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LESSONS FROM PROS WHO SPEND ALMOST TWO-THIRDS OF THEIR YEAR ON THE WATER

Water makes up 60 percent of the human body. When it comes to the life of some humans, though, the percentage is much higher.

Take someone like Tackle Warehouse Pro Circuit pro Alex Davis. Conservatively, he spends more than 200 days a year on the water, and, realistically, it's more like 250-plus. Fellow Pro Circuit pro Josh Douglas is in the same boat (figuratively, anyway).

It makes sense that, as professional tournament anglers, they'd be on the water religiously. But the tournaments and practice days are just a fraction of their staggering yearly allotment. The reason these two rack up as much time on water as on dry land is because when they're not catching fish in tournaments, they're helping others catch fish as full-time fishing guides.

They're not just guides on run-of-the-mill lakes, either. They guide on two of the best bass fisheries in the country – Davis on Lake Guntersville and Douglas on Mille Lacs.

That got us to thinking: Is the old adage true that there really is no substitute for time on the water to become a better angler? And since these two put in more days fishing in one year than most "avid" fishermen do in five, on two of the best fisheries in the country, it then stands to reason that they might be privy to some insight others aren't when it comes to tournament fishing and fishing in general.

Sure enough, they are, and they're willing to share some of the things they've learned on the water over the years.

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