



# FISHIN' TALES

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## May Meeting

### When:

Tuesday, May 27, 2014 7:30pm

### Where:

American Polish Cultural Center  
North West corner  
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre

### Featured:

Boat Rigging Demo  
Jim Zanke's "Hardtop 'N Tails"  
Paul Gjeldum's "Blue Horizon"

### Featured Speaker:

Jeff Miller from TraxTech  
On Boat Rigging,

### Other Happenings:

Boat trolling tournament info.,  
Tackle raffles, 50/50 raffle,  
Every member drawing

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## Special People Outing

*Boats Needed ; Make a 'Special Person' and Yourself Feel Good!*

Each year our Detroit Area Steelheaders organization hosts a group of "Special People" for a day of fun and fishing. What is this group of special people? It's 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. "Special People Day" 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 "Special People" socialize and show off their "days catch". The remainder of the event is filled with pictures, prizes, and fun.

Boats will launch from the Toledo Beach boat launch in the morning after the Captains meeting. Toledo Beach has allowed those boats participating to launch for free. Participants will join them at the boat launch. When they come in the participants will de-board the boats at the docks and will be shuttled to the picnic shelter

while the boats are pulled from the water. The picnic will be held on the Marina grounds. Captains can leave their boats on the trailers in the launch area parking lot. We will have the picnic when all Boats and Crews arrive. For those wanting to spend the night, Toledo Beach has also OK'd one night's dockage for free

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.

This event has continued for over 30 years now and your help is needed to keep it going. The DAS needs captains, boats, ground crew helpers, and donations. If you can help in any way please call DAS "Special People" chair Mary Karakas, Linda Banbury or Anthony Lewis @ 517-449-3036

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## St. Joe : Good News and Bad News!

As we all know, Spring tournaments can be a real crap shoot when it comes to what to expect with both the weather and the fishing. The first DAS boat trolling event of the season at St. Joe did not disappoint as fitting the mold of a typical Spring tournament.

Weather was a very important factor as to how the weekend played-out. There were just a few boats on hand Friday morning for some pre-fishing and they definitely found some fish. "Sea Hag" and "Bobby's Toy" both got into the fish north of the pier heads in 30 to 40 FOW. Getting those fish into the boat was another matter however as "Bobby's Toy" managed 5 out of 10 and "Sea Hag" was something like 4 for 11. But fortunately, the fish were a good average size.



Carl Ventimiglia shows off this dandy King at the St Joe tournament, a 15.95 lb King, caught aboard his son Carl's boat, 'Nite Moves'

So the Good News was the fishing was good and so was the turnout as 10 boats showed up for the 5:30 Skipper's Meeting at West Basin Marina. The Bad News was the weather and the fact that 3 club boats had to back out of the tourney due to boat problems;

"Bobby's Toy" - bad sea water pump, "Loki One" - faulty gimbal bearing and "Channing" - a leak problem. Here's hoping their repairs are minimal cost and they can back on the tournament trail soon. But here's the story as told by Club President and St. Joe Port Captain Blaise Pewinski in his own words:

"Good Fishing was the report given to the DAS trollers for our season opener, we just didn't get any cooperation from Mother Nature. The weekend started on Friday with 2 ft. waves on the lake and fishing was good but catching was a different story. Most of us were a little rusty on bringing fish to the cooler. We thought it was a great time to get all the bugs out of our system and the club opener could be faultless.

We ended our pre fish event with 4 nice kings and 7 misses. The size of the fish were nice too for this time of year; one weighed in at just over 17 lbs. We were really pumped knowing we found good fish and had a plan for the

See **St. Joe** Cont'd on Pg. 3

**MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

**New Memberships**

**WELCOME!**

NORM DAVIES                      ADAM PLANK  
TOM ECKERT

**Re-Newed Memberships**

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Tournament Ports

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New Member - \$35 Yearly                      Renewal - \$35 Yearly  
Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly                      Address Change only                      Amt. Paid \$\_\_\_\_\_

NAME		DATE
ADDRESS		
CITY, STATE ZIP	HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE
BOAT NAME	E-MAIL ADDRESS	

**St. Joe** Cont'd from Page 3 start of the DAS trolling tournament season in the morning. The weather called for 1 to 2 foot waves out of the SSW, should be good right! Not! What we woke up to was a strong 25 mph wind out of the South and 3 to 5 foot sea's. AT the skippers meeting at 530 am. the trolling board decided to postpone until Sunday morning. Good call for the morning but at 10 am., We noticed the wind dying and a few boats made it out to the fishing grounds and managed some nice catches. Most of the boats came back in for our 1:30pm. lunch that consisted of deep fried perch. salmon and walleye. What a feast! (EDITOR'S NOTE: A Feast is Right. Blaise did an excellent job preparing the fish and the guys from the Huron Valley Sportfishing Club brought the sides and Charlie Denning provided some delicious cupcakes from his bakery. And of course. we had the usual cold drinks. Thanks to all of the above!)

