



# Fishin' Tales

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### September Meeting

- When:**  
Tuesday, September 24, 2013 7:30pm
- Where:**  
American Polish Cultural Center  
North West corner  
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- Featured Speakers:**
- Gaspar Aragona  
"Lake St. Clair Perch Fishing"
- Blaise Pewinski  
"Caseville Pier Lake Trout"
- Bob Paradise  
"Egg Treatment"
- Other Happenings:**  
Boat Tournament reports, River, Surf & Pier 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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## Fishing Pretty Tough at Frankfort for Season Finale

The DAS boat trolling fleet traveled up to Frankfort for our final tournament of the 2013 season.

Earlier in the week there had been a strong blow from the north that pushed out the warm water and brought cold water close to shore. On Thursday evening the water temperature just outside the pier heads was 51 degrees on the surface. The cold water created the right conditions for a large push of mature salmon to enter Betsie Lake and run up the river. A lot of salmon were in Betsie Lake, and there were LOTS of small boats trolling, casting, and jigging with good success.

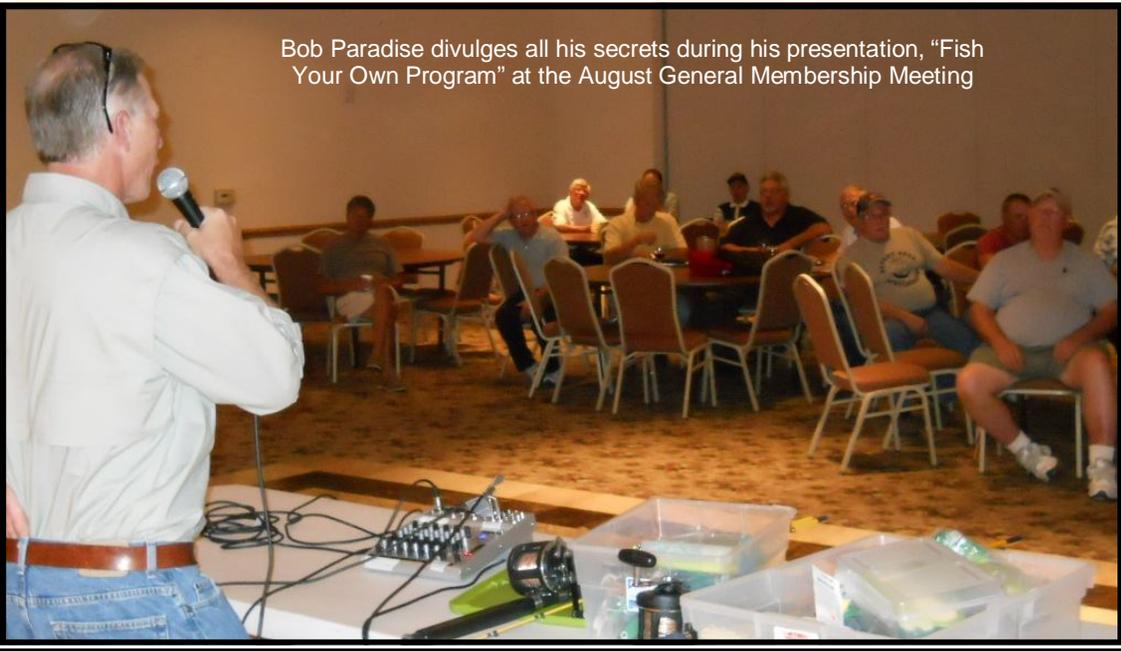
On Friday morning 4 DAS boats (Bobby's Toy, Hardtop & Tails, Bad Dog, and Vicki's Seacret) ventured out in 2-4 ft waves to do some pre-tournament fishing. As the morning progressed, the South wind became stronger and the waves grew to 3-5 ft. The fishing action was very sloooooooooooow! Only one of the four boats returned to port in the afternoon with fish in the cooler.

The NOAA marine forecasts for Friday night and Saturday were calling for waves of 3-5 ft, with occasional rain or thunderstorms. Things did not look promising for our tournament. It looked

like we might be postponing the event until Sunday.

On Friday evening the wind and waves became too high. "Vicki's Seacret" tried to get out for some fishing, but only went about 50 yards beyond the pier head. After taking a wave over the rooftop, we quickly turned around to take shelter inside the harbor. Back at the marina we brought out our casting rods and tossed some spoons in Betsie Lake trying to catch some of the big Kings that were surfacing all around us. I managed to get one hit on a KO Wobbler that quickly broke off.

