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August Meeting

•When:

Tuesday, August 28, 2012 7:30pm

•Where:

American Polish Cultural Center North West corner

15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre

•Featured :

To Be Determined

Other Happenings:

Tournament Reports, Tackle Raffles , 75-25 and Every Member drawings.

•Up-To-Date Information on the DAS website at:

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Ludington Tournaments ... Start August with a Bang

Women Show How It's Done At Ladies Day

The Sloppy Joe pre-fished Thursday afternoon and Saturday morning fishing mostly north of the point in 200-300 FOW. We ended up keeping about fifteen nice fish and threw back a half dozen smaller ones. The riggers at 90 to 110 down, 300 and 375 coppers, high divers 300 to 330 back and low divers 200 to 250 back were all taking fish



Deb Paradise fishing on "Almost Paradise", caught this Big Fish at Ladies Day - a nice 19.4 lb King.

with the riggers and high divers working the best. Plenty of action to get the crew, especially the Ladies ready for tournament day.

Unfortunately, the weather forecast for Saturday called for the wind to switch around to the South and build as the day progressed. With this in mind, I made the call to fish south thinking that when the seas did start to build, we wouldn't have to buck the waves getting back to port.

At the Captains meeting, eight boats were registered and at 6:00 a.m., the tournament start was announced and the contest was on. We set up at the south end of The Project in about 150 FOW and struggled to find fish. We lost some fish and the ones we did land were small.

The 9:00 a.m. fish call found all of the boats had gotten the skunk out of the box. Almost Paradise and Vicki's Seacret were leading the pack with five each, Miss Dipsey had four, and several boats reported three.

As usual, things slowed down for most of the boats after the early morning bite. At the noon

See Ladies Day on Pg. 2

Weather Delays Ludington II

The DAS Captains that spent the week in Ludington, following our ladies tournament, were treated to some great fishing. There were reports of limit catches and good weather most of the week. It was also a good opportunity to track down where the big Kings holed up in advance of the weekend. Unfortunately on Friday the winds picked up and the lake got bumpy. In fact, North winds and gale warnings put the Saturday tournament in jeopardy. The off shore forecast called for 12'-15' wave heights, and the near shore forecast was for 5 to 8 footers. At the captains meeting Saturday morning, the trolling directors announced we would wait and fish an abbreviated tournament from 6:00 AM to 11:00 AM Sunday. This would prove to be a good decision as wave heights were less than 2' on Sunday and the weather was beau-

For the six o'clock start we had eight boats. The lake had settled and was nearly calm allowing everyone a smooth run to their starting spots. The big blow form the north had flipped the lake. The 73 degree surface temps from the previous week had dropped over twenty degrees. In fact, the



Tom Theida hoists the two biggest fish caught aboard "Almost Paradise" at Ludington II tournament \dots a 17.6# King - Big Fish - and a 16.05# King

water temperature was 52 degrees from the surface to the lake bottom. The million dollar question was would the fish hold to the areas they were in during the week. There were reports that the cold water pushed the fish in tight.

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Membership News

New Membership - Welcome!

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adies Day From Pg. 1

fish call, Almost Paradise had nine fish, and Miss Dipsey and Vicki's Seacret reported six each. At 1:00 p.m. promptly, the announcement was made to pull lines and head in for the weigh-in.

At the weigh-in, we had chicken, cole slaw and barbecue beans from KFC, along with other dishes brought by the crews. Everyone enjoyed the meal and had a great time at the weigh-in festivities.

When it was all done, once again the Ladies on Almost Paradise took first place honors with a whopping 137.5 points. Also, congratulations to the Paradise Ladies for capturing big fish honors with a 19.4# king.

