



Fishing Tips

Walleye Baits and Lures By Gary Skrzek

3/8 oz. and 3/4 oz. Jig Heads:

The colour of the jig heads is not that important. The color of the rubber or bait you attach makes the difference. In the spring or at night, the walleyes are in shallow water so you would want to use a lighter jig like a 3/8 oz or even smaller. During the day or in the Summer when it's warm and sunny, the Walleyes go deeper so you may want to use a heavier jig like a 1/4 oz.

Twister Tails:

Scented or un-scented - 2 inch to 4 inch single and double tail

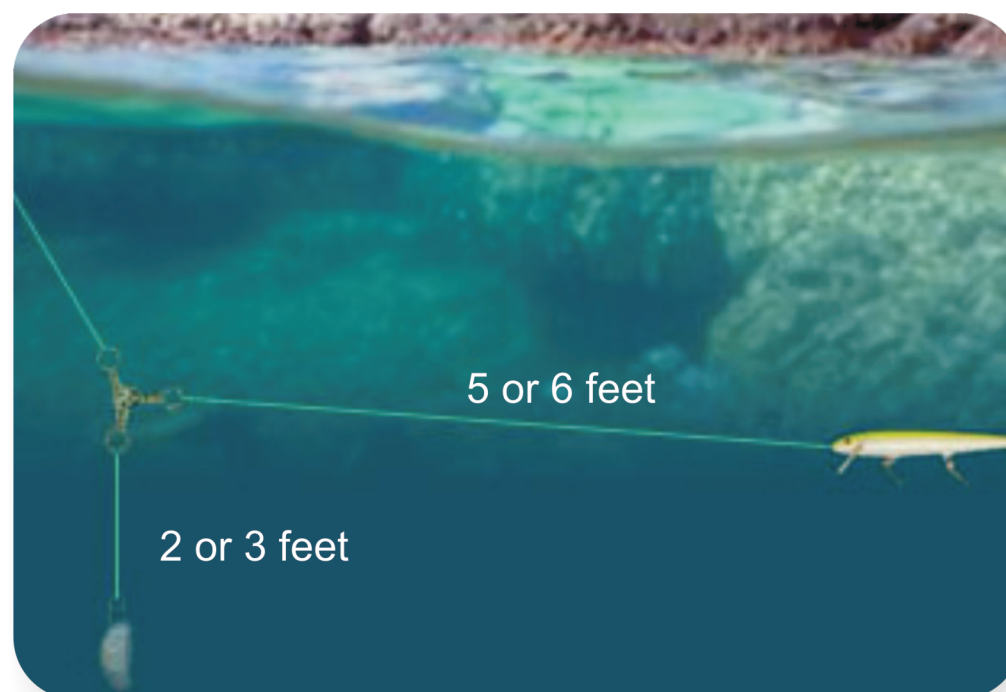
In the spring, the hot colours are white, bright yellow, bright red and black. As Spring turns into Summer, you will find that white and bright yellow slow down as the best colours. Black always works but you should try a dark smoky yellow or a transparent green as the water warms up.

Many people believe that bright colors work in the Spring because the Walleye are still in protection mode over their spawning grounds and that they hit your jig on the act of defending and not eating.

Worm Harness / Floating or Countdown Rapala:

In the Summer when it gets hot out, many of the big trophy Walleyes go deep. In this case, you should try drifting really slowly in the deep water with a worm harness, small Floating Rapala or Countdown Rapala.

To keep your worm harness off the bottom, many people use a three-way-swivel set-up, which is used with Lake Trout techniques.



Rapalas or Thunder Sticks:

In the Spring, the best way to catch a big Walleye is to troll along the shoreline just before dark or at day-break with a Rapala or Thunder Stick. A 3 or 4 inch Original Floating Rapala or a Junior Thunder Stick with a little touch of liquid fish scent will bring in the big ones.

Rapalas and Thunder Sticks are also good in the summer. You can fish for those suspended deep water Walleyes or troll shallow along weed beds and drop-offs. In the Spring the best colours are red, chartreuse, blue and most of all "Fire Tiger". As Spring turns into Summer, silver and brown pick up as the other colours die off. The one colour combination that works all year is "Fire Tiger". It's probably the best colour combination every created.



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