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## June Meeting

- When:**  
Tuesday, June 26, 2011 7:30pm
- Where:**  
American Polish Cultural Center  
Northwest corner,  
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- Featured :**  
Kelly Smith, Fisheries Chief of  
the MDNR, to inform us what's  
going on at the State level.
- Other Happenings:**  
Olcott report, Pentwater tour-  
nament info, Fishing reports,  
Tackle raffles, 75-25 Drawing &  
more
- Up-To-Date Information on  
the DAS website at:**  
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## DECENT Fishing at Olcott

We certainly didn't experience the kind of fishing that the Niagara Pro-Am money tournament did on the weekend of June 4 and 5 but I think most of the DAS Skippers were satisfied with their catches at Olcott, NY on Saturday, June 11, 2011.

86 boats in the Niagara Pro-Am held the weekend before weighed in a total of 1,678 fish with a total weight of over 13,200 lbs! Expectations were high for the 7 DAS boats that made the trip. Many of them did some pre-fishing on Friday to try and pin point where the fish might be on tournament day. However, a cold front that pushed through Thurs-

day evening had the fish pretty well scattered. Boats reported getting fish from 60 FOW all the way out to 300 FOW but there did not seem to be a concentration of fish in any one location. Most of the fish caught were in the top 50 feet; no one bait seemed to be the ticket as the fish were hitting anything from spoons to flasher/flyes to J-plugs. All boats did find some fish but plans still were not very clear for the morning.

The weather forecast did not sound too promising Friday evening, however, Saturday

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## Couldn't Make the May Meeting?

Resembling the staging lanes at a DNR Launch Ramp, the parking lot at the American Polish Cultural Center took on a completely new look for the DAS May Membership meeting on Tuesday, May 31, 2011. It was the Annual Boat Trolling Demo that filled up the north parking area. President Bob Jones introduced each Skipper to give a rundown on their boat and how it is set-up for Great Lakes Trolling.

First up was Jerry Zabel and his fully equipped river boat, "Wish-Full", a 1998 16' Lund It is set



-up for back drop fishing, using 5 rods behind the boat utilizing the river current to activate the baits. Long oars are used to move the boat along with a chain anchor to keep it under con-

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## Definitely Not A Typical Grand Haven Tournament!

It was a really tough fishing week-end at Grand Haven this year. The club had a very nice turn out of twelve boats this year but only a couple of the skipper's caught more than a hand full of fish. Leading the way was Captain Bob Paradise and crew mate Tom Thieda on Almost Paradise



and finishing second was Captain Paul Gjeldum and his crew on the Blue Horizon. Not many boats caught a whole lot of fish but it was encouraging to see a new club boat make the trip, Nite Moves with Captain Carl Ventimiglia and crew making their debut and finishing fourth. Rounding out the Top Five was Captain Jodi

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trol. It also has a depth sounder along with speed and temp. for general usage. The boat fishes with up to 3 people comfortably. The motor uses a Jet-Drive to avoid damage from logs, rocks etc. There is also are an auxiliary motor and a bow mounted Electric for other types of fishing. Jerry thoroughly explained the boat's rigging and then fielded a slew of questions from the crowd in attendance. Next was Dan Chisholm and his nicely appointed 2006, 19 foot Monark open fishing boat, "Channing", with pass through wind-



shield and a canvas convertible top. It is powered by a two stroke 115 HP Mercury Optimax outboard motor. Equipment includes Bow mount electric trolling motor, 80# thrust, long shaft, Eagle fish finder w/ GPS, Fish Hawk X4 (new this year, still learning how to use it) and Down rigger bar across the stern with two Mag10 down riggers. Dan also had a great presentation about the boat and fielded questions from the curious in attendance. The third and last boat in the demo was Tom Gorguze' "Bad Dog". It is a 1997 221 Center console with 225hp Mercury and 8hp Yamaha kicker. He has used it to fish club tournaments since 2007. He would like to add an isinglass enclosure



the t-top, and high speed electric riggers. Tom thoroughly explained his set-up and answered plenty of questions. The BOD would like to thank Jerry, Dan and Tom for hauling their rigs down, setting them up and taking the time to explain their set-ups and

answering questions. Those in attendance really enjoyed the demonstrations and Q&A sessions following.

