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June Meeting

When:

Tuesday, June 24, 2014 7:30pm

•Where:

American Polish Cultural Center NW corner

15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre

•Featured Speaker:

Joel Anderson from Anderson's Pro Bait in Port Huron "Steelhead Fishing in Lower Lake Huron"

Other Happenings:

Boat trolling 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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Detroit Area Steelheaders 'Special People Day' Outing

Saturday, June 7, 2014......Another Resounding Success!

Each year our Detroit Area Steelheaders organization hosts a group of õSpecial Peopleö for a day of fun and

fishing. What is this group of special people? Itos a group of people young and not so young who face a physical or emotional challenge. They are men and women, children and adults who come together one day each year to spend a day with us having fun. õSpecial People Dayö is a social outing with their friends where they spend the morning on Lake Erie catching fish. After fishing, lunch is provided under

the big tent where our õSpecial Peopleö socialize and show off their -days catchø. The remainder of the event is filled with pictures, prizes, and fun.

DAS sponsors this event as a way to give back to our

community but its success comes from the experience of our members. Each person who helps out knows

> they are part of a worthwhile cause and the event is sustained because our members keep coming back. Special mention also goes out to Toledo Beach Marina. They donate the use of the marina each year and provide free launch, boat slips, ice and other items to help make this event a success.

On behalf of the Special People coordinators and team, I

want to thank the Detroit Area Steelheaders organization for supporting this worthy outing and cause. Because of your support the 2014 DAS Special People outing was once again a huge suc-See Special People On Page 3

Grand Haven.... Full of Surprises!

The tournament held on Sat., May 17 and Sun. May 18 had a few surprises for those faithful DAS boat trollers who showed up.

The first surprise was calls from the DNR dockage reservation system informing those captains who

had made reservations for the Grand Haven Municipal Marina that their reservations were cancelled because of unfinished construction on the docksí . This was on the Wednesday just prior to the tournament! Nothing like getting advanced notification! It seems everyone who had made reservations received the calls; everyone except Bob Feisel. His dockage was still available. Go figure!

Jim Zanke and Crew are all smiles showing off Sunday's Big Fish at Grand Haven - A Nice 15.75# King

Next surprise, this port is a favorite of the DAS boat trollers and usually has a pretty good turn-out, but not this year as only 6 boats came ready for the typically great spring fishing available here. Surprise #3, while the fishing was decent, it certainly wasnot what we have come to expect from Grand Haven. A total of 46 fish were caught for the two-daysí í

that a 3.8 fish per boat per day average while not horrible, definitely not Grand Haven numbers!

Of course, the fishing might have been a result of Surprise No. 4, the unseasonably cold temperatures for mid-May. I mean, Friday night was a low of 39

> and both days were pretty cold on the water even though the sun was shining. We are use to it being much warmer here and it was very apparent as the numbers of walkers and sun seekers on the usually very busy piers were rather scarce.

> Grand Isle Marina, upon a call from Director Rod Elnick of the Bobbyøs Toyø crew, became our headquarters. Though a bit on the pricey side and a 40 minute ride to the Big

Lake, they were very accommodating and the dockage and facilities were very nice. A Big Thanks to Grand Isle Marina for taking care of us!

It was not the usual deep water fishery that we have come to expect at Grand Haven but most of the fishing took place in See **Grand Haven** On Page 2

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Re-Newed Memberships

MARK CARLSON **CLIFF HILL** ALLAN VAN BROCKLIN

STEPHEN GENOFF TOM MOORES

Memberships Expired or Soon to be Expired

DON ANTON **KEN CIONE GARY GROSS** MICHAEL LOLLI LEROY MIKOLOWSKI HENRY BACZYNSKI **KEVIN GROSS ANTONIO COSBEY BRYAN MCKNIGHT**

TOM CAPICCHIONI JOHN MEADE **DENNIS HAYDEN** MARK GAZDA

60 FOW or less.

Grand Haven from Page 1

Spoons were the bait of preference but there were a few fish taken on dodgers and files. Greens and oranges seemed to be the best colors. Downriggers fished from 15øto 40ø down, Dipsey divers back 100ø to 125ø on a #3 set-

