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Went out for an about an hour yesterday. Had the first really good smallmouth outing of the year for me (summer school put a big dent in my time on the water). I caught several bass, two were noteworthy and deserved a photo shoot. The first fish was coaxed out from under a logjam with a small crayfish pattern. The second fish was a much better story. There was an uprooted tree that was sitting at the drop off where a riffle dumps into a pool. The tail of this pool has been productive in the past, but the riffle and head of the pool are very tough to fish because you get hung up in the tree roots. I took a big yellow popper and fished it down river, letting it drift over the drop off and almost touch the tree roots. As it got near the roots, I would strip it up river a bit, making sure that it dove under water and then let it float to the surface as the current carried it back towards the tree roots. I saw a dark form appear from nowhere and the popper got hammered as the fly reached the surface on the second strip. The fish dove for the root ball. I had to work it downstream and around the tree roots to avoid getting wrapped up in the roots and breaking off. The aerial display began after I turned the fish and worked it down into the tail of the pool. The first fish might have been bigger, but catching this fish was much more memorable. Working such a tough lie, seeing the fish rise and eat on the surface, and then the leaping aerial display made this the fish of the day, and the bass of the summer!

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 Bass on the popper.web.JPG (38.55 KB)

