

May Membership Meeting

- When:
- Tuesday, May 30 2017 7:30pm
 Where:
- American Polish Cultural Center
 NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- Featured Speaker: Anthony Dzbanski Coast Guard Safety Checks

• Other Happenings:

 Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings, Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle, Every Member Drawing, Wild game dinner

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May 2017

A Vessel Safety Check (VSC) is performed at your boat – ranging in locations from marina to your driveway. A vessel safety check usually takes 15 to 30 minutes, depending upon the size of your boat.

Coast Guard Boat Inspections Available at May Meeting

The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will make a presentation on boat safety and perform vessel inspections at our May membership meeting. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will provide a certified vessel examiner to perform free Vessel Safety Checks ("VSC") in the parking lot. There is no charge, and no consequences if you don't pass. Their goal is simply to help make boating as safe as possible for you, your family and your friends, through education. Call Tom Gorguze at 248 343-8397 if you would like to get your free VSC.

Winds Wreak Havoc at St. Joe

Hazardous conditions and Gale force winds resulted in the St. Joe tournament cancellation. After a week of sustained north winds, the NOAA offshore forecast reported midweek wave heights to 18'. By Thursday afternoon most of the 11 boats that planned to make the trip decided not to go. Small craft advisories and 7' seas led tournament directors to cancel the event late Thursday afternoon. Reports from St. Joe confirmed that the lake never settled down until Monday.

Winds will Blow

Seasoned mariners are familiar with the Beaufort Scale which is commonly used to measure the force of wind by it's effect. When it was first developed in 1806 the scale quantified the effect of the wind relevant to sailing vessels of the day. In the early nineteen hundreds, the scale was adapted to include the winds effect on wave heights and conditions. Today the Beaufort scale remains a practical measure of how wind affects lake conditions. The chart below provides a graphic description.

Beaufort Scale (wind)	Average Miles per Hour	Knots	Wave heights Average to Maximum	Conditions at Sea	Conditions on Land
0 calm	0 - 1	0 - 1	0	Water has mirrior-like surface	Calm, smoke rises vertically
1 light air	1.2 - 3.0	1 - 3	0.1 (.25 ft)	Ripples with apperance of scales	Smoe drift indicates wind direction, flag and vanes do not move
2 light breeze	3.7 - 7.5	4 - 6	.23 m (.5- 1 ft)	Small wavelets, crests of glassy apperance, not breaking	Wind felt on face, leaves rustle; vanes and flags begin to move
3 gentle breeze	8.0 - 12.5	7 - 10	0.6-1m (2-3 ft)	Large wavelets, crests begin to break, scattered white caps	Leaves and small twigs in constant motion, light flags waving
4 moderate	13.0 - 18.6	11 - 16	1-1.5 m (3.5-5 ft)	Small waves becoming longer, numerous whitecaps	Dust, leaves, loose paper raised up, small branches move, flags extended
5 fresh breeze	19.3 -25.0	17 - 21	2-25m,)6-8 ft)	Moderate waes, taking longer form, many whitecaps, some spray	Small trees begin to sway, light materials blowing about
6 strong breeze	25.5 - 31.0	22 - 27	3-4 m (9.5-13 ft)	Larger waves forming, whitecaps everywhere, more spray	Large branches on trees in motion, whistling heard in wires
7 moderate gale	32 -38	28 - 33	4-5.5 m (13-19 ft)	Sea heaps up, white foam from breaking waves begins to be blown in streaks in wind direction	Whole trees in motions, resistance felt in wind.
8 fresh gale	39 - 46	34 - 40	5.5-7.5 m (19-25 ft)	Moderately high waves of greater lengths, edges of crest break into sindrift, foam streas well defined	Tigs and small branches broken off of trees
9 strong gale	47 - 55	34 - 47	7-10 m (23-32ft)	High waves, sea begins to role, dense foam streaks, spray may reduce visibility	Slight structural damage, large branches broken, shingles lost from roofs
10 whole gale	56 - 64	48-55	9-12.5 m (29-41 ft)	Very hig waves with overhanging crests, sea white from foam streaks, intense rolling, reduced visibility	Widespread damage, trees uprooted, rarely experienced on land
11 storm	65 - 74	56 - 63	11.5-6 m (37-53 ft)	Exceptionally high waves, sea covered with whte foam patches, heavy spray, very poor visibility	Violent and widespread destruction in many forms, building destroyed
12 hurricane	75+	64+	12-30m (40-100 ft)	Maximum size wind waves, sea covered with foam patches, heavy spray, visibility near gone	Catastrophic destruction, massive damage to nearly all structures