Probably the biggest surprise was the final standings. Skipper Paul Gjeldum and his crew on \(\ddot\)Blue Horizonø had a commanding 46.65 pt. lead at the end of Day 1 with a very nice catch of 8 fish for a 129.70 pt. total. The closest competitor was the ÷Vickieøs Seacretø crew skippered by Bob Feisel with a 5 fish catch good for 83.05 pts. and 2nd place. But as we all know, 2-day tournaments can be tough and you have to be consistent with good catches on both days. Lo and Behold, Bob Feisel had a very nice 8 fish catch on Sunday, when the fishing was definitely tougher. 117.15 pts for a 2-day total of 190.20 and 1st place! Unfortunately, Paul and crew strug-

ting and 3, 5, 7 and 10 colors of lead all caught fish.

gled on Sunday as did the rest of the boats and only managed 7.50 for a 2-day total of 137.20.

How much tougher was it on Sunday ? øVickieøs Seacretø had 8 fish and the other 5 boats totaled 8 fish! All you can say is that as fishing!

Port Captain Dan Chisholm, his wife and crew grilled some delicious Chicken breast sandwiches and served up a tomatoes and greens salad, potato salad and a macaroni salad as well as some chips and cold drinks for the post weigh-in luncheon on Sat. There were even some great cookies for desert. Nice job to Mr. & Mrs. :Channingøand crew.!

All in all everyone had a great time and thanks to all who participated. See you in Olcott!

> Co-tournament Chairman **Bob Ksionzek**

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Sad News



BOAT NAME

Jerry Lawrence Lee, age 62, passed away on May 24, 2014 after a courageous battle with lung cancer. He was born in 1951 to Larry and Alice Lee and was a lifelong Livonia resident. Growing up, Jerry shared an enthusiasm for fishing with his father; Jerry furthered his passion by becoming a United States Coast Guard licensed charter boat captain several years after graduating from Livonia Stevenson High School in 1970.

For more than thirty years, Captain Jerry took anglers fishing for salmon and trout on Lake Michigan as well as for walleye on Lake Erie aboard his boat the "Sea Screw". Jerry was a well-known member of several sport fishing associations, including the Ludington Area Charter Boat Association and the Michi-

gan Charter Boat Association. He was well-liked and respected by his fellow captains and friends, who affectionately referred to him by his nickname "Scooby". Jerry was also an active member of the Detroit Area Steelheaders, where he was voted "Skipper of the Year" for three consecutive years in 1978, 1979 and 1980. He won prominent area fishing tournaments in 1978, 1979, and 1981, and made the cover of Great Lakes Sportsman Magazine in the 1980s. He was on the professional staff of Silver Streak fishing lures and a field representative for Lowrance marine electronics. He was accompanied several times on his charters by Great Lakes Outdoors with Rob Trott and Fishing 411 with Mark Romanack. Outside fishing season, Jerry was an avid hunter; Jerry also loved to golf.

Jerry will be dearly missed. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

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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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ADDRESS		
CITY, STATE ZIP	HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE

F-MAIL ADDRESS

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Nine Detroit Area Steelheader Captains and boats allowed us to make this a special day for 22 people who truly enjoyed a day of fishing fun. Between 7 am and 8 am our If you were not able to join us this year please consider becoming part guests were assigned to boats based upon their needs and the capabilities of the boat. Then it was off to the Waters of Lake Erie where we fished for all species on calm waters and mild temperatures. Between 11:45 and 12:15 we pulled lines and headed back to Toledo Beach Marina where we enjoyed a hot picnic lunch under the celebration tent. Lunch was hot dogs, baked beans, pasta salad, coleslaw, chips, and cookies.

