



Fishin' Tales II

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July Membership Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, July 25 2017 7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Speaker:**
Brad Stephenson Offline Fishing Team
Holland Big Lake Techniques Strategies
- **Other Happenings:**
Upcoming Trolling Tournaments, Outing results, Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle, Every Member Drawing
- **DAS On the web-**
www.detroitsteelheaders.com Post to the message board and check out the entire site.



Heading West!

The DAS Skipper of the year tournaments are about to hit the homestretch. With three events remaining, DAS Captains will be fishing the states western shore. Our last three events take place in the ports of Holland, Ludington, and Manistee. All are known for big Kings, and reports indicate they are starting to show up.

Ten different boats have a shot at the SOTY prize, but Bob Feisel, Captain of Vicki's Secret holds a dominant lead in the series standings. If someone puts together a good run, they will be challenging for the title.

First up is Holland, a new port for the SOTY series. After a successful Holland outing last year the port was added as an official event. Southern Michigan ports have grown in popularity, and Holland has evolved into a top destination for salmon fisherman. By most measures, Holland has been the hottest Lake Michigan port four years running.

Ludington is next up. A favorite port for many years with an abundance of natural structure. Ludington caters to fisherman, and most return every year for an opportunity to catch a trophy King. This port shares dramatic lake bottom features and Big Sable Point with the port to the north, Manistee.

This year Manistee will be last stop for DAS captains with their eyes on the prize. The fishing is dependable, and the fish are big. The state continues to plant Chinook in Manistee to ensure a sufficient egg harvest at the weir, and we hope to be there when the mature fish return to spawn. This year they will once again faceoff with the Flint Steelheaders in Manistee. We look forward to a great turnout with boats from both clubs calling Manistee home.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS**Currently: 171 Members****New Memberships** *Welcome!* JAY WESLEY ANDREW HAUSBECK**Re-Newed Memberships**

DICK SHIRK GARY GROSS CHRIS A. TURAK

Memberships Expired**2 mo. Ago Last Reminder:** Robert P. Ksionzek Kurt Nofz Phillip Kiser Dave Mull

James Barnaba Robert Bouchey

I Mo. Ago First Reminder: Adam Plank Chris Lansky Jr. Craig Coleman Daniel Didocha

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This Month: Dave Roehr Paul Nienaltowski James Lorenzetti Diana Jellink

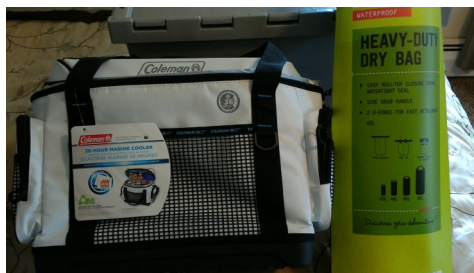
Steve Hamilton Andy Gorske

Detroit Area Steelheaders is on Facebook**Tackle Matters**

The tackle raffle attractions for the July 25, 2017 meeting are this Coleman 36 hour soft cooler and a large dry bag for your boat. Both are pictured above. Northwoods in Pinconning still remains my favorite store for personal purchases or to locate items suitable for our tackle raffle table.

Please do not hesitate to recommend items you would like to see on the raffle table and 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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Natural Resources Commission Changes Lake Trout Regulations

At its June meeting in Houghton, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission approved fishing regulation changes regarding lake trout and splake in lakes Michigan and Huron, and drowned river mouth lakes. These regulations went into effect Friday June 9th. The regulation changes will result in expanded angling opportunities, including: In the Lake Huron lake trout management units of [MH 3 through MH 6](#), the lake trout and splake possession season has been changed to be open all year. Those units comprise Lake Huron south of Harrisville and Saginaw Bay. Joel Anderson, at Anderson's Pro Bait, said the change is "not a big deal for us around here at all. Our season now is only closed from the end of September to the end of December. It is a really nice fishery for ice fishing up in the harbors." He said there are lots of lake trout in Lake Huron. "We are overloaded on our end of the lake with lake trout. We have a lot of them. People also have other things to do in the fall than fish for lake trout. That's a hard time of the year," Anderson said. "They're doing their bowhunting and duck hunting, you name it. I don't see a big change at all."

