

Upcoming 2012 DAS Key Dates	
May 19-20, 2012 6:00am - 2:00pm Sat. 6:00am - 12:00pm Sun.	Boat Trolling Tournament Grand Haven
May 29, 2012 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center Boat Rig Demo - Bunco Night Swap Tables
June 12, 2012 7:00pm - 10:00pm	BOD Meeting
June 23, 2012 6:00am - 2:00pm	Boat Trolling Tournament Olcott, NY
May 29, 2012	Membership Meeting

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June Meeting

•When:
Tuesday, May 29, 2012 7:30pm

•Where:
American Polish Cultural Center
NorthWest corner
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre

•Featured :
Boat Rigging Demo, Swap Tables
& Bunco Night

•Other Happenings:
Brief Tournament Reports,
Tackle Raffles , 75-25 and Every
Member drawings.

•Up-To-Date Information on
the DAS website at:
www.detroitsteelheaders.com

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FISHIN' TALES

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May Meeting Boat Demo, Swap Tables & ‘Bunko Night’

Come one come all, to the first ever Bunko night at the Detroit Area Steelheaders.

Immediately following the Boat Rigging Demo & some brief Tournament Reports, the game will start. Don Mikros will be the game master for the evening. The club will supply snacks and sodas for this fun event.

Bunko is a simple dice game of luck and chance (sounds a



lot like fishing, eh?).

While rolling 3 die, players try to accumulate as many points as possible before the lead table reaches 21.

Points are accumulated between you and a partner. The person that accumulates the most points after 10 rounds will win the grand prize.

In addition, swap tables will be set up for members to buy & sell their used fishing, hunting and outdoor items. We’re hoping that this will become an annual “social” event so be sure not to miss this fun filled evening.

St. Joe In One WordFantastic!

What a great way to start out the 2012 DAS Boat Trolling season, St. Joe produced a spring fishery that you only read about. The pre-fishing day before the tourney really paid off for a lot of club boats. Bobby's Toy II made her maiden voyage and shake down, it really showed with a nice box of 17 salmon and trout. Great way to break in a new rig. The Sea Hag crew made it out at 10:30am and boxed out in 4 hours with a nice mix of fish, all in 120 FOW. Looked like a great place to start in the morning.

Friday evening a fog bank moved in and made a few of the club captains nervous thinking we wouldn't get a good morning start, but Mother Nature had a different plan for us. At 5:00 am. we all met for the skippers meeting and we all welcomed a new comer to our tournaments..... SALUKI with Captain



Todd Ridley shows off the Big Fish at St. Joe, a 14.50# King he caught aboard “Bobby’s Toy II”

John Meade. After all the questions were answered the tournament was ready to start at 6:00 am. with much anticipation and much better weather than we expected.

The lake was a nice 1 to 2 foot chop which made it great for trolling, then the fog showed up about 7:30 with a bit of rain and my lap top showed a lot of rain covering most of the lake and it looked a little iffy with the weather for a while. Fish call at 9:00 am showed all 11 boats had some degree of success ranging from 1 to 15 fish, top 3 boats were Nite Moves with 11, Saluki with 12 and Sea Hag with 15. Needless to say the big lake was very nice to us. The fishing only got better as the day went on with half the fleet making it back to port with limit catches well before the noon fish call. At 2:00pm, the

See St. Joe on Pg. 2

Membership News

Welcome! New Memberships

MARK CARLSON GARY GROSS KURT NOTZ

Renewed Memberships

GASPARE ARAGONA GALEN HULL WALT ROMANIUK

DAN CHISHOLM BOB JONES DICK SHIRK

DENNIS HOLOWAY TOM MOORES

Memberships Expired or Soon to be Expired

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tournament was called and all made it back with all kinds of funny stories of catching fish..... to losing a rod over board, to losing a rod then bringing up a downrigger and finding the rod wrapped around the cable. What a save (Sea Hag).