After the demo, the crowd moved inside and the Prez introduced our featured guest speaker, Bob Easterbrook, an avid outdoorsman, youth hunting instructor and organizer of the Great Lakes Bow Fishing Championship. Bob explained the basics of bow fishing, the equipment involved and the structure of the Bow Fishing Championship along with a slide show presentation. He definitely had the audience's attention with the pictures of huge carp and the boatloads of fish shot during the Championship. Thanks to Bob for a very interesting presentation.

After a 15 minute break, Bob Ksionzek took the floor with reports on the tournaments at St Joe & Grand Haven and presentations of the Top Five plaques for each tournament. He also had last minute information for the Olcott NY tournament.

Following this our President took numerous fishing reports from the floor. This was followed with the usual great selections for the tackle raffles and an extraordinary lucky evening for two tables. Of the eight different tackle prizes including a Large Salmon Net, all were won by two different tables. Continuing that streak of luck, the 1st prize of \$60 in the 75/25 Drawing was won by Ron



Pal at the luckier of the two tables. Not wanting to miss out, Blaise Pewinski moved from the unlucky table he was at and sat at Ron's table and, believe it or not, won the \$30 2nd prize.

Finishing off the evening, Carl Ventimiglia at the other lucky table won the \$100 when his name was called for the Every Member drawing. One truly amazing stretch of luck that this person and probably most in attendance has never seen before. Congratulations to all the winners.!

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This article is the second in a 3 month series that coincides with the Strong "Fly of the Month" promotion. The first 60 members attending each of the May, June & July monthly meetings will receive the Fly of the Month. The DAS Board of Directors would like to thank Captain Matt Strong of Strong Flies and Shane Ruboyanes of Dreamweaver for this opportunity and greatly appreciate their contributions.

## How Far is Too Far?

by Captain Matt Strong



Leads and leader lengths are as important as the lure you are trolling. The next time your favorite lure is not producing, try a new lead. By shortening or lengthening your line on your downriggers, your presentation of that lure changes. As a rule, shortening a lure increases its action, whereas lengthening decreases your action. When running spoons, I like a short lead, 8 to 12 feet, from the ball. While running Dreamweaver Spin Doctors and Strong Flies, I prefer a longer lead, 20 to 40 feet. This produces a slower roll or spin. Here are some presentations that produce great action!

### Downriggers

- Spoons: 8 to 20 feet lead. The smaller and lighter the spoon, the shorter the lead.
- Dreamweaver Spin Doctors: 20 to 30 feet lead off the ball
- Dreamweaver Paddles: 30 to 100 feet (30 to 50 feet on one or two outdowns, with a longer lead of 100 on the deepest downrigger)

### Copper and Lead

- 30 to 40 feet of 20lb or 30lb flouricarbon

### Dipsy Divers

- 8 to 10 feet. Remember that when running Dreamweaver Spin Doctors or Paddles that the lead increases due to your fly lead. I prefer the longer leaders on my divers. Due to the length of these leads, it is best to hand line the fish to the net.

### Fly Leaders

- 8" Dreamweaver Spin Doctor: 22 to 25 inches to Strong Fly
- 10" Dreamweaver Spin Doctor: 30 to 32 inches to Strong Fly
- 12" Dreamweaver Paddle: 4.5 feet to 5 feet to Strong Fly
- Additionally, I like to run Strong Fly Meatless Teasers on my 10" Dreamweaver Spin Doctors and 12" Paddles. This presentation works best on wire dipsys and my deep riggers.



So, instead of changing that "go to lure", try changing your lead lengths. Being consistent on your leaders and lead lengths is a great way to put more fish in your boat!

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Grand Haven from Pg. 1

Robinson and the "Miss Dipsey crew. It was great to see Jodi out and about. It was also great to see long time member Bob Buero and his son Nick fishing the new "Mickey Mouse Club" and joining in on the fun. They used to participate regularly in the tournaments and are planning on making a few more this summer.

