

May Membership Meeting

- When:
- Tuesday, May 29 2018 7:30pm
- Where:
- American Polish Cultural Center
 NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- Boat demos
 Swap meet
- Other Happenings:
- Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings,
- Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,
- Every Member Drawing,
- Knife drawing
- DAS On the web-

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LSSU Aquatic Research Lab

When Roger Griel, the Lake Superior State University Aquatic Lab Manager spoke to our group, he invited club members to assist with fin clipping Atlantic Salmon smolts prior to their release. As the St. Mary's river temperature inches its way towards 35 degrees each Spring, Roger makes preparations to release another batch of Atlantic's. This month on May 9th and 10th two groups of DAS volunteers traveled to Sault Saint Marie to help out.

The Aquatic Research Lab (ARL) resides on the east end of the quarter mile long Cloverland Electric Cooperative Hydroelectric Plant pictured above. Located on the border with Canada and operational since 1902, the plant is one of the oldest continuously operating power plants in North America and generates between 25 to 30 megawatts when operating at full capacity. Unlike other salmon, Atlantic's breed several times in their life cycle. Each fall in November approximately 40,000 eggs along with sufficient milt are collected from the returning land locked



Atlantic Salmon that populate the great lakes. The ARL targets releasing 30,000 fish each year. Atlantic Salmon are a difficult fish to raise. They are easily susceptible to disease so care is taken to prevent overcrowding, and ensure healthy fish are available for release each year. Because they are held for

over a year, and problems associated with overcrowding, the cost to rear Atlantic's is higher than most species.



Prior to handling fish slated for milking, clipping or study, they are anesthetized in a solution tricaine methanesulfonate. After treatment with the anesthetic, sedated fish revive quickly when returned to fresh water but must be retained in holding tanks for a minimum of 20 days before being released to the wild. After each fish has been milked, it's weight and measurements are recorded. It is then tagged and prepared for return to the St. Mary's

river. Fisherman who harvest tagged post spawn fish, are requested to contact the lab so additional data can be obtained.

Fertilized eggs hatch as Sac Fry in early January. They feed from nutrients in the egg sac until it is absorbed. In February the 'swim ups' begin to feed and are designated as age zero fish. These fish are held for 1.5 years in tanks as they grow and transform from 'pars' to 'smolts'. As the fingerlings grow to lengths between 4 and 7 inches, they lose the vertical markings which designate them as pars. It is these fish that are then fin clipped to identify age and release location.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Currently: 174 Members

RENEWED NORM DAVIES CHARLES DENNING STEPHEN G.GENOFF JAMES P.LEGENZOFF **ANDREWSTOCKTON BRUCETURNAGE GARY WILLIAMS**

DUE THIS MONTH MARKCARLSON TOM GORGUZE GARY GROSS BILLKISER ROBERT P.KSIONZEK **GABEMCDOUGALL KURTNOFZ DANO'KEEFE**

1 MONTH PAST LOUBACSIKIN JEFFREY BUSTOS **JAMESCHAMBERLIN**

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2 MONTHS PAST HERMANN CHRISTOPH EDWARD HILL SCOTT KUZNIA TIM PRATESHLER

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May 29, Membership Meeting **Swap Meet and Boat Show**

In addition to a couple (parking lot) boat presentations at our May general membership meeting, we will have a swap meet. This may be a great opportunity to score some extra fishing tackle. Or maybe, an opportunity lighten your boat. Let that unused equipment find a new home. Members are encouraged to bring in their lightly used duplicates. We can help make some room in your garage.....and your tackle box.