In the Lake Michigan lake trout management units of MM 1 through MM 4, lake trout and splake will be managed under a new minimum size limit of 15 inches (the maximum size limit regulation has been removed).

In the Lake Michigan lake trout management units of MM 6 through MM 8, the lake trout and splake possession season has been changed to open all year.

In drowned river mouth lakes, the lake trout and splake possession season has been changed to open all year.

The commission did not adopt proposed regulations adjustments for lake trout in the Lake Huron management units of MH 1 through MH 2.

The online version of the 2016-2017 [Michigan Fishing Guide](#) (available at www.michigan.gov/dnrdigests) will be updated to reflect these changes. Information also will be updated on the DNR's fishing regulations hotline at (888) 367-7060.

Written by, Bob Gross

Reprinted from The Times Herald

2017 Boat Trolling Tournaments

Date April 22 (6:30am - 1:30pm)	Port Port Sanilac	Port Captain Dan Chisholm
May 6 (6:00am - 1:00pm) plus Fish Off vs. Huron Valley Sportfishing Club??	St. Joseph	Blaise Pewinski
May 20 (6:00am - 1:00pm) May 21 (6:00am - 11:00am)	Grand Haven	Jim Zanke
June 3 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Harbor Beach	Paul Gjeldum
July 29 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Holland	Chris Turak
August 12 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Ludington	Joe Von Grabe
August 26 (6:00am - 1:00pm) plus Fish Off vs. Flint River Valley Steelheaders	Manistee	Bob Paradise

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Holland – Sat, July 29, 2017 – One of If not the Hottest fishing port in the state in the past 5 years. Many people run the regular meat rigs however flasher fly combos work here very well. My thing was to always incorporate green and blue into anything I ran. Holland is known for the very fast currents and they will take you on a very tough run, But once you figure out the currents the fishing is great. The depths don't not drop very fast it is sand flat bottom. Big kings and lake trout with a lot of Skamania and steelhead overall this port will not disappoint. 100 to 400 coppers work well. Dipseys downriggers also. The j plug bite is good the whole season don't be afraid to use them! The main thing is Holland is look up the port Sheldon weather buoy and it will tell you the temps down low. Also watch the wind directions for multiple days in advance to know the current directions. Good luck to all

Chris Turak 586-321-3228



Ludington – Sat. August 12, 2017 – Coupled with Manistee to the north, this is one of the Premier fishing ports on the Great Lakes. From "The Projects" to the south up to "off the Stick at the Point" north, Ludington's best spots are infamous. The number of boats here on any Saturday in August verifies that this is where you go to catch those big Kings. Depending upon which way the wind blows the warmer water, the better locations can vary daily.

www.ludingtonsalmonfishing.com can be a huge help to find out where and what the fish are biting. You can always stop by to see Capts. Bob Mitchell and Dave Even of El-Lin Sport fishing charters or Capt. Mark Williams of Silver Addiction Sport fishing charters, all long time DAS members, to get their take on where the action is. Spoons, plugs, flasher/flyes and of course 'meat rigs' off downriggers, dipseys, lead core and copper set-ups all can work to catch the fish. Just like the direction of the wind though, what the fish prefer can vary daily. Joe Von Grabe Port Captain 586 945-4334



Manistee – Sat., August 26, 2017 – The last stop of the DAS 2017 Skipper of the Year (SOTY) Tournament schedule is here, the other Premier Great Lakes port, just about 20 miles north of Ludington, by "which way the crow flies". Late August is Prime Time and some Big Kings can be taken. Both current Club President Tom Gorguze, skipper of the "Bad Dog" boat and DAS Vice-President Bob Paradise, who skipper "Almost Paradise" have places here and are always willing to share the latest info on what they know is happening with the fish. The same baits and set-ups that work in Ludington work here. Tom and/or Bob can tell you what the 'HOT' set-up is. The fish can be anywhere from right out in front of Manistee to all the way down south off Big Sable Point.

