

# “DETROIT RIVER MUSKIE REPORT”

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Brent Robbins, 50 inch, 28 pound Muskie, Detroit River

Brent Robbins and Chase Klinesteker fished the Detroit River this past weekend for muskellunge. Several other advanced Spoonpluggers joined them, including Don Stephens, Jack Clark, Mike Dordan, John Bales, Jim Bidinger, John Zaborny, Mike Zaborny, and Jerry Borst. In **3 days of fishing**, Brent and Chase **caught and released 17 muskies** up to 50 inches and 28 pounds. The other boats had similar success. The **weather conditions were stable, hot, and muggy**. This was some fantastic fishing on **big water**. Fishing conditions were tough (**swift current, deep water, floating weeds, rocky bottom**, etc.). These are not conditions under which beginning Spoonpluggers would want to learn, and all present had many years of Spoonplugging experience. The proper use of Spoonplugging tools and knowledge of Spoonplugging concepts are critical in difficult situations such as this.

For those interested in **learning more about Spoonplugging**, I first recommend getting and studying **Buck Perry's** book: **“Spoonplugging—Your Guide To Lunker Catches”** at: [buckperry.com](http://buckperry.com). Then, if you wish to continue, tools can be purchased on that website. Considerable **practice** using these tools **and experience** using Spoonplugging knowledge on the water would be **needed before one obtained sufficient skills** to tackle the Detroit River for big muskies, or any other difficult fishing situation for that matter. **Spoonplugging** is not a single-species or single-method approach to fishing. It **covers all species on all waters, targeting the biggest fish**. **It is a lifetime of learning**. Attached is a picture of Brent's 50 inch, 28 pound fish.

Chase Klinesteker