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Discover Boating is the leading resource for all things boating whether you already own a boat, you're just getting started or simply want to test the waters. These insider tips provide easy ways to get on the water and make the memories of a lifetime this summer.

Rent or share a boat

Rental options are available on most waterways and provide hourly, daily or weekly access to a variety of boat types. Rental outfitters should provide tutorials on operating a boat, share safety instructions and offer suggestions on destinations. Another option is peer-to-peer boat rentals, where most services allow you to search by zip code, find a boat near you and then connect with the boat's owner, gather the details and hit the water.

Join a boat club

Find a boat club near you to access a variety of boats. You'll pay a monthly fee and be able to book your time on the water online. Most boat clubs take care of docking, cleaning, maintenance and boat training courses.

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above: From day cruising to fishing, sailing and watersports, boating offers something for everyone, and it's more accessible than you may think. **on the cover:** The Twin Lakes Aquanuts are celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2022. The competitive ski team is the reigning state champion. Seen here are the Aquanuts performing in pyramid formation.



10 tips on how to have more family fishing fun

There may be nothing more sweet in this big, wide world than gazing upon photos and videos of your kids or grandkids – with smiles a mile wide – holding up what they think is a huge "monster" fish (even if it's just a small sunfish or bluegill), or photos of your family all together enjoying a day of fishing and having fun on the water.

If you love fishing and you want to share it with your family, it's important to put a little planning in up front to help the experience go as smooth as it can to create those lasting memories and those stories that will be told for years of the monsters that were caught, and the big ones that got away.

To help you introduce the ones you love to a lifetime of fishing fun, the folks at Rapala, the legendary lure maker, offer these tips:

Cherish the little wins

If you have smaller kids or beginners in the family, it's likely they'll be pulling up smaller catches. Though their sunfish might look measly to you, they might think it's a monster! Hint, hint: So should you. Snap a picture to remember the beaming look on their faces and use this opportunity to show them how to conserve fish for future generations.

Let them guide you

When and where it's safe, let the kids "co-pilot" with you by operating your boat's trolling motor and guiding you to the perfect spot. Kids want to experience what the adults do. Operating a trolling motor will give them experience in positioning the boat and learning how to approach a spot.

Include your partner

Families come in all shapes and sizes nowadays. Use fishing as an opportunity to gather in the great outdoors and share some precious time together. Involve your partner or spouse, uncles and aunts, grandparents and close friends who feel like family. A day on or near the water can be a great way for a family to get away from our alwayson digital world.

Use good quality gear

Don't skimp on cheap fishing gear. If your low-quality fishing gear breaks or malfunctions, it could ruin the moment. Good gear doesn't cost a fortune. Choose gear with a lot of positive reviews and fishing lures, like Rapala lures, which are well-known for catching fish. Similarly, be prepared for accidents that happen and practice patience if a rod tip gets broken, a fishing rod falls into the water, or a fishing lure gets stuck high up

in a tree. Stuff happens.

Safety first

Being in or around water means safety comes first. Make sure everyone has lifejackets, stays hydrated, and that you brief the kids on hook and water safety before handing over the rod. Remember to check the weather ahead of time so you can bundle up if it's a crisp morning, and bring sunscreen and hats if the sun is blazing.

Bring a scale

Practice catch-weigh-photo-release to get the family in the swing of things. You can even have a competition to see who had the heaviest catch! Weigh the fish caught with a Rapala scale, perfect for taking photos that display just how hefty your catch is.

Don't forget the snacks!

Make everyone's day and keep spirits high by bringing special treats along for the ride. Ask each family member their favorite snack beforehand to make sure everyone is included. The only 'hangry' ones on your fishing trip should be the fish!

Think beyond fishing

Tell stories, take pictures, and bring coloring books for the little ones if they

need a break. And remember, it's okay if not everyone wants to fish. Some members of your family may not be too keen on fishing. Make sure they feel welcome and invite them to read a book or do another activity while others in your family are fishing. They will surely want to be there when the others are showing their catches off.