Bob Paradise Port Captain 586-781-2543

Chefs Table

Broiled Steelhead Trout With Rosemary, Lemon and Garlic

1lb steelhead fillet, with or without skin

1 clove garlic, chopped fine

1 ½ tablespoons coarsely chopped fresh rosemary

1 lemon, zest of

½ lemon, juice of

¼ teaspoon salt

½ teaspoon fresh ground pepper

1 tablespoon olive oil, plus additional oil, for greasing baking pan

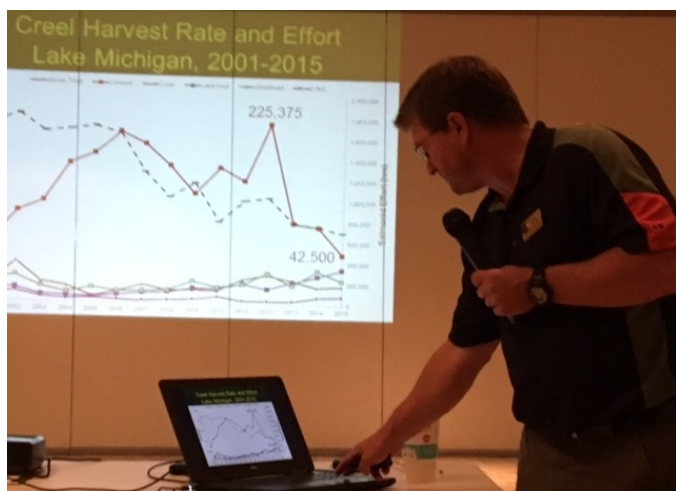
DIRECTIONS

1. Prepare a baking or roasting pan by lining it with foil and brushing it with olive oil.
2. Preheat broiler.
3. Mix together all remaining ingredients except fish into a well-blended paste.
4. Place fish skin-side down (if it has skin) on baking sheet, then spread seasoning over flesh.
5. Broil fish at second rack away from heat for 5 minutes or less, just enough to sear flesh but not burn herbs.
6. Lower fish to 3rd or 4th rack and lower oven heat to 325°F Bake for 10 additional minutes, or until fish is cooked through in the thickest portion.

Serve with steamed vegetables, salad, orzo salad, whatever.



June Speaker: Jay Wesley



In June the club was treated to a presentation from Jay Wesley.

Jay is the Lake Michigan Basin Field Operations Manager. A big part of Jay's Responsibility is to get Lake Michigan stable to support a diverse fishery.

As the whole group learned, Jay is applying good solid science to help maintain stable levels that the fishing community can support. Included in Jay's presentation was a proposed "Zone Stocking Plan".

Tips N Tricks



Dipsey Rod Tips



Tips 'n Tricks

Diver Rods – Roller Guide versus Twillie Tip

While there are some who dislike roller rods, I like them for one reason, they handle the line much better than traditional guides. Yes they can cause problems if the line jumps off the roller but the rewards are often worth it. Years ago I did a side by side test on two 8ft 6in rods, one was a Okuma Blue Diamond roller, the other was a Heartland with twillie tip. I set the drag on both reels at 12lbs straight line pull off the reel then put the rods in holders on my boat on the trailer at 45deg angles. Walked out about 100ft of line from each and hooked it to my scale. The roller rod bounced between 12 and 14 lbs of drag every time about 14 to break it loose and 12 rolling. The Heartland bounced between 16 and 18lbs which is not a lot but if your're running 20 lb leaders it is. Because if you use 80% of line strength for your knot which is a good knot you are maxing out your knots with the reel set at 12 lbs raise the rod angle and the numbers go up.

With the rods vertical I was able to break off 20 lb leaders on the Heartlands. So with them you can't safely set your drags at 12 lbs. Now consider how much pressure you put on a fish pulling it into the net and you will see why so many people lose fish at the back of the boat. That actually affects all rod and reel types and line types. As once you shorten up to land the fish your angles are high and line tension is at max. It is also why many big water boats hand line to land fish especially big fish. I know in my own charter and tournament experience, hand lining in the fish when they are on a diver rod has certainly eliminated a lot of lost fish at the back of the boat.

I always suspected roller guides were better, however, I didn't think that it would be that drastic. This difference may enter into the decision making process when deciding what type of rod you want to run.

