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August Meeting

- When: Tuesday, August 27, 2013 7:30pm
- Where: American Polish Cultural Center North West corner 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- Featured: To Be Determined
- Other Happenings: Boat Tournament reports & info, Tackle raffles, 50/50 raffle, Every member drawing
- Up-To-Date Information on the DAS website at: www.detroitsteelheaders.com

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It's Already Here...Final DAS Boat Tournament for 2013

Detroit Area Steelheaders captains and crews are heading north for the Frankfort tournament on September 7, 2013.

A mixed catch of Salmon, Steelhead, and Lake Trout is typical in the Frankfort area. Lake Michigan has a lot of structure here. Deep water up to 500 feet can be found within 5 miles from shore. A productive area is the "bank", a drop off between Frankfort and the Point Betsie Lighthouse. To get to the bank, head NNW from the pier heads and in a short while you'll be there.

Popular fishing locations include the Herring Hole, a deep pocket of water that is close to the shoreline. To get to the Herring Hole, head South from the pier heads for about 3 miles. The Herring Hole can be very productive for Kings, especially during the early morning bite. Sometimes the fish will scatter after the sun comes up, so be prepared to move on to a different location if the bite falls off.

Further north is Platte Bay. Here there is a shallow ridge that runs north from the Platte River mouth. The ridge separates deeper waters, up to 200 ft deep, in the east and

west sides of the Bay. The structure in this area can be a good place to catch Lake Trout along the bottom. This time of the year, the fish may be just outside of the pier heads or just north or south in shallower water.

Frankfort is known for having a good steelhead fishery. Watch for temperature breaks, slicks, or scum lines, and be prepared to fish lures close to the surface (top 30 feet). Body baits and spoons pulled behind planers work well. Half-core rigs can also work well for shallow fish. Look for fish on both sides of the temp break until you find out where they are hiding. Orange and red are popular lure colors for steelhead. Remember that faster trolling speeds, 3-4 mph, can be effective when targeting steelies.

For your last-minute tackle purchases, the Frankfort Tackle Box (231-352-7673) is conveniently located directly across the street from the launch ramp. The store hours are from 6 am - 7 pm.

Frankfort is in one of the most scenic areas of the lower peninsula. To the north is the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, [See Frankfort on Pg. 7](#)

DAS July Meeting Boat Set-up Demo



Carl Ventimiglia explains walleye fishing from his 16' walleye boat



Mark Stosiak talks about muskie & smallmouth fishing from his 17' Mako

Membership News

New Lifetime Membership

JON MARTENS

Renewed Memberships

GASPARE ARAGONA

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DAS Field Test (Opti Tackle Planer Board)



The field test deal for July 2013 was a pair of Opti Tackle Side Planer Boards .The boards selected for this field test are the Zach Dagle Pro Series, item number 494.

The in-line planer board has been around for many years. In the summer of 2012 Opti Tackle introduced their take on the side planer. The Zach Dagle Pro Series measures 9 ¾ x 3 ½ with flotation and keel weight, these boards come up right very quickly. Other features include a highly visible chartreuse green color with a fixed orange flag, ample .75 inch wide front clip (that's 50% wider then the competitor), Super sticky coating on the front and rear clips (I ran these boards for 3 days without a false release), Jumbo lettering to quickly identify

deployment direction and lesser mass, which helps to reduce diving at the back of the boat. During the 3 -day test I ran 3,7 and 10 color lead, even a 300 copper with no problems For fisherman on a budget these boards not only out perform the competitor, the price is very attractive at \$19.99 list and on sale for \$11.99.

As fishing on the Great Lakes becomes more challenging. anglers are searching for better ways to spread their presentation across their trolling path. Opti Tackle with the help of Zach Dagle have come up with these improvements that will make fishing the Great Lakes a little easier and more successful.

