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Home Ports: Erie, PA & Wilson, NY

Boats: 3100 Tiara Open LE

2700 Tiara Pursuit

252 Sport Craft





#### **Tournaments**

#### Lake Erie & Lake Ontario

2023

Spring King of the Lake Day 1 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> overall

Wilson Harbor Invitational 1st overall, 1st A-Tom-Mik Challenge

Summer Slam Day 2 4th, 6th Overall

Offshore Challenge Day 1 1st

Fall Trout Challenge 1st



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### **Chart Plotter Options**

- Built in chart plotters in multi-functional devices (MFDs)
  - Upgrade charts to have 1 foot contour lines

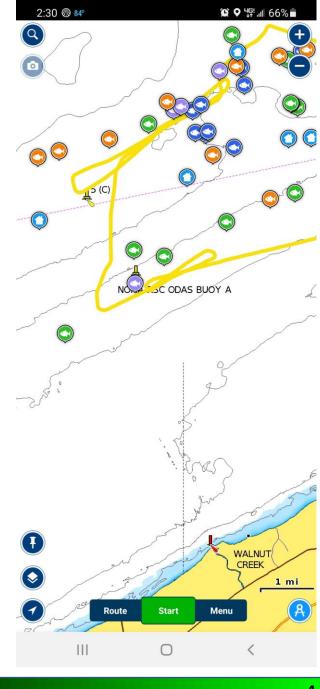


#### Phone Apps

Navionics

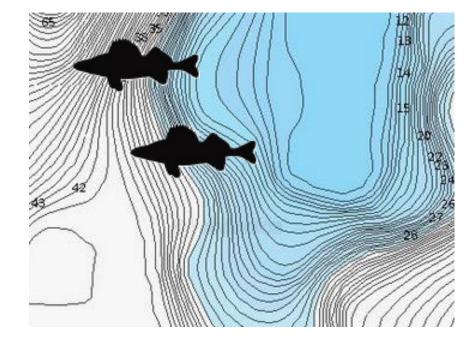


https://www.navionics.com/usa/apps/navionics-boating



# **Chart Plotter Tips**

- Enable most detailed charts
  - Lines closer together indicate larger depth changes



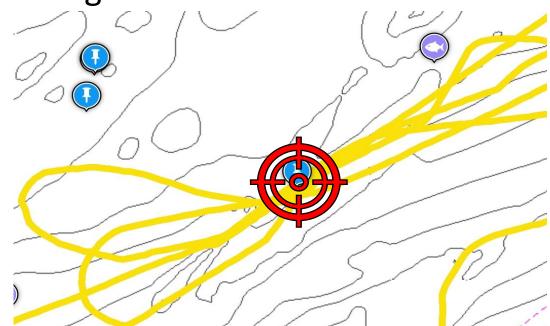
- Turn tracks on
  - Keep track of productive/unproductive water



# **Chart Plotter Tips**

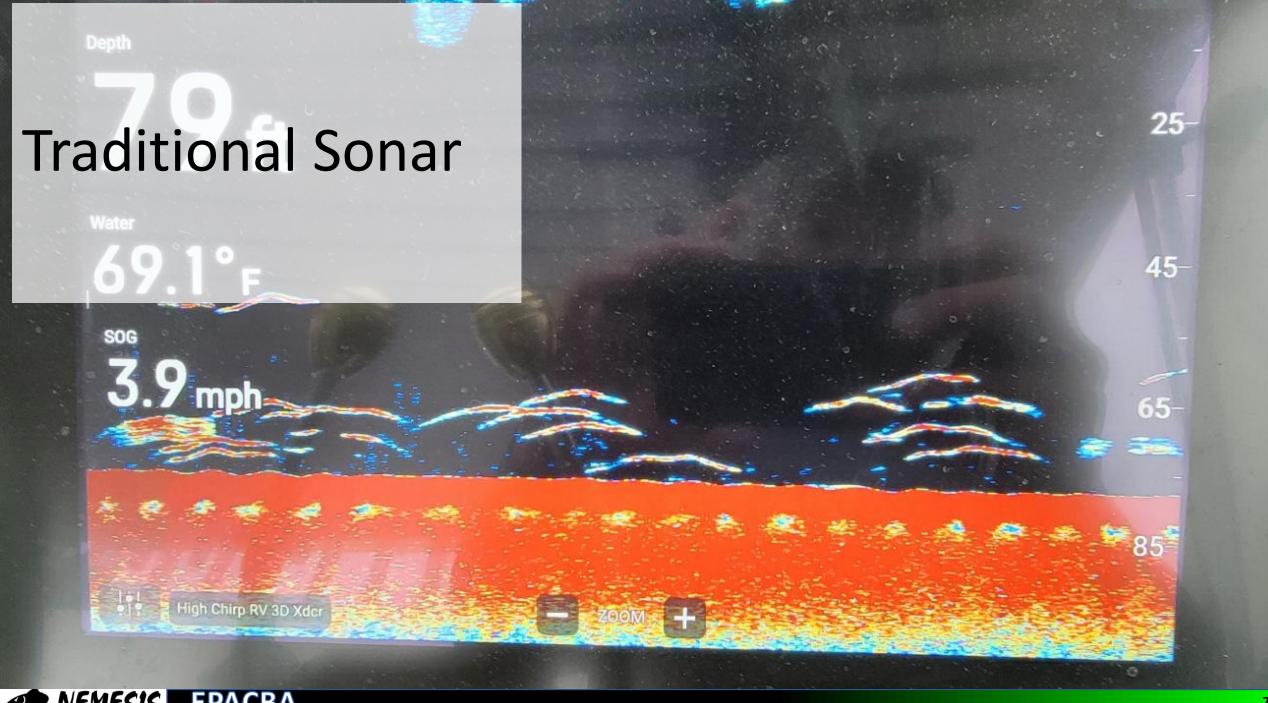
- Drop wave points
  - Helps find patterns
  - Edit wave point names to reflect date

Spot on spot fishing





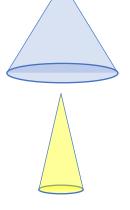




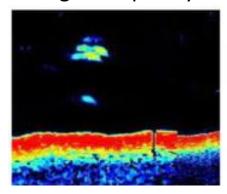
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#### **Traditional Sonar Basics**

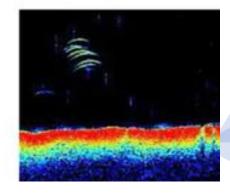
- Does NOT measure depth, measures the distance from the transducer
- Frequencies
  - Low (83 kHz)
    - Larger bottom coverage
    - Better in shallow water
  - High (200 kHz)
    - Less bottom coverage
    - Better in deeper water
  - Chirp
    - Higher definition

