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August Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, August 25, 2015 7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Guest Speaker :**
Capt. Craig Coleman, "Silver Addiction Charters" - 'Ludington Salmon Fishing'
- **Other Happenings:**
Tournament Info, Tackle raffles, 50/50 raffle, Every member drawing
- **Up-To-Date Information on the DAS website at:**
www.detroitsteelheaders.com

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The Olcott Chronicles

With only 2 boats making the trip, fun-fishing replaced the Tournament and but a good time was still had by all.

From the reports coming out of New York, the "Bobby's Toy" crew headed to Olcott with great anticipation on Thursday afternoon, July 30. We knew from the show of hands at Tues. membership meeting that it might be a sparsely attended tournament on Sat., Aug. 1. This didn't bother us as we have always enjoyed going to this quaint port town and have experienced some good fishing in past years. So even if we ended up fun fishing, that was fine with us

Big kings are the draw here and we figured this could be a chance to top the 29.45# King that Tim Robinson caught aboard the "Toy" at the tournament here on June 23, 2012.

Skipper Bob Jones and I were the two regulars on the crew as Todd Ridley had a wedding and Rod Elnick doesn't like going to New York. But we had Paul Nienaltowski, who has fished occasionally with us

and our young Gun, Kenny Kinsey on board to complete the four man crew. On the drive over to Olcott through Ontario, the first thing the Skipper noticed as the sun was setting was the clear skies and the moon rising - a full moon! This can typically mean tough fishing the following morning as the fish can easily go on a feeding spree under the brightness of a full moon.



The "Bobby's Toy" crew with their Olcott catch from Friday, July 31, 2015 3 Kings - 15 lbs., 22 lbs. and 23 lbs.

We arrived at the Lighthouse Motel in Olcott about 9:45 pm. We made good time with minimal lines at both border crossings. The trip took us 4 hrs and 20 mins. We saved the boat prep and launch for the morning and decided to get a decent night's sleep. Alarms were set for 5:00 am with the anticipation of an early morning trip out on Lady O, as the locals call Lake Ontario.

We woke up on time, got ourselves ready, made 2 pots of coffee and Kenny and I got the boat set-up. The mandatory stop at the Slippery Sinker Tackle shop was next for the latest reports and we needed some meat, both cut bait and whole herring, as some reports indicated this was the bait of choice. Of course, the Skipper had to check out the hot terminal tackle and purchased a couple of spoons and a new Spin Doctor, both in the 42nd pattern.

At about 6:15 am, the boat was in the water and we were heading out of Olcott Harbor. Based on Intel from the Slippery Sinker, we started fishing in about 100ø of water, even though many of the reports from earlier in the week said that 300 FOW ó 500 FOW was the place to be. Waves were 1ø or less. Well, obviously the full moon did have an impact on the

See **Olcott** (Cont'd on Pg. 4)

Ludington Tournament 2015

Disappointing turnout with only 5 boats, but fishing was better than anticipated.

Reports for the week prior to the tournament had the fish scattered to the south from the Projects all the way down to Pentwater as well as to the north at the Point up to about halfway to Manistee. The marine forecast for Saturday was calling for winds out of the west with waves less than 1ø

The 5 boats that showed up found the wave conditions to be just that as headed out in the dark to their favorite spots following the 5:00am skippers meeting. øBobbyø Toyø, øChanningø, øMoney

Treeø, øSalukiø and øVickieø Seacretø were all on hand for the 6:00am start.

øSalukiø started out in front of the Projects but later headed up towards the Point, øVickieø Seacretø also fished in front of the Projects but out in deeper water while øChanningø was there too but in shallower. øBobbyø Toyø gambled on some reports that the fish were way down south between Pentwater and Little Sable Point. The tournament committee was not

See **Ludington** (Cont'd on Pg. 6)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

New Memberships Welcome!

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Re-Newed Memberships

TOM GORGUZE	PAUL NIENALTOWSKI			
BOB KSIONZEK	DAVE ROEHR			

Memberships Expired

2 mo. Ago Last Reminder:	TOM MOORES	AL WEICHERT		
	KURT NOFZ			
1 Mo. Ago First Reminder:	LOU BACSIKIN	GEORGE VIDUSIC		
	JOHN MEADE			
This Month:	CHARLES EDDY	DENNIS HOLOWAY		

DAS Spring-Summer Photo Contest

The DAS Spring-Summer Photo Contest is in full swing. This session will run until September 30 and the Fall-Winter session will go from October 1 thru the following March 31. The winning photo, **as chosen by DAS member votes**, from each session will earn the lucky photographer a \$50 Visa gift card.