Fishing is about learning

Fishing can be fun, but it's also an opportunity to be part of nature and experience other precious moments, such as watching other wildlife (turtles, frogs, ducks, squirrels), identifying plants and trees, learning how a boat works, and trying different types of presentations to see which one is most effective in catching fish. If some members of your family really turn on to fishing, feed that passion with videos about fishing. Rapala has more than 600 informative videos on its YouTube channel alone.

Make a video

Take lots of photos and videos of your fishing trips with the family, then create a short movie with iMovie to help them relive the memories of fishing when it's cold and wet outside. It'll be fun to make, and the final product will be a memento your family will cherish forever.

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For George Kaider, local fly fishing guide and owner of In the Flow Fly Fishing, there is nothing he enjoys more than spending a day on the rivers and streams of Wisconsin, sharing his love of fly fishing.

He has been doing so for over 30 years, and he has perfected his skills in both fly fishing and in tying his own flies to use while fishing.

"I first learned to fish as a young boy," Kaider said. "My grandmother who enjoyed fishing, retired to Florida. There was a small pond on the property and when we came to visit, she would take me out to fish."

While he enjoyed this fishing with his grandmother, it was not long before he became more interested in learning more about fishing, and not just standing casting and holding a pole waiting for the fish to bite. It was fly fishing that caught his attention.

Now over 30 years later, Kaider is an expert fly fisherman and guide, who enjoys not only fishing himself, but sharing his knowledge and talents with others. Teaching others has been a life long journey for him.

"Early in life, I knew I wanted to work with kids and I have done so as a teacher, counselor, assistant principal, and sports coach (football and wrestling)," he said. "But over the years I have learned that teaching adults can also be rewarding. Teaching and guiding fly fishing has been a highlight of my life."

Kaider continues to work at Mundelein High School in Illinois as a counselor, traveling from his home in Lake Geneva each day. On weekends and during the summer, he turns his attention to teaching mostly adults how to fly fish and guides them on a day journeys down the rivers and streams of southeastern Wisconsin as he directs them to the best spots to find the fish. Here they then put into action what he has taught them earlier in the day.

A business spawns

While Kaider has been arranging fly fishing trips for years, last year he decided to officially launch In the Flow Fly Fishing Guide Service. In the Flow Fly Fishing Guide Service offers full-day fishing experiences under the direction of Kaider, who is knowledgeable about the special places to find the fish.

"Each experience is different depending on the client," said Kaider. "When a client calls to set up an event, we have a long conversation, much like an interview on both of our sides. I need to know what are their goals for the day and what experience

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right: George Kaider displays a large northern pike caught in

a river. All fishing tours with In the Flow are catch and release. The fish is returned to the water after a photo is taken. **below:** Proper technique is key to successful fly fishing. Guide George Kaider offers hours of training prior to taking clients to the water.

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Happy birthday, Aquanuts!



top: Known as the Hot Pickup, this event is a favorite of watchers and performers. Some are skiing attached to the boat while another group is picked up from the pier and a third group of skiers join the boat from a barge. This event requires not only the skill of the skiers but also the skill of the boat driver as he winds his way between the pier and the barge with some skiers already connected to the boat. **above:** Skiing backwards while barefoot in the 2021 National competition, these skiers perform beautifully. The spray of water adds to the beauty of their skiing. **below:** The Aquanuts form a 28-skier ballet line in brightly colored costumes and ski in synch across the water.

Area waterski shows celebrate anniversaries ^{By} Sandra Landen Machaj

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The Southern Lakes Area comes by its moniker for good reason. The multitude of lakes and rivers provide residents and visitors the chance to enjoy fishing, boating and watersports during the summer months.

For many, sitting along the shore to watch the local, award-winning waterski team exhibitions are a favorite activity. From the Burlington Aquaducks to the Twin Lakes Aquanuts to the Southern Wakes United Water Ski Team in Walworth County, there's no shortage of performances on area lakes.

Waterskiing was invented by Ralph Willard Samuelson of Lake City, Minnesota, in 1922. One-hundred years ago, Samuelson strapped wooden boards to the bottom of his feet, used a clothesline as a towrope attached to a boat, and attempted to travel across the water on Lake Pepin. He experimented with various sizes of boards and tried many different positions on the "skis" before successfully navigating Lake Pepin's waters and inventing a new sport.

