

Spider Lake Sept 15

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Met up with Jim McEwan on Thursday to check out the "action" on Spider Lake with my new boat only to find that I left a couple of necessary pieces behind so fortunately for me, I had the "old" boat still intact in my SUV. As you can imagine, I spent a considerable amount of time at the landing setting up, dismantling and setting up again.

It was during this process that I met up with the new "Spider Lake Greeter of the Landing" Mr. Mink who took over from the previous "Greeter", one friendly Bass. ...obviously too friendly for its own good.

What caught my eye was Mr. Mink or Minkie had caught a 6 or 7 inch trout by the peduncle and was in a tug-a-war battle hauling the trout up onto a partially submerged log and then tippy-toe fashion to his bank burrow. Meanwhile, the Lady-of-the-Lake had also spotted this battle royale and was streaking in from left field to have her minkie-an-trout breakfast but I think I may have distracted her and Minkie made it to cover (barely)...oh such excitement to start off the day....which was a good thing, because out on the lake, neither the floating line nor the deep line were attracting much.

Got to meet a family of otter and several dozen geese frolicking about however. Sure nice to see the geese as we don't have any in Parksville anymore. City Council killed them all. Too much poop on the golf course for the Mayor's liking it seems.

How poor was the fishing you may ask? Well I got creative and presented #18 blue-wing olive dries to phantom bull frogs hiding in the submergent/emergent vegetation. All the while, the Lady-of-the-Lake quietly stood guard from a Fir branch over Minkie's bank burrow. Yes it was a good day to be retired.

Now to find those missing new boat parts?