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September Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, September 25, 2012
7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
North West corner
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured :**
Speakers:
Bob Paradise on River Fishing
Mark Stosiak on Surf Fishing
Luiz DaSilva on River Fishing
- **Other Happenings:**
Tournament Report, Tackle
Raffles , 75-25 and Every Member
drawings.
- **Up-To-Date Information on
the DAS website at:**
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Manistee Then Frankfort Wrap Up The Season

Some Get 'em, Some Don't at Manistee

On August 25 the Steelheaders headed north-west to Manistee for the Manistee DAS Tournament. The weather was perfect. Temperatures were comfortable in the mid 80's, sunny skies, with 2 to 4 foot waves. We had eight boats ready to compete. Friday morning the winds were 15 – 20 mph out of the south with waves of around 2 to 3 feet. Most of the boats ventured out on Friday trying to figure out where the fish would be. Bad Dog and Thor's Hammer started out strong with early success going straight out and finding fish almost immediately. Almost Paradise headed south and found some 6 pound fish pretty quickly. However, after fishing for about an hour, the Almost Paradise boat experienced some technical difficulties with the boat's auto-pilot. They ended up losing two rods and reels to the chilly waters of Lake Michigan. The waves started building around 10:00 am, and most of the boats headed in.

Bad Dog (Tom Gorguze) invited all of the Steelheaders over to his place for lunch, which turned out to be feast. As most of the Steelheaders were enjoying delicious food, a few drinks, and wonderful company, the Sea Hag and his crew were busy catching salmon in Bad Dog's backyard on Manistee Lake – 3 salmon in total!

Saturday morning the forecast was for 1 to 3 foot waves, which are favorable conditions for salmon fishing. There were very few reports of fish from the eight boats. Once again, the Almost Paradise crew decided to head south to stay clear of all the boat traffic that was straight out. They started three miles south of the harbor in 150 foot of water. For the first hour they did not see a fish but did not give up. By the 9:00 am fish call the majority of the Steelheaders were not on the fish. Bad Dog had 6 fish and Almost Paradise reported in with 7. The Almost Paradise crew kept trolling south. They ran two riggers (120'-140'), four Dipsy Divers, two wire, and two fire line 200' to 350' back. However, the real action started, when they put out a 300' copper with a 6 oz. dive bomb with a latter-back J plug. Then the rigger went with a spin-doctor and fly . . . that's when the fire line divers started to take off. At the

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Season Finale In Beautiful Frankfort

Our Season Finale took place on Sept 9th in the beautiful port of Frankfort. The DAS had not held a tournament here since 2007 and I had forgot just how nice and also friendly this port was. Unfortunately, most of the week there had been a steady wind out of the south, which kept the warm water in the area. A few boats including "Miss Dipsey" fished on Friday and despite the warm water the boats that pre-fished all fared well. "Miss Dipsey" fished dropping lines at 6:30am and pulled lines at 9:15am and came in with 9 nice kings. We had 5 of the fish come on the blue and white John King paddle/ fly combo, 2 fish on a blue cut bait rig and the rest on the J plugs.



Jim Zanke, Skipper of "Hardtop & Tails"
with the Big Fish at Frankfort, a 14.5 lb. King Salmon

Saturday morning we held the Captains meeting at 5:30 and 6 boats reported. Although, overnight the wind had switched to the north and was blowing hard. The Ludington buoy was reporting 6' waves and the north shore buoy was reporting 3' waves. With that information in hand and the safety for all a top concern the captains made the decision to wait until twilight to head out and see if the water was fishable. "Sloppy Joe", "Miss Dipsey" and "Bad Dog" were the first boats to head out, Once hitting the pier heads "Sloppy Joe" and "Miss Dipsey" turned back to the docks and "Miss Dipsey" called over the radio and canceled the tournament for the day. "Bad Dog" decided to see if water conditions were better off shore and re-

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Membership News

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Manistee From Pg. 1

12:00 fish call, Bad Dog had 7 and Sea Hag had 4. Almost Paradise had 14.

For lunch on Saturday we met at the park. Debbie Paradise and Michelle Yaquinto graciously cooked Italian sausage with sautéed onion and green peppers, freshly picked juicy, garden-ripe tomatoes, baked beans, coleslaw, and little mini-cupcakes were on the menu.

At the weigh in, Almost Paradise took first place. Their largest salmon of the tournament weighed in at over 18 pounds, Bad Dog took second place, and Sea Hag came in third.

Tom Theida



boats reported being out the water fishing. At the 9:00 fish call, "Hardtop & Tails" along with "Bad Dog" reported 4 fish, "Miss Dipsey" with 1 and the rest were searching for the fish as the colder water had started to show up and moved the fish. We pulled lines at 12 noon and had to be at weigh in by 1pm. 5 boats managed to find fish, but "Bad Dog" sat down first thing in the morning on the fish and managed to bring 7 fish to the weigh in and take 1st place with 118.95 points. "Hardtop & Tails" not far behind with 5 nice kings wrapping up 2nd place with a score of 82.35 and also winning the \$30 big fish pool with his 14.50 king.