Since then waterskiing has grown from a fledgling activity to a top-line competitive sport with worldwide competitions. Individual waterskiing teams compete in local, state and national levels. Sometimes, as they progress, they even compete in international competitions.

Local teams, including the Aquanuts, Aquaducks and the Southern Wakes United, have been very successful in competition at all levels.

Check the schedule of the team close by, gather family or friends, a folding chair or a blanket and make head out to the waterfront to take in a show. The whole group will enjoy watching the skill and gracefulness of the skiers.

The local teams present shows at their home venues weekly during the summer for the enjoyment of the community. They do not charge to view their performances but

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all do accept donations to help them with the cost of producing the performance.

Happy birthday, Aquanuts!

Fifty years ago, in the small town of Twin Lakes, a group of water skiers gathered and formed the Aquanuts. Little did they know that this tightly knit group would band together and become one of the premier waterskiing groups, competing in a variety of competitions and winning more than 100 awards for first-, secondand third-place finishes over the years.

In 2021, the team won the Wisconsin state title for the first time in 35 years and finished second in national competition.

The Aquanuts are known for their daring stunts, ballet lines and innovative show themes. Each year more difficult and daring stunts are added to their routines. The clowns were introduced in the early days and have remained a symbol of the Aquaducks, even earning a place on their logo.

While the skiers are the showpiece, they alone are not responsible for the success of the team. The boat drivers, spotters, equipment managers, marketing managers and the local businesses, especially the marinas, which help support them are as necessary as the skiers for success.

The Aquanuts say they are extremely thankful for their partnership with the Village of Twin Lakes, which allows for Lance Park to be their home.

"We are truly a team," said Heather Buelow, who began attending waterski shows as a spectator in 1994 when she and her husband were dating. "Now our whole family is immersed in the team."

Two of their daughters will be singing in this year's show, which is based on Mary Poppins. Buelow's husband drives a boat and she is involved in marketing.

Practice begins each year before the skiers are ready to hit the water. They work on the exciting three-, four- or even fivehigh pyramids on dry ground before ever trying to build one on the water.

The Aquantus have two separate teams – a Junior Team and a Senior Team – but at times they overlap. The younger skiers, who range in age from 8 to 14 years old, are on the Junior Team as they train to learn the more intricate moves and formations. Sometimes a younger skier may advance to the Senior Team if they have particularly good skills.

"The Senior Team members range from 15 years to in their 50s," said Mark Gurda, who is the announcer for the team's shows.

Every two years there is a World Championship Competition where Team USA picks from the best skiers to represent the United States as members of Team USA. This year Aquanuts, Cody Coffey, Kalia Coffey, Kailey Koehler, Bob Koehler and Ethan Shulda have been chosen for Team USA for 2022.

This year, in celebration of 100 years of waterskiing and 50 years of waterskiing for the Aquanuts, there will be multiple celebrations and special programs.

The weekly programs, which are open to the public, are at Lance Park at 6 p.m. Shows are presented Saturdays and Wednesdays each week through Labor Day.

A special Fourth of July weekend celebration will be at Lance Park on July 2 with festivities beginning around 6 p.m. The national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner," will be sung by world-famous anthem singer Jim Cornelison who will open the show. Cornelison is well known for his singing of the anthem at Chicago Blackhawks home games. The Aquanuts will present a special ski show, which will end with the traditional Independence Day fireworks.



above: From the early days of the Aquanuts, clowns have been a part of the show, entertaining the spectators between acts both on and off shore. The clown is a part of the Aquanuts logo. **below right:** One of the many tricks the advanced skiers can perform features the skier turning upside down while attached to a ski board. **below left:** Lifting a partner high above while maintaining balance requires skill and balance and skill on the part of both participants.





As always there is free admission and parking. Food and beer will be available for sale.

"With support from the city, Munson Marine, Dr. Pepper, Mercury Marine and others, the team progressed," Gurda said. "We were the first team to utilize a background music soundtrack in 1975, which was quickly copied by other teams."

Each year there is a theme for the show often based on past popular movies, this year it is Mary Poppins.

Along with providing shows for the public, each year the team supports an adaptive skiing program to bring the sport to those with disabilities.

