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## July Meeting



### When:

Tuesday, July 30, 2013 7:30pm

### Where:

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

### Featured:

Boat Demo, Swap Meet

### Other Happenings:

Boat Tournament reports & info,  
Tackle raffles, 50/50 raffle, Every  
member drawing

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## Lots of Stuff Goin' On At The July Meeting

The July meeting will feature our annual Boat Rigging Demo. Skipper Joe Von Grabe will have the "Sloppy Joe" on display and Carl Ventimiglia, skipper of the Nite Moves" will be showing his river walleye boat. The U.S Coast Guard Auxiliary may also have a presentation on Boating Safety. And if that isn't enough, the DAS will also be holding a swap meet inside the APCC hall.

Bob Feisel will also present a report on the Erieau, ONT tournament and there will be information about the upcoming Ladies Day and Ludington II tournaments.

Couple all this with the usual fishing reports, tackle raffles, 50/50 raffle and the Every Member drawing, it should be a meeting that every DAS member will want to attend. See you there on Tuesday July 30 at 7:30pm!

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## Olcott Not What We Expected But Still Decent

3 beautiful days of weather make for pleasurable fishing!

The Spring weather was no different along the New York shoreline of Lake Ontario than it was in Michigan on Lakes Huron and Michigan. This was probably the main reason why the fishing the DAS boats experienced was not quite as good as we had here the year before. The slower than normal warm up due to the cooler weather seemed to have the fish pretty scattered for the tournament we held in Olcott on June 22.

Contrary to last year where the boats pre-fishing had limits in about 3 hours of fishing, the boats searching for fish on Friday before the tournament had to work pretty hard for the few fish they managed to find.

But just like last year, you could not ask for a nicer 3 days of fishing. 1'-2' seas - mostly 1' and under - were the case with fair skies and pleasant temperatures.

Once again the Town of Newfane marina in Olcott Beach was our tournament headquarters. A good turnout of nine captains showed up for the 5:00am skipper's meeting. From the 6:00am start until the first fish call at 9:00am

, it was rather slow pickin's. "Bobby's Toy" lead the way with 3 fish, "Miss Dipsey", Sloppy Joe" and "Vickie's Seacret had 2 fish each and the remaining boats all had 1 except - believe or not - "Sea Hag" still had the skunk in the boat.

The best program for most boats was clean magnum spoons off of 3, 5 or 7 colors of lead core or the dipsey divers with downriggers accounting for just a few fish.

For the noon fish call, four boats did not improve their catch at all, but "Bad Dog" was up to 2 fish, "Blue Horizon", "Hardtop 'N Tails" and "Sloppy Joe" had 3 fish to tie "Bobby's Toy" but not one to stand still,

Blaise Pewinski, skipper of "Sea Hag", reported 5 fish. A pretty nice move especially with fishing the way it was.

The fishing continued pretty much the same for the remainder of the tournament. At 2:00pm the call to pull lines came across the radio and everyone



Blaise Pewinski, skipper of the "Sea Hag" shows off another Olcott Hog, a 25.5 lb. King

See Olcott on Pg. 5

**Membership News***New Lifetime Membership***JON MARTENS***Renewed Memberships***GASPARE ARAGONA****TOM GORGUZE****BOB KSIONZEK****CHARLES EDDY****STEVE HAMILTON****DICK SHIRK****STEPHEN GENOFF****DENNIS HOLOWAY****JOHN GESING****FRED HYNICK***Memberships Expired or Soon to be Expired***DON ANTON****JOHN KRAWCYZK****CARL VENTIMIGLIA****LOU BACSIKIN****MICHAEL LOLLI****GEORGE VIDUSIC****MARK CARLSON****LYNN MARTIN****JIM ZANKE****CLEMENT FOSTON JR.****KURT NOFZ****JOEL GARINGER****DAVE ROEHR****ED HOREN****BRUCE TUFFORD****Field Test Report: Work Sharp Guided Field Sharpener 2.2.1**

I've had the opportunity to use my Work Sharp Guided Field Sharpener for a couple months now. It is a versatile hand held, pocket sized sharpener. It's well suited for a tool box, back pack, or on board a boat. The model 2.2.1 has two diamond plates, two ceramic rods and a leather strop. The built in 20 and 25 degree guides provide a reference for starting blades at a proper angle. Two carbide sharpening plates are held on by a strong magnet. A broad head wrench and small storage compartment are revealed when the plates are removed.