Photos can be submitted on the DAS Message Board Forum entitled DAS Spring-Summer Photo Contest. **DAS members only may post their photos there as well as vote for their favorite photo there.** If you missed the live demonstration of how to enter photos at the July membership meeting, complete instructions are on that forum.

The subject matter of the photos should be preferably something at DAS events but is limited to fishing and fishing related photos.

As a DAS member, you will have to be registered as a message board user, so if you haven't yet registered now is a good time to take care of that. Let your imagination and creativity decide what pictures you take. We hope to have lots of great pictures posted!



Tackle Raffle Table

The Detroit Steelheaders have purchased six Res Q Disk safety devices. Over the next few months they will be placed on the tackle raffle table at member meetings. The club paid \$60 for each disk and one of them could end up saving a life someday. If you are not familiar with Res Q Disk you can perform a web search and learn everything you need to know about this device. A brief description would read like this; Res Q Disk looks and acts like a Frisbee, 100 feet of nylon cord is wound around the perimeter of the Frisbee and held in place with a Velcro strap. To use the device you remove the Velcro strap and peel out about 10 feet of the nylon cord, then you throw the Res Q Disk like a Frisbee out to the person you are trying to rescue. The nylon cord peels off the Frisbee as it travels through the air to the person being rescued. You are now connected to the person by the nylon cord and you pull them to safety. These handy devices can be used anywhere but are excellent to have on boats, rivers, piers, or swimming pools.

Tackle raffle tickets are available at every member meeting and are sold as 7 tickets for \$5 or 15 tickets for \$10. There are usually eight prizes won at each meeting and winners select prizes in the order drawn.

Dan Chisholm
Raffles Director

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Membership Application

New Member - \$35 Yearly

Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly

Renewal - \$35 Yearly

Address Change only

Amt. Paid \$_____

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Skipper of the Year Standings 2015

8/20/15

Best 4

	Boat Name	Skipper Name	Lexington	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Muskegon	Olcott NY	Ludington	Manistee	Total Points	Best 6	Best 7	Best 8
1	Saluki	John Meade	3	2	2	7	2	75	4	75	10	92	167	170
2	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	4	8	4	5	4	75	1	75	14	97	172	176
3	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	75	7	6	6	3	50	2	75	17	74	149	224
4	Channing	Dan Chisolm	50	6	5	75	50	75	5	75	66	216	291	341
5	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	50	4	1	75	75	50	75	75	130	280	355	405
6	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	2	1	75	4	75	75	75	75	155	305	380	382
7	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	75	75	3	2	75	75	75	75	155	305	380	455
8	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	75	5	75	3	75	75	75	75	158	308	383	458
9	Money Tree	Chuck Eddy	75	75	75	8	75	75	3	75	161	311	386	461
10	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	50	9	50	75	75	75	75	75	209	359	434	484
11	Nite Moves	Carl Ventimiglia	75	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	228	378	453	528
12	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	1	10	75	75	75	75	75	75	235	385	460	461
13	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	300	450	525	600
14	Big Ma Ma	Don Mikros	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	300	450	525	600
15	Blue Star	Stan Bilek	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	300	450	525	600

	Weight	Species	Boat Name
Big Fish	17.95	King	Bobby's Toy
	17.95	King	Bobby's Toy
	7.25	Coho	Bobby's Toy
	13.30	Lake Trout	Aquarius II
Largest Of Each Species	5.95	Steelhead	Vicki's Seacret
	4.45	Brown	Sloppy Joe
	0.00	Atlantic	
	0.00	Pink	

	Lexington	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Muskegon	Olcott NY	Ludington	Manistee	Year
Number of Boats	7	10	7	8	5	2	5	0	44
Kings	1	2	27	1	4	0	10	0	45
Cohos	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	6
Lake Trout	5	30	4	71	2	0	3	0	115
Steelhead	2	1	0	2	1	0	7	0	13
Browns	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Atlantics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pinks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	8	33	35	74	7	0	24	0	181

UPCOMING MANISTEE TOURNAMENT

Closes Out 2015 DAS Boat Trolling Season

The Manistee tournament is fast approaching and will hopefully be the best fishing for this the last tournament for the trolling season. The kings are really showing up for August in Manistee as well as a lot of lake trout to the north.

We will be having a fish off with the Flint River Valley Steelheaders. We are hoping to have a good turnout to end out the season.

At this time of year everything works - flashers/flyes, J plugs, spoons, meat rigs with herring strips.

