



## **LAKE MEAD FISHING STILL EXCELLENT DURING DROUGHT**

Despite low water levels, anglers still are catching plenty of striped bass at Lake Mead.

"The glass that is Lake Mead is half full, and the fish have only half the glass to hide in, making for some of the best fishing for school size stripers in the United States," said Mead fishing guide Mike Swartz.

"Lake Mead is the largest reservoir, by water volume, in the United States. At this time, it is 50 percent full. This is a staggering amount of water. The lake is currently 480 feet deep and has 500 miles of shoreline available for fishing."

All anglers need to remember, Swartz explained, is that lower water forces fish to move. "They don't disappear, they don't quit eating, they just move."

And anglers must adapt, re-learning the lake's bottom contours and structure. Areas that were 150 feet deep may now be just 50 feet, and humps that were once too far down may now be prime habitat.

"Quality electronics and the ability to interpret the signals become a necessity," Swartz said. "But seasonal catch methods remain the same."