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| P.O. Box 1255 Sterling Hgts., MI 48311-1255 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Membership Application | | | | | | | | | |
| □ New Member - \$35 Yearly | □ Renewal - \$35 Yearly | | | | | | | | | |
| □ Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Ye | arly□ Address Change only | | | | | | | | | |
| □ Junior (under 16) - \$20 Ye | Amt. Paid \$ | | | | | | | | | |
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Lexington Tournament Wrap-Up

The first trolling tournament for 2018 is officially in the books. I would love to tell you that the fishing was fantastic, but that would be a wildly absurd lie. The winter that would not let go gave us a week long cold front. We had six boats who braved the cold and gave it their best effort,

but only three of those boats brought fish to the weigh-in. There were three Lake Trout, one salmon, and one walleye (doesn't count). Fortunately the lake was pleasant for fishing on Friday evening and Saturday, but the temperature stayed pretty low. There was some skim ice that formed on Friday night and it was weird trolling while your lines are cutting through a layer of ice. It looks like you are "fish-on" all the time but it was just the lines cutting through the ice. The Three skippers who finished in the money were Bob Jones with two trout, Paul Gjeldum with a trout of his own, and Tom Gorguze with a small Coho. Port captain Channing prepared a taco-bar for the shore lunch and I think it went over very well. A special thank you to my wife Mary who was the driving force behind making the shore lunch so special. That's a wrap for the first tournament of the 2018 season.



| | Lexington S | Juliungs | | 1/2018 | | | | | Best 5 | | | | | _ |
|------|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------|---------------------------|--------|------|----------|-------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------|
| lace | Boat Name | Skipper | # of Fish Weighed | | Catch by Species & Weight | | | | | Best 5 Total Pts. | Deduction Code | Points Deducted | Total Points | Plac |
| 1 | Bobby's Toy | Bob Jones | 2 | L 6.00 | L 4.40 | | | | 10.40 | 20.40 | NONE | 0.00 | 20.40 | |
| 2 | Blue Horizon | Paul Gjeldum | 1 | L 7.80 | | | | | 7.80 | 12.80 | NONE | 0.00 | 12.80 | 1 |
| | Bad Dog | Tom Gorguze | 1 | C 1.70 | | | | | 1.70 | 6.70 | NONE | 0.00 | 6.70 | |
| 4 | Channing | Dan Chisholm | 0 | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | NONE | 0.00 | 1.00 | |
| 5 | Diana's Den | Denis Harper | 0 | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | NONE | 0.00 | 1.00 | 3 |
| | Hardtop & Tails | Jim Zanke | 0 | | | | | | 0.00 | | NONE | 0.00 | 1.00 | |
| 7 | - | - | 0 | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | NONE | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| 8 | - | - | 0 | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | NONE | 0.00 | 0.00 | - 1 |
| 9 | - | - | 0 | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | NONE | 0.00 | 0.00 | - 3 |
| 10 | - | - | 0 | | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00 | NONE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1 |
| | | | | | | Number | | | | | | | | |
| | | Boat Name | Sp | ecies | Wgt. | Caught | | 6 | Total Boats | | | | | |
| | Bad Dog | | Salmon | | 1.70 | | | | | | De | eduction Code | LEGEND | |
| | | Bad Dog | Pool | Salmon | 1.70 | | \$60 | | | | LTSM | = Late To Skipper | | Mt |
| | | | ŀ | King | 0.00 | 0 | | | | | LTWI | | | |
| | No. | | Pod | ol King | 0.00 | | | | | | 1NFC | = No Answ | er 1 Fish | Call |
| | - | Bad Dog | C | oho | 1.70 | 1 | | | | | 2NFC | | | Call |
| | A | Bad Dog | Poo | l Coho | 1.70 | | | | | | UCC | | | Chg. |
| | R | R Blue Horizon | | e Trout | 7.80 | 3 | | <u> </u> | | | DQ | = Disqualif | ied | |
| | G Blue Horizon | | Po | ool LT | 7.80 | | \$30 | | | | | | | |
| | ₽ | | Ste | elhead | 0.00 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| | S | Bad Dog | Pool S | Steelhead | 0.00 | | \$30 | | | | | | | |
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| | | | At | lantic | 0.00 | 0 | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Atlantic | 0.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | Pink | 0.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Do | ol Pink | 0.00 | 0 | | | | | | | | |

Harbor Beach

June 2nd will find the Detroit Area Steelheaders fishing out of Harbor Beach. To finish with the top boats in this tournament may require targeting Lake Trout. You can catch Lake Trout higher in the water column with dipsey divers, lead core and copper setups but these fish will typically be smaller, (5-6 lbs.) You may also pick up a steelhead or maybe even a salmon. Fishing slow and bouncing bottom is the key to targeting the bigger Trout. These will usually run in the 7-9 lb. range with the occasional 10-12 pounder.