The evening bite proved to be better than the night before with the waves at 1 ft. or less. that was the forecast also for Sunday morning. But that's not what we woke up to, 15 to 20 mph winds out of the NW, and 2 to 4 footers with few 6 footers to make it interesting. Most of the boats started right out front trolling the mud line or going south with the waves and finding mixed results, but the lake was sort of fish able.

At the 9am. fish call found 'Nite Moves' with 7 fish followed by 'Sea Hag' with 5 both boats working south of the harbor, the other boats working north found that the fish they found Saturday evening moved south and it was time to make a change. All the boats caught a few fish but we all lost more than we boated, those spring kings really know how to do battle and get you wondering what you did wrong, but that's fishing. At 11:30am the tournament was done and all boats made the bumpy ride back in for the weigh in. In the end, 'Nite Moves' crew proved they had what it takes to win the season opener with a nice box of 10 fish, way to go! Sea Hag was 2nd with 7 fish. A great time was had by all that attended, and hope to see everyone on the water.

The fish off with the Huron Valley Club did not happen as they ended up only having 3 boats make the trip. The guys did share in the luncheon by bringing the side dishes and enjoying Blaise's fine cookin'. Thanks to everyone who made it a success.

**Blaise Pewinski**  
**'Sea Hag'**  
**Port Captain**

St. Joe Standings															5/3/2014		
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	Nite Moves	Carl Ventimiglia	8	K 15.95	K 11.50	K 10.15	9.75	K 7.80	K 7.20	L 6.50	K 3.20	72.05	112.05	NONE	0.00	112.05	1
2	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	7	K 16.85	K 13.55	K 10.95	10.95	K 9.50	L 3.95	L 3.15	-----	68.90	103.90	NONE	0.00	103.90	2
3	Blue Horizon	Paul Gieldum	4	K 14.25	K 11.00	B 6.70	5.15	-----	-----	-----	-----	37.10	57.10	NONE	0.00	57.10	3
4	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	3	K 10.00	K 9.20	K 8.90	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	28.10	43.10	NONE	0.00	43.10	4
5	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	4	L 8.10	K 7.00	L 2.90	2.35	-----	-----	-----	-----	20.35	40.35	NONE	0.00	40.35	5
6	Saluki	John Meade	3	K 7.25	B 4.75	C 2.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	14.00	29.00	NONE	0.00	29.00	6
7	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	2	K 9.60	L 4.15	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	13.75	23.75	NONE	0.00	23.75	7
20	-	-	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	0.00	20

LARGEST	BIG FISH	Sea Hag	King	16.85	Number Caught	7	Total Boats	
		Sea Hag	King	16.85				21
		Vicki's Seacret	Coho	2.35				2
		Vicki's Seacret	Lake Trout	8.10				6
			Steelhead	0.00				0
		Blue Horizon	Brown	6.70				2
			Atlantic	0.00				0
		Pink	0.00	0	31			

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.
DQ	= Disqualified



1st Place - 'Nite Moves' - Skipper Carl Ventimiglia



2nd Place - 'Sea Hag' - Skipper Blaise Pewinski

## More St. Joe Photos



3rd Place - 'Blue Horizon' - Skipper Paul Gjeldum



Weighmaster Bob Paradise calls out the numbers



Bob Paradise & Skipper John Meade at the Weigh-in

## DAS Grand Haven Tournament

**Saturday May 17 and Sunday May 18, 2014 (2-day tournament)**

Grand Haven Municipal Marina, 101 N. Harbor Dr., Grand Haven (616) 847-3478

**Saturday:** Skippers meeting at 5:00 am with tournament start at 6:00 am. Fish calls for Saturday are 9:00 am and 11:00 am. Pull lines by 1:00 pm with weigh-in at Municipal Marina on the hill at 2:00 pm.

**Sunday:** There is no skippers meeting on Sunday but tournament start remains at 6:00 am. We will do a radio check-in on the water Sunday at 6:00 am with one fish call at 8:30 am. Pull lines by 11:00 am with weigh-in at 12:00 pm.