Although the weather was not what we would have liked, we all managed to catch some fish throughout the weekend and spend some time in one of the most beautiful ports we visit.

Jody Robinson
"Miss Dipsey"
Frankfort Port Captain



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ported they were not however they ended up fishing for a several hours and managed to pull in two fish.

Jody Robinson of "Miss Dipsey" was the port captain and held the luncheon at 1pm on Saturday treating everyone to Subway Subs, Chicken Salad, Potato Salad and Cookies for dessert. The weather report at this time was not looking good that any of us would be fishing on Sunday. However, like most weather reports they were wrong and by late afternoon the water conditions had improved to 2' waves and several boats ventured out for the evening trip.

By Sunday Morning, the lake was fishable and all

DAS Scholarship Recipient to Accept at December Meeting

Sara Herbert, the 2nd DAS Scholarship winner for 2012, will accept her award at the December Christmas meeting. The first Scholarship recipient, Kodiak Hengstebeck, received his award at the Membership meeting in June of this year.



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Manistee Standings																8/25/2012	
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	K 18.10	K 16.35	K 15.05	K 15.00	K 13.25	K 12.80	K 12.05	K 11.90	114.50	154.50	NONE	0.00	154.50	1
2	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	8	K 14.00	K 11.45	L 6.20	C 6.00	C 5.65	C 4.65	C 4.40	C 3.35	55.70	95.70	NONE	0.00	95.70	2
3	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	5	K 15.35	K 15.35	K 14.35	K 13.00	K 10.65	-----	-----	-----	68.70	93.70	NONE	0.00	93.70	3
4	Miss Dipsey	Jody Robinson	3	K 13.55	K 11.55	C 4.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	29.10	44.10	NONE	0.00	44.10	4
5	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	2	K 14.90	K 13.75	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	28.65	38.65	NONE	0.00	38.65	5
6	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	2	K 10.65	K 8.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	18.65	28.65	NONE	0.00	28.65	6
7	Thor's Hammer	Al Wiechert	2	K 14.25	C 4.25	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	18.50	28.50	NONE	0.00	28.50	7
8	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	2	K 10.25	L 4.65	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	14.90	24.90	NONE	0.00	24.90	8

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught	9	Total Boats	Deduction Code LEGEND
BIG FISH	Almost Paradise	King	18.10				LTSM = Late To Skipper's Mtg. LTWI =
	Almost Paradise	King	18.10	28			= Late To Weigh-In 1NFC = No
	Bad Dog	Coho	6.00	11			Answer 1 Fish Call 2NFC = No
	Bad Dog	Lake Trout	6.20	2			Answer 2 Fish Calls UCC =
		Steelhead	0.00	0			Unauthorized Crew Chg. DQ =
		Brown	0.00	0			Disqualified
		Atlantic	0.00	0			
		Pink	0.00	0			
				41			

MANISTEE



2nd Place - "Bad Dog"



3rd Place - "Sea Hag"



4th Place - "Miss Dipsey"



5th Place - "Vicki's Seacret"



6th Place - "Loki One"

All Manistee
photos courtesy
of
Bob Feisel

Frankfort Standings

9/8/2012

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	7	K 13.80	K 12.50	K 12.15	11.90	K 11.90	K 11.85	K 9.45	-----	83.55	118.55	NONE	0.00	118.55	1
2	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	5	K 14.50	K 12.35	K 12.35	9.10	K 9.05	-----	-----	-----	57.35	82.35	NONE	0.00	82.35	2
3	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	4	K 11.05	K 8.80	K 5.95	3.05	-----	-----	-----	-----	28.85	48.85	NONE	0.00	48.85	3
4	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	3	K 13.00	K 8.30	C 4.50	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	25.80	40.80	NONE	0.00	40.80	4
5	Miss Dipsey	Jody Robinson	2	K 11.10	C 4.15	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	15.25	25.25	NONE	0.00	25.25	5
6	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	6

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH L A R G E S T	Hardtop & Tails	King	14.50	
	Hardtop & Tails	King	14.50	19
	Bobby's Toy	Coho	4.50	2
		Lake Trout	0.00	0
		Steelhead	0.00	0
		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
 = No Answer 1 Fish Call
 = No Answer 2 Fish Calls
 Unauthorized Crew Chg.
 Disqualified

1NFC
 2NFC =
 UCC =
 DQ =



1st Place - "Bad Dog"



2nd Place - "Hardtop & Tails"



4th Place - "Bobby's Toy II"



5th Place - "Miss Dipsey"



Todd Ridley shows Bob Feisel the 'Ridley Cut'



