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## July Meeting

- When:**  
Tuesday, July 31, 2012 7:30pm
- Where:**  
American Polish Cultural Center  
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- Other Happenings:**  
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## Olcott.....Big Fish & More!

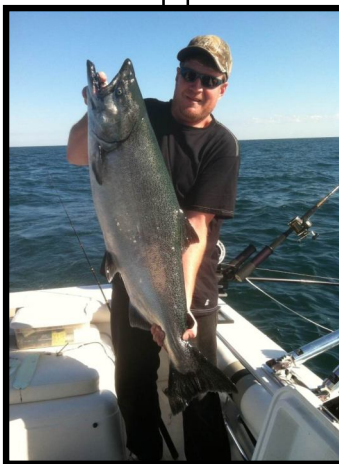
I'm pretty sure that all the skippers and crews that showed up for the DAS Boat Trolling tournament in Olcott, NY were pleasantly surprised by the fishing that they found there. On the calendar, June 23 falls into the "dog days of summer" department at most ports around the Great Lakes. That was definitely not the case in Olcott.

Some of the boats pre-fishing on Friday had great success. "Bobby's Toy II" set lines at the "crack" of 7:20am and was heading back into port for a late breakfast at 10:00am with a 4 man limit (20 fish) of kings & steelhead! "Sea Hag" came into town in the early afternoon and found the same kind of luck in the middle of the day. Needless to say, hopes were high for Saturday morning.

There were 7 Skippers on hand for the 5:00am "Skipper's Meeting". All 7 entered the Big Fish Pool ... hoping they could find that one big fish to claim the pot. With calm seas, a sunny sky and stories from the previous day's fishing, the

fleet ventured out for the 6:00am start with the thought that this would be their day.

The fishing wasn't "stupid" like Friday but it wasn't bad either. "Bobby's Toy" had 5 at the 1st call while "Bad Dog", "Sloppy Joe" & "Vicki's Seacret" had 4 each. The rest of the boats had 3, 2 and 1. The best depth of water was between 400' and 450'.but some boats found them in as little (LOL!) as 350'. The Steelhead were mostly in the top 70' and the Kings, at least the bigger ones, were below 80'. Anything Green spoons were good for the jumpers while large flashers with flies seemed to tickle the Kings' fancy. The fishing continued right up until the tournament's end as Bobby's Toy" and "Bad Dog" each had 9 at the noon call while "Sea Hag" made a nice stride with 7, "Sloppy Joe" & "Vicki's Seacret" each had 6 and "Channing" and "Hardtop & Tails" both had 2. We all know numbers alone don't win



Tim Robinson, fishing on "Bobby's Toy II", caught this very nice 29.45 lb salmon - Big Fish in Olcott.

See Olcott on Pg. 3

## DAS Awards Two Scholarships for 2012.

Annually, the DAS Board of Directors awards a \$500 scholarship to a worthy applicant who is pursuing a degree in fishing related or outdoor related subjects. However, for 2012 it was decided to award two \$500 scholarships. Those two scholarship winners were selected, Kodiak Hengstebeck and Sara Herbert. Kodiak appeared at the June membership meeting to accept his award.

Kodiak is planning to major in Zoology at Northern Michigan University in Marquette. Kodiak is shown in the photograph accepting his check from Tom Moores, Membership Chairman and Co-Chair of the Scholarship Committee.



Sara Herbert is the other scholarship winner and will be at the July meeting. If you know a student who may be qualified for next year's scholarship, contact Tom Moores or Mark Williams or any member of the BOD for further information. The DAS is very proud to sponsor these scholarships.

Scholarship Committee

## Membership News

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 13, 2012

### Six Lake Erie water samples test positive for Asian carp eDNA

### *Michigan and Ohio DNRs planning follow-up actions with partner agencies*

Federal and state wildlife officials working in conjunction with academic researchers today announced six water samples taken from Sandusky and north Maumee bays tested positive for the presence of Asian carp environmental DNA in Michigan and Ohio waters.

The positive samples were among 417 taken from Lake Erie in August 2011, and more than 2,000 samples taken from the Great Lakes Basin since 2010. The Lake Erie batch was recently analyzed and test results were confirmed by eDNA researchers this week. The six positive samples represent less than 1.5 percent of the Lake Erie samples.

Four samples from Sandusky Bay, in Ohio waters, tested positive for bighead carp eDNA, while two samples from north Maumee Bay, in Michigan waters, were positive for silver carp eDNA.

In response to these findings, electro-shocking and netting began Friday in Sandusky Bay with no evidence of Asian carp found. However, additional testing and monitoring are planned by the Ohio and Michigan Departments of Natural Resources in conjunction with partner agencies.