Check the Detroit Steelheaders message board (Tournaments) for additional details where you will find tournament rules, information on where to stay, local restaurants, marinas, and tactics to use while fishing Grand Haven. Take note, the pull lines and weigh in times are earlier this year.

Early spring in Grand Haven provides opportunities to fish for Coho, Kings, Steelhead, and Lake Trout. You get to pick your target and choose your tactics. You can target the shallow heavily stained mud line (10 to 20 feet) coming out from the Grand River, or possibly the 60 to 75 feet deep Trench off the Twin Sisters, or maybe you will go out to deeper waters for Steelhead or Kings. What you do is your decision and your choice, anything is possible. The waters are typically crystal clear so light conditions and lure size can make a big difference. Maybe go with darker colors early and brighten up when the sun comes out. Orange and gold and pearl and white are good combinations for this time of year.

Lunch will be grilled chicken breast on a roll with, tossed salad, chips and cookies. Bring your appetite and your best attitude and let's have some fun at the clubs second tournament stop in 2014 at Grand Haven.



**Dan Chisholm**  
**'Channing'**  
**Port Captain**

# 'SILVER ADDICTION' BOATS FISH OF A LIFETIME



**On the boat, Larry Ingle & Bradon Owners of Buds Tap Room.**



**Holding the Brown out in the lake is Larry Ingle.**



**'The Brown' in a 162 qt. cooler**

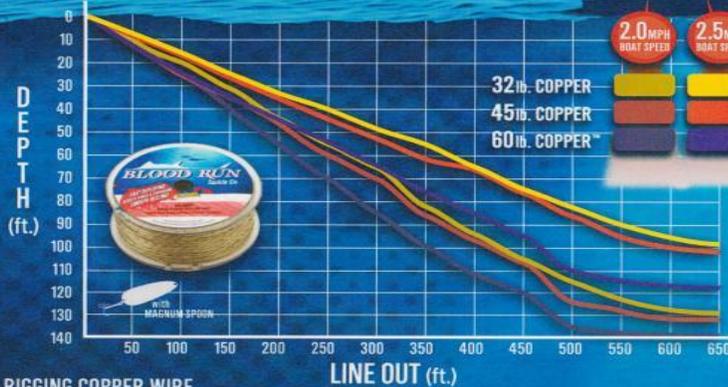
Here's the details on that Big Brown! It was caught on Monday, 5/5/2014 in 8 foot of water just south of Ludington pump station known as the Project. It hit a Storm Thunderstick called Mad Flash. The Battle lasted for 37 minutes. When the Brown finally came aboard, it officially tipped the scale at 30.14 pounds and was 38 and a half inches long and almost 10 inches thick.

It is the second largest brown trout ever caught in Ludington. The best part of this story is that it was not just caught aboard Silver Addiction, but that Larry Ingle, father of our first mate Bradon Ingle was the man on the rod. Captain Craig Coleman was at the helm and had made the decision to fish the extremely skinny water.

While this is truly a fish of a lifetime, Captain Craig has put over 150 Browns into the cooler this season. This fishery is a nice secret, that is over looked by all but the locals. Congratulations to Larry Ingle and the crew of Silver Addiction. Silver Addiction is owned and chartered by DAS Member Capt. Mark Williams.

# COPPER WIRE DIVE CHART

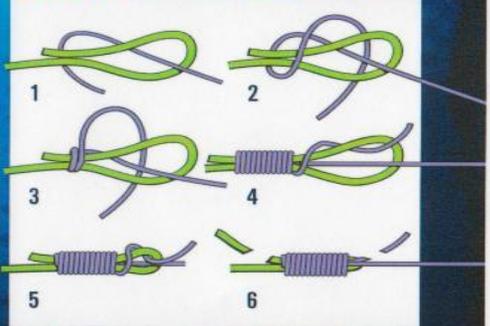
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## FISHING COPPER WIRE

Any type of bait or lure can be trolled from Blood Run copper fishing wire. Depth curve estimates were created by using a magnum spoon. Different depth results will occur when trolling live or dead bait, diving plugs, and rotating flashers. Underwater currents and trolling speed dramatically influence actual running depths of copper fishing wire. Please take these factors into consideration when estimating where your gear is fishing in the water column.

## ALBRIGHT KNOT



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## RIGGING COPPER WIRE

Copper wire is designed to be trolled directly off the back of the boat, outriggers or run behind inline and ski type planer board systems. Do not snap, pinch or tie anything directly to the copper wire as it will weaken and break the wire.

