the fish and their instinct to hit whatever is creating the wake. Again, use pauses.**

**It is recommended that you bring water, other drinks and food to keep you energy level up. Stay hydrated and well nourished.**