

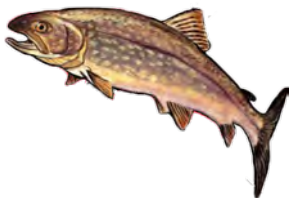
TEN THINGS “NOT TO DO” When Fishing

Outdoor
Moments

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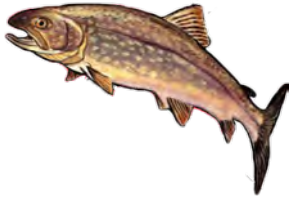
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1. **Do not** launch the boat and forget to put the plug in. This action will cause the boat to fill with water from back to front. The first eighty gallons or so will hardly be noticed. After that the life jackets will float by causing panic to inspire mutiny in your passengers.

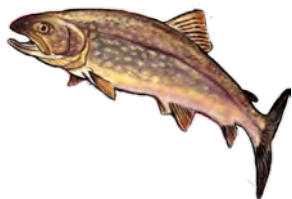
Don't Panic! Fend the crew off with the fish bat. Then turn on the bilge pump.



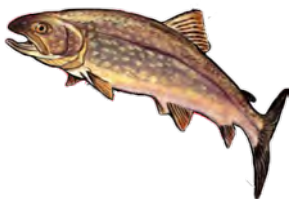
- 2. Do not** remove a hook stuck in anyone besides yourself. You will be blamed for all scaring and will have to pay for therapy. The spouse will swear in court that you not only mutilated her husband you also diminished his mental capacity to where he now just babbles and screams at the sight of a hook, pliers and knife.



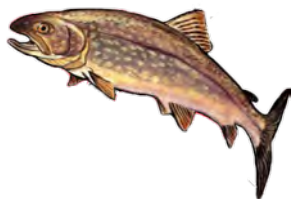
3. **Do not** expect your fishing partner to stop fighting a fish he has hooked just because you fell overboard while trying to net it for him. However **do expect to be blamed** should the fish get away. Your partner will swear that the flailing around you did trying to get back in the boat excited the fish so badly that it broke his line. He will suggest that you should have hung on the side of the boat staying out of the way until he landed the fish.



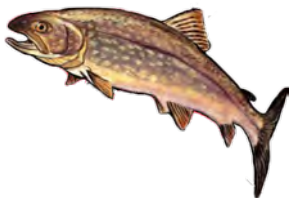
4. **Do not** expect your fishing partner to tell you how he is catching five fish to your one even if you did drive an hour to pick him up, made the lunch, used your boat, rods and lures. He would sooner share his wife as to share the only lure in the boat that the fish will hit.



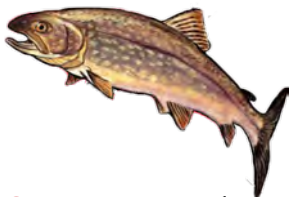
- 5. Do not** take for granted the middle of the lake is safe. At thirty miles an hour that log blown in during last night's storm will cause your boat to skip like a rock throwing you up and onto the steering console and your passenger to fly forward slamming into the front deck gashing his head and probably giving him a concussion. Even with your knee cap on the back side of your leg you will be expected to stop the bleeding on his head and pay for the stitches.



- 6. Do not** leave the lure you caught your fish on attached to your rod when you dock. Once it's known you caught fish every knowledgeable fisherman in the area will stroll by your boat to see what you're fishing pole has tied to it. If it's a secret you want to keep take it off before you come to the dock.



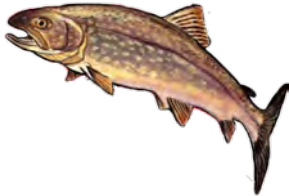
- 7. Do not** try to lip a Northern Pike like you would a bass. He has a mouth full of teeth angled backwards. The second your thumb touches his lip he will move forward on it so he has a better hold, slam his mouth shut like a Pit Bull and commence to twisting side to side trying his best to saw it off. By the time you beat him dead with the fish bat and pry his mouth open your thumb will not resemble the other appendages on the hand. A trip to the doctor's office is in your near future.



- 8. Do not** leave your tackle box open if your fishing partner brings his dog on board. It may take two or three hours but sooner or later the dog will stick its face in the box and pull it out with \$500 of your lures stuck in his lips. The dog will run to his master impaling him as well. Now they are hooked together and your fishing day is replaced with a day to the hospital and vet. What's worse is you will be lamed for the dog's bad manners.

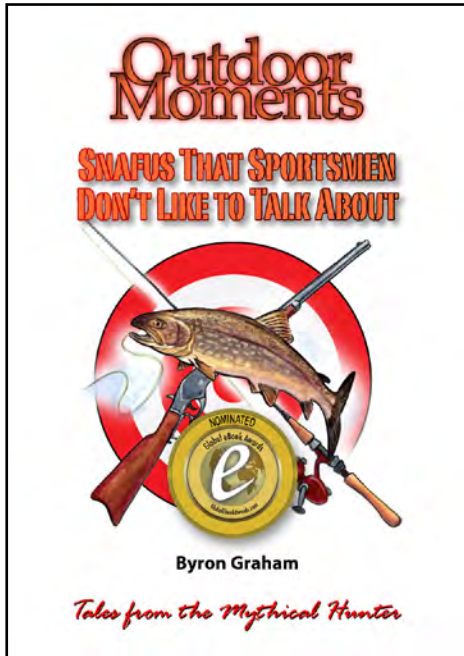


- 9. Do not** allow a lady on the boat that you wish to impress without discussing the size of the container she will be comfortable urinating in. The size of the containers will vary greatly. Be warned: this discussion could make a second date very unlikely.



10. Do not cross connect two twelve-volt batteries to get 24 volts; thinking more power is better. The cost of replacing the electronics can be staggering and that does not include the starter or flywheel in the motor. This will not only kill your planned day but usually your entire season. Worst case scenario is a wire fire that could ignite the gas tank and destroy the boat completely.

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