Please call me for any further information.

Bob Paradise 586 457-4073

Good luck and hoping for a great turnout and great fishing!

2015
MANISTEE
TOURNAMENT

WHEN: Saturday August 29, 2015

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 noon 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: Bob Paradise (Almost Paradise) 586-457-4073
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.

2015 Boat Trolling Tournaments

Date	Port	Port Captain
April 18 (6:30am - 1:30pm)	Lexington	Dan Chisolm
May 2 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	St. Joseph	Blaise Pewinski <i>plus Fish Off vs. Huron Valley Sportfishing Club</i>
May 16 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Grand Haven	Bob Feisel
May 17 (6:00am - 11:00am)		
June 13 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Harbor Beach	Paul Gjeldum
July 18 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Muskegon	John Meade
August 1 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Olcott, NY	Jim Zanke
August 15 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Ludington	Bob Jones
August 29 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Manistee	Bob Paradise

Olcott (Cont'd. from Pg. 1) fishing as we couldn't get a rod to move for about 2 ½ hours.. Finally we got our first hit around 10:00 am on a rigger set 101 feet down with a white spinny and mirage fly. Kenny was on the rod and fought it well until the rod jammed with fleas. These are the nasty fleas that are like cotton and very difficult to get off the line and they were very abundant wherever you trolled. We ended up losing the fish due to the inability to crank in the line and keep pressure on the fish. We were over about 350' of water. Kenny put up a good fight but as Paul was about to put the net on the fish, it made a dash for the #3 downrigger wire only to come unstuck right behind the boat! Fish-Off!

The next hit came on a rigger set 67 ft down with a newly purchased 42nd spoon on it, but same story as before, the rod jammed with fleas. Kenny was on the rod again and could not reel the fish in and the fish was lost. Another rigger hit, 76 ft down with a magnum Super Screw on it, Bob, the rod hog K as the captain calls me, managed to bring this one in, about a 15 pound king. The next hit came on a ½ core set up for steelhead with a 2 ounce weight with a copper double orange crush SS on it. To our surprise a big healthy king hit it. Paul brought this one in. Paul used to fishing the lake trout up in Port Austin and he started complaining that he was caught in another line, The skipper told Paul that this was no lake trout. Well, he quit complaining and finished the job; boating a nice 22 pound king.

The next fish hit another rigger line set 67 ft down with a magnum NBK spoon and Well, in the skipper's own words "Bob K was on the rod. He started yelling to "turn the boat" "we need to chase this fish, it's taking out too much line" I failed to tell him that there is approx. 1000' of line on that reel. I didn't think he was going to get spooled. Haha! The King ran out 400 foot of line and Bob could not get anywhere with the fish. Instead of turning, Paul suggested we play the neutral game with the fish and the boat. It sounded like a good idea to me so I did just that; gave him neutral while he reeled in line. It took a while but Bob landed the fish, Paul was net man. When the fish came into the boat Paul yelled it must be 30 pounds, I said 26, it weighed in at 23 pounds.

Ludington (Cont'd. from Pg. 1) aware of where "Money Tree" did their fishing.

Most of the fish were being caught 60' to 110' down in from 120 FOW to 200 FOW. Plugs and spoons worked best at the shallower depths while flasher/flyes and meat rigs worked better down deep. Downriggers, Dipseys 200' to 275' back on a 3 setting, 1/2 cores full cores, 200'- 400' of copper all caught fish.

At the 9:00am fish call, "Vickie's Seacret" had 4 fish, "Bobby's Toy" called in with 3, "Channing" claimed 2 and both "Saluki" and "Money Tree" had 1. The bite was better early and slowed considerably as the day went on. except for "Vickie's Seacret. Bob Feisel had 7 at the 11:00am fish call, followed by Bob Jones with 4, Dan Channing and John Meade reported 3 each and Chuck Eddy had 2.

Lines were pulled at 1:00 am and all boats reported into Ludington Harbor safely. Before the weigh-in, Port Captain Bob Jones and the "Bobby's Toy" crew supplied the luncheon with cheese-pepperoni, cheese-ham-pepperoni and cheese-pepperoni-

We pulled lines at 3:30 and headed in, and had the fish measured and weighed by a NY DEC biologist doing some research. We cleaned the fish, showered and went to dinner at the Italian place on the edge of town in Newfane. Food was great.