The normal tactic for this area is to station a crew member at each corner and constantly adjust the downrigger depths to bounce off the bottom. You don't want to drag bottom, especially further north toward Port Austin as the shale bottom tends to snag cannon balls. It's always a good idea to have a set of wire cutters handy in case you get hung up. On the riggers, try Spin-N-Glo's behind cow bells or a dodger. My favorite setup is a Chartreuse and Lime Spin-n-Glo with white wings behind a Tin Can dodger. Lead length should be about one and a half times the dodger length or about 22". The lead on Cow Bells can be shorter. Areas to fish are anywhere from 60 - 120 fow either north, south or straight out from the Harbor.

This year I plan to try my Thumper or Johnson Rod. This was the type of rod used by old timers for Lake Trout many years ago before downriggers and is still used on Lake Superior today. When I used to fish out of Grand Marais, this was always the most productive rod on the boat and was a blast to use once you hooked up.

An excellent video for targeting Lakers out of Harbor Beach is from 411 Productions, (2013 Show #11: Bouncing for Lakers). The link is https://vimeo.com/60765939.

The Skippers Meeting will be at 5:00 a.m. at the Municipal Marina. Tournament start is at 6:00 a.m. with fish calls at 9:00 and 11:00. Pull lines at 1:00 p.m. with the weigh-in at 2:00 p.m. The minimum size for Lake Trout is 15 inches with a creel limit of 3. Hope to see you there. Good Luck.

Joe von Grabe "Sloppy Joe"

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Lake Michigan Citizens Advisory Committee Update

On Tuesday April 17th, I attended the Lake Michigan Citizens Advisory Meeting in Grandville. Blaise Pewinski was able to come along, so the icy morning drive was a bit less stressful. I have the main topics that were discussed below:

- **95 PERCENT OF THE CHINOOK STOCKED IN LAKE HURON GO TO LAKE MICHIGAN.** In Manistee and Ludington 17 and 19 percent of Chinooks caught, respectively were originally planted in Lake Huron, Rogers City Area. This was just the ones that were turned in so they suspect the number to be larger.
- **Stocking options for the lake.** They are using Zonal Management; however, the main science behind this is the predator / prey model. This model uses a ratio to maintain balance in the lake. Due to the Tribal Consent Decree, the Lake Trout population, and stocking numbers cannot be touched. Therefore, we must reduce the other species of Chinook, Coho, Brown Trout, and Steelhead. Understanding, that they are not equal in their eating of the alewife. For Example, 1 Chinook = 2.4 Coho.
- The vote was between reducing the Coho Plants in Lake Michigan, Cutting the Chinook Plants in Lake Huron, and leaving the numbers alone. Of course the Huron option would need to go to the Huron Lake Committee. Personally, I suggested in an email to cut the Chinook plants in Lake Michigan, and add them to Lake Huron. They will more than likely come around through the straights anyways.
- Perch Limit reduction from 50 to 25. This was a social issue, and it was shot down. Vote was to leave as it is.
- The Tribal Consent Decree. This issue is coming up in 2020, and needs our SUPPORT FINANCIALLY, and needs to be acted on now to formulate our position with a solid foundation. The tribes do not want to negotiate now, as they feel it will weaken their position in the future. To show the importance of this, Denny Grinold brought up Sea Lamprey. Most of us that have trolled have seen them, but do not realize how important it is to control them. The Lamprey could wipe out our fishery. A river in the U.P. that is usually treated with chemical can no longer be treated as such. The new tribal chief for that region does not want poison in water that runs through tribal land, and he has stopped it. This shows the power of the tribe and how we must make sure the new Consent Decree is a mutually beneficial one.