Even the weather was tough on us as many of the boats arrived on Friday and were greeted by heavy fog. In port it looked so nice but once you were out on the lake look out as you were only able to see less than one hundred yards most of the time. Saturday turned out to be much better but the fog came into port once again on Sunday and made for a couple of exciting moments.

Grand Haven did give up a few nice fish this week-end with Bob Paradise pulling in the big king on Saturday, a healthy looking fourteen pound plus king, he also managed to win the club's first 333 event of this year, but on Sunday it was a different story with Blaise Pewinski, on Sea Hag, taking the honors with a nice twelve pound plus

king. With the steelhead it was Carl Ventimiglia getting top honor on Saturday with a nice sized fish on Saturday and Paul Gjeldum turning that trick on Sunday, best laker of the whole tournament was Dave Roehr aboard the Loki One.

The crew of the Blue Horizon put on a real nice lunch on Saturday afternoon, yes you guessed it as it started to rain on our parade but it stopped almost as quickly as it came. A special thanks to Paul Gjeldum and Ed Horen for working with me on the lunch and we even had enough left over's to feed the guys again on Sunday.

All in all we had a great time, even if the fishing wasn't what we are accustomed to at this port, but I think that everyone had a good time and I certainly hope that all of the captains will show up again next year and maybe we'll get another boat or two on the water.

**Ron Pal**  
**"Lucky Strike"**

**Grand Haven Complete Results**

Grand Haven Day 2 Standings										5/22/2011								
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	2-Day Total Pnts.	Place
				King	Coho	Lake Trout	Steelhead	Brown	Atlantic	Pink	Other							
1	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	Day 1	5	K 14.50	K 10.50	K 10.25	K 6.25	S 4.00	-----	-----	45.50	70.50	NONE	0.00	70.50	138.90	1
			Day 2	6	K 9.00	K 8.85	K 7.40	K 6.30	S 4.05	S 2.80	-----	-----	38.40	68.40	NONE	0.00	68.40	
2	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	Day 1	4	K 8.60	K 8.30	K 7.05	K 6.50	-----	-----	-----	30.45	50.45	NONE	0.00	50.45	88.95	2
			Day 2	4	K 8.90	S 4.35	K 2.95	S 2.30	-----	-----	-----	18.50	38.50	NONE	0.00	38.50		
3	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	Day 1	1	K 4.75	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	4.75	9.75	NONE	0.00	9.75	52.05	3
			Day 2	3	K 12.20	K 9.85	K 5.25	-----	-----	-----	-----	27.30	42.30	NONE	0.00	42.30		
4	Nite Moves	Carl Ventimiglia	Day 1	3	K 6.35	S 5.50	K 5.30	-----	-----	-----	-----	17.15	32.15	NONE	0.00	32.15	48.25	4
			Day 2	1	K 11.10	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	11.10	16.10	NONE	0.00	16.10		
5	Miss Dipsey	Jody Robinson	Day 1	1	K 11.50	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	11.50	16.50	NONE	0.00	16.50	47.85	5
			Day 2	3	K 7.50	K 5.55	S 3.30	-----	-----	-----	-----	16.35	31.35	NONE	0.00	31.35		
6	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	Day 1	2	K 12.20	K 9.90	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	22.10	32.10	NONE	0.00	32.10	47.20	6
			Day 2	1	K 10.10	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	10.10	15.10	NONE	0.00	15.10		
7	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	Day 1	2	K 6.05	K 5.65	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	11.70	21.70	NONE	0.00	21.70	32.25	7
			Day 2	1	K 5.55	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5.55	10.55	NONE	0.00	10.55		
8	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	Day 1	1	K 6.80	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	6.80	11.80	NONE	0.00	11.80	20.60	8
			Day 2	1	S 3.80	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	3.80	8.80	NONE	0.00	8.80		
9	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	Day 1	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	11.45	9
			Day 2	1	L 5.45	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5.45	10.45	NONE	0.00	10.45		
10	Channing	Dan Chisolm	Day 1	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	10.65	10
			Day 2	1	K 4.65	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	4.65	9.65	NONE	0.00	9.65		
11	Mickey Mouse Club	Bob Buero	Day 1	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	2.00	11
			Day 2	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00		
12	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	Day 1	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	2.00	12
			Day 2	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00		