For more information visit www. aquanutswatershows.com.

Browns Lake Aquaducks

Forty-six years ago, a group of local waterskiers gathered together on Browns Lake and formed the Aquaducks, a volunteer, family-oriented group that began to ski for fun, but went on to compete in both local and national competitions with great success.

In 2019 they became the Division 2 State Champions. In 2021 they moved up to Division 1 in state competition and finished in seventh place while finishing 14th in nationals that same year.

"We have about 100 members in our skiing club," said Monica Shultiis, who provides whatever help the team needs. "They range in age from 8 years to 67

years. Our oldest member at 67 continues

to barefoot water ski, that is he skis on the water without skis just using his feet."

The team began on Browns Lake and continues to make Fisher Park their home.

While the team receives a lot of support from the community and local business, they also give back in various ways. One such way is the adaptive-skiing program started by Rick and Denise Legios in honor of their daughter.

The program allows those with disabilities to experience the joy of waterskiing. Using special adaptive equipment and the support of a skier on either side for balance it is possible for people with disabilities to have a they have. With more information I can set up a program to meet their needs. I want them to have a great experience whether they are a beginner or an expert. During the interview, the prospective client also learns more about me and my method of teaching and what they can expect from the day."

After he speaks to the client he begins to put together the day. For the beginner, the day will begin with a 60 to 90 minute session on casting. This will be held on dry land as the fundamentals of casting are explained. These will include proper stance and grip. The physics of managing the fly line to direct it to the area where the fish are located and to keep it from tangling will also be addressed.

Once the fundamentals are learned, they will move into a wading session. Here Kaider will teach them how to safely wade into the river, how to target the fish, and how to retrieve the fly that is used for bait once the fish is caught.

"We do a catch and release method of fishing on all our trips, to protect the environment. This way the population of fish remains for others to enjoy," added Kaider.

Taking to water

Once the basics are learned, they will move from wading into the raft and begin their float down the river. Kaider will sit in the middle section and man the oars for the entire float, steering and directing the raft. He can take two fishermen on the raft during each trip. One is placed in the front and the other in the back.

"More fishermen than that, and it is not possible to observe them and correct any problems," added Kaider. He also noted that more lines being cast makes for tangled lines especially when they are just beginning to learn how to cast correctly.

They will spend the next five hours on the float as Kaider points out the places where there are fish. The type of fish that they will pursue will depend on what the fisherman wants to accomplish. Usually, they will be able to catch a trout. Bass are a bit more difficult to capture and require a bit more finesse. So, if they just want to catch a lot of fish, they will be directed to spots where the trout gather.

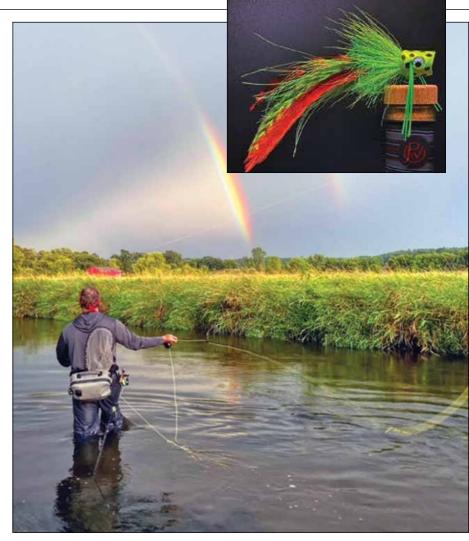
Lunch is prepared by Kaider, often freshly grilled bratwurst along with trimmings and sides. Lots of Gatorade is on board to keep everyone hydrated. Being out in the fresh air makes everyone hungry and ready to eat.

For the more advanced participants, the day is planned a bit differently. If they already know how to cast, they forego the onshore casting basics and the two hours wading in the river. Instead, they head directly to the raft to prepare for their nine-hour trip. They will spend eight hours fishing and have a one-hour rest during which lunch will be prepared and served.

"Sitting in the raft for the extensive amount of time that we are in it can become very tiring. So, at times I will stop the raft and send them into the river to stretch their legs and do a little fishing while wading. Good exercise and good for circulation," added Kaider.

