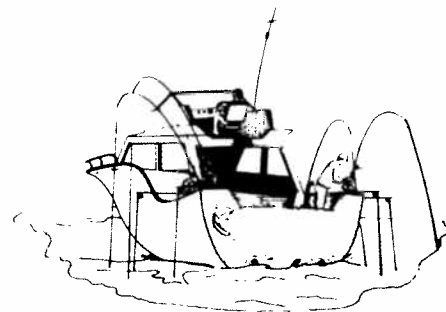


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137 TAKE PART

Ladies Day Tourney has record turnout!

The catch was small but the turnout large, as 35 boats signed up to participate in the Detroit Chapter's "Ladies Day" Tournament held at Main Pier Marina in Oscoda, Michigan.

The week prior to the tournament, it looked pretty bad as high winds and rain prevailed throughout the week. But Saturday turned out to be just a super day, as 137 people were on hand to participate in "Ladies Day, '78".

The lake was quite flat and the morning hours a bit chilly, but regardless, the ladies set out to do their thing.

Many boats started trying their luck by fishing around the pier heads, and a few boats headed for deeper water, seeking suitable water temperature. Not much action was talked about over the radios during the tournament, with the exception of a few boats reporting their catch. At the weigh-in, eight boats weighed in a total of ten fish, all of which were donated for the evening fish broil.

The picnic was outstanding, consisting of baked ham, barbecued chicken, potato salad, baked beans and cole slaw, catered by the "Mixing Bowl" in Oscoda. Shortly after the meal, trophies were awarded to the ladies who caught fish. In addition, door prizes donated by Jack and Pat Brewer of Main Pier Marina were given to the ladies eating from plates with lucky numbers.

That evening, Jim Boyer and Ann Makela put together one heck of a fish broil. The fish was served with potatoes, onions and garlic bread covered with hot butter. Along with many others, it was my first broil and we didn't waste any time going back for seconds.

It takes a lot of preparation to conduct an event of this kind, but with such a great turnout, I can't wait until next year.

Anybody who wasn't present missed a really good time, and I hope to see everybody again next year, including Bob Lindberg and his wife, "Baby Chrissie".

Thanks again to everybody who was there.

Gary Gray — Editor



GIVE 'EM A CHANCE and the ladies take a back seat to no one!

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This month's

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

OCTOBER 24

BEST BETS

Surf fishing along THUMB SHORE and at WHITNEY DRAIN — Steelhead, Browns, Lake Trout and Salmon.
BEST BAITS: chunk spawn and small Cleos, also night crawlers.

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COMING EVENTS

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Tuesday Nights — at Oct. 24
Bonnie Brook Country Club Nov. 28
Telegraph & 8 Mile Road Dec. 19

RIVER TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Place/Opponent	Contact
Nov. 4	Big Manistee (Tippy Dam) Detroit vs. Saginaw	Tom Schneider 264-2818
Dec. 2	St. Joe Detroit vs. S. W. Mich. Steelheaders	Gary Gray 846-6482
Jan. 20	AuSable River Detroit vs. AuSable River Valley	
Feb. 3	Betsie River Clinic	Bob Lindberg or Tom Schneider 399-7418 264-2818
March 10	AuSable River Detroit vs. Saginaw/AuSable	

If you wish to participate in the River Fishing Committee, please contact:
T. Schneider (264-2818) — or — R. Lindberg (399-7418)

Largest fish entered during Boat Trolling Tournaments

Steelhead	John Makela	10 lbs. 3 oz.
Brown Trout	Tony Recchia	11 lbs. 0 oz.
Lake Trout	Murrell Blackburn	14 lbs. 11 oz.
Splake	No entry	
Chinook	Steve Hamilton	25 lbs. 8 oz.
Coho	Papcun Flemming	10 lbs. 9 oz.
Atlantic Salmon	No entry	



MURRELL BLACKBURN, SKIPPER of the boat "Fishin 5", shows this 14lb. 11 oz. Lake Trout caught during the Ludington Tournament. photo/Don White

New rules told for River Tournaments

The Detroit Area Chapter River Tourney Committee has met and established the following rules and regulations for the 1978-1979 fishing season, and letters of challenge have gone out to all involved chapters.

The River Committee has established the rules and regulations with one prime idea in mind — to promote the sport fishing ethic rather than encourage all-out competition.

The tourneys will all end at 4:30 p.m., with starting times, sign-in locations and weigh-in locations to be determined by the tourney chairperson. These will be published in upcoming issues of **Fishin' Tales**.

All members must register no later than one week prior to the tourney.