We had 5 boats register for the tournament at the Captain's meeting on Saturday morning. We could hear the distant roar of the surf pounding on the Lake Michigan shoreline. We decided to delay the start of the tournament until there was enough light in the sky to scout out the conditions on the lake. At 7 am Tom Gorguze, Jim Zanke, and Bob Feisel took Vicki's Seacret out to the pier heads. On the way out we watched as waves washed over the top of the pier. However, we found that the waves were 2 - 4 ft. with some well spaced rollers. Several other boats were already fishing on the lake. We determined that



Bob Paradise divulges all his secrets during his presentation, "Fish Your Own Program" at the August General Membership Meeting



Frankfort Cont'd. from Pg. 1 the conditions were safely "fishable". We decided to start the tournament at 8:00 and try to get in 5 hours of fishing, pulling lines at 1:00.

Some boats fished close to port, hoping to find some of the mature salmon that had not yet moved up the river. Other boats went south to the Herring Hole and Arcadia. Did I already mention that the fishing was slooooooow this weekend? At the morning fish call Bad Dog (Tom Gorguze) and Vicki's Seacret (Bob Feisel) both reported having two fish, while the other boats still had empty coolers. Tom was having success with J-Plugs near the Frankfort harbor. Vicki's Seacret had started out fishing near the Arcadia pier heads, but the water temperature was ~70 degrees there and we did not catch fish until we trolled out to 90-120 ft of water. The only thing working for us was spoons that were down about 50-60 ft, primarily on the high divers.

At the weigh-in, 3 boats did not weigh fish, Bad Dog weighed 3, and Vicki's Seacret had 4. But Bad Dog's fish were mature Kings weighing 20-23 pounds each and Tom Gorguze and crew managed to win first place. Tom also won the \$50 Big Fish prize with a 22.65 pound King. Congratulations Tom!

Bob Feisel

Frankfort Standings											9/7/2013						
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	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	3	K 22.65	K 21.60	K 20.40	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	64.65	79.65	NONE	0.00	79.65	1
2	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	4	K 17.00	K 8.40	C 7.90	6.90	-----	-----	-----	-----	40.20	60.20	NONE	0.00	60.20	2
3	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	3	
3	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	4	
3	Saluki	John Meade	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	5	

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH	Bad Dog	King	22.65	
	Bad Dog	King	22.65	5
	Vicki's Seacret	Coho	7.90	1
		Lake Trout	0.00	0
	Vicki's Seacret	Steelhead	6.90	1
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
		Pink	0.00	0
				7

5 Total Boats

**Deduction Code LEGEND**  
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 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 - "Bad Dog"



2nd Place - "Vicki's Seacret"

Frankfort Photos



Big Fish - 22.65 lb. King - "Bad Dog"

Photos - Courtesy Of Bob Feisel

## 2013 Manistee Tournament, Saturday, August 24

Saturday morning started out with seven boats this year, which was a little down from previous years. The weather was great with less than one foot waves. He reports from earlier in the week were that fishing was slow, but all that changed on Wednesday when the south wind brought some cohos and kings to the shelf and the drop off.

At the 9:00 am fish call, "Bobby's Toy" had 5 fish, "Almost Paradise" 8 fish and the rest of the boats with one or two. Fishing slowed down after that and at the noon fish call "Bobby's Toy" had 5, "Bad Dog" had 4, "Almost Paradise had 9 and the rest with 2 or 3 fish.

When we got back to the weigh-in "Almost Paradise took 1st, "Bad Dog" 2nd and "Bobby's Toy" 3rd. We had a great lunch of steak, mushrooms, potatoes salad and desserts including homemade peanut butter cookies supplied by Charlie Denning ("Piece of Cake").

I would like to thank Deb, Mark and Tom Theida for the great luncheon. Those who could not make it this year missed a great lunch, a good day of fishing and a good time.

**Bob Paradise**  
**"Almost Paradise"**

Manistee Standings																8/24/2013	
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	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	8	<b>K 28.65</b>	<b>K 24.90</b>	<b>K 22.80</b>	<b>22.50</b>	<b>K 21.35</b>	<b>K 21.15</b>	<b>K 18.65</b>	<b>K 17.45</b>	177.45	217.45	NONE	0.00	217.45	1
2	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	5	<b>K 21.00</b>	<b>K 19.80</b>	<b>K 15.95</b>	<b>10.15</b>	<b>C 7.80</b>	-----	-----	-----	74.70	99.70	NONE	0.00	99.70	2
3	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	5	<b>K 17.15</b>	<b>K 13.00</b>	<b>K 10.90</b>	<b>10.10</b>	<b>C 8.70</b>	-----	-----	-----	59.85	84.85	NONE	0.00	84.85	3
4	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	4	<b>K 19.75</b>	<b>K 17.60</b>	<b>K 16.95</b>	<b>9.60</b>	-----	-----	-----	-----	63.90	83.90	NONE	0.00	83.90	4
5	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	3	<b>K 12.80</b>	<b>S 8.05</b>	<b>C 7.20</b>	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	28.05	43.05	NONE	0.00	43.05	5
6	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	2	<b>K 24.60</b>	<b>C 7.35</b>	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	31.95	41.95	NONE	0.00	41.95	6
7	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	1	<b>K 19.45</b>	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	19.45	24.45	NONE	0.00	24.45	7

