



Fishin' Tales

PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE GREAT LAKES SPORTFISHERY SINCE 1974

July Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, July 26, 2016 7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Guest Speaker :**
Capt. Paul Nienaltowski,
Mermaid Fishing Charters, Port Austin MI
Lake Trout & Other Fishing Opportunities in
the Port Austin - Grindstone City Area
- **Other Happenings:**
Boat Trolling Tournament reports, Outing
info., Tackle raffles, 50/50 raffle, Every Mem-
ber Drawing
- **DAS website:** www.detroitsteelheaders.com
- **Be sure to check out**
The DAS Message Board on the website for
the most up-to-date club news and information

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DAS Port Austin Tournament

Saturday July 30, 2016

Marina:

44° 03' 14" N 82° 59' 37" W

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Radio Channel: 9,16

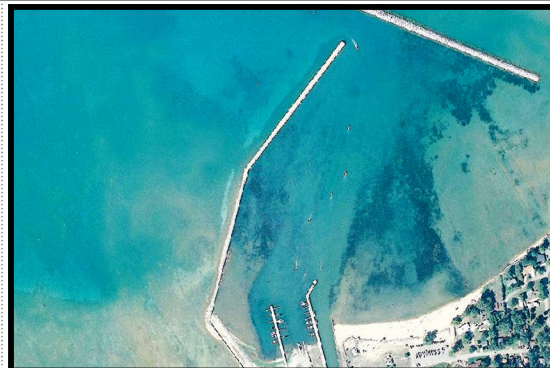
Dates Open:

Mid-May to Mid-September Transient and Sea-
sonal Slips Available

Saturday: Skippers meeting at 5:00 am near Marina
Office with tournament start at 6:00 am. Fish calls are
9:00 am and 11:00 am. Pull lines by 1:00 pm. Be in
weigh-in line at Pavilion in Veteran's Park just to the
west of Marina by 2:00 pm

After a nearly 2 month hiatus, the DAS Boat Trolling
Tournament season resumes at Port Austin on Satur-
day, July 30. This will be the first tournament at this
port since 2009. Since then, the harbor, dockage, ramps
and facilities have gone thru a multi-million dollar
renovation. Unfortunately, the fish cleaning station that
was there has been demolished and has not been re-
placed as of yet. The nearest cleaning station is in Har-
bor Beach, 25 miles to the southeast along M-25.

The lake trout fishing in the area remains top-notch
with the best fishing found off the Grindstone Reef 4 to
6 miles to the NE of the Port Austin Lighthouse. Spin-
n-glos behind dodgers are the baits of choice run within
a couple of feet of bottom. Metallic green/red head,
bright green/white head, white w/pink dots seem to be
the best colors for the spin-n-glos but don't be afraid to
try others. Hammered Chrome, Trash Can and White
dodgers all work well in the -00 size. Although the best



lake trout fishing is near the bottom, suspended fish can
also be caught off downriggers set up 40ø 6 60ø down.
Dipseys set to run at various depths and 5 to 10 colors
of lead off in-line planers can also pickup steelhead,
Atlantic salmon and the very occasional Chinook.
Check these lines often as pink salmon can go unno-
ticed and -killøthem from catching anything else.

Words of Caution to those who have not fished here
before, do not go between the Port Austin Light and
land, stay well to the west and north of the light on
your way to the Grindstone reef. There is a reef that
connects shore to the lighthouse and many a boat has
been caught on the rocks and needed to be rescued.
Also, when fishing near the bottom at the Grindstone
reef stay OFF the bottom. Cannon balls can be hung up
on the rocks and create a hazardous situation that can
pull a boatø transom below the water. Keep wire cut-
ters at the back of the boat just in case a -ball does get
hung up.

For more info, see our website on the Tournaments &
Events page or call Bob Ksionzek at 586-531-9198
Hope to see everyone there for a good turnout!

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Heavy Seas Spoil Saginaw Bay Walleye Outing

**Sat., July 9, 2016
Sebewaing, MI**

Saturday morning
six boats showed up
for the DAS wall-
eye outing on
Saginaw Bay. After a 6 o'clock meeting, the boats
went out on the lake only to be welcomed by 2 to 4
foot waves.

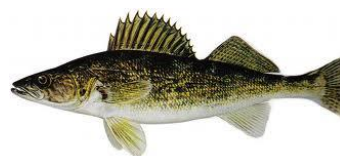
Because of the difficult fishing conditions and not
much action, at 10 o'clock we decided to stop fish-



ing and returned to the marina. Only 2 walleye were
brought to be measured.