Trophies will be awarded for the three largest Steelhead, with one additional trophy each, as applicable, for Brown Trout, Coho Salmon and Chinook Salmon.

All protests must be submitted no later than weigh-in time of the tourney to the chairperson of the tourney.

Penalty for failure to follow Michigan sport fishing regulations and the following rules is automatic disqualification from the tourney.

- There will be a two steelhead limit per man.
- An eighteen inch minimum size limit for all species is imposed.
- If, in the chairperson's opinion, the fish is not fit table fare, it will be disqualified.
- If so requested, you must yield right of way to person landing a fish, and if so requested, assist that person in landing said fish.

The above rules and regulations were submitted to the Board of Directors at the September Board meeting, and were approved. No changes will be made in the schedule or rules without full vote of the Board.

River Committee

Tom Schneider, Co-Chairman

Bob Lindberg, Co-Chairman

37" laker taken



Don McCraner of Milford, fishing off Frankfort with Mike Soden and Bill Muirhead on August 21, took this 19 lb. 2 oz. laker. It measured 37" long.

The fish was taken 130' down in the Herring Hole on a green glo Silver Horde plug, 24" behind a silver 'O' dodger.

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← LEFT TO RIGHT, BASIL Muirhead, Frank Gray, Gary Gray (skipper of the Nooner) and Bill Muirhead display three Kings, all caught on lime green w/black tiger stripe Grizzly plugs.



JERRY LEE (RIGHT), SKIPPER of the Sea Screw, placed second with these three Kings caught just outside the pierhead on high lines.

↓ BOB HICKEY (CENTER), SKIPPER of the Eagles Nest placed fourth with two nice Kings.



DON WHITE (LEFT), SKIPPER of the Last Chance, helps display his catch which placed him third at Oscoda.

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Obviously, it's Tom Schneider and Jim Boyer in the water — and that's Tom Nesbitt's depth finder floating across the canal. Al Pawloski is seen sprinting off the dock!

Oscoda Tournament Results

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BOAT

- | | |
|--------------------|-------------|
| 1. Gary Gray | Nooner |
| 2. Jerry Lee | Sea Screw |
| 3. Don White | Last Chance |
| 4. Bob Hickey | Eagles Nest |
| 5. Jim Smith | Jim's Joy |
| 6. Terry McCaffery | Terry's Toy |
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3rd Place

"Easy Money"

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N. Grunduski



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6th Place

"Nooner"

B. Hassell

L. Hamel

G. Gray



er

Combine cheese, cornmeal and salt.
fish in milk; coat with seasoned
meal. Fry on both sides in mar-
until brown. Makes 6 servings.

Steelhead are very good this way!

— LUCILLE GARRETT

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... /more results from Ladies Day