Lunch was served before weigh in by team Sea Hag. *(Editor's Note : Knowing it would be a long weigh-in and with crews already crying....'We're starved', Co-tournament director Bob Ksionzek made the decision to have the luncheon first. This was a very good decision as Port Captain Blaise Pewinski had prepared a tremendous feast of deep fried salmon chunks, pulled pork, tuna noodle salad, cole slaw, rolls as well as plenty of cold drinks. Blaise received nothing but well-deserved compliments. Nice job on the great meal, 'Sea Hag'!)*

Now it was time for the weigh in and first up was Sea Hag with a box of 20, then Blue Ho-

rizon with 15, then Channing with 11, and Saluki with 15. Nice job, Guys! All the club boats had nice fish..... most the same sized 4 to 6 pounders with a few larger mixed in. At the end, Blue Horizon walked away with 1st place by a margin of 10 points over team Sea Hag followed by Bobby's Toy in the 3rd spot. Great finish for the new boat! Blue Horizon skipper Paul Gjeldum credited his catch to fishing a small pocket of water 75 to 85 FOW, 4 miles west of port, fishing close to bottom where the bigger fish were laying, using downriggers and wire divers set deep. Way to start out the season Paul!

I'm hoping all the tournaments turn out with great stories like this one and we all have great success on the DAS tournament trail. See you at the next big one !

Blaise Pewinski
"Sea Hag"
Port Captain



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

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And More St. Joe Pix....

All photos courtesy of Bob Ksionzek & Don Mikros



Port Captain & Master Chef Blaise Pewinski preparing the fantastic feast that included Deep fried Salmon Chunks. Delicious! Great job, Blaise!



Director Bob Paradise handled weighing each fish. Nice job, Bob!



"Mickey Mouse Club" Skipper Bob Buero and son Nick waiting for their fish to be weighed.

Grand Haven Two-Day Tournament

Our second boat trolling tournament will be at the popular port of Grand Haven, and this will be a two-day tournament. The pre-tournament meeting will be at 5:00 am Saturday morning at the Municipal Marina. We will start fishing at 6:00 am on both Saturday and Sunday. On Saturday we will fish till 2:00 pm, and you must be in line for the weigh-in at Municipal Marina by 3:00. On Sunday we will fish till 12 noon, and you must be in line for the weigh-in by 1:00.

The scoring for the two-day tournament is as follows: At Saturday's weigh-in your best 8 fish will be counted for your Day 1 score. At Sunday's weigh-in we score your best 8 fish for your Day 2 score. Your two scores will be combined to determine your standing in the tournament.

The fishing at Grand Haven can be outstanding, although last year it was a struggle. Despite the difficult conditions, including thick fog, our fleet of Captains still managed to bring numerous Kings in the 10-15 lb range to the weigh-ins. I'm hoping that this year we manage to find more and bigger fish!

Accommodations: There are numerous good quality Motels / Hotels in Grand Haven. For campers, there is the very popular State Park campground on the beach at Lake Michigan. Note that this weekend Grand Haven is also having their annual kite festival at the state park beach. Check out our website on the Tournaments page for more info on places to stay & eat.

At the boat launch, don't forget to pay for use of the launch and get a receipt to display inside your car windshield. Boat trailers should be parked / stored at the overflow parking area.

Reminder: Lake Trout size limit is minimum 20", with creel limit of 3 / person.

Port Captain: Bob Feisel

In Search of Big Kings II

Interested in catching some big kings over 25 lbs.? The Detroit Area Steelheaders are returning to Olcott, NY for the 3rd Boat Trolling Tournament of the 2012 season on Saturday, June 23. If the Spring Derby held out of this port and Wilson, the first weekend of May is any indication; the odds are pretty good of finding those big kings. Consider that the Derby’s 20th place fish was a 25.15 lb. brute and the 1st place fish was a 31.06 lb. hog.....and these are Spring fish!

Of course, you will need a New York non-resident fishing license but the good news is that we timed the tournament perfectly as June 23 and June 24 are NY’s Free Fishing days. If you plan on pre-fishing on Friday, June 22 you will need to purchase a one-day non-resident license for \$15. You can do this on-line at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6091.html> or get it at the Slippery Sinker tackle shop in Olcott. According to the li- cense website, you need to allow 14 days to receive the license but your receipt will serve as your license until you get it. You can go on-line also at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7917.html> to review and download the New York State fishing regulations. As far as possession limits, you are allowed one daily limit per person. You may possess an additional 2 days limits providing those fish are processed. Processed is any canned, smoked or frozen fish. The skins must be on all fillets for identification purposes. MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND ALL NEW YORK FISHING REGULATIONS AND POSSESSION LIMITS ENTERING BACK INTO THE U.S. FROM ONTARIO.