There is a coarse and fine plate on each side of the sharpener. The coarse plate works great for putting an edge on work tools, repairing nicks on damaged blades, or setting a

bevel angle. The fine plate is sufficient to sharpen most blades. You can also hone blades with the ceramic rods, and then finish them with the leather strop. The large and small ceramic rods will put an edge on serrated blades as well. The larger rod rotates to reveal three settings. There are coarse and fine settings as well as a third to sharpen fish hooks. Grooves on the fish hook setting are fool proof and work really well.

I found the sharpening plates are just a little small to put an edge on my larger Forschner Cimeter and Breaking knives. For fillet knives I'll stay with a full sized honing steel. The field sharpener is a great tool and best suited for pocket knives, fish hooks and work tools like an axe or a chisel. When you use this sharpener, your friends will want to borrow it to put a fresh edge on their knives. The list price is just under \$30.

**Tom Gorguze****DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS, INC.**

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## Erieau - More 'Eyes Than Steel' - Definitely A Good Time

Thanks for making Erieau another success. We had seven boats make it out for the tournament. Friday pre-fishing was good. Most boats found some steelhead but everyone found some very nice walleye. Saturday morning came and after the captains meeting and sharing of the info from Friday's pre-fishing, we went out to find some slightly angry seas. Some boats went southwest and a couple went south. At the first fish call 'Bad Dog' was in the lead with 3 steelhead, but everybody had success finding a steelhead or two and some very big walleye. 'Sloppy Joe' took a 10 plus pound walleye which won for big fish for the walleye category.

The seas stayed about the same all day. We pulled the lines at 2pm and headed for the weigh in at 3pm. I had to pull lines at 1:30pm to make it back in time, with the three to four foot seas and 16 mile run in. We made it back with just

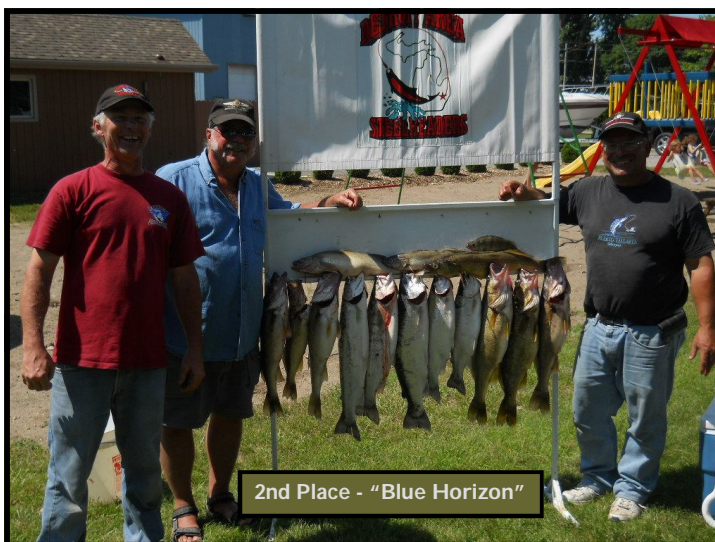
15 minutes to spare. After the weigh in, I found myself at the top with six steelhead. I was excited this was the first time I have finished first in a club tournament. I was followed by Blue Horizon and Bad Dog. The big steelhead prize went to Paul Gjeldum of Blue Horizon with a 7.75pound steelhead.

After a fun day at sea we had some very good brick oven pizza from the new brewery in town along with salad and cookies. I have heard very good things about this event; so maybe you should join in next year.