Page 2 **MEMBERSHIP NEWS Currently: 174 Members** New Memberships Welcome! JAMES CHAMBERLIN GARY WILLIAMS Re-Newed Memberships DARRELL SMITH **BRUCE TURNAGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS** RABIH ABDALLAH LOU BACSIKIN JEFFREY BUSTOS ROBERT BUTKIEWICZ HERMANN CHRISTOPH **RICK COUGHLIN** NORM DAVIES CHARLES DENNING JAMES P. LEGENZOFF ANTHONY LEWIS TOM GORGUZE President Speakers & Education; Hats, Shirts & Jackets, Publicity Memberships Expired FRED MANKE DALE HOEPPNER 248-343-8397 2 mo. Ago Last Reminder: JUSTIN HERBERT DON EVAN MARK GAZDA GARY ROWOLDT BOB PARADISE I Mo. Ago First Reminder: RICHARD E. BARCH STEPHEN G. GENOFF ROBERT M. JONES THOMAS OSENTOSKI Vice-President JAMES BARNABA ROBERT BOUCHEY MARK CARLSON TOM GORGUZE This Month: River, Surf & Pie 586-781-2543 GARY GROSS BILL KISER PHILLIP KISER ROBERT P. KSIONZEK DAVE MULL KURT NOFZ







The tackle raffle attraction for the May 30, 2017 meeting is this Rush Creek 14 rod holder with additional storage for gear pictured above. Found this at Menards while I was shopping for some home repair stuff. It looks fairly sturdy and should b e good for getting rods organized while you are organizing your garage or shed space.

Thank you all for supporting the raffles as well as you do. With your continued support we can keep the ball rolling with really good raffle prizes.

Dan Chisholm



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Fishin' Tales II

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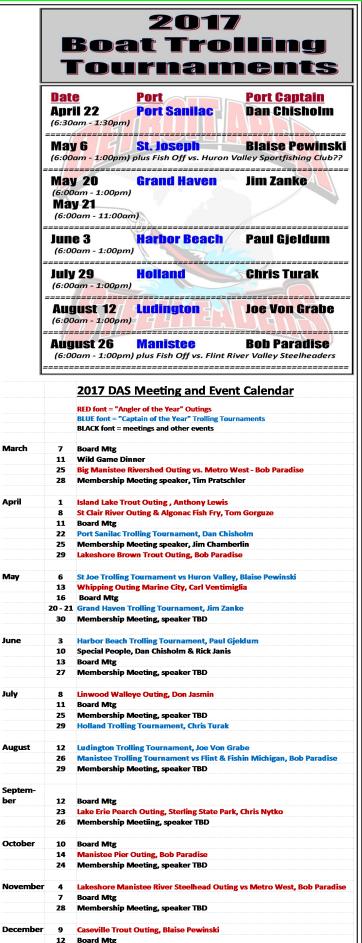
Detroit Kids Fishing Derby

The 21st annual Detroit Area Kids Fishing derby is scheduled to take place May 20th at Lake Frances in Palmer Park. Almost 500 kids participate in this event each year. This event dovetails with our mission to promote fishing by introducing children to the sport. Lake Frances is stocked with pan fish specially for this derby. The Detroit Area Steelheaders have been a signature sponsor of this event over the years. Volunteers are needed and welcomed. If you would like to give back and help, just show up at 8:00AM and report to the registration area. Palmer Park is located at Woodward a 6 Mile Roads. Event organizer Gary Williams was on hand at our April meeting to accept our donation.



