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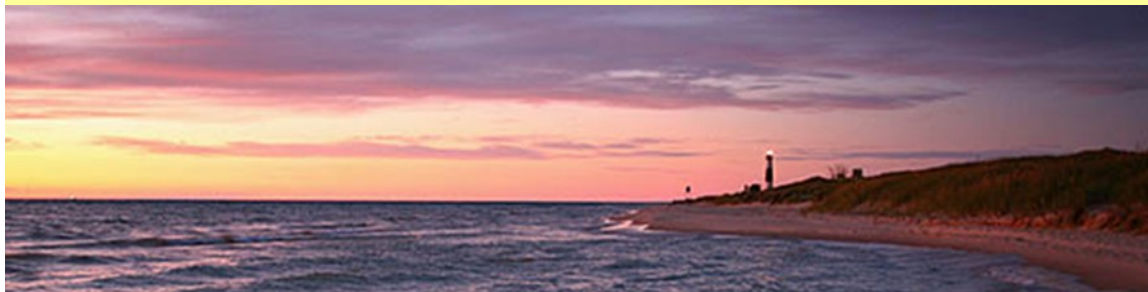
JULY 2018

July Membership Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, July 31, 2018 7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Speaker:**
Mr. Luiz DaSilva, Fly Fishing Presentation
- **Other Happenings:**
 - Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings,
 - Upcoming SOTY trolling events
 - Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,
 - Every Member Drawing,
- **DAS On the web-**
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Next up, Ludington and Manistee

Only the Ludington, Manistee, and Rogers City tournaments remain for DAS trollers competing for Skipper of the year honors. The Ludington and Manistee events fall respectively, on the first two week-ends in August. These ports are favorites with steelheaders because they are known to produce great catches, and are fishing friendly destinations. Each provides the opportunity to get into some nice Kings. Coho and Steelhead are also abundant in the area, but with the size of fish caught this year Kings could be approaching MONSTER class.

Big lake salmon fishing historically peaks in early August and these ports share great offshore habitat in addition to local river basins which support planted stocks and naturally reproducing populations. While weather tends to impact daily fishing results, these ports remain consistent producers, year in and year out. Check out the previous week's weather and surface temps. Water temps will dictate where the fish will be located.

Irregular drop-offs and the structure surrounding Ludington and Manistee attracts predators and prey alike. Two to three miles offshore the bottom drops from 65 to 150 feet. From there, it falls off to 400 feet before gradually reaching its maximum depths in the middle of the lake. Staging salmon tend to hold in this area prior to spawning. Ideal conditions exist when thermoclines form midway down the water column and big fish are in the top 100 feet of water. Ludington trollers will find the closer you get to Sable Point there will be more boats. It may be difficult to run lead core because of the crowds. Sometimes the fish will be in close to shore off the Bathhouse or even right in front of the pier heads. The Project just south of the pier heads has also traditionally been an area that holds fish. Manistee boats that run to the point won't have to fight much traffic.

A sustained north blow will lower nearshore water temps, and when water temps fall the fish scatter. Locating big kings after the lake flips can be challenging. A north blow for several days prior will tend to push cold water around Sable Point and make the better fishing either toward the south or way past the point to the north. If bait is holding in warmer temps near the shallows, it may not take long for the big kings to show up in those areas. If the temp break is down low, or the water is warm all the way to the bottom be prepared to target kings down deep. If the fish are low, don't be afraid to run a couple glow lures down deep even after the sun is high in the sky.

Right now, according to Ludington based DAS member and "Silver Addiction" Charter Captain Mark Williams, it's primarily a lake trout bite and a real good one. There are a few kings being caught but it's an early bite and the fish are good sized. The better fishing is to the south. Best thing to do is check in with Mark the week leading up to the tournament and he'll let you know what's going on. Things will be constantly changing on a day to day basis until then.

Mark also mentioned that those few kings that are hitting are real bruisers and hitting like freight trains. Make sure your equipment is in good shape. Strip off 30 to 40 feet of your main lines and retie the snap swivels with good strong knots. Make sure you have freshly tied leaders and slider lines and don't be afraid to use heavier lines like 30 to 50 lb. test. Make sure the drags are in good working order and lubricate all your reels. Check your lead cores out carefully because they can go bad over time. You would hate to lose a nice fish to any kind of faulty line. Consider beefing up your main lines and terminal tackle also. There have been numerous 30-pound kings landed so far this year and these fish are

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As always the tackle raffle will not disappoint.
The raffle masters have not revealed the
cash of prizes this month.
The surprise will be worth the wait.

