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Rangerman (Guest) (106 posts)  

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"Winter Fishing: Heater Question?"

I am looking to do some winter fishing and wonder if any of you guys use a heater in your bass boat while fishing on really cold days. I have a friend who always takes a heater that is not longer in production and it seems to really help in warming your hands throughout the day. If anybody has one they would recommend I would appreciate your thoughts. I would be interested in safety, heating ability, weight, price and what type of fuel it uses. Please let me know your recommendations. Thanks!

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1. "RE: Winter Fishing: Heater Question?"

Just get one of those little heaters that screw on to the top of a Coleman propane cylinder (the heater is made by Coleman, too). You can light it very easily and use it only when you need it, or you can just let it run. Just be careful about knocking it over. You can make sure it doesn't turn over by getting a little tire inner tube to go around the base of it. Get one that is small enough that you have to cram the heater down in the hole and the friction will keep it on.




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2. "RE: Winter Fishing: Heater Question?"

Check this out.

http://bizrate.lycos.com/buy/products__rf--wgg,keyword--Propane%20Heater,cat_id--12040100,start--0.html




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3. "RE: Winter Fishing: Heater Question?"

There is one calleed MR heater that mounts on the top of a propane tank for a gas grill . They are perfect if you sit them inside of a plastic milk crate. It comes in 1 ,2, or 3 burners.Perfect for the frigid days ahead.

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4. "RE: Winter Fishing: Heater Question?"

You can also set a METAL 5 gal. bucket inside a small innertube and then set a regular coleman lantern inside it. Will warm hands for hours or you can "hover over it" too. Works for me.


Fishlady

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**5. "RE: Winter Fishing: Heater Question?"**




Thanks for the comments. Has anyone used the Mr Heater product? It appears to be a good one (a little more than I wanted to spend, \$90) but I thought it would be more stable.

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6. "RE: Winter Fishing: Heater Question?"

We use them to heat are shanty and the are great.They will be hard to keep lit if there is a strong wind blowing into them.




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7. "RE: Winter Fishing: Heater Question?"

I 2nd randy I have a mr. heater and it won't stay lit in a light wind




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8. "RE: Winter Fishing: Heater Question?"

Get ya a couple of 5 gallon metal buckets mate. Punch some holes in the top 2/3 of them and fill the bottom 1/3 with sand. Then fill up with charcoals mate and lite them. Very safe, cheap, not alot of work..... hillbilly heater mate. Good luck.

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9. "RE: Winter Fishing: Heater Question?"

Coleman makes two products that work well. One called the Black Cat (larger)and the Sport Cat (smaller). Both are safe to use in campers and tents (low CO)and run on propane. The Black Cat is facing you when lit so sits in front of you, the Sport Cat points straight up. Colman claims it will not ignite most materials because of the grid. On real cold days, I'll fish sitting down, place the Sport Cat on the floor and drape an old wool army blanket across my knees. The heat warms your legs and hands as it comes up between your thighs. I can wear a med. Jacket because of the warm lower half and leave the blizzard suit for running. Movement is then much easier around the boat if needed, yet you have a way to stay warm. Runs about 22 hrs on a 16 oz. cylinder.

I've thought about finding an old "Drover" coat, that way you could sit or stand and stay heated. I hate fishing all bundled up.

Thought I would toss out the idea.


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10. "coleman heater"





I noticed coleman also makes a battery powered for boat, camper, tent, etc. Looks like it is portable, and no worries about open flames or gas. I think it was on Bass Pro Shops website. You might want to check colemans website.

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11. "RE: coleman heater"

Actually it does work on Propane. It has a battery operated fan. Sorry about the misinformation. It is the Procat like the previous poster mentioned.

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12. "RE: Winter Fishing: Heater Question?"

Now that sounds like a great idea! Most folks already have one of those.

I have also heard of people putting charcole in a bucket. You could get that as hot as you like.

What is the inner tube for? To keep it from tipping over?

Also Galyons sells in the cmping department little hand and foot warmers. They look like and feel large tea bags and when the package is ripped open the activate. Cost about 50 cents each and last pretty much all day. I used them in late Dec on a 30 degree day. You put them inside your gloves and boots.

I ended up just putting them in my coat pockets and not using my gloves. When hands got cold I would put hands in pockets and clutch the warmers. Wal Mart also sells them but I am not sure the work as well as the ones Galyons sells. I used the walmart ones on a warmer day so maybe it was a temperature related difference.

Peter Maloney (fishin.com)

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