



# Fishin' Tales

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**May Meeting** 

**When:**  
Tuesday, May 28, 2013 7:30pm

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

**Featured Speaker:**  
Capt. Brian Butts  
"Spring & Early Summer Fishing"

**Other Happenings:**  
Boat Tournament info, Special People Info, Tackle raffles, 50/50 raffle, Every member drawing

**Up-To-Date Information on the DAS website at:**  
[www.detroitsteelheaders.com](http://www.detroitsteelheaders.com)

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## Capt. Brian Butts Talks on Spring & Early Summer Fishing

He had to cancel twice earlier this year because of a snowstorm the first time and family illnesses the second, but Capt. Brian Butts of Sea Flea Charters out of Grand Haven, MI. will indeed be our guest speaker in May. As a full time licensed charter Captain from April to October, Brian has fished Lake Michigan for over 20 years and has fished most all ports from Michigan City, IN to Grand Traverse bay.



To provide his customers with the ultimate fishing and boating experience, "Sea Flea" is a luxurious 31 ft. Tiara Open. This twin engine boat is large enough to comfortably and safely accommodate 6 people. It has all the latest safety equipment and state of the art electronic navigational and fishing gear: GPS, radar, auto-pilot, fish finders, temperature monitors, speed indicators and a VHF radio. He uses all the latest fishing poles, reels, downriggers, baits etc and everything is maintained in top condition.

During the past 3 years Team Sea Flea has fished many of the Salmon tournaments with great success. They have 6 first place wins and have finished in the Top Five 11 times. Their latest wins were the Holland Salmon Slam, the Saugatuck Waypoint Tournament, the Big Jon Tri-Port Challenge and the Grand Haven Offshore Challenge.

Brian's topic will be Spring fishing. He will be sharing some of the secrets he has learned fishing out of Grand Haven. He will also discuss the equipment and techniques he uses. Don't miss the chance to take notes and put the techniques to use at this year's DAS Spring tournaments.

For more charter information, you can call (616) 886-1306

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## 'Sea Hag' Wins Trolling Season Opener at St. Joe! DAS Trollers Capture 1st Ever Golden Salmon Sonar Challenge!

Probably, unusual would best describe the fishing the DAS boat trollers experienced at St. Joe for the first tournament of the 2013 season.

Cold water temperatures were found by those who got out for some pre-fishing on Friday afternoon, once the lake settled down from rough conditions earlier in the day and on Thursday evening. The fish were scattered in waters 50' deep out to 150' deep, mostly in the top 30'. Small & Regular sized spoons seemed to be the fish's preference off of downriggers or 3 & 5 color lead cores.



Skipper Paul Gjeldum with the Big Fish, a 17.15 lb. King Caught Aboard His Boat, the "Blue Horizon"

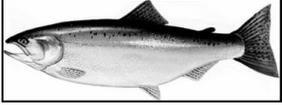
on Saturday morning, it was strongly suggested that even though the start was at 6:00am, that skippers wait until it got lighter 10-15 mins. later in order to see where they were navigating.

Fishing conditions were good for the tournament start with 1' - 2' waves with an off-shore wind. The fishing was pretty much the same as on Friday. Some boats found plenty of coho & small steelhead out in 97' to 115' deep water. Other boats found some surprisingly large kings in 40' to 60' but not very

many of them. The 'Sea Hag' crew also found some larger lake trout well to the south of port. What was surprising was the size of the kings especially for the spring time. There were some

There was still a lot of tree branches, logs & debris coming down the river, not to mention a dredging operation was set-up in front of the river mouth. So at the 5:00am Skippers meeting

See St. Joe on Pg. 4



**Membership News**

New Memberships

**WELCOME!**

**LEROY MIKOLOWSKI**

Renewed Memberships

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**DAS May Field Test Deal**



This month we have an 'Ole #3 Smoked Salmon Brine kit donated by Hullablue Smokin' Specialties LLC in Manistee, MI. With this kit you have everything you need for award winning smoked salmon and trout. The package says just add water and fish.

The kit comes packed in a resealable plastic bucket that contains brine, seasonings and detailed instructions. The bucket is used to mix the brine and fits in your refrigerator while the fish are prepared for the smoker. Refill packages are also available.

**Carl Ventimiglia**  
**"NITEMOVES"**

**Membership Dues Increase 1st Time in 23 Years.**

Our Dues are changing effective July 1. Here's our dues history:

Year	Total
1976	\$12
1979	\$20
1981	\$25
1985	\$30
1990	\$25
2013	\$35

The Board of Directors has been trying to avoid this, but it will be the first dues increase in 23 years. The main reason for the increase is the cost of maintaining & printing the high quality of the Fishin' Tales newsletter.

Seniors (65 & over) will be \$20. The Lifetime option is being dropped. Those who already have the Lifetime membership are good for their lifetime.