For Saturday's tournament, the only one other boat that showed up was Port Captain Jim Zanke with the "Hard Top and Tails" crew. We canceled the tournament, decided to fun fish and placed a friendly wager between the two boats for the best total weight. We did not get bit Saturday, the wind was blowing and the waves built to 4 ft with a 6 footer or so thrown in. It was a miserable fish day so we called it at noon. "Hardtop" did catch one 6 lb. steelhead and took home the huge purse in the friendly wager. We went to Zanke's rental cottage for lunch and BS with the crew. Jim did a excellent job of preparing meatballs, honey BBQ wings, Hot wings, and yummy Mac and Cheese plus some cookies for desert. He also served up some classic "ginger ales" as they say and the two crews had a great meal and a great time.

Saturday night we headed out to "Ray's Tavern" about 13 miles from Olcott towards Niagara. We have eaten there a few times in the past and always enjoyed the meal. And did so again that evening. Afterwards, we drove back to Newfane to gas up and hit our favorite ice cream store but found it closed so we went to another shop in Olcott and ended the day with some delicious ice cream.

Sunday was somewhat the same story; wind, waves and a full moon the night before. We did manage a small steelhead that Kenny landed; we pulled lines at 11:30 and headed back for home. We got on the road around 1:15 and made pretty good time thru the border crossing out of New York into Canada and proceeded with good time until we hit the Blue Water Bridge in Sarnia. Traffic was backed up to the Canadian side of the bridge and we spent over an hour and a half waiting to get through customs. The Skipper didn't get home until around 8:45 pm. Certainly a long day but, overall we enjoyed this trip to Olcott as we have a few others the past couple of years. The full moon and the rough weather made for difficult fishing this go around but we are still looking forward to next year's trip!

Co-Tournament Director
Bob Ksionzek

mushroom pizzas from Mancino's along with a couple of fresh salads, cookies for dessert and the usual cold refreshments. Nice Job by the "Toy" crew!

Bob's son, Joe Jones handled weighing the fish and did a great job as a "rookie". "Vickie's Seacret" finished 1st with an eight fish catch good for 99.75 pts. Congratulations to Skipper Bob Feisel and the crew! "Bobbie's Toy" with Skipper Bob Jones came in 2nd Place with 84.00 pts. for 5 fish and in his second tournament new Skipper Chuck Eddy of the "Money Tree" finished 3rd with 3 fish and 45.45 pts. Big Fish went to "Bobby's Toy" with a 17.95 lb. King good for \$50 in the pool.

Thanks to all those who participated and made the event the good time that it was. We hope to see a good turnout for the last tournament of the season at Manistee on August 29.

Co-Tournament Director
Bob Ksionzek

See Page 5 for complete **Ludington** Tournament results and photos

Ludington Standings																	8/15/2015			
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	# of Fish Weighed	Catch by Species & Weight								Best 8 Total Wgt.	Best 8 Total Pts.	Deduction Code	Points Deducted	Total Points	Place			
1	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	8	K 14.75	K 10.35	L 9.80	5.95	S 5.10	L 5.05	S 4.90	C 3.85	59.75	99.75	NONE	0.00	99.75	1			
2	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	5	K 17.95	K 14.30	K 13.65	7.25	S 5.85	-----	-----	-----	59.00	84.00	NONE	0.00	84.00	2			
3	Money Tree	Chuck Eddy	3	K 13.80	K 13.30	S 3.35	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	30.45	45.45	NONE	0.00	45.45	3			
4	Saluki	John Meade	3	K 12.20	K 10.35	L 5.75	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	28.30	43.30	NONE	0.00	43.30	4			
5	Channing	Dan Chisolm	3	K 11.90	S 5.80	S 4.80	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	22.50	37.50	NONE	0.00	37.50	5			



1st Place - Vicki's Seacret - Skipper Bob Feisel



2nd Place - Bobby's Toy - Skipper Bob Jones



3rd Place - Money Tree - Skipper Chuck Eddy



4th Place - Saluki - Skipper John Meade



5th Place - Channing - Skipper Dan Chisolm



Big Fish - Bobby's Toy - 17.95lb. King Caught by Bob Ksionzek

Upcoming 2015 DAS Key Dates

Tues., August 25, 2015 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Sat., August 29, 2015 6:00am - 1:00pm	Boat Trolling Tournament Manistee
Tues., Sept. 15, 2015 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Tues., Sept. 29, 2015 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center

2015 July Membership Meeting Facts

<u>Attendance:</u>	45
<u>Featured Speaker:</u>	Mark Williams Ludington - What's Working
<u>50/50 Raffle Winner:</u>	\$110 - Mark Williams
<u>Every Member Draw:</u>	Fred Sniezek - Not Present

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