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I now have covered my fishing boat for this year. I may get about 3 more times to wet a line before December if the river and weather co-operates. The Ohio River here was up and down so often I only got to use my boat 3 times. I did get to fish twice out of my brother's boat this Fall. I am pondering if it is worth keeping the boat for another year.

I did meet a number of interesting people over this year. Got a lot of good information on various catfishing topics. Places to fish, types of baits and such. Learned back in May about fishing in a big time catfishing tournament. Should I do it again next year, I will be much better prepared and know what to expect. I also got a lot of tips from the folks that sent e-mails over this year. I hope I was able to provide helpful information to the people that asked for assistance from me.

Looking over my log notes for the year; this is how things worked out. I did catch catfish on 12 different baits. I did NOT have any cut or live bait fish such as Shad or Skipjacks to use. Cooked or raw steak landed 16 cats for me. Galic seasoned and regular chicken liver enticed 7 cats. Fried chicken skin hooked 4 cats. Prime

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rib nailed 3 more cats. The rest were caught using whatever I could get my hands on at the time. That covers things like french fries to pizza dough.

For my 33 times wetting a line in the Cincinnati area I landed 41 fish. 22 channel cats, 14 blues, 4 carp, 1 striper. The largest blue was only 9.3 pounds. largest channel came in at 9 pounds, and the largest carp topped out at 9.2 pounds. The cats were smaller than the big ones I caught last year by several pounds.

My average time fishing was around 2 1/2 hours when fishing from shore. The 3 trips in my boat around 6 hours. The 2 times in my brother's boat about 7 hours. Hopefully next year I will get better results than just over 1 fish per time wetting a line. Keep the hooks sharp, tight lines to all. NLCATFISH
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Have been catfishing around the Downtown Cincinnati area of the Ohio River for over 40 years. Have gone catfishing to Lockport 5 times over the past 10 years. It is the greatest place to catch lots of huge channel catsfish in North America!!

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HOMEMADE BOBBER FOR CATFISHING I have lost a couple of larger bobbers when fishing for catfish on the Ohio River. Even when I bought them at a flea market they still cost \$3 each. Once the line breaks on a snag that bobber is gone forever with the current. So a friend of mine show me a way to make up my own

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bobber that cost next to nothing.

The biggest concern is how much current you plan on fishing in with the boober. A large bobber can be made to handle 5–6 ounces in sinkers to hold the line steady. A smaller one 3–5 ounces will do a good job for you. For a large bobber use a 20 ounce plastic soft drink bottle. A smaller one use either an 8 or 12 ounce plastic juce bottle. Stuff the bottle with styrofoam pieces. One source I use is the styrofoam take out coffee cups. Just cut them up and stuff in the bottle until filled. Screw a very small eyelet screw into the top of the bottle cap. Put some glue in the cap by the screw and the inside of the cap then tighten it to the bottle.

The final touch is paint the bottom half of the bottle with a florescence paint. Whatever color you like just so you can spot the bober after a long cast. The bobber will NOT cast as far as a streamline bobber, but will do a good job of showing a bite.

This can save YOU a buck or two for you over a fishing season.

Tight line and lots of action.

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