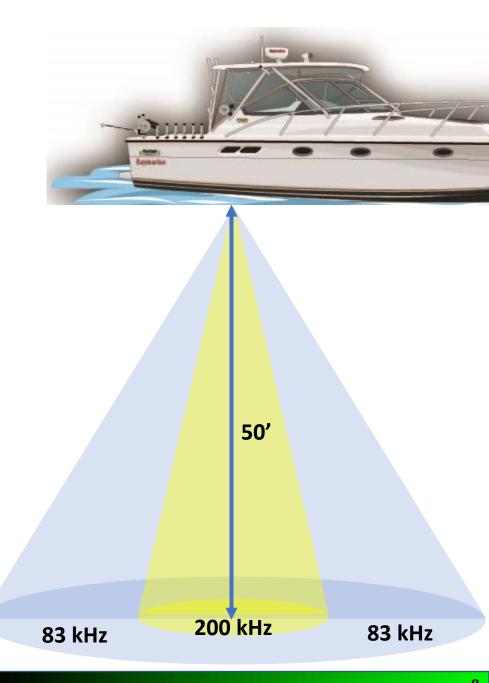


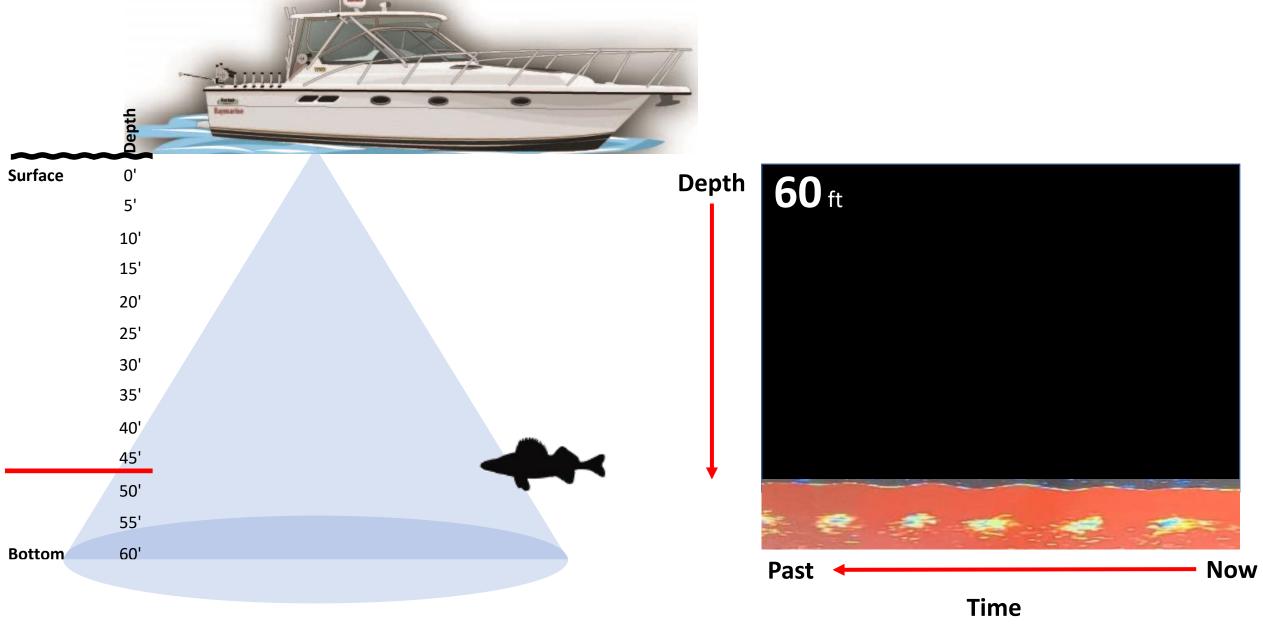
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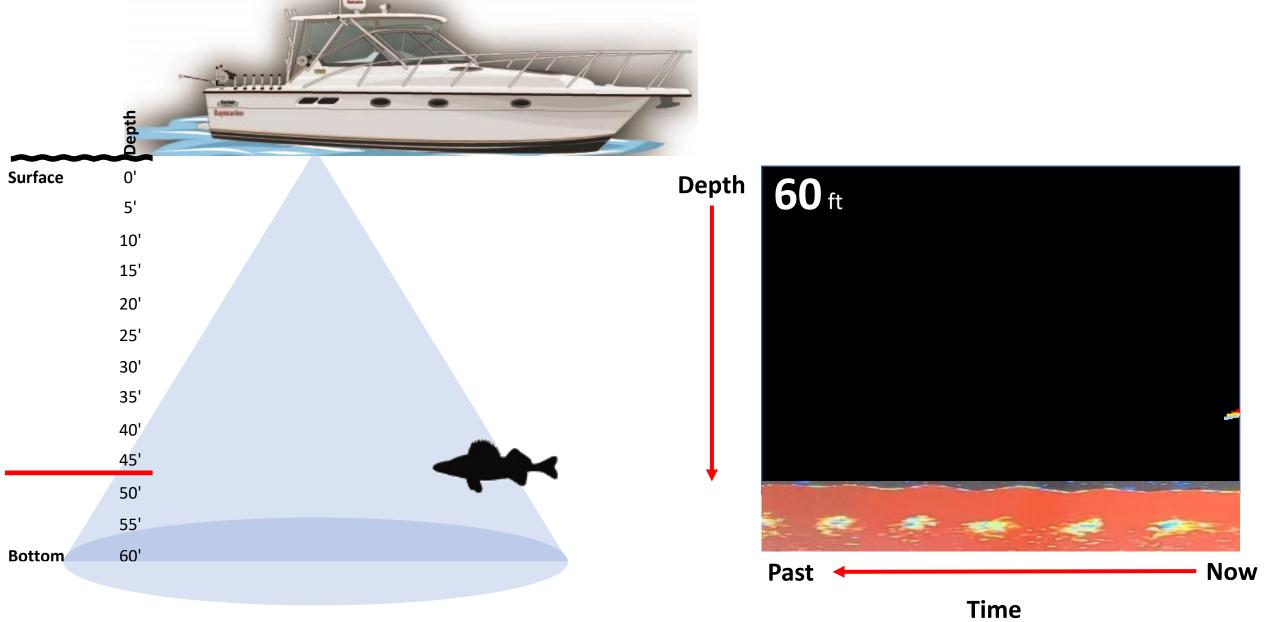


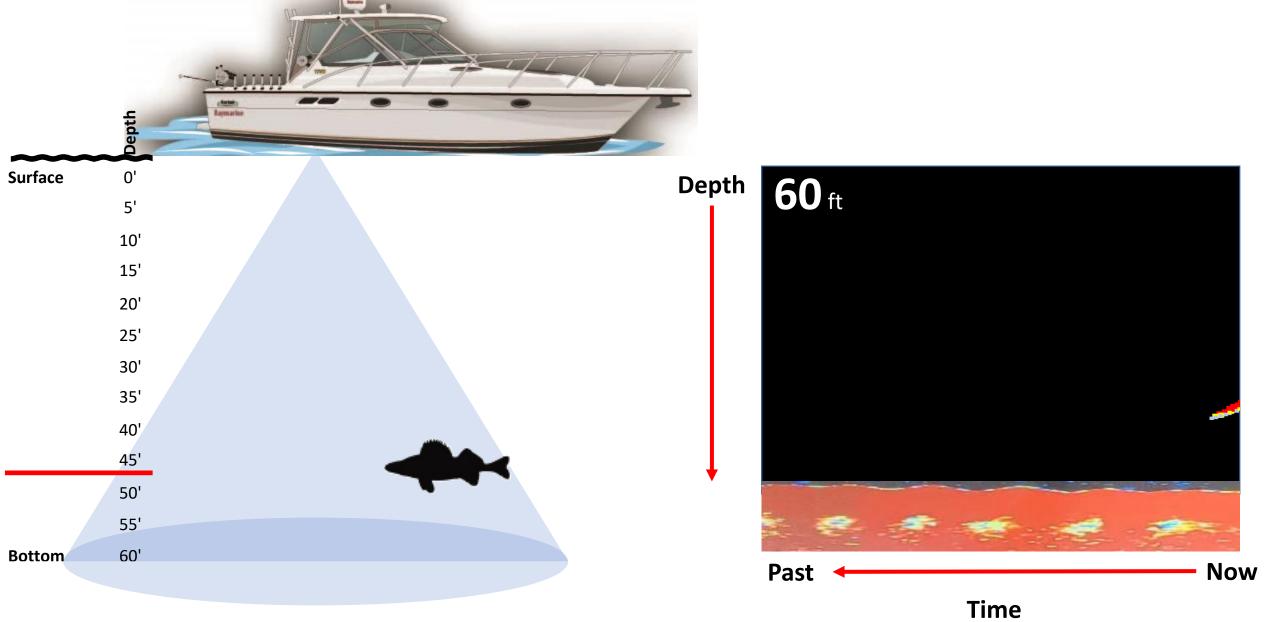
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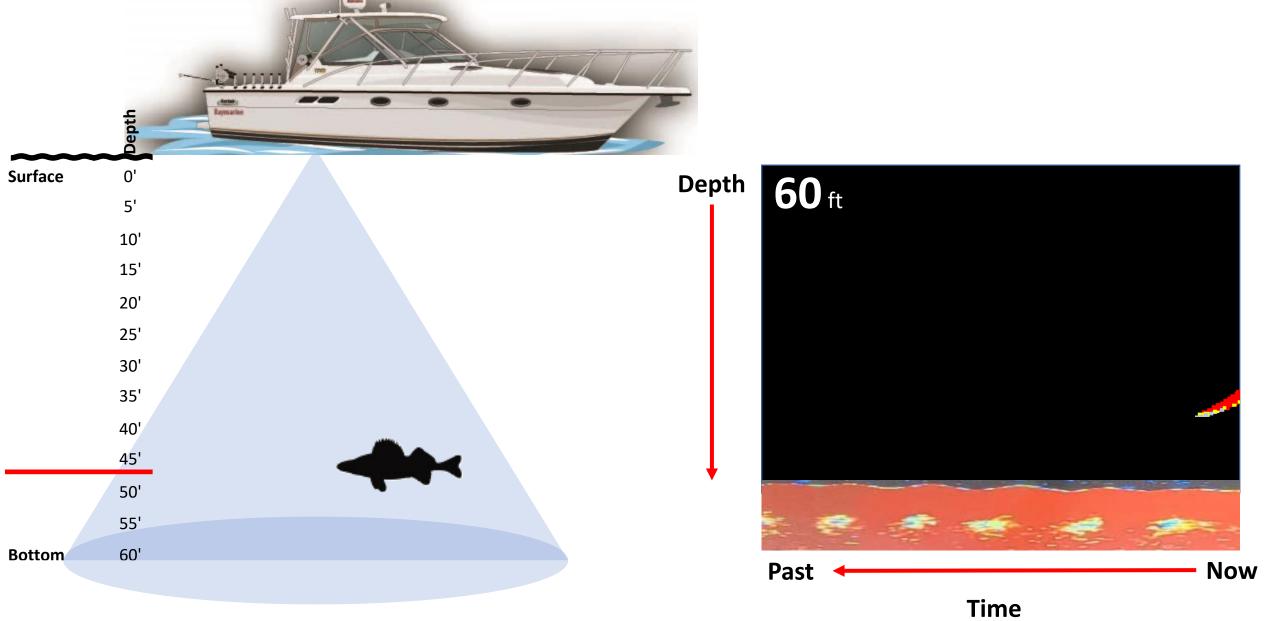