Volunteers Still Needed for Special People Outing

This years Special People event will be held on June 10, 2017. Contact Dan Chisholm if you would like to volunteer as a boat captain, or be on the ground crew. Boat captains receive a \$50 gas card, ramp fees and one nights free dockage at Toledo Beach Marina. We need volunteers to help out on the day of the event. Ground crew helps out with all the tasks that make the event a success. Table and chair set up, registration, pictures, banner set up, cooking, serving, fish cleaning, and clean up just to name a few. If you can help I need to hear from you. My contact information is in this newsletter as a member of the board of directors. Please help, we need you. November Thank you........Dan Chisholm



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Membership Meeting, Salmon Claus

Great lakes Angler Diary

The Detroit Steelheaders continue to support development of the Great Lakes Angler Diary. A club donation of \$1,000 was presented to Dan O'Keefe of Michigan Sea Grant. Our donation was instrumental in expanding the smart phone application. Sea Grant will use the app for three programs in 2017, Salmon Ambassadors, Huron-Michigan Diet Study, and Bait Ball reporting. An "Angler Dashboard" is in the works that will simplify use of the app to anglers. Android and iPhone native apps will also allow for recording data when service is not available. Based on feedback from last year's beta testing, these additions will appeal to a wider audience and be promoted via newspaper, sport shows, and other means to reach more fishermen.

Thus far, the Detroit Area Steelheaders has been the sole funder of the app, and our logo is featured within the app. Most importantly, app improvements mean more useful data getting into the hands of biologists and fisheries managers. The addition of the Bait Balls function for 2017 should really help. Once we get hundreds of bait ball images rolling in, USGS scientists may be able to make some serious headway on figuring out if anglers are finding concentrations of fish that are being missed in their sampling. This is a big deal in terms of figuring out overall Lake Michigan alewife numbers, and therefore determining stocking levels.



What's the Future of Great Lakes Salmon?

A dozen or so years ago, I moved my boat to Manistee following the collapse of Lake Huron's salmon population. I've observed the recent actions of lake managers, and witnessed their effects on salmon populations. In an effort to stabilize Lake Michigan's dwindling alewife forage base, we have seen drastic cuts to salmon plants. There is a debate taking place, that may determine the future of the great lakes sport fishery. Decisions are being made that not only attempt to reduce pressure on alewife populations, but also establish if Lake Trout or Chinook will be the keystone predator. As a recreational fisherman, I would prefer lake managers maintain a thriving sport fishery dominated by Chinook.

I have not fostered strong opinions on lake management practices and candidly, not followed them closely. We have moved from a time when Salmon were first introduced to control alewives, to today's efforts to preserve them. There is a consensus among great lakes stakeholders to stabilize the alewife stock. It seems how that is accomplished potentially may pit efforts to rehabilitate Lake Trout against the future of the great lakes salmon fishery

Salmon fisherman know numbers of the Chinook population are down. Understanding why requires knowledge of the contributing factors and what are likely opposing views. In coming months, we will try to present an overview through guest speakers, web posts and articles, on the factors affecting our sport fishery so our DAS membership might come to their own conclusions on how the sport fishery should be managed.



Tom Gorguze (Bad Dog)



Fishin' Tales II

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1 6- to 8-lb. whole wild salmon, gutted and scaled (ask your fishmonger to do this)
 1 medium preserved lemon, rinsed, pulp and peel separated, and seeded
 1/3 cup chopped fresh cilantro
 3 medium cloves garlic

1 Tbs. olive oil

2 tsp. ground cumin

1/2 tsp. hot paprika

Grilled Whole Coho Salmon

Chefs Table

This show stopping main course is perfect for a summer cookout or celebration. The salmon comes off the grill juicy and tender, perfumed with the preserved lemon-fennel stuffing and deeply seasoned from the cumin-and-garlic-spiked spice paste rubbed into the skin and cavity. Serve with grilled zucchini and eggplant, and warm flatbread.

Using kitchen shears, cut off the salmon's top fins and the fins just behind the gills. Rinse the fish well inside and out and pat dry with paper towels. Using a sharp boning knife, cut deep diagonal slashes almost to the bone 3 inches apart on both sides of the fish.

With a mini food processor or mortar and pestle, blend the preserved lemon pulp, cilantro, garlic, olive oil, cumin, paprika, 2 tsp. salt, and 1 tsp. pepper to a smooth paste. Rub the paste into the salmon's cavity and side slashes. Cut the preserved lemon peel into pieces and stuff them into the cavity along with the fennel slices. Poke the tip of a sharp paring knife through the

close the cavity. Let stand at room temperature while preparing the grill.

• Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper

• 1 small fennel bulb, halved, cored, and cut into 1/8-inch-thick slices; fronds reserved for garnish

- Vegetable or canola oil, as needed
- All-purpose flour, as needed

belly flaps at even intervals, then weave the toothpicks through the holes to Fresh lemon slices, for garnish

Prepare a hot charcoal or gas grill fire for direct grilling. Clean and oil the grill grates 3 times at 10-minute intervals, covering the grill between oiling's.