7th Place "Salty Dog"/F. Fleming and S. Pawlowski

"Sisu"/S. Geistler and A. Makela 8th Place



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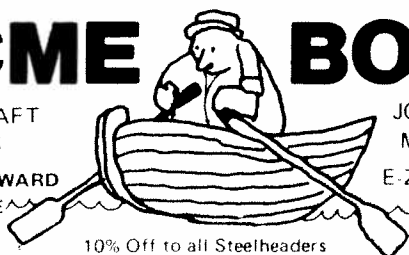
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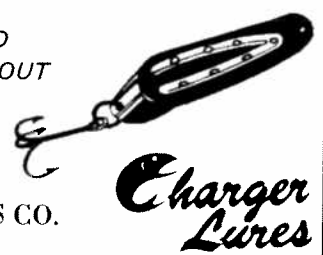
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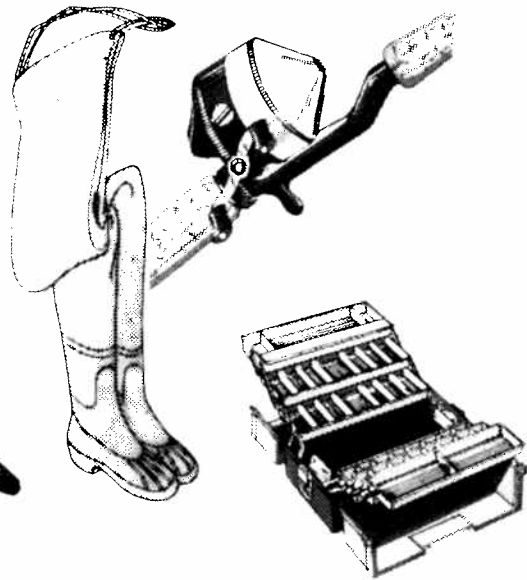
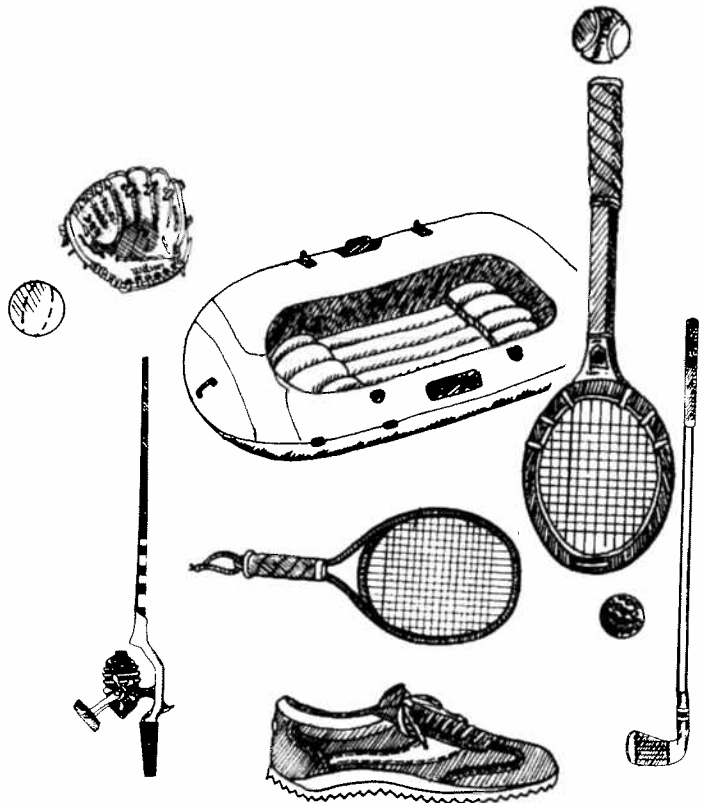
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Back when the Detroit Area Chapter was being formed, **Bob Lindberg** and I were bass fishermen and did not know a steelhead from a lake trout. We joined and came to the meetings and listened to **Tom Schneider** expound upon the merits of the corky in fast water, and heard **Dick Swan** tell us the way to do it was with two pound and long rods. We also were told to learn the river of our choice as best we could.

It only took a couple of trips to the AuSable to find out that our equipment was not right, and unless we adapted to the river, we were not going to catch anything.

We noticed that the "two pound test" guys did real well when the water was low, but not so hot when the river was really rolling when the gates were open.

The corky guys were just the opposite, with the best results at high water. We promptly decided to build a rod that would do both light line and corkys.

We started with ten foot, slow action fly rod blanks and extended them to eleven feet with plenty of guides. The rods were parabolic and "C"ed beautifully.

On the first test trip on the AuSable, we found out our creations were not worth a damn for two pound test line — but they were phenomenal on fast water drifting.

We zeroed in on twelve pound test main line and ten pound test leaders and started hooking and landing steelhead. We had to develop a new set of techniques to fish our long rods with the heavier line, but it paid off, as streaks of eight and nine fish became commonplace.

Well, all good things come to an end and my beautiful rod wrapped itself around a pine tree on the Rifle River — so it was back to the drawing board.

This time, a twelve footer emerged, made from a nine and a ten foot blank. The new twelve footer was superior in every respect to the old rod. The additional foot was advantageous for reaching over other lines when the "rock pile" was crowded, for letting the guy next to you know he was encroaching on your territory, or controlling your drift by the amount of line in the water. The greatest advantage of the twelve footer is when you are fighting a large steelhead, because you can make all kinds of dumb mistakes and the rod will forgive you.

The fame of the heavy line/long rod quickly spread and techniques were honed to the point that a novice with a few hours of instruction could successfully catch and land steelhead with the fast water drift method.

The fall, winter and spring quickly passed and all of a sudden it was boat time. **Jim Treadaway's** "Okie Drifter" barely had downriggers, let alone outriggers and all the fancy electronic stuff, so we all bought equipment of our own to outfit the boat that first year.

For outriggers, you guessed it, the twelve foot river rods. We run a minimum of three twelve footers now, and we both flat line or stack the twelve footers as conditions dictate. The superior fish-fighting characteristics of the river rods are even more pronounced on the boat.

I can truthfully say that, since we have been keeping records, we have not lost a fish on the long rods. We have caught steelhead, browns, kings, cohos and lake trout.

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Try the long rod on your boat and, when it goes off with a king on the other end, give it to the least-experienced person on your boat. Tell him/her two things: "Keep your hands on the cork and off the drag". You can be assured it is a fish "in the box".

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