Geating up Dressing correctly for the day is

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inset: This is one of many hand tied-flies made by George Kaider and used on the fishing trips. above: Kaider, a fishing guide, says the goal of his service is to help clients become one with nature COURTESY OF GEORGE KAIDER The Breeze



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Anglers get ready

10 tips on how to make this your best fishing year ever

You can smell it in the air. Every now and then, a warm, fresh breath of spring. And to you and millions like you, that can mean only one thing ... fishing!

As our country gradually warms up from a long, cold, nasty winter, now is the time to get ready to make this your best fishing year ever!

Here are 10 tips from the fishing enthusiasts at Rapala, the world's bestselling fishing lure for the past 50 years, on what you can do now to be ready to hit the water and start catching.

Declutter the tackle box

If you've been fishing awhile, no doubt your tackle box might be feeling a bit cluttered. On those cold, nasty days, bring the tackle box inside to the warmth of your home and pluck out the stuff that doesn't work and focus on what does. Taking the time to organize your gear will help you spend more time fishin' and less time messin' with your stuff.

Put on fresh line

What comes between you and a trophy fish? Your fishing line, of course. Don't tempt fate. The experts at Sufix fishing line recommend changing out fishing line at least once a year. As you take off old line, look for frays and nicks – this may be a sign that one or more of the guides on your fishing rod is cracked or even missing.

Smooth fishing rod guides

Use a cotton swab and run it around the inside of each guide of your fishing rod. This will help you see if you have any cracks or breaks in your guides, which could cut your fishing line – when you have a fish on the line.

Watch fishing videos

Getting outside and spending time on the water is what fishing is all about. However, watching how-to videos on the Rapala YouTube Channel, which features more than 600 videos, can help you catch more fish year-round, on open water, in saltwater and on hardwater (ice fishing).

Sharp hooks equals more bites

What's the first point of contact with a fish? It's the point of your fishing hook. Sharp hooks means you'll catch more fish; dull hooks means you'll be one frustrated angler. So take some time to replace hooks on your go-to lures. It's also important to select the right hook, too, say the hook gurus at VMC, one of the world's largest fishing hook manufacturers. The mouths of fish vary from species to species, so make sure to select a hook that meets the challenge.

Go with your confidence bait

Nearly every angler has their go-to lure. It's that one lure that seems to catch fish when all others fail. When you find your



Take some time this year to intentionally teach someone how to fish, or how to fish for a different species. It just may be your biggest catch of all.

confidence bait, stock up on it. Have a few more of that lure tucked away in your tackle box for when you might need them even more. Don't have a confidence bait yet? Well, you can't go wrong with the lure that's caught more world records than any other lure.

Experiment more

You wouldn't play an 18-hole golf course with just a putter. Different lures are made to catch fish under different conditions. For example, Rapala offers freshwater lures, saltwater lures and ice fishing lures. It offers lures that can reach fish in any depth, from deep down to the surface. This year, treat yourself to a lure you've never tried before to learn from it and expand your ability to catch fish anytime, anywhere, under any condition. Or, try a lure, such as an ice fishing lure, for deep water bass and walleye in open water – sounds crazy, but it works.

Play fantasy fishing

That's right. Playing Rapala Bassmaster Fantasy Fishing gives you an opportunity to win some incredible prizes. At the same time, it allows you to track the world's best bass fishing pros and watch how they manage to catch fish even in the most difficult conditions. Understanding what they do can improve your real-world, onthe-water fishing.

Try someplace new

Anglers can be creatures of habit. We like to go to our favorite lake and often go to our favorite fishing hole time and time again. While you might be catching fish, you also may be limiting yourself. This year, try someplace new. Go to a new water. Try a different way of fishing, such as using a kayak. Go for a different species and see if your knowledge in bass fishing applies to a species such as walleye, muskies or redfish.

Introduce someone new to fishing

Spending time on the water, enjoying all that nature has to offer and catching fish is pretty awesome, but there's something even better – hooking someone new, especially a young person, on the joy of fishing.

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waterskiing experience. The Aquaducks host the free program several times a year.

Honoring the 100 years of waterskiing, the Aquaducks began their season with their first every blessing at Fisher Park May 21.

