



**October 08' Picture of the Month  
"Amazing Sand Bass Technique Revealed"  
Eagle Mountain Reservoir  
Azel, Texas  
July 31, 2008**

It was a normal hot day in Texas as the kids from Cook Children's Hospital enjoyed another great event, at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ian Surratt C.A.S.T. event in Azel Texas. Members of the Fun-n-Sun Pro Staff provide their time and equipment each year to help the participants enjoy a day of fun and fishing, while sharing their secret fish catching techniques. Usually, those secrets are safe but this year, while disguised as a hot dog taster / Donut inspector, I couldn't help overhearing as young Tyler's Sand Bass catching techniques were explained to his friend Eric. To the best of my memory, his description went as follows:

"First, you have to have a sand bass rod. It has to be for sand bass or it won't work. Then, you have to have sand bass fishing line. It's a special size and color that only works on a sand bass reel. Those, along with special sand bass hooks, make up your sand bass rod & reel. (The secret sand bass bait for now, at least until next year, remains a secret.) Then you have to troll down the lake. You can see the sand bass when they start feeding on top of the water but you have to be careful or they'll see you coming and dive back down. When you see them splashing on top of the lake, you just throw out your secret sand bass bait and hang on because they really pull hard!" he concluded. Try as I may, Tyler would not reveal his secret sand bass bait although, I do think he whispered it to his friend Eric, but he won't tell either. As the awards went out to the participants and pictures taken of the day's catch, I couldn't help but wonder if his technique really works, but then again, he did catch some real nice sand bass.

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