Mike Lolli & Jim Zanke cleanin' the catch

All Frankfort
 photos courtesy of
 Don Mikros

Skipper of the Year Standings 2012

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	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	5	4	4	2	4	2	2	1	11	15	19	24	24
2	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	3	1	2	75	75	6	8	4	16	24	99	174	174
3	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	75	3	1	5	5	5	5	50	19	24	74	149	149
4	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	2	75	5	3	6	75	3	75	19	94	169	244	244
5	Miss Dipsey	Jody Robinson	75	6	75	75	2	4	4	5	21	96	171	246	246
6	Channing	Dan Chisolm	10	9	6	50	7	75	75	75	82	157	232	307	307
7	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	75	7	3	50	50	75	50	3	113	163	238	313	313
8	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	9	11	50	75	75	75	75	2	147	222	297	372	372
9	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	75	75	75	75	1	1	1	75	153	228	303	378	378
10	Nite Moves	Carl Ventimiglia	4	2	75	4	75	75	75	75	160	235	310	385	385
11	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	11	10	75	75	75	75	6	75	177	252	327	402	402
12	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	1	75	75	1	75	75	75	75	227	302	377	452	452
13	Thor's Hammer	Al Wiechert	75	75	75	75	75	3	7	75	235	310	385	460	460
14	Lucky Strike	Ron Pal	7	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	237	312	387	462	462
15	Saluki	John Meade	6	12	75	75	75	75	75	75	243	318	393	468	468
16	Mickey Mouse Club	Bob Buero	8	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	283	358	433	508	508
17	E-Fish-N-Sea	Doug Karakas	75	75	75	75	3	75	75	75	303	378	453	528	528
18	Lucky Strike II	Ed Wilczek	75	8	75	75	75	75	75	75	308	383	458	533	533
19	Real Happy	Bruce Tufford	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	350	425	500	575	575
20															

	Weight	Species	Boat Name
Big Fish	29.45	King	Bobby's Toy
	29.45	King	Bobby's Toy
	6.30	Coho	Miss Dipsey
Largest Of Each Species	16.45	Lake Trout	Miss Dipsey
	10.30	Steelhead	Almost Paradise
	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	11	12	7	8	8	8	9	6	69
Kings	116	94	24	0	32	45	28	19	358
Cohos	15	3	0	0	2	5	11	2	38
Lake Trout	10	7	1	0	1	0	2	0	21
Steelhead	0	0	24	19	2	3	0	0	48
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	141	104	49	19	37	53	41	21	465

Portions of Betsie River and Betsie Bay to be closed to fishing

To protect salmon and steelhead spawning runs
(SPECIAL BULLETIN received Sept 15, 2012)

The Michigan DNR announced on September 15 that a portion of the lower Betsie River and the eastern end of Betsie Bay will be closed to fishing from October 10, 2012, until further notice to protect the fall salmon run in the Betsie River. While the closure will not officially go into effect until October 10—the earliest date it can be enacted under state law—the DNR is urging anglers to avoid the area. “Anglers walking around on the exposed sand flats are unintentionally spooking fish, causing the fish to beach themselves and die before they can enter the river to reproduce,” said DNR officials.

Low water levels in Lake Michigan have caused very low water levels in the east end of Betsie Bay, with sand flats becoming exposed. Because of the extremely low water, Chinooks are exposed to high water temperatures and have had a hard time entering the Betsie to spawn.

The fishing closure will read as follows: “East end of Betsie Bay (or Betsie Lake) closed to fishing from October 10 until further notice. Closure from the Betsie Valley Trail Bridge (former RR trestle bridge) west to a line in Betsie Bay between the westernmost dock of the Northstar Marina and the westernmost dock of the East Shore Marina. The closed area will be marked with buoys.”

The order declaring the closure will be signed Sept. 17. Under state law, 21 days must elapse after the order is published in a newspaper in the affected county or counties before it can take effect. Publication will take place Sept. 19, 2012, making the order’s effective date Oct. 10, 2012.

The Betsie River salmon run is made up mostly of wild, naturally reproduced fish. The Betsie River is not stocked by the department. The Betsie River provides outstanding spawning habitat, particularly for Chinook salmon, and has become famous as a salmon fishing river. The wild salmon produced in the Betsie provide fishing for many anglers. That’s why it is so important that we allow these fish to proceed upstream to spawn.

Despite the closure, much of Betsie Bay remains open to fishing. The deeper western and central portions of Betsie Bay will still be open. This includes the publicly accessible fishing piers at the “Open Space” in Frankfort and at Bayfront Park in Elberta. Salmon fishing opportunities can also be found at other nearby areas, including Platte Bay and the Platte River, Manistee Lake and the Manistee River.

If Lake Michigan levels remain low, the fall and spring steelhead runs may also be threatened. It is for that reason that the area will remain closed to fishing until further notice.

Upcoming 2012 DAS Key Dates

September 25, 2012 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
October 16, 2012 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
October 30, 2012 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center

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