Everyone still managed to have a pretty good time.
We all gathered for lunch at a local diner.

Chris Nytko



MEMBERSHIP NEWS**Currently: 149 Members****New Memberships Welcome!****Re-Newed Memberships**

JEFF BUSTOS	ANDY GORSKE	BOB KSIONZEK		
KEN CIONE	GARY GROSS	JOHN MEADE		

Memberships Expired

2 mo. Ago Last Reminder:	MIKE & ANTHONY CORTIS	JIM LEGENZOFF	DICK SHIRK	ANDY WILLETTS
	TOM GORGUZE	PAUL NIENALTOWSKI	ALLAN VAN BROCKLIN	
	ED HILL	GARY ROWOLDT	RAY VANZYTVELD	
1 Mo. Ago First Reminder:	DON ANTON	MICHAEL GRANT	STEVE HAMILTON	
This Month:	DAVE ROEHR			

Detroit Area Steelheaders is on Facebook.**Every Member Drawing News!**

The Board of Directors has revised the Every Member Drawing as follows:

öIf we have not awarded the \$100 to a member present at the monthly member meeting for three consecutive months, during the fourth month drawing we will continue to draw names until a present member's name is drawn and that member wins the \$100 Every member drawing.ö

Note: Because we did not draw a winning name going back to January, this was awarded during the June membership meeting. The lucky winner was Don Mikros.

Dan Chisholm**Shelby Twp. Fishing Derby**

Shelby Twp. is having their Kids Fishing Derby at Heritage Gardens, Sat ., August 27 at 52700 Van Dyke Rd. just south of 24 Mile rd. The Detroit Steelheaders is sponsoring this event.

I am looking for two volunteers to help Chris Nytko and myself at this event. If anyone would like to help out from 10:00am to 1:00pm please call me at 586-215-6264 or you can also text me at that number.

Thanks
Rich Janis RJ

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Membership Application

New Member - \$35 Yearly

Renewal - \$35 Yearly

Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly

Address Change only

Amt. Paid \$ _____

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DAS Holland Outing

Saturday August 6, 2016

Eldeans Shipyard Marina
 Skippers meeting in front of bath house by the pool at 5:00 am

Big fish pool - \$10

Be no more than a 1/4 mile past pier heads at 6am
 start fishing at 6:01 am

Fish calls at 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Weigh-in at 1:30 pm in front of bath house by the pool.

All fish go towards Angler of the Year standings.

Lunch will be provided after weigh in.

Target species is salmon and trout. Biggest 3 fish will be counted.

Any other questions contact Chris Turak 586-321-3228

Eldeans Shipyard phone number: 616-335-5843

Address is 2223 South Shore Drive, Macatawa, Michigan 49434



FALL RIVER, SURF & PIER TOURNAMENT/OUTING SCHEDULE (TENTATIVE)

- Sept. 17 @Manistee - Manistee River Shed**
- Oct. 1 @Brethren - Manistee River Shed**
- Oct. 15 @Muskegon - Muskegon River**
- Oct. 19 @Baldwin - Pere Marquette River**
 (The 4 above events may include the Metro-West Steelheaders)
- Nov. 5 @Manistee
 Lakeshore Motel Tournament**
- Nov. 12 @Ludington
 Michael's Bar & Grill Tournament**



2016 Boat Trolling Tournaments

<u>Date</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Port Captain</u>
April 30 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	St. Joseph	Blaise Pewinski/Dan Chisholm plus Fish Off vs. Huron Valley Sportfishing Club
May 21 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Grand Haven	Bob Feisel
May 22 (6:00am - 11:00am)		
June 4 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Harbor Beach	Jim Zanke
July 30 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Port Austin	Bob Jones/Bob Ksionzek
August 13 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Manistee	Tom Gorguze
August 27 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Ludington	Joe Von Grabe

Manistee Boat Trolling Tournament

WHEN: Saturday August 13, 2016

WHERE: Lions Pavilion at west end of County Launch

SKIPPERS MEETING: 5:00 a.m.

TOURNAMENT START: 6:00 a.m.