As with all meetings, opinions ran strong, but the bottom line is that this is a powerful committee and we have a powerful voice. A voice we need to use to support the facts and common sense. Our next meeting will be in October!

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Williams

LSSU continued from front page

This year a total of 34,000 were raised and in need of clipping. In two days, DAS volunteers, Carl Ventimiglia, Blaise Pewinski, Kurt Nofz, and Tom Gorguze, assisted LSSU students clipping fins on approximately 15,000 fish. Smolts are netted from one tank, sedated in pails, transferred to trays, then using a pair surgical scissors, clipped and quickly returned to a new holding tank. After the prescribed quarantine period, fish are transferred to a final holding tank (similar to a net pen) prior to release. During this period fish acclimate to the river and imprint their release location to improve chances they will return to spawn. Before the river water hits 50 degrees, fish are released into the river. All the fish reared at the ARL are released at the same location and they have been recorded in all five of our great lakes. We hope to return next year with additional volunteers.





The adult Atlantic Salmon pictured at left was boated by Derek Haberski during our recent Algonac outing. The missing adipose fin indicates this fish was raised at the DNR Platte River hatchery. The Platte hatchery also code wire tags their fish. Heads for these fish are collected to retrieve the tags and record release and capture data. Fertilized eggs used at the DNR hatchery are provided by the Lake Superior State lab. While all the fish raised at the ARL are released in the St Mary's River, the Michigan DNR plants Atlantics in Lake Huron at four locations Lexington harbor, the AuSable, Thunder Bay, and also St. Mary's rivers. Because the Platte river warms quickly in the spring, those fish are released in April. Fish from the ARL can be held until June to improve their survival rates.

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St Joseph Wrap Up

Things did not start well for some of the Captains heading to St Joe for the May 5th DAS tournament. On the way over Thursday evening, Bob Jones had to change a flat tire on his boat trailer. We all know what a blast that is! Friday on their way, Bob Feisel and crew had to run around to get the wheel bearings replaced plus a new wheel spindle installed. Ouch! I'm sure that wasn't cheap! Dan Chisholm didn't have it as bad as the Bobs but had a crew member back out last minute! Makes it a little tougher with a just a two man crew, for sure!

The marine weather forecast for the weekend called for 20-30 knot W-SW winds with 2'-4' waves possibly 5' on Friday, light winds with waves less than 1' on Saturday, tournament day and

4'-6' waves from winds to 30 knots out of the N-NE on Sunday. Two out of three days they called it right and fortunately for the 7 DAS boats, skippers and crews that made it over, one of them was tournament day.

Recent fishing reports were hard to come by because the locals and area Charters couldn't get out much because of the prior week's windy weather. But some club boats were able to get out Friday as the lake started to settle down by mid-afternoon. They managed to pick up a few fish to give them some idea where to start fishing on Saturday morning.

'Sea Hag' and 'Blue Horizon' headed way to the south to see if their favorite 'honey holes' were holding some fish, while 'Bad' Dog', 'Bobby's Toy', 'Channing' 'Hardtop 'N Tails' and 'Vickie's Seacret' stayed near port either just a few miles north or south. Some boats started in shallower water 30' to 35' deep early but moved out as they were not able to find any fish there. Most boats were fishing between 50 and 70 FOW the remainder of the morning. At the 9:00am fish call, 'Sea Hag' with 6 fish and 'Blue Horizon' & 'Vickie's Seacret' with 3 were leading the pack while 'Hardtop' – 2 fish, 'Bad Dog' -1, 'Bobby's Toy' – 1 and

By the 11:30 fish call, the fishing was picking up, especially for 'Bobby's Toy' with 12 fish (Remember, 1 at the 9:00am) as well as 'Sea Hag' reporting 12. 'Blue Horizon' had 6, 'Hardtop 'N Tails' – 5, 'Vickie's Seacret' – 3, 'Channing' – 2 and 'Bad Dog' with 1 fish.