Day 1	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
<b>BIG FISH</b>	<b>Almost Paradise</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>14.50</b>	
L A R G E S T	Almost Paradise	King	14.50	17
		Coho	0.00	0
		Lake Trout	0.00	0
	Nite Moves	Steelhead	5.50	2
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
		Pink	0.00	0
				<b>19</b>

12 Total Boats

**Deduction Code LEGEND**  
 LTSM = Late To Skipper's Mtg.  
 LTWH = Late To Weight-In  
 1NFC = No Answer 1 Fish Call  
 2NFC = No Answer 2 Fish Calls  
 UCC = Unauthorized Crew Chg.  
 DQ = Disqualified

Day 2	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
<b>BIG FISH</b>	<b>Sea Hag</b>	<b>King</b>	<b>12.20</b>	
L A R G E S T	Sea Hag	King	12.20	15
		Coho	0.00	0
	Loki-One	Lake Trout	5.45	1
	Blue Horizon	Steelhead	4.35	6
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
		Pink	0.00	0
				<b>22</b>

2-day Totals  
 41  
 0  
 1  
 8  
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# Grand Haven Photos



Tom Theida and Skipper Bob Paradise with the "Almost Paradise" Sunday catch good for 1st Place!



Ed Horen, Skipper Paul Gjeldum and Ron Pal showing off their 2nd Place catch from Sunday on board "Blue Horizon"



Skipper Blaise Pewinski and Mark Williams with their comeback Sunday catch which earned "Sea Hag" 3rd Place.



The "Nite Moves" crew, Carl Ventimiglia Sr., a friend and Skipper Carl Ventimiglia Jr. captured 4th Place.



Skipper Jodi, son David and son Tim also came back nicely to finish in 5th Place on board "Miss Dipsey"



Skipper Dan Channing, Curt Smiscik and friend fishing on "Channing" captured 10th Place

## Grand Haven 333 Results

333 Entries				Entry Data								
Boat Name	Skipper	Entered	3 Fish Wgt.	Species	Wgt.	OA	Species	Wgt.	OA	Species	Wgt.	OA
Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	Y	33.85	K	10.50	-	K	14.50	-	K	8.85	-
Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	N	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	Y	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Channing	Dan Chisolm	N	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	N	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loki-One	Dave Roehr	N	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mickey Mouse Club	Bob Buero	Y	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Miss Dipsey	Jody Robinson	N	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nite Moves	Carl Ventimiglia	N	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	Y	27.30	K	5.25	-	K	9.85	-	K	12.20	-
Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	Y	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	Y	32.20	K	12.20	-	K	9.90	-	K	10.10	-
-	-	N	0.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

333 Results				
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	3 Fish Wgt.	Prize
1st	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	33.85	\$60

50%

## 2011 Pentwater Tournament July 9th

The next tournament coming up on our schedule is at Pentwater. Pentwater is a quaint tourist town with many shops and restaurants and a nice marina with an excellent fishing cleaning station. You can reserve a slip on the DNR website.

We've moved this one to July so the fishing should be excellent assuming the weather cooperates. This time of the year usually has some of the most stable weather so if you can find the fish while pre-fishing, they should be in the same areas all weekend. This port will provide us with the opportunity to get into some nice kings. Of course coho and steelhead are also abundant but kings are what'll put you at the top at the weigh-in.

Fishing this port is similar to Ludington, in that with points to both the north and south it warrants 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 the Big Sable Point to the north and Little Sable Point to the south making the better fishing straight out. There's excellent structure north towards the Project and south to Little Sable Point. I've done very well the past two years fishing straight out.

There are trap nets in this area to the north 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 some wire cutters handy. If you get hung up, your better off cutting your way loose rather than trying to save what's hung up.