Don Mikros
aka: Big MaMa

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Membership Application

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

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Ladies Day Standings													8/3/2013				
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	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	5	K 23.00	K 18.40	K 13.30	9.75	K 7.75	-----	-----	-----	72.20	97.20	NONE	0.00	97.20	1
2	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	5	K 19.45	K 17.90	K 8.25	5.50	K 3.00	-----	-----	-----	54.10	79.10	NONE	0.00	79.10	2
3	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	3	K 19.10	K 18.65	K 8.20	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	45.95	60.95	NONE	0.00	60.95	3
4	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	5	C 6.55	C 5.60	S 4.45	3.65	K 2.20	-----	-----	-----	22.45	47.45	NONE	0.00	47.45	4
5	Crews Inn	Larry Walter	2	K 20.05	K 6.30	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	26.35	36.35	NONE	0.00	36.35	5
6	Channing	Dan Chisolm	1	K 2.50	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2.50	7.50	NONE	0.00	7.50	6

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH	Sloppy Joe	King	23.00	
	Sloppy Joe	King	23.00	15
	Sea Hag	Coho	6.55	2
	Sloppy Joe	Lake Trout	9.75	2
	Sea Hag	Steelhead	4.45	2
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
	Pink	0.00	0	
				21

6 Total Boats

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



Photos - Courtesy Of Bob Feisel

Ludington II Standings															8/10/2013			
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	7	K 26.75	K 22.30	K 19.70	18.50	L 9.80	K 9.40	S 8.10	-----	114.55	149.55	NONE	0.00	149.55	1	
2	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	8	K 17.20	S 14.15	C 8.55	6.35	L 6.20	S 5.80	S 3.15	S 2.90	64.30	104.30	NONE	0.00	104.30	2	
3	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	6	K 25.00	K 21.75	C 8.60	7.15	C 5.80	L 3.15	-----	-----	71.45	101.45	NONE	0.00	101.45	3	
4	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	5	S 9.30	C 7.45	C 5.05	4.40	C 4.35	-----	-----	-----	30.55	55.55	NONE	0.00	55.55	4	
5	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	2	K 24.90	K 11.50	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	36.40	46.40	NONE	0.00	46.40	5	
6	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	4	C 7.85	K 7.70	S 5.45	4.85	-----	-----	-----	-----	25.85	45.85	NONE	0.00	45.85	6	
7	Saluki	John Meade	2	K 20.60	S 3.75	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	24.35	34.35	NONE	0.00	34.35	7	
8	Piece of Cake	Charles Denning	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	8	

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
L A R G E S T	Almost Paradise	King	26.75	
	Almost Paradise	King	26.75	13
	Sloppy Joe	Coho	8.60	9
	Almost Paradise	Lake Trout	9.80	3
	Bad Dog	Steelhead	14.15	9
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
	Pink	0.00	0	
				34

8 Total Boats

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More Ladies Day Photos

Photos - Courtesy Of Bob Feisel



Big Fish - "Sloppy Joe" - 23lb. King



Master Angler Sheephead - "Sea Hag" - 10.35lbs.

More Ludington II Photos

Photos - Courtesy Of Don Mikros



Big Fish - 26.75lb. King caught by Al Wiechert aboard "Almost Paradise"



A Dandy 14.15lb. Steelhead Weighed in by "Bad Dog" Skipper Tom Gorguze



Skipper of the Year Standings 2013

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Best 4

	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	75	7	19	94	169	169
2	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	1	75	1	4	4	6	75	75	10	91	166	241	241
3	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	75	5	3	5	1	3	75	75	12	92	167	242	242
4	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	75	4	6	3	3	2	75	75	12	93	168	243	243
5	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	3	2	5	2	75	75	75	75	12	162	237	312	312
6	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	4	7	7	6	75	4	75	75	21	103	178	253	253
7	Nite Moves	Carl Ventimiglia	6	3	75	1	75	75	75	75	85	235	310	385	385
8	Channing	Dan Chisolm	75	6	9	75	6	75	75	75	96	246	321	396	396
9	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	75	9	4	75	75	75	75	75	163	313	388	463	463
10	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	7	8	75	75	75	75	75	75	165	315	390	465	465
11	Saluki	John Meade	50	75	75	75	75	7	75	75	207	357	432	507	507
12	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	75	75	75	75	75	1	75	75	226	376	451	526	526
13	Crews Inn	Larry Walter	75	75	75	75	5	75	75	75	230	380	455	530	530
14	Thor's Hammer	Al Wiechert	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	230	380	455	530	530
15	Miss Dipsey	Jody Robinson	75	75	8	75	75	75	75	75	233	383	458	533	533
16	Piece of Cake	Charles Denning	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	275	425	500	575	575