The weigh-in was held as soon as all 7 boats were in the weigh-in line because the luncheon was scheduled to arrive at 2:30pm. The timing worked out well as the meal arrived just shortly after the results were announced. As was jokingly heard in the discussion during lunch following the weigh-in from Bad Dog Skipper Tom Gorguze: "Bob Jones schooled us!".



As a member of the "Bobby's Toy" team for many years, I can vouch for Skipper Bob Jones saying that "we haven't experienced a day's fishing like that for a long time going back to maybe 2005 or 2006. The action was non-stop from just after the 9:00am fish call until tournament's end." 'Bobby's Toy' brought 15 fish to the scales all kings except for 1 lake trout that weighed a total of 164.9 lbs!. Their 5 fish total was good for 104.05 pts and 1st place. That's just shy of a 5 fish average weight of 16 lbs! They were followed by Skipper Blaise Pewinski and his crew on the 'Sea Hag' with 5 fish and 78.6 pts and 'Blue Horizon' Skippered by Paul Gjeldum & crew with their catch of 5 fish for 69.7 pts. Every boat managed to weigh-in fish, which is always a good thing.

Port Captain Blaise Pewinski ordered up a fantastic meal from Harding's Market in St. Joe for the luncheon. Delicious fried chicken, ham, scalloped potatoes, beans, fresh-cut veggies, cookies plus cold pop & water. A great, big Thanks to Blaise and Harding's Market!

'Channing' with no fish found things somewhat slower.

It was a great event with a beautiful day on the water, good fishing, and a great meal enjoyed by all!

Co-Tournament Director Bob Ksionzek

| | St. Joe Sta | ındings | 5/5 | /2018 | | | | | | | | | | |
|------|-----------------|--|-------------------------|---------|---------------------------|------------------|---|----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|------------|-------|
| lace | Boat Name | Skipper | # of Fish Weighed | | Catch by Species & Weight | | | Best 5 Total Wgt. | Best 5 Total Pts. | Deduction Code | Points Deducted | Total Points | Place | |
| 1 | Bobby's Toy | Bob Jones | 5 | K 19.65 | K 17. | 0 K 16.30 | K 13.10 | K 12.40 | 79.05 | 104.05 | NONE | 0.00 | 104.05 | 1 |
| | Sea Hag | Blaise Pewinski | 5 | K 17.75 | K 10. | 5 K 9.15 | K 8.25 | L 7.70 | 53.60 | 78.60 | NONE | 0.00 | 78.60 | |
| | Blue Horizon | Paul Gjeldum | 5 | L 11.30 | K 9.5 | K 9.25 | L 7.70 | L 6.90 | 44.70 | 69.70 | NONE | 0.00 | 69.70 | |
| | Channing | Dan Chisholm | 4 | K 12.60 | K 10.0 | 0 K 9.95 | K 7.90 | | 40.45 | 60.45 | NONE | 0.00 | 60.45 | 4 |
| | Vicki's Seacret | Bob Feisel | 4 | K 15.85 | K 12. | o K 7.55 | C 2.30 | | 38.40 | 58.40 | NONE | 0.00 | 58.40 | 5 |
| | Hardtop & Tails | Jim Zanke | 4 | K 9.25 | K 8.00 | L 7.35 | L 4.75 | | 29.35 | | NONE | 0.00 | 49.35 | 6 |
| | Bad Dog | Tom Gorguze | 1 | K 13.25 | | | | | 13.25 | 18.25 | NONE | 0.00 | 18.25 | |
| | | Boat Name | | ecies | Wgt. | Number Caught | | 7 | Total Boats | | | | | |
| | | Bobby's Toy | Salmon Pool Salmon King | | 19.6 | 5 | | | | | D | eduction Cod | e LEGEND | |
| | | Bobby's Toy | | | 19.6 | | \$70 | | | | LTSM | = Late To | Skipper's | Mtg |
| | I I | Bobby's Toy | | | 19.6 | 5 31 | | | | | LTWI | = Late To | Weigh-In | |
| | | Bobby's Toy | Pool K | ing | 19.6 | 5 | | | | | 1NFC | = No Ansv | ver 1 Fish | Call |
| | Α | Vicki's Seacret | Coho | | 2.3 | 0 1 | | | | | 2NFC | = No Ansv | ver 2 Fish | Calls |
| | R | Vicki's Seacret | Pool C | | 2.3 | | | | | | UCC | | | Chg. |
| | 7.7 | Blue Horizon | Lake T | | 11.3 | 0 14 | 1 | 20 | | | DQ | = Disquali | fied | |
| | G | G Blue Horizon Pool LT Sea Hag Steelhead Sea Hag Pool Steelh | | | 11.3 | | \$35 | | | | | | | |
| | F | | | | 3.8 | | | - | | | | | | |
| | 10 miles | | | eelhead | 3.8 | _ | \$35 | | | | | | | |
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| | | | Pink | | 0.0 | _ | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Pool P | ink | 0.0 | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Total | | | 47 | | | | | | | | |