Joe Von Grabe Port Captain



Ludington II From Pg. 1

When we left the pier heads shortly before 6:00 AM it seemed most of the fishing fleet had set up straight in front of the harbor. I opted to avoid the crowds and headed towards the bath house. By the time the Bad Dog crew set lines it was almost a quarter after six o'clock. Boat traffic in shallow was heavy so we set up in 60 to 70 feet of water. Our first fish came about 6:30 on a green ladder-back J-plug set on a rigger. Shortly after, our second fish hit a dipsey as we were being forced into deeper water north of the bath house. We

way north of the lighthouse in 120 to 180 feet of water. Our hottest set-up was a Mag Yeck Lemon-Lime spoon on a full core. Anything green seemed to catch fish. The traffic at the Point was relatively light.

CARL VENTIMIGLIA

Moments before the 9:00 AM fish call we landed our twelfth fish. Almost Paradise and Thor's Hammer also ran towards the Point in the morning. They reported 11 and five respectively. Miss Dipsey was leading the boats that headed towards the project with seven fish. Vicki's Seacret reported three, Out A Line had two and Bobby's Toy had one. With only two hours of fishing remaining, it was difficult to squeeze in a run to find fish. Most boats worked the areas they were in. Out A Line did make a late run north of the Point but opted to fish through the weigh in once they got into some active fish. At the weigh in, the old adage that says 'size matters' proved true once again. Bob Paradise managed back to back Ludington wins with 160.15 points and also won the big fish pool with his 17.6 pound King. His 333 total weight of 48.65 pounds was also good for half the 333 pot.

Fishing has been very steady all summer on Lake Michigan. The fish are not as big as what we saw last year, but there are more of them. If you haven't been out yet this year, make a point of making one of the next two tournaments. I hope to see you on the water.

Tom Gorguze



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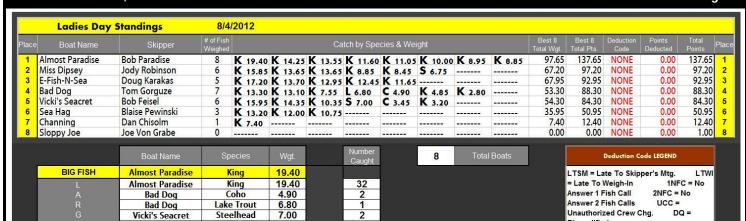
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Vicki's Seacret

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1st Place - "Almost Paradise"



3rd Place - "E-Fish-N-Sea"

All Ladies Day photos courtesy of Bob Feisel



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2nd Place - "Miss Dipsey"

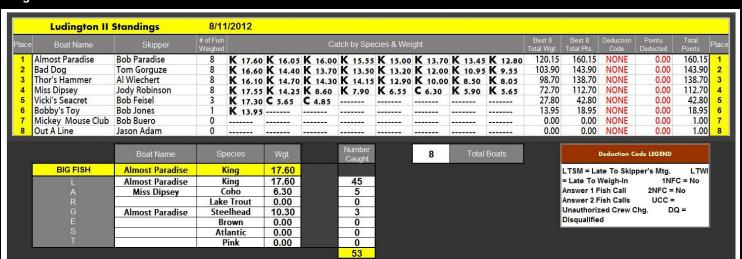


4th Place - "Bad Dog"



7th Place - "Channing"

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All Ludington II photos courtesy of Don Mikros



1st Place - "Almost Paradise" - Nice Mess Of Fish



3rd Place - Thor's Hammer"



Tim Robinson hangin' Fish





5th Place - "Vicki's Seacret"



B.S.'n about Fish

(Articles reprinted from July & August 2012 Great Lakes Basin Report)

No Asian Carp Found in Western Lake Erie

After a week of intensive electrofishing and gill netting activities in Sandusky Bay, Maumee Bay and their main tributaries, officials have found no bighead or silver Asian carps in western Lake Erie. The Ohio DNR, Michigan DNR and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service continue to work together to assess the current status of bighead and silver carp within western Lake Erie bays and select tributaries.

"The sampling results are very encouraging, especially since we intensely focused on areas where we believed we had the greatest chances of finding these fish," said Rich Carter, ODNR executive administrator of fish management and research. "We look forward to the results of the eDNA analysis that will help us define future actions."