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
L A R G E S T	Almost Paradise	King	28.65	
	Almost Paradise	King	28.65	23
	Sloppy Joe	Coho	9.60	6
		Lake Trout	0.00	0
	Blue Horizon	Steelhead	8.05	1
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
		Pink	0.00	0
				30

7 Total Boats

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## 2013 Manistee Photos

Photos - Courtesy Of Charlie Denning



More 2013 Manistee Photos

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1st Place - "Almost Paradise"



2nd Place - "Bad Dog"



3rd Place - "Bobby's Toy"



5th Place - "Blue Horizon"



6th Place - "Loki-One"



Big Fish - 28.65 lb. King  
"Almost Paradise"

## Skipper of the Year Standings 2013

FINAL

Best 5

	Boat Name	Skipper Name	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Olcott NY	Erieau, ONT	Ladies Day	Ludington II	Manistee	Frankfort	Total Points	Best 6	Best 7	Best 8	Best 9
1	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	2	1	2	7	2	5	75	2	9	14	21	96	96
2	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	75	4	6	3	3	2	2	1	11	15	21	96	96
3	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	75	5	3	5	1	3	4	75	16	21	96	171	171
4	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	1	75	1	4	4	6	75	75	16	91	166	241	241
5	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	3	2	5	2	75	75	5	75	17	92	167	242	242
6	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	4	7	7	6	75	4	3	50	24	31	81	156	156
7	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	75	9	4	75	75	75	7	50	145	220	295	370	370
8	Nite Moves	Carl Ventimiglia	6	3	75	1	75	75	75	75	160	235	310	385	385
9	Channing	Dan Chisolm	75	6	9	75	6	75	75	75	171	246	321	396	396
10	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	7	8	75	75	75	75	6	75	171	246	321	396	396
11	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	75	75	75	75	75	1	1	75	227	302	377	452	452
12	Saluki	John Meade	50	75	75	75	75	7	75	50	257	332	407	482	482
13	Crews Inn	Larry Walter	75	75	75	75	5	75	75	75	305	380	455	530	530
14	Thor's Hammer	Al Wiechert	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	305	380	455	530	530
15	Miss Dipsey	Jody Robinson	75	75	8	75	75	75	75	75	308	383	458	533	533
16	Piece of Cake	Charles Denning	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	350	425	500	575	575

	Weight	Species	Boat Name
<b>Big Fish</b>	28.65	King	Almost Paradise
Largest Of Each Species	28.65	King	Almost Paradise
	9.60	Coho	Sloppy Joe
	15.90	Lake Trout	Hardtop & Tails
	14.15	Steelhead	Bad Dog
	0.00	Brown	
	0.00	Atlantic	
0.00	Pink		

	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Olcott NY	Erieau, ONT	Ladies Day	Ludington II	Manistee	Frankfort	Year	
<b>Number of Boats</b>	8	9	9	7	6	8	7	5	59	
Number Caught	Kings	13	119	18	0	15	13	23	5	206
	Cohos	25	26	0	0	2	9	6	1	69
	Lake Trout	8	2	4	0	2	3	0	0	19
	Steelhead	5	7	8	26	2	9	1	1	59
	Browns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Atlantics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Pinks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	51	154	30	26	21	34	30	7	353

## Salmon Chowder

"I don't like fish, but I LOVE this soup!" — Anonymous

Original recipe makes 8 servings



### Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 cups diced potatoes
- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried dill weed
- 2 lbs. cooked salmon fillets
- 1 (12 fluid ounce) can evaporated milk
- 1 (15 ounce) can creamed corn
- 1/2 pound Cheddar cheese, shredded

### Directions

1. Melt butter in a large pot over medium heat. Saute onion, celery, and garlic powder until onions are tender. Stir in potatoes, carrots, broth, salt, pepper, and dill. Bring to a boil, and reduce heat. Cover, and simmer 20 minutes.
2. Stir in salmon, evaporated milk, corn, and cheese. Cook until heated through.

- PREP 15 mins
- COOK 30 mins
- READY IN 45 mins

## Progress Toward the Rehab of Lake Trout in Northern Lake Huron

(Reprinted from *2013 August Great Lakes Basin Report*)

During May and June, staff from the Alpena Fish and Wildlife Conservation Office (Alpena FWCO) conducted a juvenile lake trout survey in 1836 treaty waters of northern Lake Huron (Alpena north to Hammond Bay). This study was designed to index juvenile lake trout abundance and collect biological data on juvenile lake trout for population models developed for lake trout stocks in northern Lake Huron.