Adjust a gas grill to medium heat (325°F to 350°F); for a charcoal grill, wait until you can hold your hand about 6 inches above the grate for 4 seconds.

Measure the thickness of the fish right behind its gills and calculate 10 minutes of grilling time per inch for medium rare.

Thoroughly pat the salmon dry with paper towels, wiping any excess paste off the skin. Dust one side of the fish with flour and then brush liberally with oil. Oil the grill again and place the fish on the grill floured side down, with the belly facing you. Leave enough room behind it to roll the salmon over later.

Cover and grill the fish for half of the calculated time. Wrap the tail fin with foil if it begins to scorch.

Dust the top side of the fish with flour, and brush liberally with oil. Slide 2 large spatulas underneath the fish, gently loosening any places where the skin may have stuck, and roll it over onto the second side. Cover and continue to grill for the remaining time, or until an instant read thermometer inserted horizontally into the thickest part of the fish without touching bone registers 125°F for medium rare, 135°F for medium, and 145°F for well done.

Carefully slide the two spatulas under the fish at the head and tail ends and transfer to a platter. Tent loosely with foil and let rest for 5 to 10 minutes.

Carve and serve the salmon:

Remove the toothpicks, and transfer the fennel at the opening of the cavity to a small serving bowl. Carefully peel back the skin from one side of the fish and lightly season the flesh with salt. Using a slotted spatula, remove the flesh from the bones in sections (see step-by-step photos of <u>how to carve a whole salmon</u>). Scrape the remaining fennel into the bowl; discard the preserved lemon.

Use the spatula to hold the bottom flesh down and then carefully lift up and discard the spine. Lightly season the bottom flesh and remove it in sections, leaving the skin behind. Serve the salmon with the fennel stuffing.

garnishbehindwels.• 5 to 6 thick toothpicks or wooden skewers,• bone 3soaked in cold water for 30 minutes

Upcoming Tournaments

Harbor Beach – Sat., June 3, 2017 – Back on Lake Huron, this port has provided some decent fishing over the last couple of years. Lake trout are the catch here with very few silver fish thrown in. From the cemetery to the south all the way up to Lighthouse County Park to the north, the sandy bottom is perfect for using bottom bouncers off the cannonballs with dodger/spin'n glo combinations. Dodgers in the Trashcan, Hammered Chrome or White finishes with White w/Pink dots, Metallic Green Red Head or Chartreuse/Lime Green spin'n glos are some favorites here. You can find the fish in 70 – 120 FOW.



There are times when the target species is lake trout. Or maybe it's a tournament where you need one more fish and the salmon have disappeared. Lake trout can be the fish that saves the day. There are many techniques to catch lake trout but for that near guarantee, what would be the best plan of action?

For the most part lake trout are bottom dwellers. Sure, you can catch them higher. But, late trout, like all predators will follow the baitfish. Day in, day out the bait they feed on are bottom oriented baitfish. When the sun comes up, you often see the baitfish sink to the bottom where the lake trout are waiting for brunch.

Lakers will be on the bottom in cooler water; generally 46 – 48 degrees. I would look for where 48 degree water intersects with the bottom and start bouncing bottom at that depth. I also like to look for a couple small arches or squiggles on the bottom. It takes a good sonar to see bottom huggers as they are difficult for most sonar to separate them from bottom. Just look for one of their buddies or some bait to betray them.

There are numerous techniques for targeting lakers. The keys are to keep your presentation on the bottom and work it slow. The old commercial fishermen used wire lines with a 1-2 lb lead ball that they let tip the bottom. Off that they would usually run a silver spoon or a strip of sucker belly... and they had to catch fish. Today the number one combination is running "junk"; some sort of attractor followed by a spin-n-glow.