**Carl Ventimiglia**  
"NITEMOVES"

Erieau, ONT Standings												7/13/2013					
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	Nite Moves	Carl Ventimiglia	6	\$ 7.20	\$ 6.35	\$ 5.70	5.60	\$ 5.30	\$ 4.55	-----	-----	34.70	64.70	NONE	0.00	64.70	1
2	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	5	\$ 7.75	\$ 6.85	\$ 6.80	4.65	\$ 4.30	-----	-----	-----	30.35	55.35	NONE	0.00	55.35	2
3	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	5	\$ 5.15	\$ 5.10	\$ 4.80	4.55	\$ 4.40	-----	-----	-----	24.00	49.00	NONE	0.00	49.00	3
4	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	4	\$ 6.10	\$ 5.90	\$ 5.65	4.45	-----	-----	-----	-----	22.10	42.10	NONE	0.00	42.10	4
5	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	3	\$ 6.45	\$ 5.40	\$ 3.25	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	15.10	30.10	NONE	0.00	30.10	5
6	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	2	\$ 5.70	\$ 4.25	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	9.95	19.95	NONE	0.00	19.95	6
7	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	1	\$ 6.90	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	6.90	11.90	NONE	0.00	11.90	7
8	-	-	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	-73.80	0.00	8

		Boat Name	Species	Wgt.		Number Caught	7		Total Boats	Deduction Code LEGEND	
BIG FISH		Blue Horizon	Steelhead	7.75						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	
L A R G E S T			King	0.00		0					
			Coho	0.00		0					
			Lake Trout	0.00		0					
		Blue Horizon	Steelhead	7.75		26					
			Brown	0.00		0					
			Atlantic	0.00		0					
			Pink	0.00		0					
						26					





## More Erieau Pictures



Photos - Courtesy Of Don Mikros

## 2013 DAS Tournament Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>Port Captain</u>
August 3 6:00am - 1:00pm	Ludington Ladies Day	T.B.D.
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





Olcott from Pg. 1 headed back to port wondering who would have the best catch.

Before the weigh-in began, we all enjoyed the delicious pizzas and chicken wings with fresh garden salads served up by Wilson's Sub Shoppe in Newfane. Thanks to Wendy and her crew there for the fine meal!

Skipper Joe Von Grabe of "Sloppy Joe" offered to weigh the fish which we began doing right after the lunch. 6 of the boats managed to better their catches by one fish but no one could catch the Sea Hag crew with 6 fish and 87.10 points. "Vickie's Seacret" was just about 22 points that mark with 65.15 points for 2nd place while "Sloppy Joe" was real close with 63.90 points good for 3rd place.

The nine club boats caught 30 fish. This was definitely not as good as we experienced in 2012 where 7 boats caught 49 fish, but not too bad. This still is some of the better June fishing we ever had at any port we have tried in June for the past 10 years.

The big Kings we came here looking for did show up as "Sea Hag" weighed in a 25.1 lbs. Hog which took Big Fish and "Vickie's Seacret" had a King that went 21.75 lbs. on the club's scale. Four other fish weighed in between 14.05 lbs. and 16.05 lbs.

All in All everyone had a good time and enjoyed the great meal and fine weather. We look forward to coming back here again next year, maybe a little later into July when the weather has a chance to stabilize the lake temperatures. The local charter captains say that's when the fishin' here gets to be pretty good.

In addition, I would like to thank all those who participated and if you have any comments or suggestions about this event please e-mail them to me at rkzek@comcast.net

**Bob Ksionzek**  
Port Captain

Olcott NY Standings														6/22/2013			
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1	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	6	K 25.10	K 8.85	S 7.60	K 6.95	S 4.30	S 4.30	-----	-----	57.10	87.10	NONE	0.00	87.10	1
2	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	4	K 21.75	S 9.75	S 6.95	K 6.70	-----	-----	-----	-----	45.15	65.15	NONE	0.00	65.15	2
3	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	4	K 15.45	K 11.20	K 10.15	K 7.10	-----	-----	-----	-----	43.90	63.90	NONE	0.00	63.90	3
4	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	4	K 16.05	L 15.90	S 5.20	K 2.60	-----	-----	-----	-----	39.75	59.75	NONE	0.00	59.75	4
5	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	4	K 8.95	L 7.25	L 5.85	K 4.35	-----	-----	-----	-----	26.40	46.40	NONE	0.00	46.40	5
6	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	3	K 8.40	K 7.25	K 4.60	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	20.25	35.25	NONE	0.00	35.25	6
7	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	2	K 14.05	K 4.80	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	18.85	28.85	NONE	0.00	28.85	7
8	Miss Dipsey	Jody Robinson	2	L 7.95	S 2.55	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	10.50	20.50	NONE	0.00	20.50	8
9	Channing	Dan Chisolm	1	S 6.85	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	6.85	11.85	NONE	0.00	11.85	9

