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June Meeting



- When:**
Tuesday, June 25, 2013 7:30pm
- Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
North West corner
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- Featured Speaker:**
Lance Valentine; "Getting the Most Out of Your Sonar & GPS"
- Other Happenings:**
Boat Tournament reports & info, Special People Report, Tackle raffles, 50/50 raffle, Every member drawing
- Up-To-Date Information on the DAS website at:**
www.detroitsteelheaders.com

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Lance Valentine Talks Fishing Electronics in June



Lance Valentine of Walleye101 fame will be our featured speaker at the June membership meeting. He will be speaking on using your electronics specifically Sonar and GPS. He does a great job on this topic with lots of informa-

tion you will definitely want to know. Be sure not to miss this meeting and the opportunity to here what Lance has to say.

For more information, you can visit his website at www.walleye101.com or contact him about trips or seminars at 1086 North Irish Road Davison MI 48463 or at 810-965-6844.



Special People Outing .. Another Great Success!

On behalf of the Special People coordinators and team I want to thank you Detroit Steelheaders and Huron Valley Steelheaders for supporting this worthy outing and cause. Because of your support the 2013 DAS Special People outing was a huge success. As the date approached the weather and fishing reports were questionable at best. However, on that Saturday morning every-

thing came together to make this one of our best Special People outings in some time. Calm waters, mild temperatures, clear or nearly clear water, and good people. What more could we ask for? Fish! That's right we even got that! I believe all boats caught at least one Walleye and an assortment of Perch, Sheep Head, and Silver Bass. Our better

[See Special People on Pg. 6](#)

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Grand Haven 2-Day - Great Weather, Good Fishin' 2 years in a row with ideal weather for 3 consecutive days!

The Detroit Steelheaders Grand Haven tournament turned out to be a huge success in every way. Everyone caught fish and the weather was so perfect we were wishing we had some wave action to enhance our spoon action. We went out in the mornings with clear skies and temperatures in the low 50's and by 1 pm we were fishing calm flat water in 80 degree temperatures. The test for the tournament was finding the fish and staying on them. Unless you went out deep (which I didn't do) the entire water column from top to bottom was from 42 degrees to 46 degrees so I didn't get any help finding fish from that. On my boat Saturday morning we started out at 110 FOW and trolled N/W out to 160 FOW. We picked up two Kings in the 15# / 16# range on that run with a couple of misses. Troll-

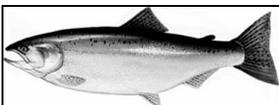
ing back on a S/E heading we picked up a couple more of the same size in the 140 FOW area with three more misses. We spent most of Saturday in that depth and ended up bringing home 4 Kings but all nice fish. For the day we ended up with 4 fish out of 9 rips. That was good for fifth place out of nine boats. Not a great start.



Skipper Dave Roehr of the "Loki One" and his crew proudly display the Big Fish on Saturday, a 19.7 lb. King

On Sunday we started at 60 FOW on the same N/W troll. As port captain I called the 6:00 am tournament start on the radio and told everyone I would be back in 30 minutes or so to do a roll call on the water. That would allow us to set lines and get fishing without losing any time to radio chatter. By 6:40 we had three nice Kings in the box and I did the roll call. Three fish in 40 minutes had me thinking we

[See Grand Haven on Pg. 4](#)



Membership News

New Memberships

WELCOME!

LEROY MIKOLOWSKI

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Renewed Memberships

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DAS June Field Test Deal

This month we are testing the Scarpace cut bait plug, it is a newer plug design which you can put a strip of your favorite meat into the back. They



claim the big ones love it, so see me at the June membership meeting to sign up for these plugs!!

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.

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS, INC.

P.O. Box 1255 Sterling Hgts., MI 48311-1255

Membership Application

- New Member - \$25 Yearly
- Senior (65 & over)- \$10 Yearly
- Renewal - \$25 Yearly
- Address Change only
- Lifetime - \$150
- Amt. Paid _____

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



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Oakland Christian Salmon Release at River Woods Park, May 9, 2013

At 7:30 AM on Thursday May 9th, before school would start, I checked in at Oakland Christian School to move the Salmon into coolers for release in the Clinton River. I had an audience of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders, about a dozen, who are dropped off at school early because of parental employment. The kids found it very exciting to watch me net the smolts and move them to the coolers. They tried to identify each fish by name as I moved the smolts into the coolers.

After getting the coolers down to the river by “Red Rider” wagon, the temperature acclimation started. About 3 gallons of river water was switched out in each cooler about every 15 minutes. The coolers were aerated during the lengthy release process. Jody Robinson, Blaise Pewinski and Mark Carlson, in waders, arrived near the end of three water cycles.

