

Well I have been telling myself to get out and try to catch some carp. Last year I was introduced to carp when a 15 pound common carp ate my worm and gave me a fight I would never forget. I was hooked as they say. So now I plan differently, I chum the water. I make my own bait. So I was at my favorite lake near Oneonta NY and finally caught a carp. It wasn't huge, although my brother thought differently, just under 16 lbs. A week later now I came even more prepared. I chumed with some corn, had my poles set and within an hour was in a battle. That battle though ended way to early with broken line. Well I got over it and again it wasn't long before I had another bite. This was different though. This fish was a bit bigger than the other carp I had been catching. I loosened the drag and played this fish until it was tired out. After about 15 minutes I was able to land her. 35 inches and 22lbs 13 oz is the largest to date I have caught. Now I know that fish is far from a record, but it was so much fun. Later on that night I also caught a 5lb 8 oz channel cat. So it was good night for me. My next goal now is of course bigger fish. Just so everyone understands a bit better I was fishing with light tackle. 6lb test on a 6 foot pole, made it a good fight.