The findings indicate the presence of genetic material left behind by the species, such as scales, excrement or mucous, but not the establishment of Asian carp in Lake Erie. Positive eDNA tests are regarded by the scientific community as an indicator of the species' recent presence, however, positive results can occur whether the organism is alive or dead.

While the eDNA findings suggest the possible presence of the invasive species, officials have no physical evidence the fish have migrated to the Great Lakes. Prior to 2003, three individual bighead carp were collected in Lake Erie. No additional observations have been reported during the past decade.

"The results from these water samples are certainly concerning, as this marks the first time Asian carp eDNA has been detected in water samples from Lake Erie, or any of the Michigan waters intensively surveyed for the presence of invasive carp," said Michigan DNR Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter. "Protecting the Great Lakes from the threat of Asian carp is critical to the health of our sport and commercial fisheries and to the quality of life in Michigan. We are actively engaged in Asian carp surveillance programs throughout the Great Lakes, including Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie, and the Department stands ready to take the necessary and appropriate actions to investigate and respond to these test results."

See Asian Carp (Cont. on Page 7)

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**Olcott** (Cont. from Page 1)

tournaments, weight helps out a whole lot. We knew it would come down to who had the bigger fish especially when 5 of the 7 boats entered weighed 8 fish.

During the weigh-in we enjoyed the great subs and chicken wings from Wilson's Pizza & Sub Shoppe in Newfane. They also provided 3 different kinds of homemade cookies for a desert treat. Along with the cold sodas (that's what they call pop in New Yawk) & water, the crews enjoyed another great luncheon. Thanks to Wendy at Wilson's for the great meal.

Well, it did come down to who had the bigger fish. While most of the boats had 2-3 better sized kings in their catch the rest of their catches were medium to small sized kings and steelhead. 49 fish were caught by 7 boats ..... 24 kings, 24 steelhead & 1 lake trout. Bob Feisel and his crew on "Vicki's Seacret" had 3 nice kings in their catch, 25.0, 22.3 & 15.45 lbs to edge out Skipper Bob Jones

and the "Bobby's Toy II" crew by .95 lbs.... 124.15 pts to 123.20 pts. The crew on "Sloppy Joe" skippered by Joe Von Grabe managed 115.10 pts for 3rd Place. Congratulations to "Vicki's Seacret" on the nice win! But Mr. Feisel's Big Fish weren't good enough as Tim Robinson fishing on "Bobby's Toy II" caught a 29.45 lb whopper of a King. Nice job, Tim! Blaze Pewinski skipper of the "Sea Hag", weighed in a nice 25.50 lb. King. Mission accomplished as we did find the Big Kings that we came to Olcott for; these are early summer fish that would probably have added 3-4 lbs by fall.

All in all, it was a pretty good tournament .... Big fish, good fishing, nice weather and great hospitality. Mark your calendars now as we will definitely be back in Olcott next summer. Thanks to all who made the trip! Good fishin' and see you on the water.

**Bob Ksionzek**  
Port Captain

Olcott NY Standings																	
6/23/2012																	
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	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	8	K 25.00	K 22.30	K 15.45	K 5.65	S 4.90	K 4.05	S 3.40	S 3.40	84.15	124.15	NONE	0.00	124.15	1
2	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	8	K 29.45	K 15.65	S 9.60	K 9.50	S 5.95	S 5.95	S 4.20	S 2.90	83.20	123.20	NONE	0.00	123.20	2
3	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	8	K 19.70	K 11.80	K 9.70	K 8.30	K 7.45	S 7.25	S 5.65	S 5.25	75.10	115.10	NONE	0.00	115.10	3
4	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	8	K 17.70	K 14.05	K 12.40	S 7.85	K 5.75	S 4.35	S 4.20	K 3.95	70.25	110.25	NONE	0.00	110.25	4
5	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	8	K 25.50	K 5.15	S 4.10	K 3.80	S 3.35	S 3.20	S 3.15	S 2.55	50.80	90.80	NONE	0.00	90.80	5
6	Channing	Dan Chisolm	4	K 6.80	L 4.45	S 2.65	S 2.40	-----	-----	-----	-----	16.30	36.30	NONE	0.00	36.30	6
7	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	7