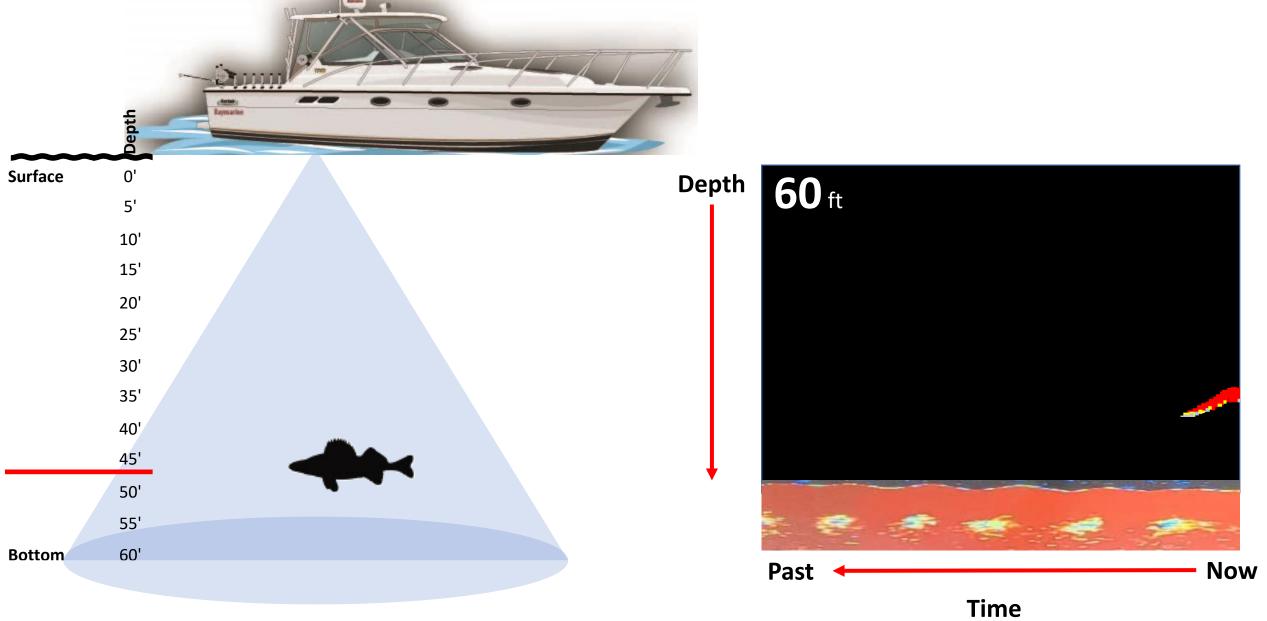


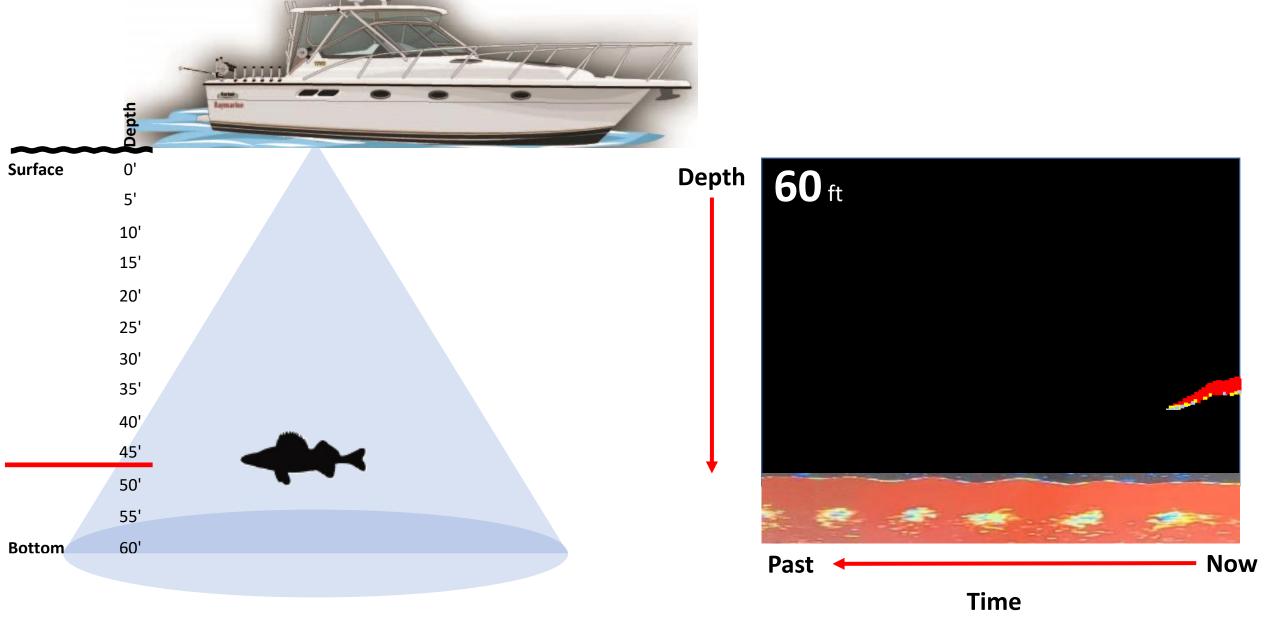


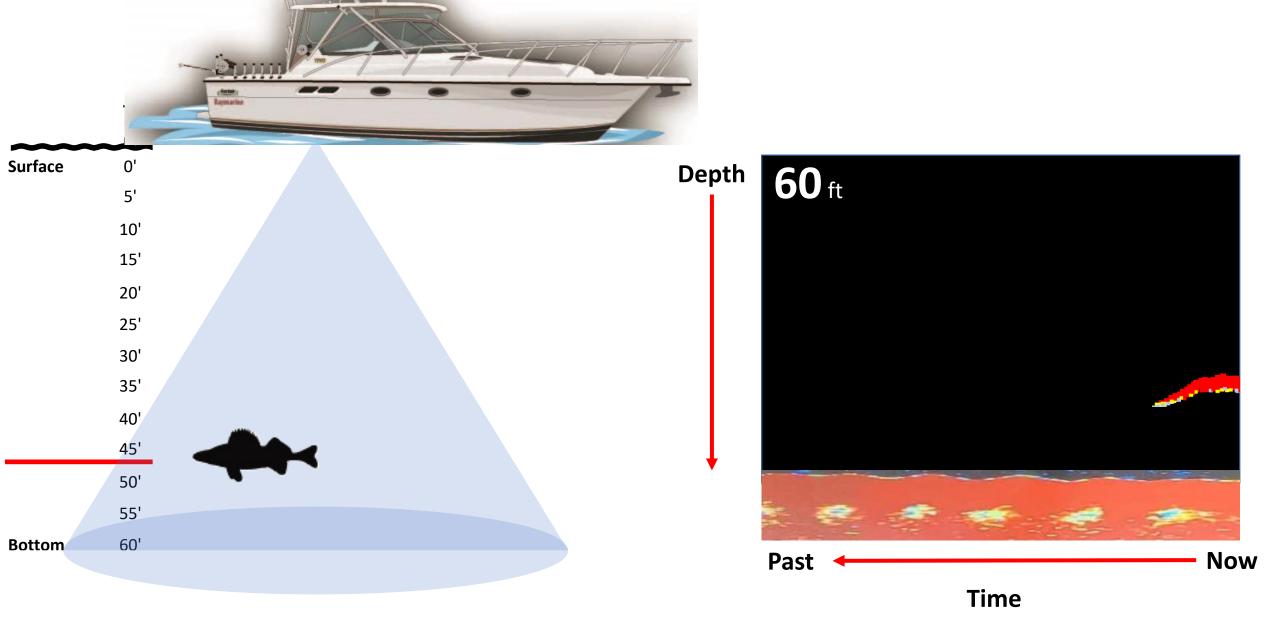


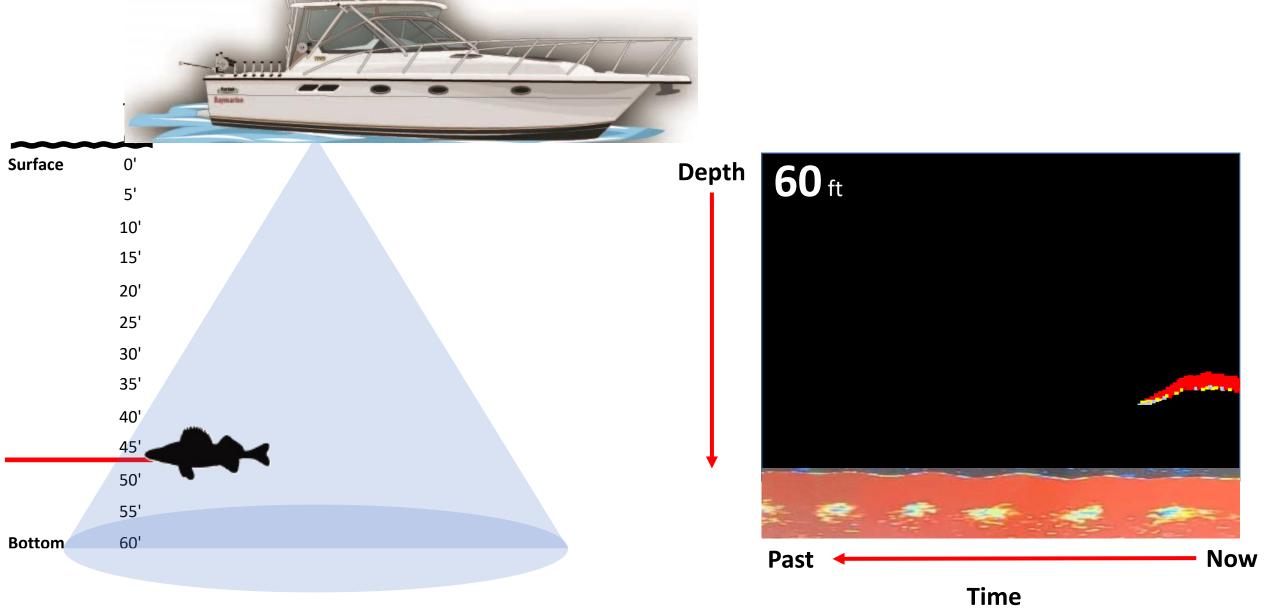


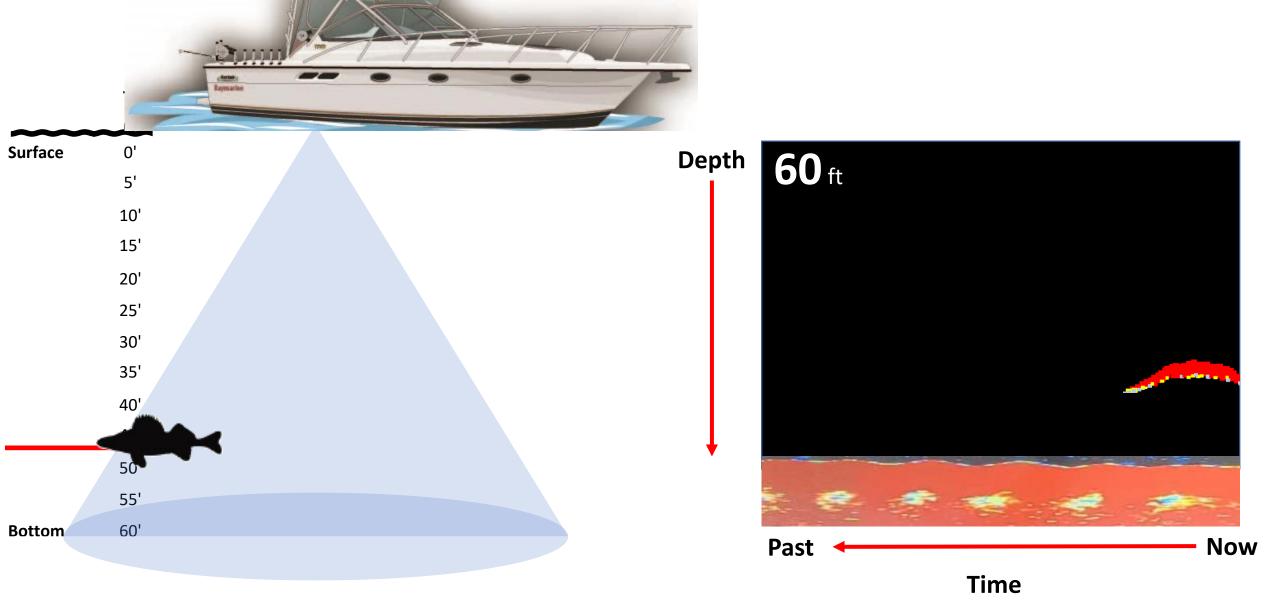


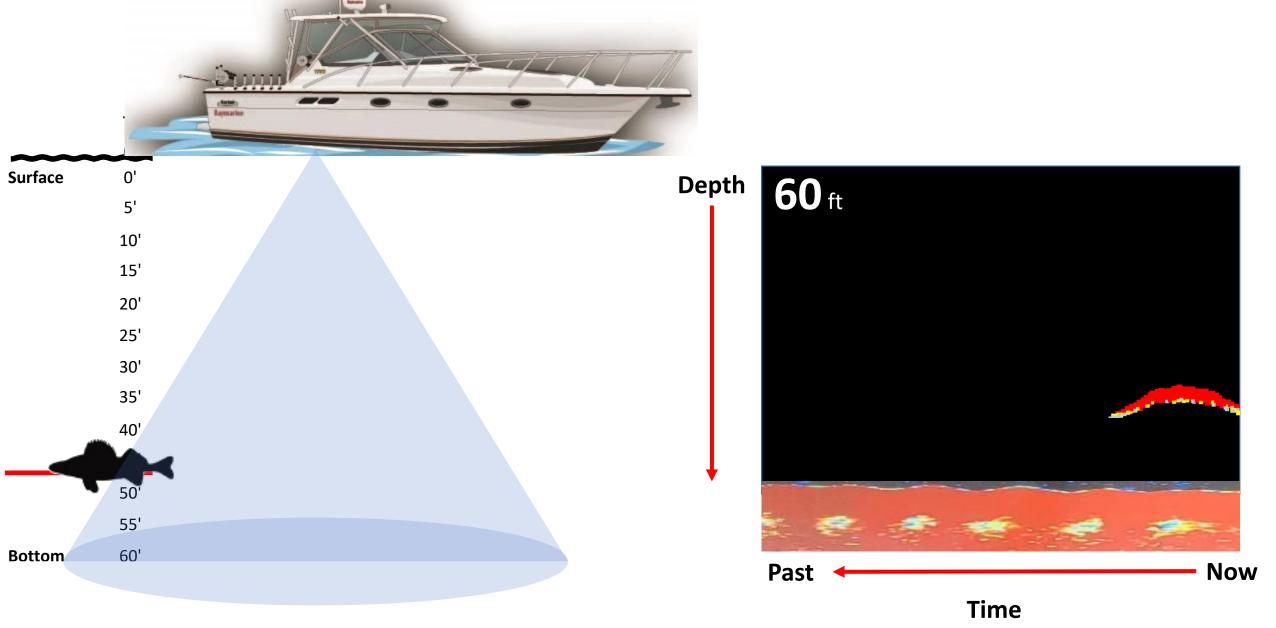


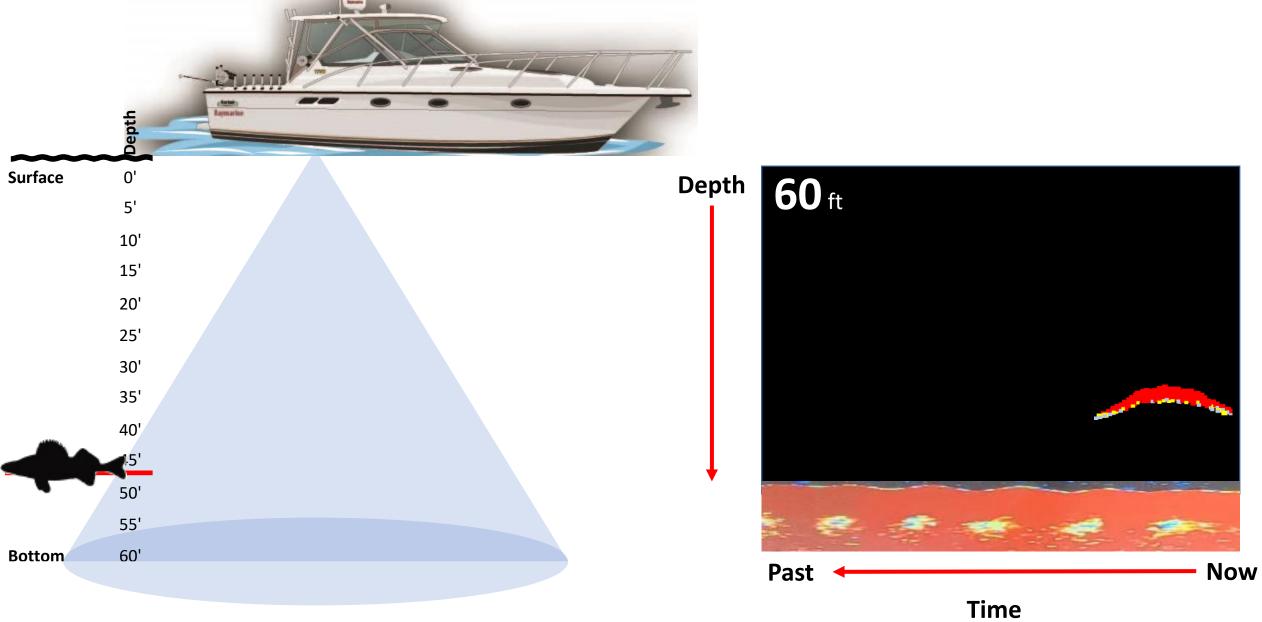








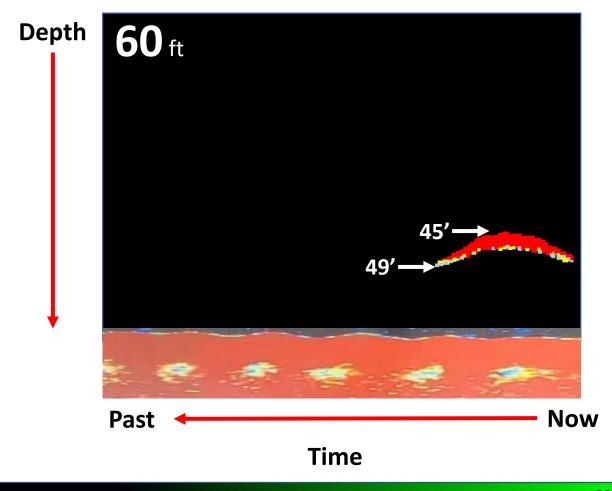




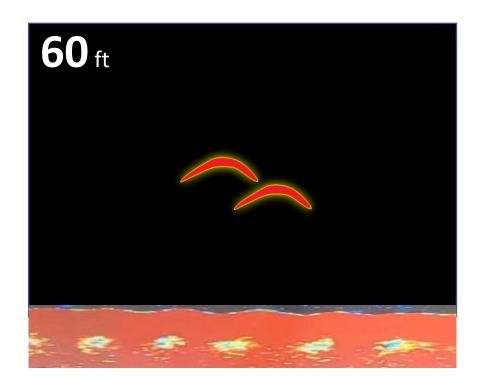