	Weight	Species	Boat Name
Big Fish	26.75	King	Almost Paradise
Largest Of Each Species	26.75	King	Almost Paradise
	8.60	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	
Number of Boats	8	9	9	7	6	8	0	0	47	
Number Caught	Kings	13	119	18	0	15	13	0	0	178
	Cohos	25	26	0	0	2	9	0	0	62
	Lake Trout	8	2	4	0	2	3	0	0	19
	Steelhead	5	7	8	26	2	9	0	0	57
	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
	Total	51	154	30	26	21	34	0	0	316

MAPLE-MUSTARD GRILLED SALMON

Difficulty: [Easy](#) | Total Time: 20 mins | Makes: 4 servings

Grilling is an easy and fast way to cook salmon, and a sweet-tangy slathering of maple syrup and mustard complements the fish's meatiness. Making the glaze right on the grill means you don't even have to turn on the stove. For a light, healthy alfresco dinner, serve this with some [grilled corn on the cob](#).

Special equipment: You will need a pastry brush for this recipe.

Game plan: The glaze can be made up to a day in advance on the stove. Cook it uncovered over medium-high heat, let it cool slightly, transfer it to a container with a tightfitting lid, and refrigerate. Let the glaze come to room temperature before proceeding with the recipe. To keep the fish from sticking to the grill, once the grill is hot, use the scraper to remove any residue from previous grilling sessions. Then follow the instructions for oiling the grill right before cooking.

INGREDIENTS

For the glaze:

- 1/3 cup maple syrup
- 3 tablespoons whole-grain mustard
- 1 teaspoon cider vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon finely chopped fresh thyme leaves
- 1/8 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

For the fish:

- 4 (6-ounce) skin-on salmon fillets
- Vegetable oil, for oiling the grill and the fish
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat a grill pan or outdoor grill to medium high (about 375°F to 425°F).
2. Meanwhile, place all of the glaze ingredients in a medium oven-safe frying pan and whisk until combined.
3. When the grill is ready, place the frying pan on the grill, cover the grill, and cook until the glaze just comes to a boil, about 3 to 4 minutes. Using a hot pad or dry towel, remove the pan from the grill; set aside.
4. Pat the salmon dry with paper towels. Brush both sides of the fillets with vegetable oil and season both sides generously with salt and pepper.
5. Rub the grill grates with a towel dipped in oil. Place the salmon on the grill skin-side down, cover the grill, and cook undisturbed until grill marks appear and the skin is starting to crisp, about 2 to 3 minutes. Using a flat spatula, carefully flip the fillets over and brush the skin with some of the glaze. Cover the grill and continue to cook until the salmon is just opaque in the center, about 2 to 4 minutes more. Transfer to a serving plate and serve immediately, passing the remaining glaze on the side.



Options For Preventing Weight Loss with Record Fish and Tournament Winners

It is best to weigh fish alive, but keeping dead fish cold and damp will help to prevent water loss if this is not possible. Keeping dead freshwater fish in ice water will result in weight gain if held for an extended period of time.

Posted on July 8, 2013 by Dan O'Keefe, Michigan State University Extension



It seems like most anglers have a story about catching the "big one" that should have broken a record or won a tournament – if only it had been weighed immediately. These stories usually start with an epic battle early on during a long day of fishing. The fish is landed and weighed, and all are amazed at its size. Then the story takes a turn to the tragic. After a long day in the sun, the fish is finally brought to a certified scale and it weighs much less than it did before. Some of these stories may involve the notorious story-embellishing prowess of anglers, but there is a grain of truth in any good story.

