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The frigid cold weather has passed. Lake Powell is back at normal winter air temperature which means that on a calm day with the boat next to a south facing (solar heat gathering) rock, it is very pleasant. No gloves are needed - just a coat and a cooler to hold fish.

Bottom fishing remains good to excellent for hungry adult striped bass. They are holding near 60 feet in the back of most canyons. There will be some migrational movement in late February or early March but for the next 3 weeks these fish will stay where they are and bite when found.

Use the graph to locate the school. Chum early and often to activate the school and keep them going. Use a jig head with a short shank to get the 1 inch chunk of bait down quickly to the bottom. When the school rises off the bottom following a hooked school mate, a slow sinking carolina rigged bait is better.

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