"We are committed to supporting our state DNR partners in the field," said USFWS Midwest Deputy Regional Director Charlie Wooley. "Service staff will continue to work side-byside with DNR employees both on the water and in the labs as we try to answer the question, 'Are there any live Asian carp in the Sandusky and Maumee areas?' This week's sampling has not provided any physical evidence that Asian carp are in these two waterways."

Jim Dexter, Michigan DNR fish chief, noted that this effort presented an "excellent effort to accompany the more sensitive eDNA testing." MDNR looks to this effort as a baseline of information and as a foundation upon which to build any future sampling efforts.

Laboratory results received earlier this month had indicated the presence of Asian carp environmental DNA (eDNA) in 6 of the 417 water samples collected in August 2011.

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. 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.

Additional eDNA sampling activities occurred July 30-August 4, and those findings will be announced in a few weeks.

MDNR and ODNR requested assistance from the USFWS to develop and implement this assessment effort. The USFWS contributed significant technical and logistical expertise, as well as personnel, survey equipment and vessels. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will analyze the collected eDNA water samples.

More Asian Carp DNA found near Lake Michigan

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has again has found genetic material from Asian carp in samples taken from waters near Lake Michigan.

The first round of eDNA sampling in 2012 was collected on May 22nd. Samples were collected from Lake Calumet and Little Calumet River. The monitoring results included 17 positives for silver carp (14 from Lake Calumet, 3 from Little Calumet River). Zero positives for bighead carp were found.

The ACRCC Monitoring and Rapid Response Plan calls for a response action after three consecutive eDNA sample sets return positive hits from one location. (See page 3 for results of July 11-13 intensive search.) However, as an extra precaution, the Monitoring and Rapid Response Work Group organized a Level 1 rapid response for Lake Calumet that took place June 12th-13th. This response included three electrofishing boats and crews, as well as two contracted commercial netting crews, with Illinois DNR biologists on board, sampling for Asian carp in the area where the positive results were found.

Prior to this monitoring action, a second round of eDNA samples was collected from the area on June 11th, and the next regularly scheduled eDNA sampling occurred on June 25th. Dozens of water samples taken beyond the barrier in recent years have contained Asian carp DNA, although just one actual carp has been found there.

Lake Michigan Committee to issue stocking reduction comments Aug 23. Agreement on final numbers hopefully to be then agreed upon

The Lake Michigan Committee has been working throughout the summer on a stocking strategy for stocking salmon in Lake Michigan.

This strategy is based on input from you, the Stakeholders Group, the April workshop and the online survey as well as the Decision Analysis model and plethora of monitoring data on Lake Michigan. It includes an initial reduction in stocking and a feedback policy to determine when increases and decreases will occur.

The strategy development process is on-going and final numbers have not been officially agreed upon. The Lake Michigan Committee will issue a joint news release once the reduction numbers and feedback policy are finalized. Each state will then issue their own press release on how these reductions will be implemented.

They hope to have the final numbers shortly after their August 23rd conference call.

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Next Up Manistee

Saturday, August 25, the next DAS Trolling tournament will take place in one of our favorite ports, Manistee. Again this year there are no nets to hamper your trolling. Fishing should be good on the shelf or right out in front of the piers. Spoons, cut bait, flasher-fly, or J plugs will work. As always, DAS captains that fish this port have lots of options on where to fish.

Fishing along the shelf from Big Sable Pt., 15 miles south all the way to Onekama, 11 miles north is usually pretty productive. When surface temps and the thermal cline are both high, fish can be found out deep looking for a cool place to spend the day. Just because the water is deep doesn't mean the fish are. You can usually find a mix of Steelhead, Kings, and Trout in the upper water column far from shore.

If near shore temps are low you might want to try your luck out front of the piers. When the big lake is cold, batfish seek relief in the warm water run-off from Manistee Lake. The Big and Little Manistee rivers meet in Manistee Lake before emptying into Lake Michigan. Staging fish ready to spawn pass through this area and fishing can be fast paced when spawning fish are on the move.