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WANTED: We currently have nine boats signed up for our Special Friends outing on June 9th at Toledo Beach Marina. That's only enough room for 21 guests. We are in desperate need for more boats! Please consider taking some special friends out in your boat. Call Dan Chisholm at (586) 530-9171 to volunteer

Gearing Up.....Raw Water Washdown

Lifetime member Jason Adam has been kind enough to put together a series of articles on 'Gearing Up' your boat. Some of these articles are intended to improve vessel safety, and others just make boating more convenient. This month's instalment will help you keep it clean on the lake.

Tired of hanging over the side of the boat swinging a bucket into the sea to splash some water on the deck? Wish you could spray out the boat like you were hosing off the garage floor. The answer to your fish slime laden prayers is a Raw Water Wash-down System.



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A basic Raw water wash-down system consists of a Thru-Hull fitting with shutoff, a raw water strainer, a pressure activated 12V wash-down pump, a water outlet, a switch, some hoses, fittings, and wir-

ing. The water will travel from the lake, through the through hull fitting, into a strainer then into a pump and out a hose through a standard garden sprayer. There are kits available or you can piece it together yourself. All of these parts should be readily available at your local boating supply store. Kits start at roughly \$100, but expect to spend a little more by the time you add wiring, connectors, switches, hoses, and fittings. The skill level required for installation will vary from boat to boat, depending on whether thru-hulls need to be added, and how accessi-

ble your bilge area is. Use extreme care when installing and sealing thru hull fittings, and use ONLY brass fittings and shutoffs at the waterline.

I have found that the wash-downs are most practical at the front of the cockpit, as you will usually be washing towards the stern. A wash-down system for cleaning the deck is most practical on Self Bailing cockpits, but a wash-down can still be beneficial for quick cleaning and hand washing on any vessel. A coiling hose can save space, and a plastic spray nozzle will avoid scratching up your fiberglass. For additional wash-down system discussion, visit the Boat Rigging forum at www.detroitsteelheaders.org Now get out there and swab thee deck...

Jason Adam, 'Outa Line'



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Algonac Outing

We typically have a good turnout for our Algonac walleye outing, but usually he event is better known for the fish fry that follows. This year the outing was held Saturday, May 12th and fishing reports from the St. Clair river were promising. The weather forecast didn't look good. One boat canceled midweek, and two more canceled the morning of the event. That didn't dampen the spirits of the 26 fisherman who showed up though. Eight boats were at the North Channel ramp for the 5:30AM captains meeting. Rain from Friday evening had subsided and it looked as though we might get our fishing in before we got more rain.