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught	7	Total Boats	Deduction Code LEGEND
BIG FISH L A R G E S T	Bobby's Toy	King	29.45				LTSM = Late To Skipper's Mtg. LTW =
	Bobby's Toy	King	29.45	24			= Late To Weigh-In 1NFC = No
		Coho	0.00	0			Answer 1 Fish Call 2NFC = No
	Channing	Lake Trout	4.45	1			Answer 2 Fish Calls UCC =
	Bobby's Toy	Steelhead	9.60	24			Unauthorized Crew Chg. DQ =
		Brown	0.00	0			Disqualified
		Atlantic	0.00	0			
		Pink	0.00	0			
				49			



1st Place - "Vicki's Seacret"



2nd Place - "Bobby's Toy II"



3rd Place - "Sloppy Joe"



4th Place - "Bad Dog"

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## MORE OLCOTT PHOTOS

All Olcott photos courtesy of Bob Feisel



5th Place - "Sea Hag"



Bob Feisel shows off the 2 big fish 25.0 & 22.3 lbs. caught aboard "Vicki's Seacret"



"Sea Hag" Skipper Blaise Pewinski 's nice 25.50 lb King

## Erieau ... More Walleye Than Steel But Still Good Fishin' DAS Prevails against Metro West!

We had eight boats show up for the first Erieau tournament. Even though reports were a little slow for steelhead, we had high hopes. Friday morning the wind was blowing pretty good; a few boats headed out to pre-fish a little. The waves were 3 to 4 foot but just after we started fishing it laid down and the temperature soared. We started fishing at 2:30 in 55 FOW SW of the pier head, and we started catching right away. At 6:45 we decided to stop, we had 14 walleye, 1 steelhead and more sheep and silver bass than I care to mention. It's amazing how an 8 inch silver bass is harder to bring in on a full core than a 25lb king. Most boats had about the same results except Blue Horizon found more steelhead.

Saturday morning 5am came quick and after the captains meeting everybody set out to see what the day would bring. At the 9am fish call most boats found fish but walleye were not the only thing we were looking for. Blue Horizon led the fish call with 3 steelhead followed by Bad Dog and myself with 1 each. The fishing stayed the same with a couple more boats finding steel for the noon fish call. It was Blue Horizon still in the lead with 7 followed by Bad Dog with 4 and Sea Hag with 3. Pull line call at 1 pm came quick and we were soon back in port for the weigh in and lunch. For the lunch we grilled burgers and hot dogs with all the fixings and got ready for the weigh in. After a little discussion with port captain Greg Ruggles of Metro West finalizing the two clubs competing, we headed to the weigh in. The results were as follows Captain Paul Gjeldum of Blue Horizon in first; the only boat to bring eight steelhead to weigh, Captain Tom Gorguze of Bad Dog in second, and Captain Blaze Pewinski in third. Being Erieau was known for the world class walleye fishery we had two big fish pools walleye and silver fish. Captain Bob Feisel took \$40 for a pig of walleye that tipped the scales at 9.45 lbs, and \$40 for the big steelhead 9.80lbs went to myself. Now, it was time for the two clubs to go head to head, we were going to take the top three boats best five fish total weights and see who came out on top. DAS ended up with 73lbs and Metro West had 34lbs. Thanks to Greg Ruggles and all the great guys from Metro West for sharing the pavilion they had reserved with us. Hopefully, we will do it again next year. Thank you everybody for coming out to make the trip a success and we'll see you at the next one.

**Carl Ventimiglia**  
"Nite Moves"

**Complete Erieau tournament results and pictures can be found on Pages 5 & 6**

## Erieau. ONT Standings

7/14/2012

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	No. of Walleye	Tot. Wgt. Walleye	Place
1	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	8	\$ 7.15	\$ 6.90	\$ 6.80	5.70	\$ 5.65	\$ 4.85	\$ 4.75	\$ 4.65	46.45	86.45	NONE	0.00	86.45	13	49.85	1
2	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	4	\$ 6.65	\$ 6.25	\$ 6.20	4.80	-----	-----	-----	-----	23.90	43.90	NONE	0.00	43.90	7	31.10	2
3	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	4	\$ 4.90	\$ 4.70	\$ 4.30	3.25	-----	-----	-----	-----	17.15	37.15	NONE	0.00	37.15	15	56.35	3
4	Nite Moves	Carl Ventimiglia	2	\$ 9.80	\$ 6.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	15.80	25.80	NONE	0.00	25.80	8	38.25	4
5	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	1	\$ 5.40	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5.40	10.40	NONE	0.00	10.40	4	21.55	5
6	Channing	Dan Chisolm	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	3	7.75	6
7	Real Happy	Bruce Tufford	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	7	19.40	7
8	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	0	0.00	8

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH  L A R G E S T	Nite Moves	Steelhead	9.80	
		King	0.00	0
		Coho	0.00	0
		Lake Trout	0.00	0
	Nite Moves	Steelhead	9.80	19
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
		Pink	0.00	0
				19

8

Total Boats

## Deduction Code LEGEND

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 LTWI = Late To Weigh-In  
 1NFC = No Answer 1 Fish Call  
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 UCC = Unauthorized Crew Chg.  
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1st Place - "Blue Horizon"



2nd Place - "Bad Dog"



3rd Place - "Sea Hag"



5th Place - "Vicki's Seacret"



"Nite Moves" Skipper Carl Ventimiglia - Big Steelhead 9.80lbs



Bob Feisel and his Big Walleye - 9.45 lbs.