FISH CALLS: Channel 72
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Saturday

PULL LINES: 1:00 p.m. Saturday

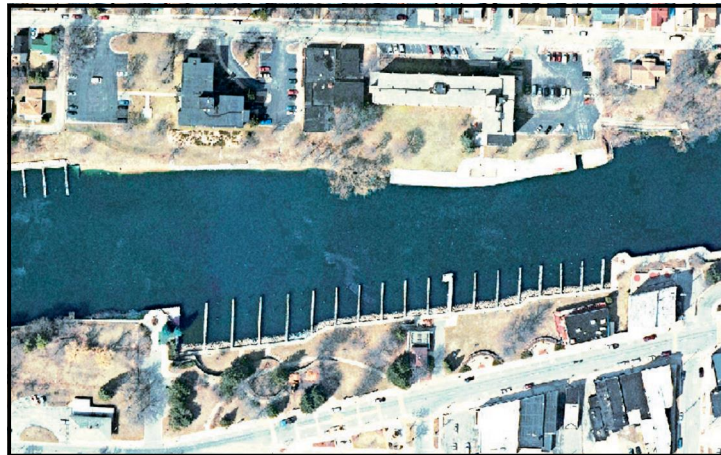
WEIGH-IN: 2:30 p.m., Saturday (must be in line by)
Lions Pavilion at west end of County Launch

PORT CAPTAIN: Tom Gorguze (Bad Dog) 248-343-8397 Cell

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS: Bob Feisel (Vicki's Seacret) 248-765-2504 Cell
Bob Ksionzek (Last Dime) 586-531-9198 Cell

REMINDERS: Lake Trout- Size 15" minimum, Creel 3.

You must call (channel 72), the Port Captain or Tournament Director when you return to port at the end of the tournament. Also, you must call if you return to port at any time during the tournament or return to the water.



Ludington Boat Trolling Tournament

WHEN: Saturday August 27, 2016

WHERE: Municipal Marina

SKIPPERS MEETING: 5:00 a.m.

TOURNAMENT START: 6:00 a.m.

FISH CALLS: Channel 72
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Saturday

PULL LINES: 1:00 p.m. Saturday

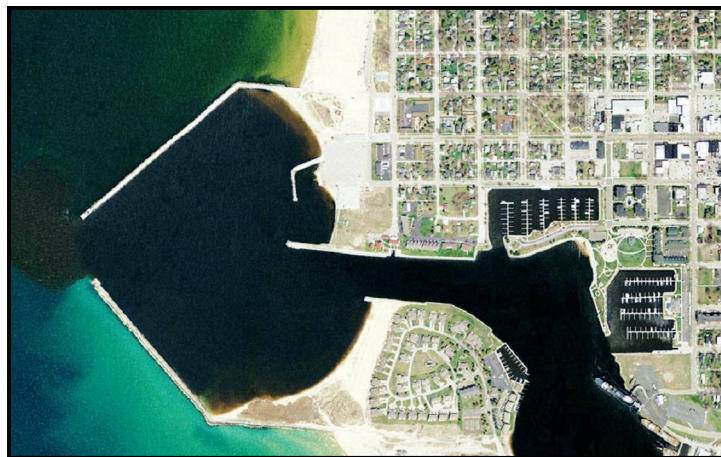
WEIGH-IN: 2:30 p.m., Saturday
Municipal Marina

PORT CAPTAIN: Joe Von Grabe (Sloppy Joe) 586-945-4334 Cell

TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS: Bob Feisel (Vicki's Seacret) 248-765-2504 Cell
Bob Ksionzek (Last Dime) 586-531-9198 Cell

REMINDERS: Lake Trout- Size 15" minimum, Creel 3.

You must call (channel 72), the Port Captain or Tournament Director when you return to port at the end of the tournament. Also, you must call if you return to port at any time during the tournament or return to the water.



New DAS Scholarship Format

In cooperation with the Lake Superior State University Foundation, the Board of Directors has established the "Detroit Area Steelheaders Fisheries Scholarship". The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to a student majoring in the LSSU Biology, or Fisheries and Wildlife Management program, with a focus on fisheries.

The scholarship is a \$1000 annual award. LSSU students may submit a letter of application to the Chair of Biological Sciences. This award does not automatically renew, however past recipients may apply.

Successful candidates

- Must be a full time student of at least Sophomore status
- Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA, and Must be a resident of the state of Michigan

Members of the biological sciences faculty will recommend a recipient from the applicants for final approval by the Financial Aid Office.

Tom Gorguze
248 343-8397

What's the Future for Great Lakes Salmon?



