



Mike's Custom Plugs Commander

We have been hearing about this plug for a long time, from some very talented anglers, boat and surf. The resounding reviews stated that this large metal lip had mojo, it was capable of hooking big fish when nothing else would draw a strike. Naturally, we had to try one.

The first thing that strikes you when you hold any of Mike's plugs in your hand is the quality of the workmanship. No detail is ignored. The finish is thick and durable, the eyes are realistic and expertly recessed. Measures are taken to protect the vulnerable areas around the hook hangers. The paintwork is breathtaking, the components are top of the industry, the tails are at Orvis level. And if you've ever met owner Mike DiSanto, then you know that, by purchasing one of his plugs, you're supporting one hell of a nice guy. (If you haven't met him, take our word for it!)

The Commander is sort of the 'elder statesman' of Danny-style swimmers. It measures 8-1/4 inches and tips the scales at 3-3/4 ounces. This presents as a substantial target and, based on what we've heard, big fish take notice. The swimming action is very deliberate and seductive and throws a slightly splashy wake on the surface. It handles calm water, moderate surf and hard cross-currents like a champ. We'd recommend throwing it in all but the roughest surf conditions, swimming across beach sweep or swinging it in moderate current. The Commander stays right on, or very near the surface no matter how you fish it.

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It can be 'cranked down' to about a foot, where resuming a slow retrieve will swim it beneath the water for about 8 to 10 feet before it returns to the surface. This big swimmer will perform well anywhere large baits have been spotted or where an imposing presence is needed to draw a strike. And as we mentioned above, this plug is beloved by many top-shelf surf-casters and that means it catches. What more can you ask for?