The boats, including the water-patrol boat, and the police watercraft were be blessed in a non-denominational service led by officiant Tom Ripple.

The May 21 program not only commemorated the 100 years of waterskiing but also honored all branches of the military since it was also Armed Forces weekend. Flags of all branches of the military were seen flying in all the Aquaducks vessels.

A highlight of the day was the introduction of the Aquaducks new mascot. Fittingly it is a big blue duck.

The team offers free shows to the public from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day on Thursday evenings in Fisher Park at 6:30 p.m. weekly. Starting June 23, the team will be joined by a junior show at 5 p.m.

Check the website, wwwaquaducks. org, for updated information on shows and special events.

Southern Wakes United

In the 1950s, the Lauderdale Lakes Aqua Skiers were formed by a group of young skiers who wanted to perform. They produced a single show each year on Regatta Day in front of the Sterlingworth Motor Hotel and were given dinner for their performance. By the 1980s they were competing in the state tournament with some success.

The Whitewater Lake Sports Club named its ski team the Minneiska Water Ski Team. The team organized and presented its first show in July of 1974 for the Lions Club and began competing in tournaments in 1975.

The Southern Wakes United Ski Team is a merger of the Lauderdale Aqua Skiers and the Whitewater Lake Sports Club (Minneiska) team, and are the only waterski team in Walworth County.

The team's goal is to encourage both young and young at heart to work together to build confidence, while learning new skills. The team also encourages leadership development, water safety and sportsmanship as noted on their website.

Southern Wakes United competed in the 2021 Wisconsin State Tournament and placed third in Division III.

The team encourages skiers and those who want to be skiers to join the team. New members are always welcome. The team is a family-oriented group who work together for the benefit of all.

For those not ready or able to commit to a full membership with the team, they offer a pay-to-play option. Individuals who must be a member of the USA Water Ski org. and love to ski can pay a daily \$5 fee to ski with the team.

The show schedule for Southern Wakes United is a bit more complicated than that for the other teams because they present shows at three different locations – Whitewater Lake at Scenic Ridge Campground, Lauderdale Lakes at Lauderdale Landing in Elkhorn and the Elkhorn Lake show at Babe Mann Park.

Ski show times vary depending on the location. Check the website, www. southernwakesunited.com for current schedule.

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important. Participants are advised to bring their own waders and footwear. If they don't have waders, they should wear quick drying clothing and shoes that can withstand being in the water. Wearing the waders throughout the day, even during boat time is suggested because of the time when they enter the water to stretch. They are especially recommended in the boat in the spring and fall when the weather is cooler.

A hat and sunscreen are also good ideas to bring on board. Other than that, no other supplies are needed. In the Flow Fishing supplies all the fly rods and flies.

All of the flies I use are hand tied by me," Kaider said. "Learning to tie flies that have the appearance of food attractive to the fish takes time. The flies are each tied in such a way that they do resemble the types of food each individual species searches to obtain."

Creating the flies is not just a method of putting together a variety of colored threads or strings but creating one that actually can move in the water as the real bait would. Bass and pike need 6- to 8-inch streamers that mimic the patterns of the live bait they crave. Or they search for the frog patterns that float on top of the water. Each of the hand-tied flies takes more than an hour to create. If well made they will last the season.

Safety on these trips is important and Kaider is a Class 5 whitewater kayaker and is certified in swift water rescue.

One with nature

"Going out into the rivers and streams and enjoying the time takes you into the zone. Here you are in a state of mind



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where time seems to stand still," Kaider said. "While continuously casting, it becomes a repetitive pattern where one concentrates on the movement and is able to forget about problems, work, and responsibilities. You quickly become one with nature.'

Spending the day on the boat, friendships are also often established.

"Even I can't just talk about fishing for nine hours so there is often an exchange of information about their lives. Many friendships start on a fishing trip and continue long after," added Kaider with a smile.

Like any sport, proper instruction is needed to be the best you can be and to especially learn the basics correctly.

"You wouldn't head out on a golf course with a set of clubs and expect to be successful without some instruction about what clubs to use in which situations, added Kaider. "Same is true of fly fishing. You need to learn the basics and learn where the fish you hope to catch gather before starting out on your own. I am here to help you do so.'

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