Kathleen Lavey, Lansing State Journal



Capt. Ron Hill of Bite Me Charters, left, holds open a cooler as Capt. Brent Daggett of Sportsmen Sportfishing Charters throws in lake trout on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at the Pentwater Municipal Marina in Pentwater, Mich. (Photo: Julia Nagy/Lansing State Journal)

PENTWATER - Shortly after noon on a cool sunny Thursday, the 33-foot charter boat Sportsmen came back into the Pentwater village marina carrying four happy fishermen and coolers full of still-flopping fish.

Most of their catch were plump, pink-

tinged lake trout, pale bellies glistening in the bright May sun.

But after they had gotten near their quota of lake trout, Bud Perry and his friends asked Captain Brent Daggett to take them in search of chinook.

The chinook ó also known as king salmon ó has been the linchpin of Lake Michigan sport fishing almost since the moment it was introduced in the 1960s. It's big, it's aggressive and it's good eating.

õWhen you've got a bigger fish that fights harder, you definitely get excited about it,õ said Perry of Pleasant Hill, Ohio, after he clambered off Daggett's boat. õThe lake trout come right up to

the surface. They don't fight near as hard as the kings do. The kings? They don't want any part of it.õ

But after a spectacular five-decade arc, Lake Michigan's salmon fishery appears to be in decline. Anglers are catching fewer fish, and the ones they're getting are nowhere near the 30-pounders longtime fishermen recall from decades past.

Some fear the collapse will be as hard as the one that hit Lake Huron a dozen years ago, forcing some charter operators to move to Lake Michigan or forcing many others to go out of business. Overall, sport fishing in the Great Lakes is a \$4 billion-a-year industry.

How bad is it?

In 2003, charter fishing clients in Lake Huron were catching an average of three chinook per boat, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Charter Boat Survey Program survey. By 2005, that had dropped to 1.2 per boat. In 2010, it was 0.8. The number of charter operators fell by half.

It hasn't been that bad on Lake Michigan ó at least not yet.

In 2010, Lake Michigan charters averaged about 6 chinook per trip. That actually went up to 7.4 per trip in 2012, õwhich is just crazy high,õ said Daniel O'Keefe,



Two chinook salmon hang next to lake trout on Thursday, May 19, 2016 at the Pentwater Municipal Marina in Pentwater, Mich. after a Sportsmen Sportfishing Charters fishing trip. (Photo: Julia Nagy, Lansing State Journal)

educator with Michigan Sea Grant, a cooperative program of the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, which supports research, outreach and education to enhance sustainable use of Great Lakes.

But that figure is an anomaly. In 2015, Lake Michigan charters averaged 2.2 chinook per trip, according to the charter survey.

õIt sounds like a terrible drop, and it is,õ O'Keefe said.

Fisheries managers are working to figure out how to strike a new balance among the complex web of native, invasive and introduced species in the Great Lakes, from tiny plankton to the vast proliferation of quagga mussels to lake trout and the mighty salmon. Those who fish for fun so far keep casting their lines as they wait to see how it plays out.

õThe salmon experiment, if you want to call it that, is very unique,õ said O'Keefe said. õHopefully a few years from now it will still wind up being classified as a success but with just a better balance.õ

Read the whole story at:

<http://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/travel/michigan/2016/05/26/whats-future-great-lakes-salmon/84865094/>

Upcoming 2016 DAS Key Dates

Tues., July 26, 2016 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Sat., July 30, 2016 6:00am - 1:00pm	Boat Trolling Tournament Port Austin
Sat., August 6, 2016 6:01am - 1:00pm	Boat Trolling Outing Holland
Sat., August 13, 2016 6:00am - 1:00pm	Boat Trolling Tournament Manistee
Sat., August 27, 2016 6:00am - 1:00pm	Boat Trolling Tournament Manistee
Tues., August 30, 2016 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center

2016 June Membership Meeting Facts

Attendance:	44
Featured Speaker:	Capt. Andy Gorske Saginaw Bay Walleye Fishing
50/50 Raffle Winner:	\$93 - Mark Carlson
Every Member Draw:	\$100 - Don Mikros

Enjoy These Other Newsletters and Reports

Here are some links to other newsletters and reports:

Woods-N-Water News

(<http://www.woods-n-waternews.com/>)

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Basin Report Newsletters

(<http://www.great-lakes.org/basinreports/basinreports.html>)

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Metro-West Steelheaders Newsletters

(<http://www.metroweststeelheaders.org/newsletters.php>)

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