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**Membership Application**

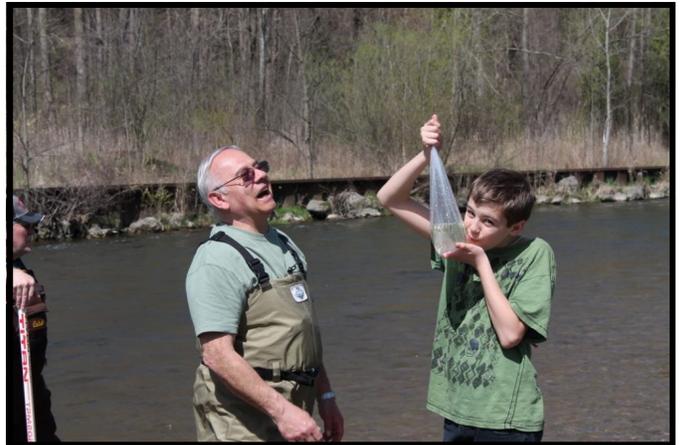
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (65 & over)- \$10 Yearly | <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change only   | Amt. Paid _____                           |

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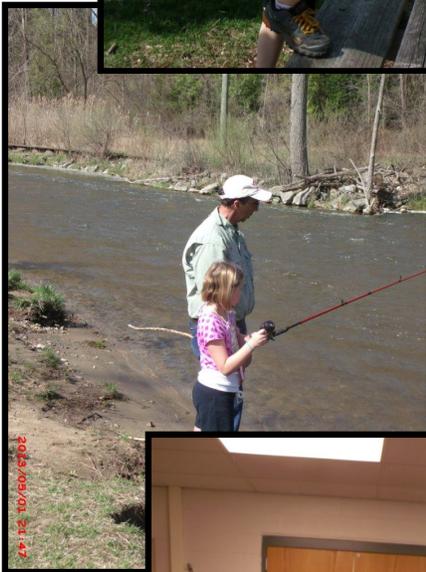
# Salmon in the Classroom Update for Andersonville Elementary

On Thursday April 25th the fourth graders started to prepare for the release of the salmon they had raised. We held a 4 hour "Salmon in the Classroom" day which consisted of them learning about the salmon's environment through doing a pond study and other activities, they watched a video about how salmon came to the great lakes, and played a survival game to teach them how hard it is for a salmon to survive all their predators and environmental challenges in order to make it to adulthood and back to their natal stream in order to spawn and reproduce. We also did an activity called Salmon Sense we learned at the DNR seminar last fall, which teaches the students about how a salmon returns to its natal stream after 3-5 years to spawn. I also spoke to the students about how big a salmon can get and let them hold a mounted salmon. A lot of the kids when holding the fish said "wow, one day I want to catch a fish this big" or "will our salmon really get this Big!" The day was a great success and the students learned a lot.

Here are just a few pictures from the days events:



More Pictures Salmon in the Classroom Release for Andersonville Elementary



St. Joe Cont'd. from Pg. 1 pretty nice sized kings caught. Overall, the fishing ended up being decent.

This was also the first ever "Golden Salmon Sonar Challenge", a friendly competition against the Huron Valley Sportfishing Club (HVSC). At the 3:00 weigh-in at West Basin Marina, the DAS and HVSC took turns weighing in each boat's catch and then each club's Top 5 boat's best 3 fish were totaled to see who had the best total weight. Convincingly, the DAS trollers managed to beat the HVSC trollers ..... 173.6 lbs to 69.8 lbs.! So the travelling trophy, a pretty nifty award made by Tom Cunningham from the Huron Valley club, will stay with the DAS for the upcoming year. The HVSC President Dennis Kovacs will be coming to the May membership to officially present the trophy to our President Anthony Lewis.



The first-ever 'Golden Salmon Sonar Challenge' travelling trophy captured by the DAS

As far as the DAS tournament itself, the 'Sea Hag' team skippered by Blaise Pewinski pulled off the win over "Vickie's Seacret" crew and captain Bob Feisel, 107.6 pts. to 86.7 pts. Big Fish was weighed in by Skipper Paul Gjeldum and his "Blue Horizon" crew, a very nice spring time King, 17.15 lbs. good for \$80. Congratulations to Blaise and Paul!

For the luncheon following the weigh-in a fantastic meal was enjoyed by the 56 crew members from both clubs. Bob Bilski from the HVSC slow grilled some beef tenderloin along with some peppers, mushrooms and onions and served it on butter-

covered grilled hoagie-style buns. Delicious sandwiches! DAS Port Captain Blaise Pewinski with plenty of help at home from his wife made potato salad and macaroni salad and coleslaw. There was plenty of cold pops and water. Charlie Denning also served cup cakes and muffins from his bakery. This all made for a tremendous meal. Thanks to Bob, Blaise, Charlie and their helpers!

This was truly a great event! The weather was good, the fishing was pretty decent, the turn-out was good from both clubs and the meal was outstanding. The guys from the Huron Valley Sportfishing Club are a great bunch and I'm sure they want to get that trophy back. I'd like to thank all those who participated. I know that I really enjoyed it and am looking forward to next year!