About 9:45 AM the school bus arrived at the park with the 8th grade Science class from the Oakland Christian School. The day was sunny, clear and warm, a perfect day for this part of the project. Michael McCoy, their Science teacher, and several parents lined them up and explained the release process. Jody and Blaise bagged the fish in pairs for the students. Mark stood in the river to catch any kids that could have slipped off the muddy bank into the river and took photos of each student as they released their smolts.

Many students had the opportunity to release more than one bag of smolts, the students enjoyed watching them swim into the river. However, several smolts were still around hiding in the weeds when we left. All in all, 159 smolts were released with hopes that they would survive and grow up.

Rodney K Elnick



Grand Haven Photos



1st Place - "Vickie's Secret"



2nd Place - "Blue Horizon"



3rd Place - "Nite Moves"



4th Place - "Bad Dog"



8th Place - "Loki One"

Photos - Courtesy Of Bob Feisel

2013 DAS Tournament Schedule

Date	Port	Port Captain
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

Grand Haven from Pg. 1 could close the gap and end up with a nice finish for the two days. Well, so much for that. We ended up going dry for the rest of the day with only one rip that we did not get in the boat. For the day we ended up with 3 fish out of 4 rips. We had dropped to sixth place out of nine boats for the tournament.

day Blue Horizons went out deep into 200+ FOW and they came in with a really nice catch. You just had to figure out where the fish were going to be.

Lunch for the fishing crews was a little bit of work but I had a great crew and they worked their butts off to cook hamburgers along with potato salad, garden salad, chips, and the oh so important selection of cookies. Everyone ate their fill and we still had enough left over on Sunday for a shore lunch of potato salad and garden salad.

Overall a good fishing experience and everyone went home happy with some fish in the cooler.

Dan Chisholm
'Channing'

Grand Haven Day 2 Standings 5/19/2013																				
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	2-Day Total Pnts.	Place
				Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2	Day 1	Day 2							
1	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	Day 1	8	K 17.45	K 16.40	K 14.75	K 14.55	K 14.10	K 13.05	K 12.85	K 9.95	113.10	153.10	NONE	0.00	153.10	259.15	1	
			Day 2	7	K 15.70	K 13.00	K 12.95	K 12.80	K 6.75	K 6.25	K 3.60	-----	71.05	106.05	NONE	0.00	106.05			
2	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	Day 1	8	K 17.75	K 17.05	K 16.80	K 14.45	K 8.90	K 7.90	K 5.25	K 4.80	92.90	132.90	NONE	0.00	132.90	245.25	2	
			Day 2	8	K 16.30	K 13.70	K 13.30	K 12.20	K 5.35	C 4.05	S 3.80	C 3.65	72.35	112.35	NONE	0.00	112.35			
3	Nite Moves	Carl Ventimiglia	Day 1	8	K 16.45	K 15.70	K 13.70	K 12.55	K 12.35	K 9.60	S 6.50	S 4.05	90.90	130.90	NONE	0.00	130.90	241.90	3	
			Day 2	8	K 13.85	K 11.90	K 10.70	K 10.30	L 9.45	K 8.50	C 3.35	C 2.95	71.00	111.00	NONE	0.00	111.00			
4	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	Day 1	8	K 16.15	K 15.95	K 15.95	K 15.35	K 13.65	K 12.85	K 12.25	K 11.20	113.35	153.35	NONE	0.00	153.35	212.30	4	
			Day 2	3	K 16.25	K 14.25	K 13.45	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	43.95	58.95	NONE	0.00	58.95			
5	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	Day 1	6	K 7.15	C 3.45	L 3.05	C 2.95	C 2.65	C 2.25	-----	-----	21.50	51.50	NONE	0.00	51.50	169.05	5	
			Day 2	6	K 17.15	K 17.10	K 16.40	K 14.90	K 13.85	K 8.15	-----	-----	87.55	117.55	NONE	0.00	117.55			
6	Channing	Dan Chisolm	Day 1	4	K 16.15	K 15.95	K 14.80	K 14.65	-----	-----	-----	-----	61.55	81.55	NONE	0.00	81.55	134.25	6	
			Day 2	3	K 15.95	K 12.50	K 9.25	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	37.70	52.70	NONE	0.00	52.70			
7	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	Day 1	3	K 18.50	K 13.35	C 2.30	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	34.15	49.15	NONE	0.00	49.15	115.35	7	
			Day 2	4	K 15.35	K 14.85	K 13.50	C 2.50	-----	-----	-----	-----	46.20	66.20	NONE	0.00	66.20			
8	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	Day 1	4	K 19.70	K 14.75	K 10.95	S 2.70	-----	-----	-----	-----	48.10	68.10	NONE	0.00	68.10	110.20	8	
			Day 2	3	K 14.60	K 8.55	C 3.95	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	27.10	42.10	NONE	0.00	42.10			
9	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	Day 1	7	K 16.75	S 6.00	C 3.75	C 3.75	C 3.10	C 2.95	C 2.90	-----	39.20	74.20	NONE	0.00	74.20	89.85	9	
			Day 2	2	S 3.45	C 2.20	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5.65	15.65	NONE	0.00	15.65			