After lunch our special guests had their pictures taken with their catch and crew followed shortly after by trophy awards and goodie bags all done in an atmosphere of fun and celebration. Many of our guests have done this with us over several years and look forward to it every summer. For others it is their first time and they will be looking forward to it next summer. I believe this same feeling holds true for the captains, crew, coordinators, sponsors, and volunteers. It a worthy effort for a worthy cause and a fun day. Thank you again Detroit Steelheaders, volunteers, and sponsors.

Recognition

There are a lot of people who must be recognized for the effort they put into making this day a success. I sincerely appreciate your effort and look forward to working with you again next year and possibly making it bigger and better.

Coordinators: Without these people nothing happens as they are the drivers of our success.

Mary Karakas, Linda Banbury, Anthony Lewis, Linda Bredernitz

Captains: These people give their time, talent, and treasure for a worthy cause.

Doug Karakas (Captain Hook)

John Meade (Saluki)

Bob Feisel (Vicki's Seacret)

Blaise Pewinski (Sea Hag)

Jim Zanke (Hard Top N Tails)

Dan Chisholm (Channing)

Tom Gorguze (Bad Dog)

Paul Gjeldum (Blue Horizons)

Ron Hartman (Molly Friar)

Volunteers: Always helpful and wonderful to work withí .thank you for your time and effort.

Gaspare Aragona, Marie and Richard Jackson, Doug Karakas, Pam and Dave Roehr, Fred Hynick, Bill Stanley, Steve Genoff. and Dennis Harper.

Sponsors: Sponsors make things better and grease the skids to make the day affordable. Dealing with good, caring businesses like these who support the community is always smart. When you are down that way fishing stop in and give them your business.

Toledo Beach Marina (11840 Toledo Beach Rd, LaSalle MI. 48145 / 734 243 3800) - Toledo Beach Marina and Manager Amy are a joy to work with and we appreciate their help. Toledo Beach allows the use of their beautiful Marina, offers us free launch and slips, and provides ice to keep the food fresh. A dependable supporter of our event for many years.

Jeff's Bait and Tackle (1756 N Dixie Hwy, Monroe) ó worms and ice ó a dependable supporter of our event for many years - thank you very

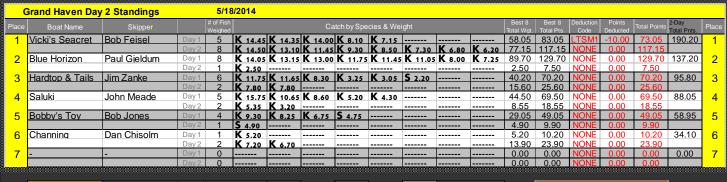
of Special People in 2015. A worthy cause, good people, fun, and fishing. What could be a better use of your time?







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Day 1	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH	Saluki	King	15.75	
_	Saluki	King	15.75	27
А		Coho	0.00	0
		Lake Trout	0.00	0
	Bobby's Toy	Steelhead	4.75	2
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
T		Pink	0.00	0
				29

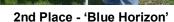
3 -		Atlantic	0.00		0
		Pink	0.00		0
					29
				1 1	Number
Day 2	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.		Caught
BIG FISH	Hardtop & Tails	King	16.30		
	Hardtop & Tails	King	16.30		16
		Coho	0.00		0
		Lake Trout	0.00		0
	Bobby's Toy	Steelhead	4.90		1
E		Brown	0.00		0
S T		Atlantic	0.00		0
		Pink	0.00		0
					17

3	Total Boats		Deduction Code LEGEND
		LTSM	= Late To Skipper's Mtg.
		LTWI	= Late To Weigh-In
		1NFC	= No Answer 1 Fish Call
		2NFC	= No Answer 2 Fish Calls
		UCC	= Unauthorized Crew Chg.
		DO	= Disqualified



1st Place - 'Vickie's Seacret'









Anderson Elementary Salmon in the Classroom Update

This year¢s Salmon in the Classroom at Andersonville Elementary had some struggles as did most all of the schools that participated in the program. This year the stock of fish eggs suffered from EMS early mortality syndrome. However, the kids and I learned a lot about the life cycle and how nature keeps our system in balance with such things as EMS.