Port Captain is Bob Paradise. The Skippers meeting is at 5:00am at the Lions Pavilion at the west end of the County launch. You may set lines for the tournament start at 6:00am. There will be fish calls on Channel 72 at 9:00am and 12:00am. Lines must be pulled at 2:00pm. You must be in the weigh-in line by 3:30pm, again, at the Lions Pavilion. As usual, lunch will be served at the weigh-in.

This tournament is the last of three "333" contests. For \$20 entry fee for this tournament, you can pick out your 3 heaviest fish to



Here's 'Sea Hag's catch from last year's Manistee tournament. Be sure not to miss out on all the action!

enter. The fish must be chosen before being weighed on the Club scale. The 3 heaviest fish will win half of the pot collected for the Manistee event. If you paid to enter the previous (2) "333" contests at Olcott and Ludington II, you are also

eligible to enter the Overall "333" where the (3) heaviest fish designated by you have a chance to win the remaining total pot from all (3) events. If you have not designated any fish from those previous (2) tournaments, then you will have to do so at this tournament. If you did not enter either of the previous "333" contests or only entered one of them, you can pay the difference at this event and still be eligible for the Overall "333". A total of \$60 paid will get you entered in the Overall. Any questions about the "333" contest call Tournament Co-Chairmen Bob Ksionzek at (586)-531-9198.

This will be probably be your last chance this season to catch the mature kings before they make the run up the river, so let's have a good turnout. Hope _____ to see everyone there!

Season Finale at Frankfort

For the last tournament on the 2012 DAS Schedule, we'll be returning to the beautiful port of Frankfort. The DAS last held a tournament here in 2007, but the fishing has remained good ever since. We are hoping to find that successful fishing while enjoying the picturesque shoreline of this area.



Channel: 44° 37' 49" N 86° 15' 11" W Marina: 44° 37' 53" N 86° 14' 08" W Phone: (231) 352-9051 Harbor Master on duty: 5/1 - 10/15 Hours: 7am - 9pm Off-Season Phone: (231) 352-7117 Radio Channel: 9

Because of the time of year, fishing for the mature kings will be just outside the harbor or inside the harbor itself, but that could be some serious combat fishing. There will still be plenty of 2 and 3 year old kings along the shelf all the way up to Pt. Betsie as well as to the south near the 'Herring Hole' and cohos around the corner into Betsie Bay. Spoons, plugs and flasher-fly combos will all catch fish.

Frankfort is also 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 planer boards work well. Half core rigs can also work well for shallow fish. Look for fish on both side of the temperature break. Orange and red are good lure color choices for steelhead. Remember that faster trolling speeds (3-4 mph) can be very effective when targeting steelies.

You cannot make a dock reservation until the day before you plan on arriving but there should be a number available. Be sure to look at the Handouts available on on website on the Tournaments page. (No printed ones will be available at the meeting). The Skipper's meeting is at 5:00am at the Pavilion near the Municipal Marina. You can set lines at 6:00am. There will be the usual fish calls at 9:00am and 12:00pm. Pull lines at 2:00pm and be in the weigh-in line at the Pavilion at 3:00pm. Be sure to notify the Port Captain when you return to the harbor. Port Captain Jody Robinson will have a great luncheon awaiting the hungry crews. Hope to see everyone there!