Alpena FWS staff conducted 20 graded-mesh (2.0-3.5") gill net lifts at randomly selected locations in two Lake Huron lake trout management units: MH-1 (Rogers City north) and MH-2 (Rogers City south to Black River). Biological data were collected from all lake trout encountered, including length, weight, sex and maturity, diet, visceral fat index, and lamprey wounding. Similar biological data were collected from non-target species. Tissue samples were taken from unclipped (presumably wild) lake trout for future DNA analysis.

Fifty-four lake trout less than 500 mm (a commonly accepted size cutoff for juveniles) were captured during 2013. Thirty-six of the 54 juveniles were of wild origin, based on the absence of fin clips. Lake trout between 350 and 450 mm in length dominated the catch in 2013, providing continued evidence for the strong year classes that dominated the 2012 survey. All lake trout less than 350 mm in length were of wild origin. Juveniles were evenly dispersed among the depth strata sampled (100-150' and >150') and were captured at all of the ports surveyed, though catch rates for wild juveniles were highest near Rogers City, where 58% of the wild juveniles were captured. Total catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE) of juvenile lake trout (wild plus hatchery) was 1.7 fish per 1000 ft. of net in 2013. CPUE of wild juveniles increased two-fold from 2012 to 2013 (0.56 to 1.13). Hatchery juvenile CPUE increased from 0.12 in 2012 to 0.56 in 2013.

Multiple cohorts of wild juvenile lake trout continue to be observed in the population, suggesting that mechanisms favoring natural reproduction remain in place. These results demonstrate continued progress toward the rehabilitation of lake trout in northern Lake Huron. ✧



## Shore Power

By Jason Adam

Are you embarrassed when you pull out your orange outdoor extension cord and try to find somewhere to plug it in dockside to use a tool or power the coffee maker? Do you wonder why there are very few standard 110V outlets on the docks, why everyone uses big heavy expensive yellow "shore power" cables, are they really necessary, and why would you want this?

It's a combination of safety and convenience. From a safety standpoint, a properly installed 110V breaker panel, a twist-lock shore power inlet and cable, and well placed outlets insure that you and your dock mates are protected from electrocution, fire, and stray current that can cause harm or death, and damage boats via galvanic corrosion. As far as convenience, the sky is the limit. A 110V electrical subsystem isn't just for mega-yachts. A few outlets around the deck make it easy to plug in a power tool to get some work done dockside, or a blender for a post trip drink (Yep, I like blender drinks). Those of you who sleep on your boats can plug in a TV, or a small space heater and rest assured you won't have any problems through the night. Add an onboard battery charger, and the boat batteries stay topped off whenever you're near a plug, both preventing dead batteries, and prolonging their life substantially.

Installing a 110V subsystem on your boat is fundamentally the same as an electrical system that would be installed in your house. You will need to install a 110V 30A inlet on the outside of your boat. This is where the power cable will connect your boat to the dockside power. From there, you will need a heavy wire to your 110V Main Breaker Panel. This should have a 30A main breaker, and a few 15A or 20A individual breakers. From there, you will wire individual circuits and outlets grouped by area or intended function. All wiring should be done with stranded stainless steel marine grade Romex in a gauge appropriate for your maximum current draw or breaker size. I prefer to use heavy duty non-insulated crimp connectors for all wiring connections. Use a proper crimping tool, and double heat shrink wrap connections.

If properly researched and installed, a shore power system can be installed by most confident Do It Yourselfers. If you are at all in question of your skills, the install is better left to a licensed professional. A 30A shore power cable, main breaker panel, outlets, stainless wire, and miscellaneous hardware from companies like Blue Seas or Marinco will start at about \$300. Cost will increase as more circuits or more outlets are added. Adding a 30A outlet at the location where you store your boat, or purchasing an adaptor will allow you to leave your boat plugged in on the trailer which makes performing maintenance and boat projects that much more convenient and safe.

**Upcoming 2013 DAS Key Dates**

Tues., Sept. 24, 2013 7:30pm	<b>Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center</b>
Tues., Oct. 15, 2013 7:00pm	<b>BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center</b>
Tues., Oct. 29, 2013 7:30pm	<b>Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center</b>
Sat., Nov. 2, 2013	<b>River, Surf &amp; Pier Outing Manistee River System</b>
Tues., Nov. 12, 2013 7:00pm	<b>BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center</b>
Tues., Nov. 26, 2013 7:30pm	<b>Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center</b>

**2013 August Membership Meeting Facts**

Attendance: 35

Featured : Bob Paradise  
"Fish Your Own Program"

50/50 Raffle Winner: \$55 Ray Banbury

Every Member Drawing: Dave Even  
(Not-Present)

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**Membership expires: 314**



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