

Spinner/Crawler Magic on Erie

Spinner/crawler rigs are the go-to choice for many experienced Lake Erie walleye anglers.

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Known as harnesses, spinners or just plain meat rigs, spinner/crawler combos are a top choice among Lake Erie's walleye fishing armada. These rigs are as varied as the anglers that using them with

not forget the main ingredient either, a juicy night crawler. Versatile rigs, spinners can be trolled, drifted or cast to walleyes with deadly effectiveness. Sure, plenty of walleyes are taken with other methods, but when the going

Michigan. When I got back, I had one afternoon to figure out the bite before taking some customers out the next day.

My partner and I searched around at cruising speeds monitoring the



**Spinner/Crawler rigs tend to catch the bigger walleyes in any given area.
Photo taken by Michael Veine.**

thousands of homemade and commercial styles used. Most rigs consist of single or multiple spinners with some beads and/or rig floats strung onto a leader with hooks at the business end. Let's

gets tough, savvy anglers get out their spinner/crawler rigs.

Last summer I took a week off from charter fishing to work on my hunting property in Upper

graph. It took us a couple hours, but we finally managed to locate a promising school of walleyes away from the packs of boats. We started out trolling with crankbaits for a while, but we only