Day 1	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH	Loki-One	King	19.70	
L A R G E S T	Loki-One	King	19.70	50
	Bad Dog	Coho	4.15	17
	Sloppy Joe	Lake Trout	3.05	1
	Nite Moves	Steelhead	6.50	5
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
	Pink	0.00	0	
				73

9 Total Boats

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

Day 2	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH	Sloppy Joe	King	17.15	
L A R G E S T	Sloppy Joe	King	17.15	34
	Blue Horizon	Coho	4.05	9
	Nite Moves	Lake Trout	9.45	1
	Blue Horizon	Steelhead	3.80	2
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
	Pink	0.00	0	
				46

2-day Totals
 119
 26
 2
 7
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DAS revisits Erieau on Saturday, July 13

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 Ojs (519)679-8812 they have little cottage rentals with lake Erie beach right down the way, they have air conditioning which is important this time of year.

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 pre-

fer 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 pavillion 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
(586) 615-7459

Special People Cont'd. from Pg. 1

anglers got into the Wall-eye and came in with a nice catch of eight in the short four hours that we fished prior to our picnic lunch under the tent.

Nine Detroit Steelheader Captains and boats plus the assistance of two Captains and boats from the Huron Valley Club allowed us to make this a special day for 18 people who truly enjoyed a day of fishing fun. Between 7 am and 8 am our 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 many years and look forward to it every summer. For others it was 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, and volunteers. It's a worthy effort for a worthy cause and a fun day. Thank you again Detroit Steelheaders and Huron Valley Steelheaders.

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, and Linda Bredernitz

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

Detroit Steelheaders – Dan Chisholm, Bob Feisel, Tom Gorguze, Paul Gjeldum, Ron Hartman, Doug Karakas, Blaise Pewinski, Bruce Tufford, and Jim Zanke.

Huron Valley Steelheaders – Bob Bilski and Dwayne Clett.

Sponsors: Sponsors make things better and grease the skids to make the day affordable.

Toledo Beach Marina (11840 Toledo Beach Rd, LaSalle) - Toledo Beach Marina and Assistant Manager Tim Tadsen are a joy to work with and we appreciate their help.

Jeff's Bait and Tackle (1756 N Dixie Hwy, Monroe) – worms and ice – thank you very much.

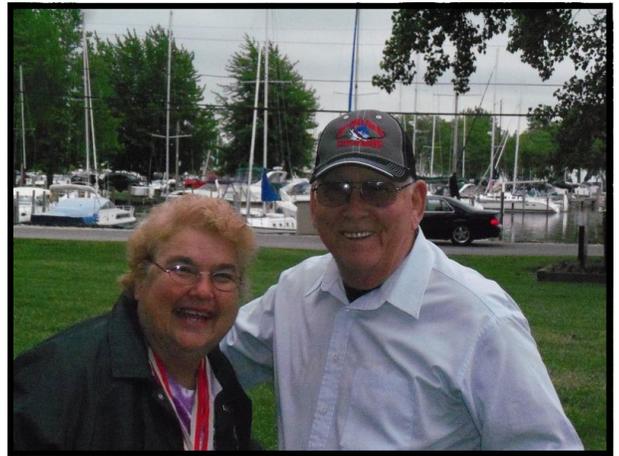
Blaise Pewinski – promotional mug donation.

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

Ed Horen, Marie and Richard Jackson, Doug Karakas, Tom Theida, Ty Voight, Pam and Dave Roehr.

If you were not able to join us this year please consider becoming part of Special People in 2014. A worthy cause, good people, fun, and fishing what could be a better use of your time.

Dan Chisholm



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Photos Courtesy of Doug Karakas

Upcoming 2013 DAS Key Dates

Sat. June 22, 2013 6:00am - 2:00pm	Boat Trolling Tournament Olcott, NY
Tues. June 25, 2013 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Sat. July 13, 2013 6:00am - 2:00pm	Boat Trolling Tournament Erieau, ONT
Tues. July 16, 2013 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Tues. July 30, 2013 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center

May Membership Meeting Facts

Attendance: 53

Featured Speaker: Brian Butz
"The Basics To Consistent Catches"

50/50 Raffle Winner: \$80 Name Unavailable

Every Member Drawing: Dave Staniszewski
(Not-Present)

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Membership expires: 314



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