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Swapping lies under the Pavilion



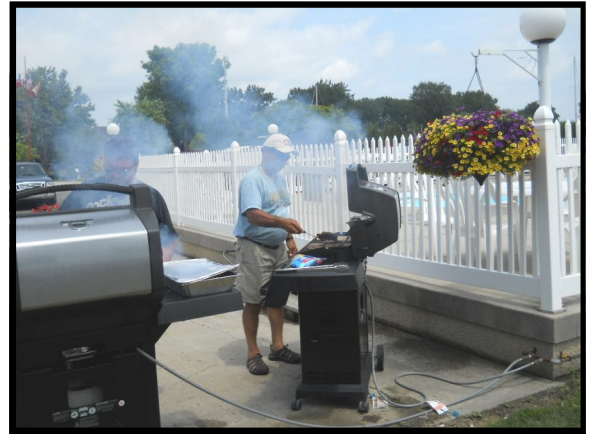
Mike Paradise hanging fish



Tom Theida with Big Perch



Nice cooler full from "Blue Horizon"



"Nite Moves" crew working the grilles



DAS & Metro-West negotiating the Fish-Off



Bruce Tufford & crew watching the weigh-in in comfort



A mess of Walleye caught aboard "Sea Hag"

MORE ERIEAU PHOTOS

All Erieau photos  
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Don Mikros

## 2012 Ludington Tournaments August 4th & August 11th

*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 2nd. 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.

Joe von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe"

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### Asian Carp (from Page 2)

In response to the positive test results, officials from the Michigan and Ohio DNRs, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and White House Council on Environmental Quality are developing a plan of action in collaboration with the eDNA research team to obtain follow-up samples and test results as quickly as possible. Test results from future water samples will dictate the nature of further response methods.

"This lake is Ohio's greatest resource and our main objective is to keep it healthy," said Rich Carter, Ohio DNR's Executive Fish Management and Research Administrator. "The DNA findings have put Ohio fish and wildlife officers on high alert and marshaled our immediate action. In response to these findings, electro-shocking and netting in the identified areas of Sandusky Bay have already been completed and no Asian carp were found. Testing and monitoring will continue and we will work with Michigan and our other management partners to develop a coordinated approach to defining the status of Asian carp in Lake Erie."

Since 2010, the Michigan DNR, Ohio DNR, USFWS, University of Notre Dame, Central Michigan University and the Nature Conservancy have partnered to collect water samples from

Great Lakes basin waters, including the Chicago Area Waterway System, southern Lake Michigan, western Lake Erie and tributary streams of lakes Michigan and Erie. The collaborative early-detection Asian carp surveillance program is funded by the USFWS with a federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant, administered under the Asian Carp Control Strategy Framework.

Asian carp, including bighead and silver carp, pose a significant threat to the Great Lakes ecosystem and economy. Anglers are urged to become familiar with the identification of Asian carp, including both adults and juveniles, as the spread of juvenile Asian carp through the use of live bait buckets has been identified as a potential point of entry into Great Lakes waters.

A video demonstrating how to identify bighead and silver carp can be viewed on the USFWS YouTube channel at <http://youtu.be/B49OWrCRs38>. Identification guides, frequently asked questions, management plans and an online reporting form are available online at [www.michigan.gov/asiancarp](http://www.michigan.gov/asiancarp) and [www.wildohio.com](http://www.wildohio.com), or call 800-WILDLIFE.

The Michigan and Ohio Departments of Natural Resources are committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the region's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations.

**Upcoming 2012 DAS Key Dates**

July 31, 2012 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
August 4, 2012 6:00am - 2:00pm	Boat Trolling Tournament Ladies Day - Ludington
August 11 2012 6:00am - 2:00pm	Boat Trolling Tournament Ludington II (333)
August 25 2012 6:00am - 2:00pm	Boat Trolling Tournament Manistee (333)
August 28, 2012 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center

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