L A R G E S T	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
	BIG FISH	Sea Hag	King	25.10
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			Coho	0.00
		Hardtop & Tails	Lake Trout	15.90
		Vicki's Seacret	Steelhead	9.75
			Brown	0.00
			Atlantic	0.00
		Pink	0.00	
				30

9	Total Boats
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Deduction Code LEGEND	
LTSM	= Late To Skipper's Mtg.
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2NFC	= No Answer 2 Fish Calls
UCC	= Unauthorized Crew Chg.
DQ	= Disqualified



1st Place - "Sea Hag"



2nd Place - "Vickie's Seacret"



## More Olcott Pictures

Photos - Courtesy Of Don Mikros



3rd Place - "Sloppy Joe"



Todd Ridley with a careful eye on Joe Von Grabe as he weighs fish



The skippers and crews observing the weigh-in.



Blaise Pewinski teaching "Lamprey Basics" to a group of kids

## Michigan DNR Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
July 19, 2013

### Another successful spring fish stocking season creates opportunities for anglers

The Department of Natural Resources today announced the final totals from its spring fish stocking efforts. The DNR's Fisheries Division stocked a total of 19,130,659 fish that weighed 664,338 pounds and consisted of eight different species and one hybrid. To complete this task, it took 394 stocking trips to 729 stocking sites, with drivers travelling 106,235 miles in 2,648 hours using 17 specialized stocking trucks.

"It was another outstanding spring stocking season that will bring significant benefits and fishing opportunities to Michigan," said DNR Fish Production Manager Gary Whelan. "Thanks to the hard work of our staff, we had minimal losses with this year's fish and reached all of our target numbers."

The number and type of fish stocked varies by hatchery, as each location's ability to rear fish varies because of water supplies and temperature. In Michigan there are six state and two cooperative hatcheries that work together to produce the species, strain and size of fish needed by fisheries managers. These fish must then be delivered at a specific time and location for stocking to ensure their success. Each hatchery stocked the following fish this spring:

- The Marquette State Fish Hatchery (near Marquette) stocked 652,384 yearling lake trout, brook trout

**Plantings** (Cont'd. on Pg. 7)

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and splake (a cross of lake trout and brook trout) that in total weighed 66,791 pounds. This hatchery stocked a total of 118 inland and Great Lakes sites using 75 trips that required driving 22,924 miles over 541 hours.

- The Thompson State Fish Hatchery (near Manistique) stocked 4,463,232 fish that included walleye fry, yearling steelhead and brown trout, and spring fingerling Chinook salmon. These fish weighed 110,337 pounds in total. This hatchery stocked 88 sites (the majority on the Great Lakes) using 64 trips that required driving 17,808 miles over 488 hours.
- The Oden State Fish Hatchery (near Petoskey) stocked 695,406 yearling brown trout and rainbow trout that in total weighed 102,312 pounds. This hatchery stocked 169 inland and Great Lakes sites using 74 trips that required driving 21,591 miles over 578 hours.
- The Harrietta State Fish Hatchery (in Harrietta) stocked 1,109,046 yearling brown trout and rainbow trout that in total weighed 113,492 pounds. This hatchery stocked 280 sites (the majority were inland) using 98 trips that required driving 23,643 miles over 595 hours.
- The Platte River State Fish Hatchery (near Honor) stocked 2,851,486 that included walleye fry, yearling Atlantic salmon and coho salmon, and spring fingerling Chinook salmon that in total weighed 121,993 pounds. This hatchery stocked 37 sites (the majority on the Great Lakes) using 19 trips that required driving 7,412 miles over 183 hours.
- The Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery (near Kalamazoo) stocked 9,323,605 fish that included walleye fry, yearling steelhead, and spring fingerling Chinook salmon that in total weighed 138,017 pounds. This hatchery stocked 54 sites (the majority on the Great Lakes) using 45 trips that required driving 1,857 miles over 304 hours.
- The cooperative teaching hatchery at Lake Superior State University (in Sault Saint Marie) stocked 35,000 Atlantic salmon weighing 6,023 pounds into the St. Marys River.

