

## **Getting Ready For Spring**

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Well, it's getting close to that spring run of walleye's.

If you haven't worked on getting things together, now's the time to do it. Pull all of your tackle out and look it over. Hooks need replacing or sharpening? How about replacing those lures you lost last year. Time to pour up some jigs. This is the time that I go through everything. Ice fishing's done and my excitement for the up coming season gets to me, I need to do something!

You also want to look over the rig. Repack trailer bearings. Check tires, lights, bow winch and transom straps. Clean the boat and check all the safety equipment - replace anything that's suspect, Flares, life jackets or fire extinguishers. Are your batteries in good shape? Don't forget the Outboard. Replace lower unit gear oil if it wasn't done in the fall.

The first start up of the year on the motor is when extra carbon deposits form from the fogging oil left in it from winterizing. Using decarbonizers in the first tank of gas is important. Products like sea foam or ring free will help insure that your motor will run properly and these should be used all season long for those that have DFI or fuel injected motors. So, doing this now will make things run smoothly when the river's full of those big females we get the opportunity to catch.

Now were did those snap ring pliers go.

Good Luck and Good Fishing