**Let's Go Fishing, Fly Fishing That Is.....This Saturday July 21 at Yates Park**

We will be hosting a 'hands on' instructional fly fishing clinic at Yates Park Saturday morning, July 21st. This clinic is free and open to anglers of all abilities. If you need help rigging equipment, finding fish, learning new techniques, or perfecting old ones, local guide and instructor, Luiz 'Louie' DaSilva will provide participants with personalized assistance. Beginners learning the basics, and experienced anglers honing their skills will have valuable takeaways. You won't need a lot of fancy gear to enjoy this event. Just bring what equipment you already have. Louie will help you keep it simple and improve your experience. If you would like to participate at this event, we will be meeting near the parking lot at 9:00 AM. The park is located in Rochester Hills on Dequindre Road, directly across from the Yates Cider Mill. In case you miss it, Luiz will be our guest Speaker in July

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- ☐ New Member - \$35 Yearly ☐ Renewal - \$35 Yearly
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Ludington Tournament

WHEN: Saturday August 4, 2018
 WHERE: Ludington Municipal Marina
 SKIPPERS MEETING: 5:00 AM
 TOURNAMENT START: 6:00 AM
 FISH CALLS: Channel 72, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
 PULL LINES: 1:00 PM
 WEIGH-IN: 2:00 PM at the marina (must be in line by 2:00)
 PORT CAPTIAN: Bob Jones 734 751-1767 cell (Bobby's Toy)
 TROLLING DIRECTORS: Bob Feisel 248 765-2504 Cell (Vicki's Seacret)
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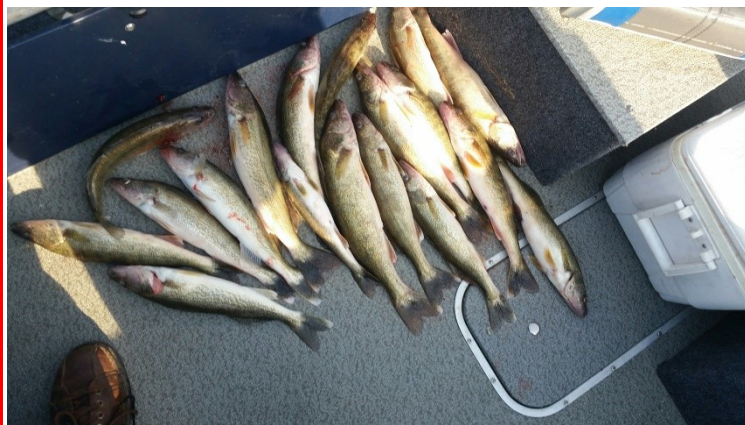
Manistee Tournament

WHEN: Saturday August 11, 2018
 WHERE: Manistee Lions Pavilion
 SKIPPERS MEETING: 5:00 AM
 TOURNAMENT START: 6:00 AM
 FISH CALLS: Channel 72, 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
 PULL LINES: 1:00 PM
 WEIGH-IN: 2:30 PM at the Lions Pavilion (must be in line by 2:00)
 PORT CAPTIAN: Tom Gorguze 248 343-8397 cell (Bad Dog)
 TROLLING DIRECTORS: Bob Feisel 248 765-2504 Cell (Vicki's Seacret)
 Bob Ksionzek 586 531-9198 Cell (Last Dime)

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St. Clair Whipping Outing

On Saturday June 16th our Steelheaders were treated to warm weather and calm winds for our first walleye whipping event on the St Clair River. We had great weather and a good turnout in St. Clair. Most anglers launched at the city ramp in advance of the 8:00 PM start. While the facility only has two lanes which are shared for launch and retrieval, it is really nice and features one of the best fish cleaning stations in the area. Anglers participating in the outing had to register with port captain Carl Ventimiglia by 7:00 for the two and a half hour fishing period.



Most boats made it back for the 11:00 weigh with several exceptions. John Martens needed a tow back to the ramp after losing forward power. At first Don Mikros thought John was working a hot spot when he was observed circling in reverse. Most anglers reported that the bite started slow and picked up quickly as the sun set. Blaise mentioned his crew did well but had to throw back a number of undersized walleye. Paul Gjeldum decided to skip the weigh in and keep fishing as the bite was just getting hot at 10:30 PM. Hats off to Paul since he was the only one with any fish on his boat at quitting time.

Bob Paradise took first place points and \$100 in big fish money. Tim Robinson Jr. finished second, Jim Paehlig third, Blaise Pewinski fourth, and Rodger Hinchcliff fifth. There was a lot of excitement surrounding this unique event and fishing technique. Thanks to Carl for hosting a great outing. We're looking forward to next year.