- Top of the fish arch is the DEEPEST the fish can be
  - Fish needs to be directly under the transducer

 Fish size is generally determined by the thickness/intensity of the mark

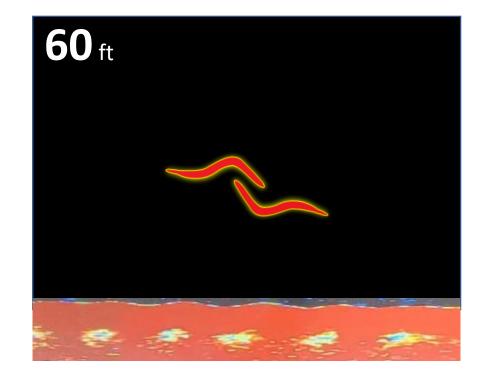




Inactive Fish



Active Fish



#### **Traditional Sonar Settings**

- Default settings on new units are generally pretty good
- Start with
  - Ping Rate (set to max)
    - Higher ping rates = more data

- Scroll Speed (200% or 2x)
  - Higher refresh rates

- Gain (auto)
  - You want a solid bottom return
- If you mess up...find the factory reset!



# Traditional Sonar Marking Fish at Speed

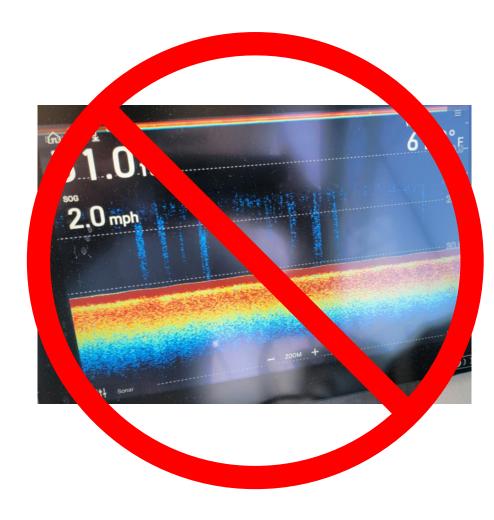


Try not to setup on a dead screen

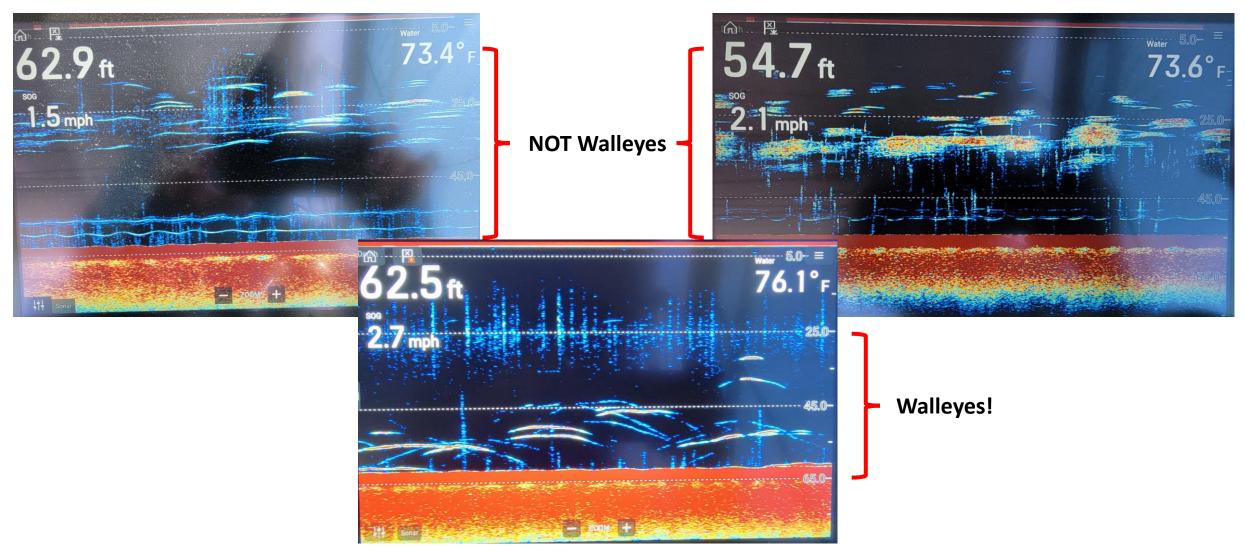
Most of the time there's lots of fish in the system