	Skipper of the Y	ear Standing:	s 2012			8/20/12					Best 4						
	Boat Name	Skipper Name	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Olcott NY	Erieau, ONT	Ladies Day	Ludington	Manistee	Frankfort	Total Points	Best 6	Best 7	Best 8	Best 9		
1	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	5	4	4	2	4	2	75	75	12	21	96	171	171		
2	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	3	1	2	75	75	6	75	75	12	162	237	312	312		
3	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	75	3	1	5	5	5	75	75	14	94	169	244	244		
4	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	2	75	5	3	6	75	75	75	16	166	241	316	316		
5	Channing	Dan Chisolm	10	9	6	50	7	75	75	75	32	157	232	307	307		
6	Nite Moves	Carl Ventimiglia	4	2	75	4	75	75	75	75	85	235	310	385	385		
7	Miss Dipsey	Jody Robinson	75	6	75	75	2	4	75	75	87	237	312	387	387		
8	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	75	7	3	50	50	75	75	75	110	260	335	410	410		
9	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	9	11	50	75	75	75	75	75	145	295	370	445	445		
10	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	1	75	75	1	75	75	75	75	152	302	377	452	452		
11	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	75	75	75	75	1	1	75	75	152	302	377	452	452		
12	Lucky Strike	Ron Pal	7	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	162	312	387	462	462		
13	Saluki	John Meade	6	12	75	75	75	75	75	75	168	318	393	468	468		
14	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	11	10	75	75	75	75	75	75	171	321	396	471	471		
15	Mickey Mouse Club	Bob Buero	8	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	208	358	433	508	508		
16	Thor's Hammer	Al Wiechert	75	75	75	75	75	3	75	75	228	378	453	528	528		
17	E-Fish-N-Sea	Doug Karakas	75	75	75	75	3	75	75	75	228	378	453	528	528		
18	Lucky Strike II	Ed Wilczek	75	8	75	75	75	75	75	75	233	383	458	533	533		
19	Real Happy	Bruce Tufford	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	275	425	500	575	575		
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		Weight	Species	Boat	Name				St. Joe	Grand Haven	Olcott NY	Erieau, ONT	Ladies Day	Ludington	Manistee	Frankfort	Year
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	0.23	29.45	King Bobby's Toy				Kings	116	94	24	0	32	45	0	0	311	
		6.30	Coho	Miss	Dipsey			Cohos	15	3	0	0	2	5	0	0	25
	Largest Of Each	16.45	Lake Trout	Miss	Dipsey			Lake Trout	10	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	19
		10.30	Steelhead	Almost	Paradise		Number	Steelhead	0	0	24	19	2	3	0	0	48
	Species	0.00	Brown				Caught	Browns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0.00	Atlantic				112	Atlantics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		0.00	Pink					Pinks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Lake Michigan fishing hotline updated

Beefed up information is now available to anglers on where the fish are biting and what's working on Lake Michigan. A new phone hotline with fishing reports covering northern Lake Michigan waters and Green Bay waters is now available at 920-746-2873. That hotline complements a longstanding call-in report for southern Lake Michigan waters, 414-382-7920.

Anglers can get similar, more detailed fishing reports for the entire Lake Michigan coast delivered to their smart phones and computers by signing up to receive free Department of Natural Resources' Lake Michigan Outdoor Reports.

To sign up, enter an email address and look for "Fisheries Updates" and check that box to get a listing of DNR fisheries topics to receive updates for, including for "Lake Michigan Outdoor Report." The reports are updated every week with information primarily from DNR creel clerks. ♦

Keith Creagh new MI DNR Director Jamie Clover Adams to head MDARD

Gov. Rick Snyder has appointed Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) Director Keith Creagh as director of the state DNR, and state Department of Environmental Quality's Policy and Legislative Affairs Director Jamie Clover Adams as MDARD director.

Creagh has extensive management experience, including policy development, strategic planning and operational leadership. He has served as MDARD director since January 2011, and was director of industry affairs for the Neogen Corp. after serving for 30 years within the state department of agriculture. He holds a bachelor's degree in forestry from Michigan Technological University and is an avid outdoorsman.

Clover Adams replaces Creagh, after having served as the state Department of Environmental Quality's Policy and Legislative Affairs director since 2011. ♦





This is a fish that John Meade, Skipper of the 'Saluki' caught out of Grand Haven on July 12 of this year. John said that everything about the fish indicated it was a steelhead except for it's 'mutant head'. John has dubbed it the 'Dork Fish'

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Upcoming 2012 DAS Key Dates

August 25, 2012 **Boat Trolling Tournament**

6:00am - 2:00pm Manistee (333)

August 28, 2012 Membership Meeting

7:30pm American Polish Cultural Center

September 8, 2012 Boat Trolling Tournament

6:00am - 2:00pm Frankfort

September11, 2012 **BOD Meeting**

American Polish Cultural Center 7:00pm

September 25, 2012 Membership Meeting

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