Copper is designed to be spooled onto a reel with the referenced amount of Blood Run Hi Vis Backer Material tied via an Albright Knot or similar line to line knot. Reels are designed to have predetermined lengths of copper spooled in order to target a specific depth referenced in the attached dive curve chart. Only that amount of copper should be spooled onto the reel, along with a 30-50 foot section of Blood Run Fluorocarbon Leader in 30lb test.

Copper can be run directly off the boat corners by utilizing a rod with a roller tip guide. Do not partially deploy copper with the copper still feeding through a conventional rod tip. The copper will weaken and break at this fulcrum. Only use a roller tip if deploying directly off the boat without use of a side planer system.

Shorter copper segments should be run outside of longer copper segments to avoid tangles after hooking up fish. When copper has been brought to the boat, fully redeploy your copper and attach your inline planer board 30 feet up from your Albright Knot and then let the inline planer board straight back behind the boat until it appears that once the reel is engaged, the inline

planer board will swing back out into its previous position within your spread.

Kinks in Blood Run copper can be pulled straight and re-twisted. If strand separation occurs, the copper can be cut, overlapped by 1.5 inches and re-twisted using a haywire twist. This "repair" will be as strong or stronger than the original wire.

Do not "segment" copper by splicing in different section lengths of mono or braid in order to multi-purpose your copper reels. The multiple knots and splices all create weak links, and when run out to an inline planer board, will drag in the water and not allow for proper depth and running performance.

## DNR Creel Clerks to Collect Angler Information in Coming Months

As this year's open-water fishing season gets started, the Department of Natural Resources reminds anglers that over the next few months Fisheries Division personnel will be visiting lakes, rivers and Great Lakes ports to collect data about anglers' fishing excursions.

DNR creel clerks will be stationed at boat launches and piers, asking returning anglers questions about their fishing trips. The clerks will collect information on trip length, target species and number of fish caught. In some cases, they may ask to measure or weigh fish and to take scale samples. It usually takes only a couple of minutes to answer the questions and the DNR appreciated anglers' cooperation.

These efforts are part of the DNR's Statewide Angler Survey Program, a long-term monitoring program designed to track recreational fisheries across Michigan's waters of the Great Lakes. This is one of the most comprehensive angler survey programs in the country, with DNR creel clerks interviewing upwards of 50,000 anglers in most years.

This program helps us gather information that is critical in managing the state's fisheries, said DNR fisheries biologist Tracy Kolb.

Anglers may visit the DNR website to see [surveys of the Great Lakes ports](#) from previous years. [Data on inland waters](#) also is available on the site.

# 2014 Boat Trolling Tournaments

Date	Port	Port Captain
May 3 (6:30am - 1:30pm)	St. Joseph plus Fish Off vs. Huron Valley Sportfishing Club	Blaise Pewinski
May 17 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Grand Haven	Dan Chisholm
May 18 (6:00am - 11:00am)		
June 28 (6:00am - 2:00pm)	Olcott, NY	Jim Zanke
July 12 (7:00am - 2:00pm)	Erieau, ONT	Carl Ventimiglia
July 19 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Port Austin	Bob Ksionzek
August 2 (6:00am - 1:00pm)	Ludington Ladies Day	Bob Feisel
August 9 (6:00am - 2:00pm)	Ludington II	Joe Von Grabe
August 23 (6:00am - 2:00pm)	Manistee	Bob Paradise

**Photos from the 2014 St. Clair River Outing**  
(Hosted by Tom Gorguze at his place in Algonac)



**Upcoming 2014 DAS Key Dates**

Sat., May. 17, 2014 6:00am - 1:00pm	<b>Boat Trolling Tournament</b> Grand Haven - Municipal Marina
Sun, May 18, 2014 6:00am - 11:00am	
Tues., May. 27, 2014 7:30pm	<b>Membership Meeting</b> American Polish Cultural Center
Sat., June 7, 2014	<b>Special People Outing</b> Toledo Beach Marina, Lake Erie
Tues., June 10, 2014 7:00pm	<b>BOD Meeting</b> American Polish Cultural Center
Tues., June 24, 2014 7:30pm	<b>Membership Meeting</b> American Polish Cultural Center
Sat., June 28, 2014	<b>Boat Trolling Tournament</b> Olcott, NY - Town of Newfane Marina

**2014 April Membership Meeting Facts**

Attendance: 59

Featured Speaker: David BoqBunnell  
USGS Research Fishery Biologist

50/50 Raffle Winner: \$115 Chris Turak

Every Member Drawing : Mike Curzenski  
Not Present

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