The top attractors are dodgers, rotators or "cowbells". The top lures are spin-n-glows, peanuts, or small silver spoons. The number one setup on the tournament trail is the "trash

Grand Haven - Sat., May 20, 2017 & Sun., May 21, 2017 – The only two-day tournament on the DAS SOTY tournament schedule. This can be a tough one to win because even though you might do well on Saturday and be up there in the standings you have to go out and do it again on Sunday to stay there. Much easier said than done. There's not much structure here and the fish can be anywhere from 50-60 FOW out to 200 plus FOW. But this is where they'll be as they move up the shore line as the season progresses. A mix of Kings, Coho, Steelies and Lake Trout will make up the catch. It's predominantly spoons that work here but flasher/flies will take some fish as well. Everyone has their favorite spoons but Blue Dolphins, Green Dolphins, NBKs and Pink Panties are good choices. Don't crowd them and stay out of their way but fishing near the Charters can certainly help you find the fish.

can" O dodger by Luhr Jenson followed by a spin-n-glow. "Trash can" is the color of a galvanized trash can, hence the name. Silver, white, green or chartreuse are also good dodger combos to try. The number one lure is the spin-nglow. Top colors are white, green and chartreuse. Be sure to get a couple of the light green "Funky Chicken" and "Pearl" with a red head or Pearl with red or pink dots. Let the lakers tell you what color they prefer on any day. This rig must be run right next to the bottom and run slow. I would set the "junk" about 25 - 30 feet behind the ball. The best technique is to assign a crew member to each downrigger and have them drop the ball down until it touches bottom then bring it up two feet. Watch the rigger arm. If it jiggles, bring it up a foot or two. If it is still for 5 minutes, put it down until it touches bottom and bring it up two. If you just set it and ignore it, you either end up 12 feet off the bottom (above the fish) or you lose the rig to the bottom or worse, the cannon ball (Hello Port Austin) Lake trout like s-l-o-w speeds, too. If you normally run 2.2 – 2.4 for salmon, you need to run 1.2 - 1.4 for lakers. That might mean putting out a trolling bag or a bucket, but you need to go slow. Lakers are notorious for following a rig for a time without taking it. A change in speed or direction will often trigger a strike. Follow these tips and you will catch lake trout and just maybe put that fish in the box that jumps you up the ranks in the tournament. Good luck. —- Captain Bob Mitchell



turned to port and got an early jump on setting up the shore lunch. A shore lunch of fried chicken, potato salad, and chips was enjoyed by 47 people and there was very few leftovers. I told everyone that we had been up all night plucking and frying chicken over an open campfire but it really came from a local market in town and it was pretty good. Thanks to everyone who participated and especially the crew of Channing for working so hard to pull off a shore lunch dinner for 47 people after a morning of fishing. Next stop is St Joe on May 6 and I hope we have great turnout.

Dan Chisholm (Channing)

Port Sanilac Recap

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2017 Boat Trolling Kick-Off Port Sanilac

The boat trolling season for the Detroit Steelheaders got off to a great start in Port Sanilac on April 22, 2017. We had ten boats participate in the tournament and every boat caught fish. The ten boats weighed in 29 fish but there were a lot more fish caught than that. Many of the fish caught were Coho that did not make the 19" or 3# requirement to allow them to count toward the boats score. There was enough variety of species to make a success of our new big fish rules. Hard Top N Tails won the \$100

awarded to the boat with the largest King Salmon at 11.9 pounds. Vicki's Seacret won \$50 with their 12.8 pound Lake Trout and Bobby's Toy won \$50 with a 6.1 pound Steelhead. Everyone took some



nice Coho home that will make the dinner table sometime soon.

The temperature in the early morning was cold but there was a light wind out of the Northeast so the trolling conditions started out great. As the morning wore on the Northeast wind picked

and eventually turned into a sustained 14 mph. That made fishing more difficult for everyone but much worse for those of us with small boats. By 11:30 am Channing had had enough of fishing in 2 1/2 to 3 foot waves so we re-



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Every Member Draw:

Sat-Sun May 20/21, 2017 Grand Haven Tournament Tue May 30, 2017 **General Membership Meeting** Speaker (Coast Guard Auxiliary) Sat June 3, 2017 **Harbor Beach Tournament**

General Membership Meeting

BOD Meeting

Upcoming 2017 DAS Key Dates

2017 April Membership Meeting Facts

\$100 Bob Feisel (Present)

Attendance:	47
Featured Guest:	Anthony Dzbanski
Featured Presentations:	Jim Chamberlain (Fish with Jim Outfitters)
50/50 Raffle Winner:	\$95 James Legenzoff

Tue June 13, 2017

Tue June 27, 2017

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