The best route to Olcott is via the Blue Water Bridge through Ontario. However this requires either a passport or Michigan Enhanced Drivers license. It is approximately 5 hours to Olcott through Ontario versus about 8 hours through Ohio and Pennsylvania. There is a very useful website available at <http://www.olcottfishing.com/>. It has a lot of information about Olcott and Western Lake Ontario fishing. Look over this website thoroughly to get a better understanding of fishing this area. Talk to some charter boat captains in Olcott. They can provide some great information. The folks at the Slippery Sinker tackle shop are very friendly and very willing to give up to the date info on fishing conditions.

Once again, the Town of Newfane Marina in Olcott will be our headquarters for this event. Call Dawn, at the Marina, for reservations @ (716) 778-5462. Dockage is \$1 per foot per night. There are showers available at the Marina. Usage is \$1. Sleeping on your boat is no problem, however sleeping in vehicles in the parking lot is discouraged. There is a campground right across Lake Road by the Marina which would allow easy access. The Harbor Resort can be contacted at (716) 778-5190 for reservations. In addition, check out the Olcott handouts on the Tournament page of the DAS website, www.detroitsteelheaders.com for more on motels, cottages and houses to rent as well as other information.

We will have the skippers meeting at the Pavilion on the Marina property at 5:00am. The Marina will have cof- fee and Danishes available at this time also. The tournament will start at 6:00am. You can run to your favorite spot and get ready to fish but lines cannot be set until 6:00am. There will be fish calls at 9:00am and 12:00pm on channel 72. We will pull lines at 2:00pm and you must be in the weigh-in line at the Pavilion at the Marina by 3:00pm. Be sure to let the port captain know on channel 72 when you are in pier heads at tournaments end. We will have the usual catered picnic at the weigh-in. For more information, you can call me at 586-531-9198. Hope to see a good turnout!

Bob Ksionzek
“Last Dime II”
Port Captain



New Record at Grand Haven 3 Days of Perfect Fishing Weather!

Was I dreaming? Three days in a row of perfect weather and lake conditions at a DAS Tournament at Grand Haven? In- deed, it was true with warm temperatures and waves 1’-2’ each day. And the fishing wasn’t bad either! Reports had the fishing slowing down from the previous couple of weeks. The boats that pre-fished on Friday struggled to catch 3-4 fish for 5 or 6 hours of fishing. But we all know every day is another story on the water.

Fishing started out a little tough for the 12 boats that showed up for Saturday morning’s 6:00am start. 1-3 fish were re- ported by each boat at the 9:00am fish call. But it picked up as the day progressed. Most boats were fishing from straight out to about 4.5 miles north of the pier heads. Caution was the word as the nets that have been here the past couple of years were there again, however the website that gave the GPS coordinates for them had not been updated. Skippers had to keep on the lookout for the flags that mark the beginning and end of the nets. 90FOW to 150FOW was where most boats fished, anywhere from 30’ to 100’ down on the riggers, also using full cores, half cores and full copper set-ups as well as Dipsey divers on the #3 setting from 125’ to 250’ back. Spoons were the predominant bait with BJ’s, Blue-Green Dolphins, NBK’s and most anything else with some Green and Glow in it, both regular and magnum sizes. Green or White flashers with Green or White flies also took some fish.

Back in port for the 3:00pm weigh-in, the crews enjoyed a great luncheon provided by Port Captain Bob Feisel’s wife Vicki. Fried chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, delicious rolls, cookies as well as cold pop and water. Very nice job, Vicki! Thank you for all the effort!

The weigh-in for Day 1 of this two day tournament was highlighted by a really big Lake Trout caught by Skipper Jody Robinson..... A 16.45 lb. Pig that’s huge especially for Lake Michigan! That fish won Jody \$60 for the Day 1 Big Fish Pool. “Bobby’s Toy II” had a pretty good lead with 127.35 pts. But everyone knows it takes 2 good days to win a two day tourney. The standings were as follows for the 1st day:

Grand Haven Day 1 Standings														5/19/2012										
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								
1	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	8	K	15.50	K	14.15	K	12.40	K	11.90	K	10.55	K	9.10	K	8.20	K	5.55	87.35	127.35	NONE	0.00	127.35
2	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	7	K	13.90	K	9.15	K	7.45	K	6.65	K	6.60	K	6.00	K	4.60	-----	-----	54.35	89.35	NONE	0.00	89.35
3	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	6	K	15.35	K	12.95	K	5.80	K	5.10	K	5.00	K	4.75	-----	-----	-----	-----	48.95	78.95	NONE	0.00	78.95
4	Miss Dipsey	Jody Robinson	5	L	16.45	K	14.00	K	5.70	K	4.90	K	2.70	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	43.75	68.75	NONE	0.00	68.75
5	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	6	K	12.35	K	8.15	K	5.90	K	4.70	L	3.05	L	3.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	37.15	67.15	NONE	0.00	67.15
6	Lucky Strike II	Ed Wilczek	5	K	13.65	K	9.40	K	6.60	K	5.95	K	3.60	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	39.20	64.20	NONE	0.00	64.20
7	Lucky Strike	Ron Pal	5	K	8.15	K	8.10	K	6.30	K	6.05	K	5.20	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	33.80	58.80	NONE	0.00	58.80
8	Nite Moves	Carl Ventimiglia	4	K	8.20	K	7.30	K	6.70	K	6.65	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	28.85	48.85	NONE	0.00	48.85
9	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	4	K	7.15	L	6.70	L	5.60	K	3.15	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	22.60	42.60	NONE	0.00	42.60
10	Saluki	John Meade	3	K	12.00	K	3.95	C	3.05	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	19.00	34.00	NONE	0.00	34.00
11	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	3	K	8.80	K	4.70	C	2.05	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	15.55	30.55	NONE	0.00	30.55
12	Channing	Dan Chisolm	1	K	9.05	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	9.05	14.05	NONE	0.00	14.05

BIG FISH L A R G E S T	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
	Miss Dipsey	Lake Trout	16.45	
	Bobby's Toy	King	15.50	52
	Saluki	Coho	3.05	2
	Miss Dipsey	Lake Trout	16.45	5
		Steelhead	0.00	0
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
		Pink	0.00	0
				59

12

Total Boats

Deduction Code LEGEND

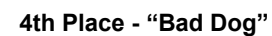
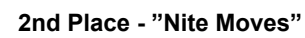
LTSM = Late To Skipper's Mtg.
LTWI = Late To Weigh-In
1NFC = No Answer 1 Fish Call
2NFC = No Answer 2 Fish Calls
UCC = Unauthorized Crew Chg.
DQ = Disqualified

Day 2’s fishing began also at 6:00am with no skipper’s meeting. Weather and lake conditions were pretty much the same. The fishing was a little tougher but most boats managed to find them especially “Nite Moves” who had 7 at the 9:00am fish call and brought a nice box of 10 fish to the 1:00 weigh-in. They managed to give “Bobby’s Toy II” a pretty good scare but still came up short as Capt. Bob Jones & crew brought 6 decent fish to the weigh-in and captured 1st place. Congratulations, “Bobby’s Toy II”! Sunday’s Big Fish Pool was won by “Bad Dog” with skipper Tom Gorguze weighing in a nice 15.75 lb King Salmon. Nice going, Tom!

So that’s 2 in a row pretty good tournaments, St. Joe and Grand Haven. Good fishin’, great meals, nice weather! A combination that’s hard to beat. Let’s hope the streak continues at Olcott, NY on Sat., June 23. See ya there!

Bob Ksionzek

Day 1	Boat Name	Species	Wgt	Number Caught	12	Total Boats	Deduction Code LEGEND
BIG FISH	Miss Dipsey	Lake Trout	16.45				LTSM = Late To Skipper's Mtg. LTIW = Late To Weigh-In 1NFC = No Answer 1 Fish Call 2NFC = No Answer 2 Fish Calls UCC = Unauthorized Crew Chg. DQ = Disqualified
LARGEST	Bobby's Toy	King	15.50	52			
	Saluki	Coho	3.05	2			
	Miss Dipsey	Lake Trout	16.45	5			
		Steelhead	0.00	0			
		Brown	0.00	0			
		Atlantic	0.00	0			
		Pink	0.00	0			
				59			
Day 2	Boat Name	Species	Wgt	Number Caught	2-day Totals		
BIG FISH	Bad Dog	King	15.75				
LARGEST	Bad Dog	King	15.75	32		94	
	Channing	Coho	4.10	1		3	
	Vicki's Seacret	Lake Trout	5.25	2		7	
		Steelhead	0.00	0		0	
		Brown	0.00	0		0	
		Atlantic	0.00	0		0	
		Pink	0.00	0		0	
				35			



5th Place - "Lucky Strike I"