**Bob Ksionzek**  
Co-Tournament Chairman

## 2013 DAS Tournament Schedule

Date	Port	Port Captain
May 4 6:00am - 2:00pm	St. Joseph plus Fish-off with Huron Valley Sportfishing Club	Blaise Pewinski
May 18 6:00am - 2:00pm	Grand Haven	Dan Chisholm
May 19 6:00am - 12:00pm	<b>2-DAY</b>	
June 22 6:00am - 2:00pm	Olcott, NY	Bob Ksionzek
July 13 6:00am - 2:00pm	Erieau, ONT	Carl Ventimiglia Jr.
August 3 6:00am - 1:00pm	Ludington Ladies Day	Jody Robinson
August 10 6:00am - 2:00pm	Ludington II	Tom Gorguze
August 24 6:00am - 2:00pm	Manistee	Bob Paradise
Sept. 7 6:30am - 2:30pm	Frankfort	Joe Von Grabe

### St. Joe Standings 5/4/2013

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	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	8	K 14.60	L 11.55	L 9.90	9.65	L 7.60	L 6.50	K 4.45	K 3.35	67.60	107.60	NONE	0.00	107.60	1
2	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	7	K 16.80	K 12.80	L 10.55	4.20	C 2.55	S 2.40	S 2.40	-----	51.70	86.70	NONE	0.00	86.70	2
3	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	6	K 17.15	K 16.60	L 6.35	4.35	S 2.55	C 1.95	-----	-----	48.95	78.95	NONE	0.00	78.95	3
4	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	8	K 14.50	S 3.80	C 3.10	3.00	C 2.95	C 2.90	C 2.80	C 2.55	35.60	75.60	NONE	0.00	75.60	4
5	Thor's Hammer	Al Wiechert	6	K 14.55	K 13.10	L 7.95	2.75	C 2.70	C 2.65	-----	-----	43.70	73.70	NONE	0.00	73.70	5
6	Nite Moves	Carl Ventimiglia	4	K 6.60	C 2.75	C 2.60	2.45	-----	-----	-----	-----	14.40	34.40	NONE	0.00	34.40	6
7	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	1	C 2.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2.00	7.00	NONE	0.00	7.00	7
8	Saluki	John Meade	6	K 19.90	K 13.45	C 3.05	2.90	C 2.45	C 2.05	-----	-----	43.80	73.80	DQ	-73.80	0.00	8

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
<b>BIG FISH</b>	Blue Horizon	King	17.15	
	Blue Horizon	King	17.15	13
	Bobby's Toy	Coho	3.10	25
	Sea Hag	Lake Trout	11.55	8
	Blue Horizon	Steelhead	4.35	5
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
	Pink	0.00	0	
				51

**8** Total Boats

**Deduction Code LEGEND**  
 LTSM = Late To Skipper's Mtg.  
 LTW = Late To Weigh-In  
 1NFC = No Answer 1 Fish Call  
 2NFC = No Answer 2 Fish Calls  
 UCC = Unauthorized Crew Chg.  
 DQ = Disqualified



1st Place - 'Sea Hag'



2nd Place - 'Vickie's Secret'



3rd Place - 'Blue Horizon'



4th Place - 'Bobby's Toy II'



5th Place - 'Thor's Hammer'



DAS & HVS Guys Watchin' The Weigh-In



Bob Bilski from HVS cookin' the delicious beef loin

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The DAS 'Peanut Gallery' enjoying the Weigh-in

# Olcott, NY ..... The Search For Big Kings Continues

After catching a few Kings in the mid -Twenties last year in Olcott, even one pushing Thirty pounds, the Detroit Area Steelheaders are returning to Olcott, NY for the 3rd Boat Trolling Tournament of the 2013 season on Saturday, June 22 with hopes of catching even bigger fish. As is usual the Spring Derby held out of this port and Wilson, between May 3rd & May 12th should be a good indication that those Big Kings will be there. Consider this: the Derby's 20th place fish was a 24.11 lb. King and the 1st place fish was a 27.1 lb. hog King.....and these are Spring fish!

Of course, you will need a New York non-resident fishing license . You can purchase a one-day non-resident license for \$15 or a seven day non-resident license for \$35. 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 headquarters for this event. Call Dawn, at the Marina, 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](http://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 port captain know on channel 72 when you are in pier heads at tournaments end. We will have the usual catered picnic at the weigh-in. For more information, you can call me at 586-531-9198. Hope to see a good turnout!

**Bob Ksionzek**  
**"Last Dime II"**  
**Port Captain**



**Last year, Tim Robinson caught this 29.45 lb. Hog at Olcott fishing aboard "Bobby's Toy II"**

**Upcoming 2013 DAS Key Dates**

Tues. May 28, 2013 7:30pm	<b>Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center</b>
Tues. June 11, 2013 7:00pm	<b>BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center</b>
Sat. June 22, 2013 6:00am - 2:00pm	<b>Boat Trolling Tournament Olcott, NY</b>
Tues. June 25, 2013 7:30pm	<b>Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center</b>
Sat. July 13, 2013 6:00am - 2:00pm	<b>Boat Trolling Tournament Erieau, ONT</b>

**April Membership Meeting Facts**

Attendance: 60

Featured Speaker: Dan Keating,  
"The Basics To Consistent Catches"

50/50 Raffle Winner: Brian McKnight \$90

Every Member Drawing: Jason Adam  
(Not-Present)

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**Membership expires: 314**



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