Linwood Results

Saginaw Bay Saturday July 7th, 2018 at Linwood Beach Marina it was a perfect day; very little wind, a day that was just right for fishing boats small and large. A total of 25 fisherman registered at the skipper's meeting. Most crews used night crawler harnesses, while others pulled crank baits and spoons. We all pulled lines to be back by 12:30pm. The fish were weighed in and the grill was started. The food began to be devoured, all was delicious! It was an awesome

ending to a very beautiful day!

The top five winners for AOTY and Big Fish were:



- 1st place: Don Jasman, five fish 11.8 with big fish 3.4
- 2nd place: Fred Charters, five fish 9.5 with big fish 3.35
- 3rd place: Andrew Hausbeck, five fish 7.55, with big fish 2.2
- 4th place: Blaise Pewinski, five fish 7.55 and no big fish
- 5th place: Don Mikros, five fish 6.05 and no big fish



Dear Detroit Area Steelheaders,
I am Kaitlyn Yantz, about to be a fourth-year college student to get my bachelor's degree in Fisheries and Wildlife Management. I have been selected to receive the Detroit Area Steelheaders Fisheries Scholarship. I greatly appreciate the generosity and aid that your program has provided for me and won't be able to say thank you enough. I am from Traverse City and have grown up and around hiking, fishing, and hunting. Ever since I was young I knew I wanted to grow up to work outdoors. I received my associates degree from Northwestern Michigan College then transferred to LSSU last year. Throughout the previous school year, I worked at the Aquatic research Lab working with Atlantic Salmon and loved being involved with the program. I am currently LSSU's Fisheries and Wildlife club Secretary and I have a year and a half remaining until I plan to graduate. Thank you for the support for the next year.
Sincerely,
Kaitlyn Yantz

Ludington and Manistee

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still growing. A 40-pound king was already reported in Manistee but its not clear what that fish officially weighed on a certified scale.

If you've been waiting to catch the fish of a lifetime you may want to clear some space in your freezer because this might be your lucky year. You'll be very glad that you did this later. Skippers should beware of commercial trap nets that have returned to the area. In Ludington a net is located in front of the project. Manistee has nets located in the 13's and 17's, and a third south of Oneckama in the 21's. The Manistee nets are slated to be relocated to the Mackinaw Straights area, but as of the fourth of July, they were still in the water.

Vickies Seacret takes Holland

The weather was looking a little spotty last Saturday. The threat of rain with the possibility of late morning thunderstorms loomed at the captains meeting for our DAS skippers return to Holland. After consulting with the weather boats, trolling director Bob Feisel decided we should keep an eye on the radar and give it a go.



We had 6 boats participate including two 2 non-club boats. Our guest skippers and their crews, were Brett Mauk from the Battle Creek Steelheaders, and Brad Holt and from the Holland Steelheaders. We had a number of guests who wanted to participate but couldn't due to conflicting schedules with a local veteran outing. We set lines at 6:00 AM and the thunder storms held off. Sure, we had some sprinkles, but as the day went on it was nice. Everyone caught fish in Holland and three boats weighed at least five fish. Bob Feisel boated eight fish leading the pack with a nice box, and in second was Brett Mauk with five fish. The top two boats made their way to deeper water and boated a mixed bag of Kings, Steelies, Coho and Trout. Brad Walton and Fred Chartier on the Moonshot weighed the big Salmon. Bret Mauk with help from yours truly had the big Steelhead.

Bob Feisel caught the big Trout. We had four sponsors and prizes were handed out to everyone in attendance! Bells Brewery, Perrin Brewery, Churches Tackle, and Dream Weaver, all sponsored this event and donated prizes and swag! Lunch was catered from Chipolte. When asked if they've ever eaten food from Chipotle, most of the fisherman replied with nope. The food was just fantastic and everyone in attendance had a great lunch. What a shocker when they had their taco bar all set up for them! What a meal! What a great day we had, and we look forward to going back!



Chris Turak
Port Captain



TNT's *TOP SECRET*

'Dynamite' Smoked Salmon

Chefs Table

Over the years I've received a number of compliments on my great grandmothers top secret smoked salmon recipe. I've been asked to share it with my DAS fishing family in advance of the fall salmon run. I use a custom propane smoker that holds up to six racks so I can control the heat with the gas a little better, and get a lot done at one time. It's always best to brine fresh fish but you can use this recipe on frozen fillets in a pinch. Take your time when you fillet your catch so it is prepped and ready for brining. I like to cut it into 4 to 5 inch pieces that are about equal weights. Along with this recipe I also inherited a number of pickling crocks that are ideal for brining. Don't use bare metal pots to brine. I marinate the filets in a brine solution for 24 hours. An old refrigerator keeps the big crocks cold while brining. I rinse my filets quickly in cold water then put them skin side up with paper towels, or newspapers, on the bottom. Then I cover with a towel to wick the water for 2 hours with fans blowing on them. The drier the pieces, the moister the end product will be. Properly dried fillets will have a nice shiny glaze. The glaze helps the finished product achieve a crisp golden brown finish. Dried fillets are placed on racks and put in a 250 degree smoker for approximately 2/2.5 hours **until the internal temperature is 160°**. I try to use hickory or apple wood for smoking. After its smoked, I take it out and let it cool for about 2 hours at room temperature. Then I refrigerate it 24 hours, I vacuum pack it and save it for Christmas. For additional questions, please contact TNT.