Anglers were allowed to fish anywhere they wished as long as they launched from the DNR North Channel ramp. The plan was to fish until noon, then meet at our Algonac cottage for a 1:00PM weigh-in and fish fry. The rain held off until 10:00AM and the fishing was good. Most boats had lim-



its, and everyone caught fish. The big fish pool money went to John Hawley who brought a 7.05 hog to the scales. Angler of the

> year points were awarded based on the total weight of six walleye. The top five finishers (along with their catch) to receive Angler of the Year Points were Jim Paehlig 17.65 lbs onboard the City Slicker, Luke Paradise 11.05 lbs, Brian Bock 10.75 lbs, Mark Paradise 10.35 lbs, and Kevin Barthlow 10.3 lbs.



Time for your Vessel Safety Check

I'm Tony Dzbanski the USCG Auxiliarist who your organization invited to come last year to give a presentation on the Vessel Safety Check (VSC) program and also to perform a VSC on several of your member's vessels last year. I don't believe there is a need for me to give another presentation but I want your organization to know that myself and the USCG Auxiliary are available to perform a VSC on your members vessels if they wish. Either contact me direct at tony082@comcast.net, or go to safetyseal.net & click on the "I want a VSC" link on the left and follow the instructions. We can also come to a mutual agreeable place to have your members bring their vessels like last year when they brought them to the parking lot of the

I wish you & your members a safe, fun & prosperous fishing season!.

Tony Dzbanski Vessel Examiner USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 20-19 tony082@comcast.net

Polish Cultural Center.

Victorinox 12 inch Salmon Slicer

Don't forget Don Jasman is raffling off three Victorinox salmon slicers at the May membership meeting. Tickets are \$5 each and a maximum of 100 tickets will be sold. Proceeds from the raffle go towards our Special Friends event. The knives have been graciously donated by Don. If you would like to purchase a ticket, your last opportunity will be at the May meeting.



Brown Trout Outing Results

Strong north winds gusting to 30 mph pounded boats attempting to fish open water at the Brown Trout outing. A dozen club mem bers entered the Lakeshore Motel tournament but the only club member to weigh a Brown Trout was Don Evan. Don launched in Ludington and fished inside the pier heads. Of the 45 or so other



participants entered in the tournament, only four browns were weighed.

In the Lakeshore tournament the entire state is open to fishing, as long as you don't start before 5:30AM, and are in line at the weigh-in by 4:30PM. It is a friendly group that promotes both spring and fall events. Successful fisherman are rewarded with modest prizes, and cash prizes are awarded by a random drawing of all entrants present at the awards dinner.

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MEETING NOTICE—PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

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2018 Angler of the Year Leaderboard Platte Caseville St. Bay Manistee Brown Walleye St Clair Linwood Sterling Betsie Lake Lake Member's Lukes City River Trout Algonac Whipping Walleye St Park PMBig Tom Shore Trout Total 3/24/18 4/28/18 5/12/18 6/16/18 7/7/18 9/15/18 10/6/18 10/27/18 11/3/18 12/8/18 **Points** Name 1/27/18 2/10/18 B. Pewinski 5 0.50 0.510 Jim Paehlig 4 0 0 0 5 9 G. Aragona 0.5 5 0 0.5 0.5 6.5 Don Evan 0 0 0 5 0.5 5.5 Bob Paradise 0.5 3 0.5 0.5 0.55 MacDougall 0 0 5 0 0 5

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Sat May 19 & 20, 2018 Grand Haven Tournament

Tue May 29, 2018 General Membership Meeting

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Tue June 12, 2018 BOD Meeting

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Luke Paradise

Dan Chisholm

Mark Paradise

Paul Gjeldum

Louie Balaze

Brian Bock

Sat June 2, 2018 Harbor Beach Trolling Tournament

April 2018 Membership Meeting Facts

Attendance: 48

Featured Guests: Linda Bredernitz & Gary Williams

Featured Presentations: Special Friends & Detroit Kids Derby

50/50 Raffle Winner: Anthony Nowack \$95

Every Member Draw: Ed Wilczek Not Present