

## Nick Parnello - RR Floody Application Engineer

*Here's a little story about Nick Parnello catching a fish that Jeremy Jewell (RR Floody Application Engineer) has been "chasing" for years.*

"I'm on a family vacation fishing for bass in a small lake in Wisconsin. It was myself, my brother-in-law, and my 4 year old nephew.

We were using rubber worms and light tackle. I had a nice hit, set the hook and was pleasantly surprised at the really strong "run" that the fish made. My reel was making that "zing" sound that all fisherman love to hear. I thought it might be a world record smallmouth bass, so I got excited and ask my brother-in-law to get the net ready.

After the fish made its big run, I was able to reel in some line and much to my disappointment there was almost no fight. As the fish got closer to the boat, I noticed it was a just a 15" largemouth bass. So much for catching the world record smallmouth!

Just as I was telling my brother-in-law that I would not need the net, a dark shadow came from under our boat and my bass completely disappeared in front of my eyes. I looked at my brother-in-law and he looked at me as this very large fish swam to the bottom of the lake.

After what seemed to be a long period of silence, I said "Did you see that?" My brother-in-law said "yes" After which I said, "I think we might need that net after all." I tightened my drag and started to reel in some line. The fish seemed to be coming up to the surface rather easy to "see" what was pulling it up. My brother-in-law had the net ready. Just as the fish came to the surface, the net went down and as you can imagine, this is when the actual fight began.

It was at that moment that we discovered that our net was way too small for this size fish. The fish jumped straight up in the air (above of the net) and then back into the net multiple times. As the net was breaking into two pieces, we both grabbed the ring of the net and drag the fish into the boat. It was at that moment that we discovered that our boat was way too small for this size fish.

The fish seemed to be chasing us around the boat as if it were an alligator. We both scurried towards the back of the boat. My nephew climbed on top of the boat motor and started screaming "it's going to eat us!" After all of us calmed down(including the fish), we were able to gather ourselves. We took a quick measurement, got a photo, and then put the 49" Musky back in the water."

*Thanks for sharing Nick! This is definitely not a fish tale. Proof is in the picture!*