TOP SECRET BRINE

1 Gallon cold water
 1 cup Salt (non-iodized)
 1 cup Brown Sugar
 1 tsp Lemon Pepper
 1 tsp Garlic Powder
 1 tsp Onion Powder
 1 tsp Lemon Juice

Master Angler Awards From the 2018 Michigan Fishing Guide

The Master Angler Patch is awarded to all entries meeting the established minimum length for Catch-and-Keep and Catch-and-Immediate-Release entries. Please note there is no longer a weight requirement for Catch-and-Keep entries. All fish must be taken by legal Michigan sportfishing methods, during the open season, and in Michigan waters OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. DNR Fisheries Division reserves the right to reject any application if the entry does not meet the established criteria. Only 1 patch will be awarded for both Catch-and-Keep AND Catch-and-Immediate-Release entries. No more than 1 patch per species will be awarded to each angler per year.

Minimum entry sizes:

Chinook salmon	39"
Coho salmon	31"
Atlantic salmon	32"
Pink salmon	21"
Lake trout	34"
Steelhead	32"
Brown trout	32"
Walleye	29"



- The Master Angler Certificate is awarded to anglers who catch one of the top 5 fish of each species in both the Catch-and-Keep and the Catch-and-Immediate-Release categories. Anglers catching a State Record fish also receive this award.
- Measuring the length of your fish: Measure your fish from the tip of the nose (or lower jaw) to tip of the tail in a straight line. Do NOT measure in a curve around the body from nose to tail. Measure to the closest 1/8". Tail and jaw should be pinched to get proper measurement.
- Applications are available at all Customer Service Centers (see p. 65) and at Michigan.gov/masterangler. The deadline for submitting an entry is Jan. 10, 2019. Each application must have a photo submitted as well. Applications and photos may be submitted either all electronically or via the mail. Electronic applications and photos may be sent to masterangler@michigan.gov. Mailed applications and photos may be sent to: Fisheries Division, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 30446, Lansing, MI 48909.
- State Record fish are recognized by weight only. To qualify, your fish must exceed the current listed State Record weight and identification must be verified by a DNR fisheries biologist. See the list of Customer Service Centers on p. 65 of the 2018 Michigan Fishing Guide.

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2018 AOTY

	St. Lukes 1/27/18	Bay City 2/10/18	Manistee River 3/24/18	Brown Trout 4/28/18	Walleye Algonac 5/12/18	St Clair Whipping 6/16/18	Linwood Walleye 7/7/18	Sterling St Park 9/15/18	Platte 10/6/18	Big Tom 10/27/18	Lake Shore 11/3/18	Caseville Lake Trout 12/8/18	Total Points
Blaise Pewinski	5	4	0.5	0	0.5	2	2						14
Jim Paehlig	4	0	0	0	5	3	0.5						12.5
Bob Paradise	0.5	3	0.5	0.5	0.5	5	0.5						10.5
Gaspere Aragona	0.5	5	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5						7.5
Don Jasman	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	5						6
Don Evan	0	0	0	5	0.5	0	0						5.5
Gabe MacDougall	0	0	5	0	0	0	0						5
Fred Chartier	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	4						4.5
Luke Paradise	0	0	0	0	4	0	0						4
Tim Robinson Jr	0	0	0	0	0	4	0						4
Dan Chisholm	0.5	2	0	0	0.5	0.5	0						3.5
Louie Balaze	3	0	0	0	0	0	0.5						3.5

Upcoming 2018 DAS Key Dates

Sat. July 21, 2018 Fly Fishing Clinic @ Yates
 Tues July 31, 2018 General Membership Meeting
 Sat. Aug. 4, 2018 Ludington Trolling Tournament
 Sat. Aug. 11, 2018 Manistee Trolling Tournament
 Tues Aug.14, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting

2018 June Membership Meeting Facts

Attendance: 43
Featured Guest: Capt. Joe Raymer
Featured Presentations: Saginaw Bay Walleye
50/50 Raffle Winner: Don Mikros (\$105)
Every Member Draw: Todd Radley (Present but left early)