Spend some time scanning water

All you need is a solid bottom return



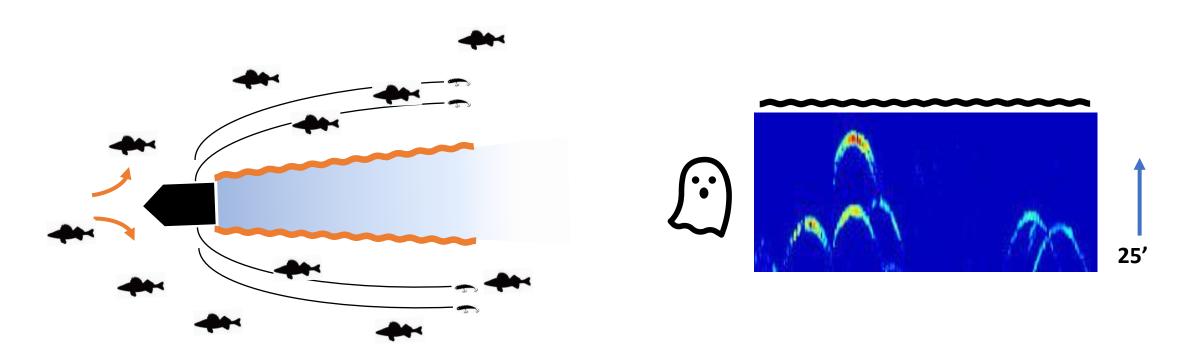
Get familiar with what walleyes look like



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#### **Ghost Walleye**

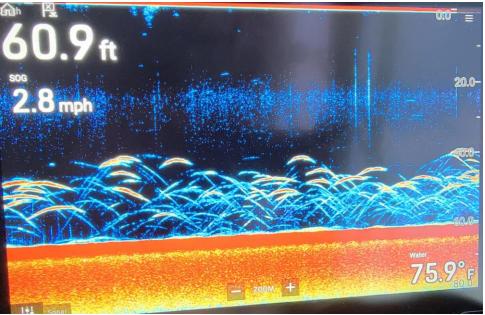
• The higher walleyes are in the water column, the less you will see



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- Pay Attention: Stay in the marks
  - Are marks getting better or drying up?
  - Blank screens for extended periods of time means MOVE!

We first sat up on this...





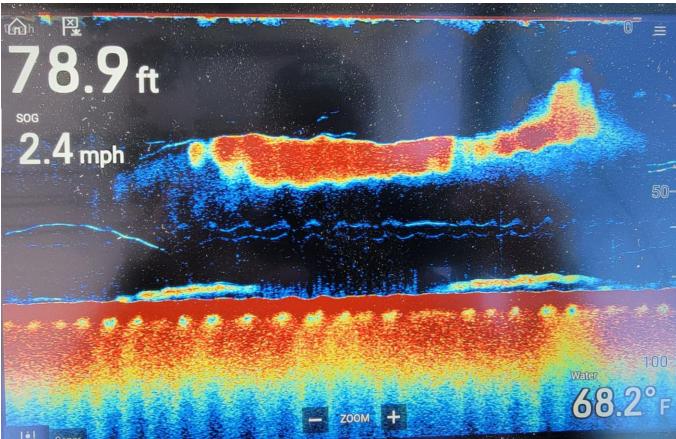


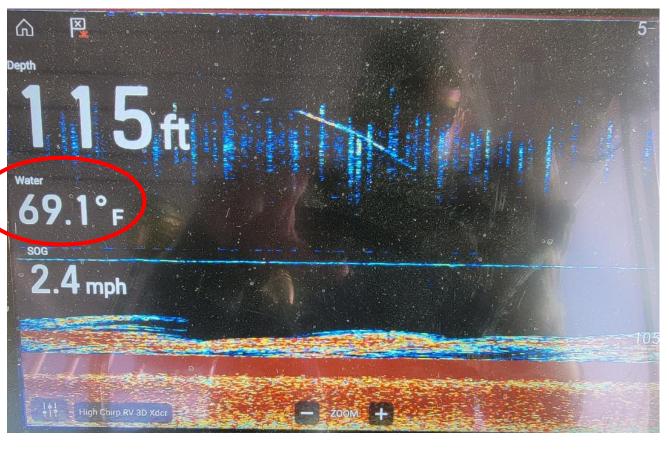
We wondered a bit deeper and now the screen looks like this...

Fish orient themselves to structure

- Bait
  - Gives clues on where to put some lures!







#### Fish orient themselves to structure

- Surface Temperature
  - Look for/beware of temp changes

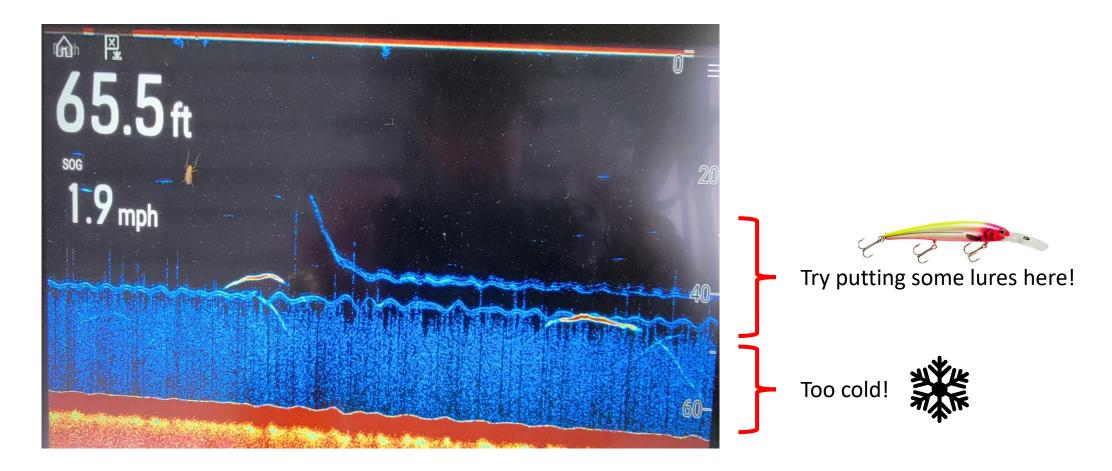


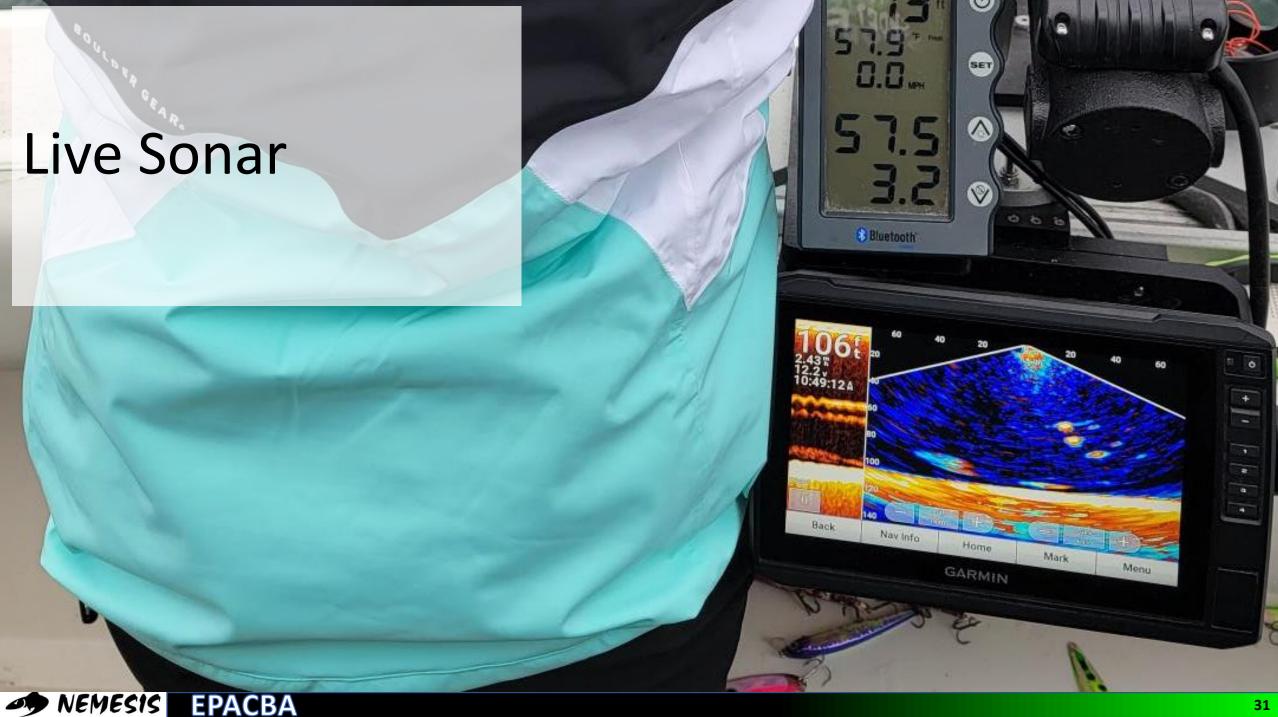
- Temperature breaks may hold
  - Bait
  - Game fish