On June 10th, the 4th grade students accompanied by siblings and parents met out at Yates Park to release the salmon into the Clinton River. About 18 students attended and a total of about 65 people. We released 44 fish that averaged 5-7 inches long. Again, the kids rotated through stations; the first station being the Re-

lease, which was run by Jody Robinson and Rodney Elnick. The second was Casting run by Carl Ventimiglia and Gasper Aragona and lastly, was the Spoon Making run by Blaise Pewinski & Dennis Harper.

I want to thank everyone who helped make this year to release a success and a special thank you to Dreamweaver, Captain Chucks and Captain Craig Coleman for donating the spoons and tape for the kids to be creative and come up with their own new spoons. I would also like to thank all of our members and the BOD for making this a program happen.

Jody Robinson





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Olcott, NY Sat. June 28, 2014

.... The Hunt for Big Kings Goes On!

For the 4th Time in as many years, the Detroit Area Steelheaders are returning to Olcott, NY for the 3rd Boat Trolling Tournament of the 2014 season on Saturday, June 28 with big kings being the target.

And there is some GOOD NEWS! This tournament was originally scheduled for June 21 but, in mid-March, for purely selfish reasons, I polled the skippers who I thought might be participating about changing the date to June 28. They all had no issue, so the date was changed. As luck would have it, the weekend of June 28-29 is New York's designated 'Free Fishing' weekend. However, if you plan on fishing Friday, you will need to purchase a one-day non-resident license for \$15. You can do this on-line at http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6091.html or get it at the Slippery Sinker tackle shop in Olcott. According to the license website, you need to allow 14 days to receive the license but your receipt will serve as your license until you get it. You can go on-line also at http:// www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7917.html to review and download the New York State fishing regulations. As far as possession limits, you are allowed one daily limit per person. You may possess an additional 2 days limits providing those fish are processed. Processed is any canned, smoked or frozen fish. The skins must be on all fillets for identification purposes. MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND ALL NEW YORK FISHING REGULATIONS AND POSSESSION LIMITS ENTERING BACK INTO THE U.S. FROM ONTARIO.

The best route to Olcott is via the Blue Water Bridge through Ontario. However this requires either a passport or Michigan Enhanced Drivers license. It is approximately 5 hours to Olcott through Ontario versus about 8 hours through Ohio and Pennsylvania. There is a very useful website available at http://www.olcottfishing.com/. It has a lot of information about Olcott and Western Lake Ontario fishing. Look over this website thoroughly to get a better understanding of fishing this area. Talk to some charter boat captains in Olcott. They can provide some great information. The folks at the Slippery Sinker tackle shop are very friendly and very willing to give up to the date info on fishing conditions.

Once again, the Town of Newfane Marina in Olcott will be our head-quarters for this event. Call them for reservations @ (716) 778-5462. Dockage is \$1 per foot per night. There are showers available at the Marina. Usage is \$1. Sleeping on your boat is no problem, however sleeping in vehicles in the parking lot is discouraged. There is a campground right across Lake Road by the Marina which would allow easy access. The Harbor Resort can be contacted at (716) 778-5190 for reservations. In addition, check out the Olcott handouts on the Tournament page of the DAS website, www.detroitsteelheaders.com for more on motels, cottages and houses to rent as well as other information.

We will have the skippers meeting at the Pavilion on the Marina property at 5:00am. The Marina will have coffee and Danishes available at this time also. The tournament will start at 6:00am. You can run to your favorite spot and get ready to fish but lines cannot be set until 6:00am. There will be fish calls at 9:00am and 12:00pm on channel 72. We will pull lines at 2:00pm and you must be in the weigh-in line at the Pavilion at the Marina by 3:00pm. Be sure to let the Jim Zanke, the port captain, know on channel 72 when you are in the pier heads at tournaments end. Jim has promised a delicious meal at the weigh-in. For more information, you can call me at 586-531-9198. Hope to see a good turnout!