Calm Seas and Full Boxes to All

Captain Craig Coleman and the Silver Addiction Crew

Shelby Township Parks and Recreation 31st Annual Fishing Derby

The weather could not have been more perfect for a relaxing day at Heritage Garden Lake where kids of all ages, their parents, grandparents and others enjoyed a day of fishing. Anglers ages 15 & under from Shelby Township and the surrounding communities tested their fishing skills at the 31st Annual Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday, June 10. The event, held during Michigan's Free Fishing Weekend brings out young and old to enjoy one of Americas favorite leisure sports. Support from sponsors made it possible to award prizes for the largest fish in four age groups, as well as several door prizes.

Some really nice sized fish were pulled from the lake and prizes were awarded to the following:

Biggest Fish Ages 4 & Under	Biggest Fish Ages 5 to 7	Biggest Fish Ages 8 to 10	Biggest Fish Ages 11 to 15
1st Place Dominic Weigel	1st Place Paxton Kroll	1st Place Carson Milovich	1st Place Michal Paradise
2nd Place Kwon Schmidt	2nd Place Nolan Paradise	2nd Place Lacey Combs	2nd Place Joshua McMillan
3rd Place Colton Brantley	3rd Place Mat Paradise	3rd Place Amanda Meholic	3rd Place Olivia Combs



Shelby Township's beautiful Garden Lake

Do You Need A Ride?

Ty Voight is looking for crew to fish our Holland and Manistee tournaments. If you would like to crew on the Tyger, call Ty Voigt at 810-923-0280.

The Bay is Back

Saginaw Bay Outing for 2017 is in the books. On July 8 2017 the club gathered at Linwood Beach Marina. Events started early as the skippers meeting was set for 5:30am. After a short meeting about AOTY, times, rules, weather, fishing conditions and big fish contest the group headed to the ramps.



Lets talk about the most important thing a Detroit Area Steelheader outing should be, this can be summed up in one word FISH FUN FOOD FELLOWSHIP FANTASIC Weather. When 6 boats show up for an outing and everyone catches fish, that's a great outing. The most command method for walleye was dragging worms on a harness. The most productive method was pulling crank baits for suspended walleye. At 12 noon everyone pulled lines and headed for the measuring stand. The crank baits won Paul Gjeldum big fish and 5 points toward AOTY. The top 5 spot for Angler of the year were close. 24 5/8inch, 24 1/2inch and 21 7/8 and a bunch of 21inch walleye. Jason Gilliam with the second biggest walleye scored 3 points and Bob Feisel got on the board with 1 point. Our group of 6 boats with 16 anglers and 1 guest boated over 60 legal walleye.



It's hard to believe but the lunch served after the measure-in was even better than the fishing. Don and Cheryl Jasman served up one of the best club lunches ever. Cooked to order sirloin cheeseburgers, brats, salads, watermelon and warm cookies like they were just out of the oven.

If Don's jumbo grill was a musical instrument the whole marina would have been dancing.



Huge thank you must go to Don Jasman (just wasting time) for setting up this event.

Don M
(BigMaMa)



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Upcoming 2017 DAS Key Dates

Tue July 25, 2017 General Membership Meeting
Sat July 29, 2017 Holland Tournament

2017 June Membership Meeting Facts

Attendance: 50
Featured Guest: Jay Wesley
Featured Presentations: State of Lake
50/50 Raffle Winner: \$94 Jim Zanke
Every Member Draw: \$100 Gaspare Aragona

AOTY Standings	Higgins Lk 2-11-17	Manistee Steelhead Challenge 3-25-17	Island Lk 4-1-17	Alconac 4-8-17	Brown Trout Outing 4-29-17	Linwood 07-08-17		Total
Carl Ventimiglia	5	0	0	0	0	0		5
CarlVentimigliaSr	3	0	0	0	0	0		3
Tom Gorguze	1	0	0	0	0	0		1
Bill Foster	0	5	0	0	0	0		5
Gaspare Aragona	0	3	5	0	0	0		8
Don Jasman	0	0	3	0	0	0		3
Chris Ventimiglia	0	0	1	0	0	0		1
Paul Gjeldum	0	0	0	0	0	5		5
Jay Gilliam	0	0	0	0	0	3		3
Bob Feisel	0	0	0	0	0	1		1