Fish orient themselves to structure

• Thermoclines under the surface

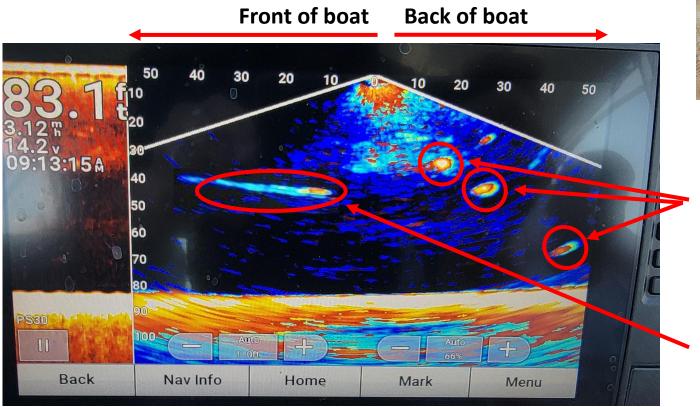




#### Live Sonar Our Setup

PS30 Transducer mounted in the "flipped" orientation

Garmin EchoMap UHD 9" display



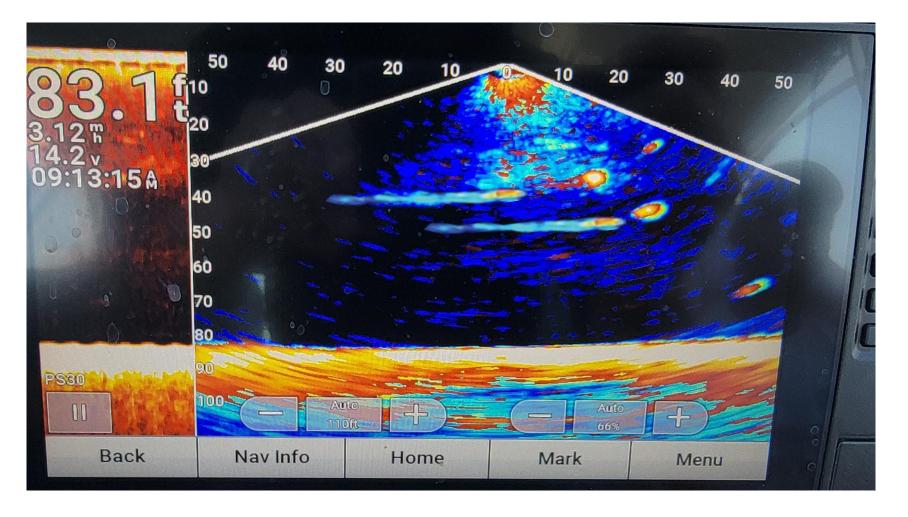




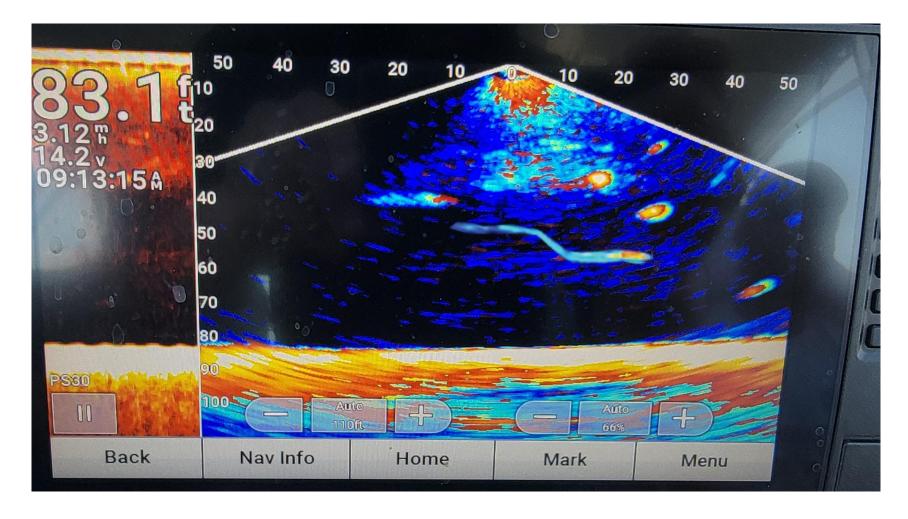
**Downriggers** 

Fish

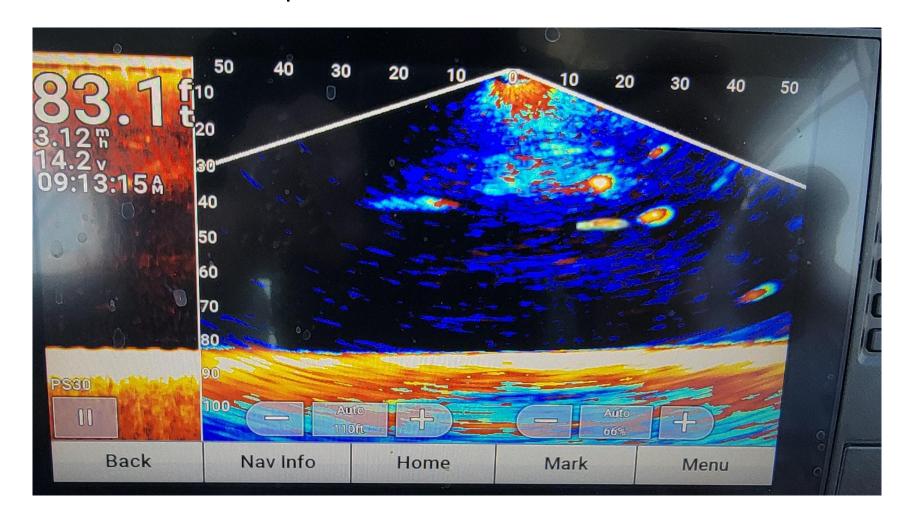
- Fish Temperament: How fish react to my spread?
  - Aggressive: fish streak right through spread



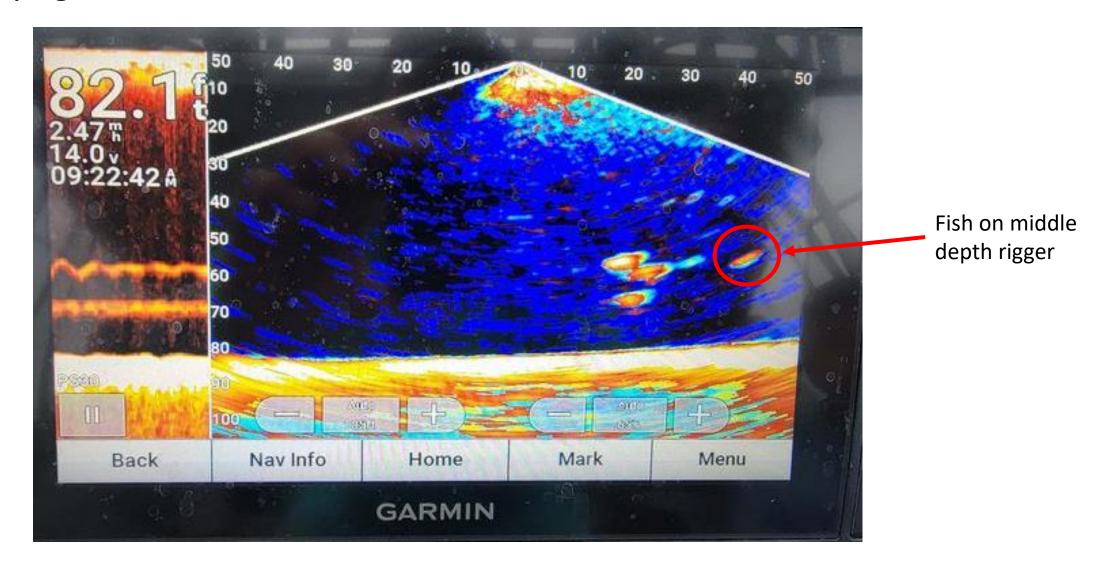
- Fish Temperament: How fish react to my spread?
  - Scared: fish change course to avoid spread