Bob Ksionzek Co-Tournament Chairman

DAS Revisits Erieau on July 12

Let's keep those passports out from the Olcott Tournament as we get ready to head to Erieau. If you haven't fished Erieau, you are in for a treat. Erieau is a nice little resort town at the end of the road. Just down the ways you will find the boat launch and Barney's Boats (519-676-4471 bait store). Barney's is your best source for up-to-date locations on where to fish for the rainbows, as they call them. The Erieau marina is there too the phone number is (519)676-4511; they have nice facilities and have plenty of trailer parking. The place I usually stay is Molly and Oj's (519)679-8812. They have little cottage rentals with Lake Erie beach right down the way, they also have air conditioning.

When setting your spreads high divers, downriggers, lead, and copper all work well. Spoons with orange on them are the way to go, my go to spoon is the Jerry Lee. You will still do well with dolphin patterns, copper melon, purple boxers, greasy chicken wing and mixed veggies too. I have noticed that copper spoons work the best and prefer the smaller size silver streaks. If you are looking for some walleye copper hot rod and confusion are some good spoons to run, and the sheep head like anything that goes by so keep those lines clean. Hopefully this year we will see the fishing to be a little more like we are used to from this great steelhead port. I am thinking the cooler weather this year will help keep the fish around the area this year.

We have the pavilion reserved for the weigh in and lunch afterwards, and for you guys just coming for the day start time has been changed to 7 am with fish calls at 9 and 12 pull lines at 2pm. Captains meeting at 6am instead of 5am, I hope to see you there.

Carl Ventimiglia
'Nite Moves'
Port Captain

2014 Boat Trolling Tournaments

June 28 (6:00am - 2:00pm)	Olcott, NY	Jim Zanke
July 12 (7:00am - 2:00pm) July 19	Erieau, ONT Port Austin	Carl Ventimiglia Bob Ksionzek
(6:00am - 1:00pm)		Bob Feisel
August 2 (6:00am - 1:00pm)		Bob Feisel
August 9 (6:00am - 2:00pm)	Ludington II	Joe Von Grabe
August 23 (6:00am - 2:00pm)	Manistee Manistee	Bob Paradise

More Photos from the 2014 Special People Outing















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Upcoming 2014 DAS Key Dates

Tues., June 24, 2014 I

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American Polish Cultural Center

Sat., June 28, 2014

Boat Trolling Tournament

Olcott, NY - Town of Newfane Marina

Sat., July 12, 2014

Boat Trolling Tournament

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Erieau, ONT - Erieau Marina

Tues., July 15, 2014 7:00pm

7:30pm

BOD Meeting

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American Polish Cultural Center

Sat., July 12, 2014

Boat Trolling TournamentPort Austin - Port Austin State Marina

Tues., July 29, 2014

7:30pm

Membership Meeting

American Polish Cultural Center

2014 May Membership Meeting Facts

Attendance: 48

Featured Speaker: Jeff Miller from Traxstech

Products for Boat Rigging

50/50 Raffle Winner: \$95 Paul Gjeldum

Every Member Drawing: Dave Linder

Not Present

Port Austin Tournament Update

As was announced at the May membership meeting, The Port Austin Harbor & Boat Launch remain closed as they are in the final stages of completion of the Harbor renovations with the addition of floating docks. The completion date is set as July 1, 2014. This will be just in time for our tournament scheduled in Port Austin for Sat., July 19.

However, in the event that the renovations are not complete, the DAS Tournament Committee has made alternate arrangements with Port Austin Kayak to use their boat launch and they will have dockage available for the weekend. The dockage fee is \$15 per night and the launch fee is \$8. This is the former site of the M& D Marine on Byrd Creek off Spring St. in downtown Port Austin

We will keep in touch with the Port Austin Harbormaster for up-to-the-minute details so that we can make a final decision at the June membership meeting as to where the tournament will take place. We will also post the details on our website. So if you cand

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