Fish can lose weight in several ways after being capture. Blood loss, regurgitation, and defecation are all possibilities, but in most cases, water loss is the most important factor. Since fish live in water, they are constantly struggling to maintain the correct balance of water in their bodies through [osmoregulation](#). In freshwater, this means that fish must constantly excrete excess water while pumping ions into their blood. When stressed and held in freshwater, fish stop excreting water and [gain](#) weight through osmosis. This natural influx of water continues even after the fish

dies if it is held in freshwater.

Great Lakes salmon and trout tournament anglers weigh dead fish and usually do not have the space or equipment to keep these large fish alive for an extended period of time. Most state and world record holders also weigh dead fish due to the difficulty of keeping large fish alive. However, hardy species like [catfish](#) can sometimes be held alive for long enough to weigh and release to fight again.

If fish cannot be kept alive, they should be kept damp and cold to prevent dehydration and maintain the quality of meat. Keeping fish on ice in a cooler is a good way to accomplish this; one pound of crushed ice per pound of fish is [recommended](#) for rapid chilling and avoidance of bruising.

A [study](#) of dressed Chinook salmon held in chilled (32 Fahrenheit) freshwater for four days found weight gain in excess of 5 percent, but this study used fish that had been captured by commercial fishermen and transported on ice for up to 18 hours before initial weighing. One problem with water gain is that it can influence the quality of meat. Another issue is that most anglers do not have chilling systems and fish held in warm water spoil much more quickly than fish kept on ice.

Anglers are most concerned with weight loss initially after death, and little research has been focused on this. Keeping fish in a slurry of ice and water should help to keep weight on, and possibly increase weight. If future studies demonstrate that holding recently caught fish in ice water results in a significant increase in weight this would raise ethical questions worth consideration by tournament organizers and record-keeping organizations.

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Frankfort Cont'd. from Pg. 2 and the Platte River. There are excellent campgrounds at the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Park (1-800-365-CAMP). Camping is also available just a few miles east of Frankfort at the Betsie River Campsite (231-352-9535).

The Captains meeting will be at 5:00 am Saturday at the Frankfort Municipal Marina, on the north shore of Betsie Lake. Fishing is scheduled to start at 6 am, with fish-calls at 9 and noon. Pull lines at 2:00, and be in line by 3:00 for the weigh-in at the picnic shelter at the Municipal Marina.

NOTE

Frankfort area Lake Trout regulations:

The MAXIMUM size limit for Lake Trout is 23 inches, EXCEPT, one fish in the daily possession limit of three may be 34 inches or greater.

For additional information, contact Tournament Director Bob Feisel (Home: 248-357-1089, Cell: 248-765-2504) or the Port Captain Joe von Grabe (Home: 586-293-7688, Cell: 586-945-4334).

Marinas:

Frankfort Municipal	231-352-9051
Jacobson	231-352-9131
Betsie Bay	231-352-2628
Mitchell	231-352-4400
East Shore	231-352-7511

Upcoming 2013 DAS Key Dates

Sat. August 24, 2013 6:00am - 2:00pm	Boat Trolling Tournament Manistee
Tues. August 27, 2013 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Sat. Sept. 7, 2013 6:00am - 2:00pm	Boat Trolling Tournament Frankfort
Tues. Sept. 10, 2013 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Tues. Sept. 24, 2013 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center

July Membership Meeting Facts

Attendance: 51

Featured : Boat Demo
 Carl Ventimiglia - 16' Walleye boat
 Mark Stosiak - 17' Mako set-up for
 Muskie & Smallmouth
 Swap Meet

50/50 Raffle Winner: \$70 John Martin

Every Member Drawing: Gary Ruprich
 (Not-Present)

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