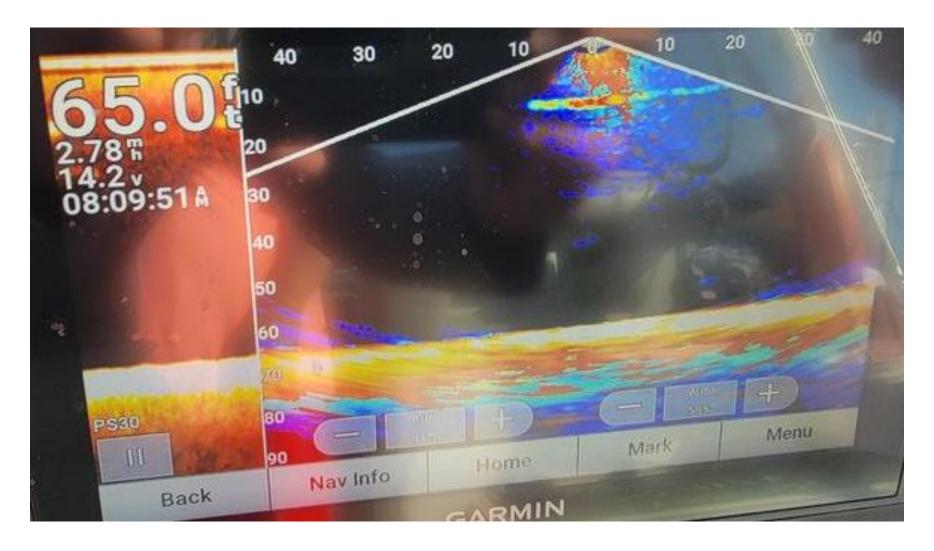
- Fish Temperament: How fish react to my spread?
  - Curious: fish moves at same speed as boats and looks at baits



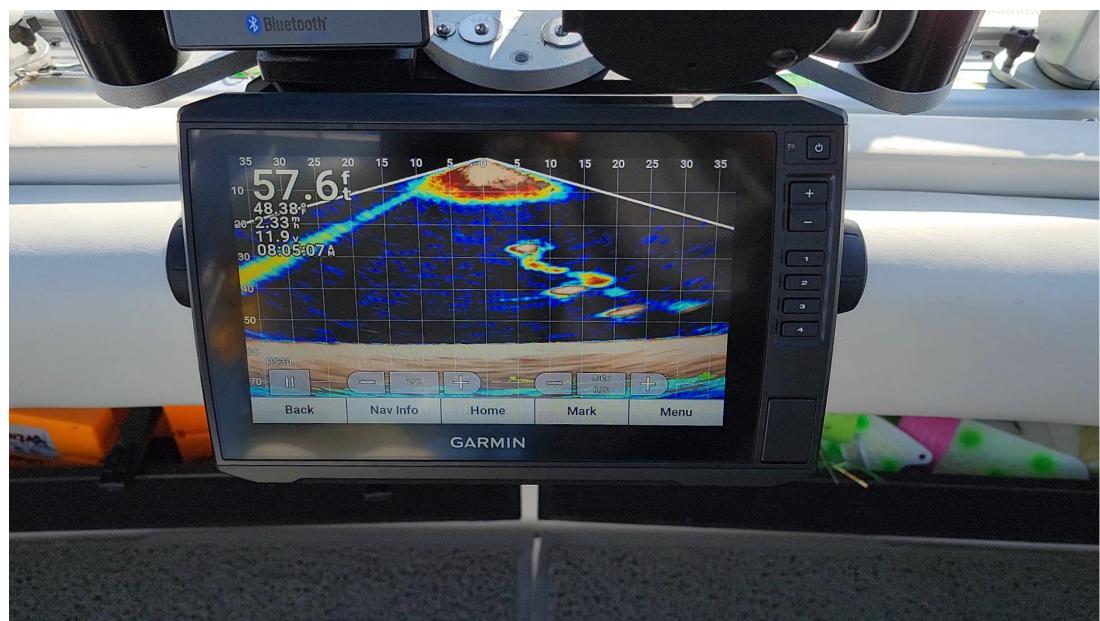
• Identify light bite fish



• Information: High fish



#### Live Sonar in Action





### Temp/Depth/Speed Probes

More Information!

Conditions below the surface



Speed underneath the surface



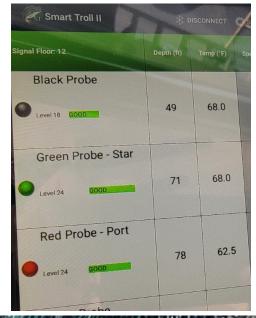
• Temperature throughout water column



Depth of lures













# Temp/Depth/Speed Probe Tips

Speed Kills!

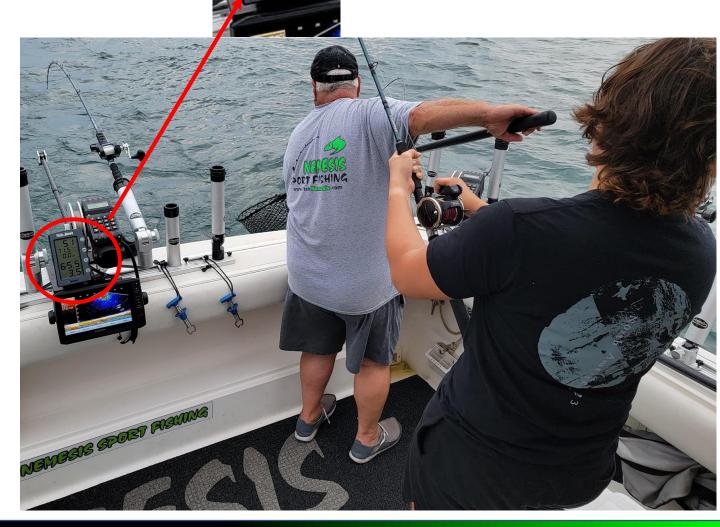
2.0 mph 2.5 mph 3.0 mph

3.5 MPH!

 Speed under the water is likely different than surface speed or speed over ground

 Don't be afraid to go fast, especially when the water warms up!

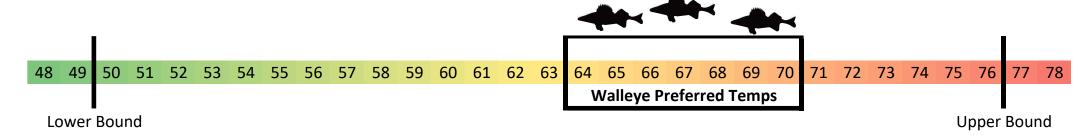


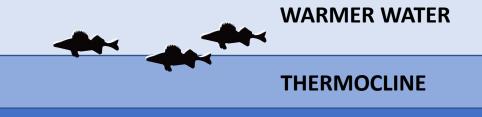


### Temp/Depth/Speed Probes

Fish orient themselves to structure

- Temperature provides structure in Lake Erie
- Walleyes tend to suspend right above the thermocline





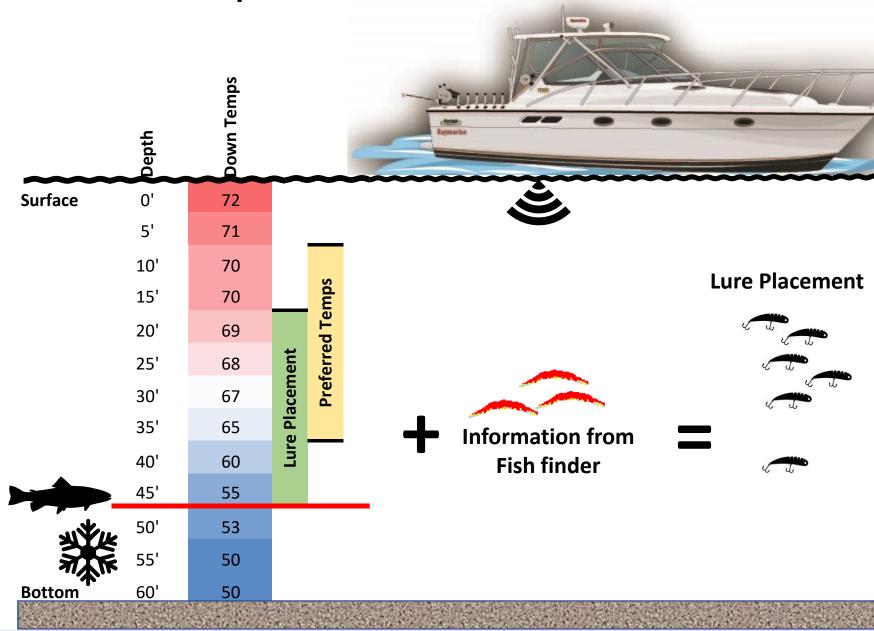
COLDER WATER

#### Temp/Depth/Speed Probe Tips



 Build your underwater spread, place lures above the cold water (55 degrees)

 Use fish finder information and spread out your lures to key in on the bite



### Temp/Depth/Speed Probe Tips

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 Spread lures out to maximize coverage and dial in the bite

- Without probes you do not know exactly where your lures are!
  - Consistent setups for each deployment method are key
    - Same Rod
    - Same Reel
    - Same Line
    - Reels spooled full