"It requires a huge amount of coordination, expertise and hard work to plan, rear and stock fish in Michigan waters," said Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter. "We are very fortunate to have a remarkable group of people who work very hard every year to deliver exceptionally high-quality fish. Their efforts help pump between \$1.6 billion and \$4.2 billion into the state's economy through the sportfishing industry."

Fish are reared in Michigan's state fish hatcheries anywhere from one month to one and a half years before they are stocked.

It should be noted that some hatcheries will provide fish for a few additional stockings to be made this fall consisting of brook trout, Atlantic salmon, lake sturgeon and muskellunge. The lake sturgeon will come from the DNR's cooperative hatchery in Tower that is operated with Michigan State University.

The DNR welcomes visitors to its state fish hatcheries and interpretative centers to witness first-hand the fish-rearing process and to learn about Michigan's remarkable waters. For more information, visit [www.michigan.gov/hatcheries](http://www.michigan.gov/hatcheries).

## 2013 Ludington Tournaments August 3rd & August 10th

*The next two tournaments coming up on our schedule will be back to back at Ludington. The first one is our annual Ladies Day Tournament and will be held on August 3rd. For this tournament, the guys can set lines and net the fish but only the ladies can fight the fish. A main dish will be provided as well as each crew bringing a dish to pass during the weigh-in ceremonies. This port has been a favorite of the ladies the past few years because of the opportunity to get into some nice Kings. Of course Coho and Steelhead are also abundant in the area but Kings are what'll put you in with the top finishers. The following weekend we'll go back to our regular tournament format. There will be food and pop at the weigh-in.*

*This port more than probably any other, warrants you checking out the previous week's weather and surface temps. Water temps will dictate where the fish will be located. A north blow for several days prior will tend to push cold water around Sable Point to the north and make the better fishing either toward the south or way past the point to the north. Under normal conditions, most boats will be working the drop off that runs from about 8 miles straight out northeast towards Sable Point. The closer you get to Sable Point the more boats you'll find so it'll be difficult to run lead core. Sometimes the fish will be in close to shore off the Bathhouse or even right in front of the pier heads. The Project just south of the pier heads has also traditionally been an area that holds fish.*

*There are many trap nets in this area so watch for the markers and stay clear. The best way to avoid them completely is to get their positions off of the Ludington Charter Boat Association website and load these positions into your GPS unit. Even with these precautions, keep a sharp lookout and keep some wire cutters handy.*

*The Skipper's meetings will be at 5:00 a.m. both Saturdays at the Municipal Marina. The tournament starts will be at 6:00 a.m. You can run out to your spot after the Captain's meeting but don't begin setting lines until 6:00 a.m. when the tournament start is announced on channel 72. Fish calls will be at 9:00 a.m. and noon for both weekends. For the Ladies Day Tournament we'll pull lines at 1:00 p.m., and you must be in the weigh-in line at 2:30. For the regular tournament the following week pull lines at 2:00 and be at the weigh-in by 3:30 p.m. The weigh-in for both weeks will be at Peter Copeyan Park which is just off Washington Street a few miles south of town.*

Good luck to everyone and see you there.

**Upcoming 2013 DAS Key Dates**

Tues. July 30, 2013 7:30pm	<b>Membership Meeting</b> <b>American Polish Cultural Center</b>
Sat. August 3, 2013 6:00am - 1:00pm	<b>Boat Trolling Tournament</b> <b>Ladies Day - Ludington</b>
Sat. August 10, 2013 6:00am - 2:00pm	<b>Boat Trolling Tournament</b> <b>Ludington II</b>
Sat. August 24, 2013 6:00am - 2:00pm	<b>Boat Trolling Tournament</b> <b>Manistee</b>
Tues. August 27, 2013 7:30pm	<b>Membership Meeting</b> <b>American Polish Cultural Center</b>

**June Membership Meeting Facts**

Attendance: 39

Featured Speaker: Lance Valentine  
"Sonar Basics and beyond"

50/50 Raffle Winner: \$65 Charlie Denning

Every Member Drawing: Jeff Bustos  
(Not-Present)

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