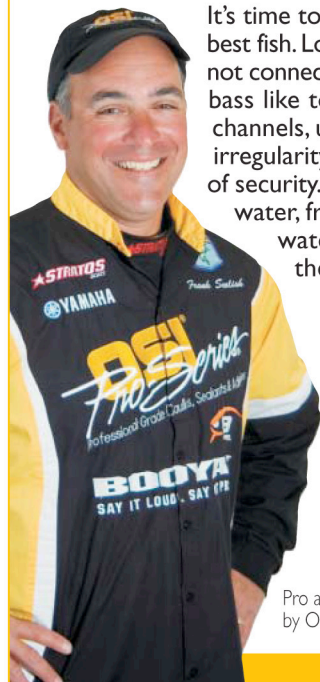


Off the Clock

## Fishing with Frank

### Summer fishing for bass, crappie, and catfish



#### **Bass**

It's time to leave the bank to find the best fish. Look for structural elements not connected to the shoreline where bass like to hide – secondary creek channels, underwater islands, or any irregularity that will give fish a sense of security. They will be in the deeper water, from eight to 30 feet. If the water is clear, fish for bass in the deeper of those depths.

#### **Crappie**

Unlike bass, crappie have a tendency to group in vertical columns, and you will see them as “taller” rather than “wider” on your depth finder, usually off the edge of a break.

Use a slip bobber, setting the bobber stop at a 10-foot depth and drifting the minnow into the school.

#### **Catfish**

Did you know that about half of a catfish's body is taste buds? They have them on their cheeks, on the lateral line of their body, and even on those famous whiskers. They smell and taste bait from farther distances than other fish, but you still need to be in their vicinity. Unlike bass and crappie, don't look for catfish off of a break, but instead on the flat leading to the break.

Good Fishing!

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