The Skipper's meetings will be at 5:00 a.m. at the Municipal Marina. 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. Pull lines at 2:00 and be at the weigh-in by 3:00 p.m. The weigh-in will be at the pavilion at the south end of the Municipal Marina.

Good luck to everyone and see you there.

**Joe von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe"**  
**586-945-4334 (cell)**

Did you know that your mailing label includes the date your membership expires? The month and year your membership expires is above your name. If it's marked yellow, your membership may be close to expiring. Regular memberships are still \$25, Senior \$10 and Lifetime \$150.

See Tom Moores at the regular meeting or send your check to:

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**Membership News**New Membership**Nick Karpowitsch**

Welcome New Member!

Renewed Memberships**Hermann Christoph****Dick Shirk****Jerry Zabel****Clement L. Foston jr.**Membership Extended for 6 Mos. For Referral of Membership**Jeff Bustos**Memberships Expired in May or Expiring in June**Jason Adam****Steve Hamilton****Bruce Tufford****Don Anton****Jack T. MacFarlane****Al Wiechert****Ron Clewett****Gary Ruprich****Sad News**

Long Time former member and avid River fisherman Keith Kempainen passed away on Saturday, June 4, 2011. He was very active in river fishing with the Club, became a Director and served as River Fishing Chairman for several years. He is being cremated and there will be a memorial service in 2 - 3 weeks. Our sincere condolences to his family.

**Special People Outing Cancelled**

Unfortunately, The DAS Board of Directors decided to cancel the Special People Outing scheduled for June 4. Because of date conflicts with the Special Participants, it was done in the best interest of the club and the event. The expenses would be too great for the few participants that could make it. However, next years event will be planned more timely and we hope to have even better participation from the club than in years past. Start making plans now for an early weekend in June 2012.

**2011 DAS Boat Trolling Tournament Schedule**

Date	Port		Port Captain	Phone no.
4/30/2011	St. Joseph		Dan Chisholm	586-530-9171
5/21/2011 & 5/22/2011	Grand Haven	333	Ron Pal	586-598-7239
6/11/2011	Olcott, NY		Bob Ksionzek	586-531-9198
7/9/2011	Pentwater		Joe Von Grabe	586-293-7688
8/6/2011	Ludington Ladies Day		Jody Robinson	248-736-1737
8/13/2011	Ludington II	333	Al Wiechert	248-435-4013
8/26/2011	Manistee I	333	Bob Paradise	586-457-4073
9/10/2011	Manistee II		Tom Gorguze	248-343-8397

## Olcott NY Complete Results

Olcott NY Standings															6/11/2011				
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		
				K 12.50	K 11.95	K 10.40	K 8.75	K 8.60	K 6.80	S 5.20	C 5.05								
1	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	8	K 12.50	K 11.95	K 10.40	K 8.75	K 8.60	K 6.80	S 5.20	C 5.05	69.25	109.25	NONE	0.00	109.25	1		
2	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	6	K 14.10	K 13.45	K 12.65	K 7.50	K 6.40	A 3.30	-----	-----	57.40	87.40	NONE	0.00	87.40	2		
3	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	6	K 14.10	K 12.55	K 12.35	K 8.10	C 4.00	K 2.65	-----	-----	53.75	83.75	NONE	0.00	83.75	3		
4	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	4	K 14.65	K 11.80	K 11.80	K 8.45	-----	-----	-----	-----	46.70	66.70	NONE	0.00	66.70	4		
5	Lucky Strike	Ron Pal	5	K 10.65	K 4.70	K 4.40	K 4.30	K 3.55	-----	-----	-----	27.60	52.60	NONE	0.00	52.60	5		
6	Channing	Dan Chisolm	2	C 6.30	K 3.70	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	10.00	20.00	NONE	0.00	20.00	6		
7	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	1	K 3.60	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	3.60	8.60	NONE	0.00	8.60	7		

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught	
Largest of Each Species	BIG FISH	Bobby's Toy	King	14.65	
		Bobby's Toy	King	14.65	28
		Channing	Coho	6.30	3
			Lake Trout	0.00	0
		Blue Horizon	Steelhead	5.20	1
			Brown	0.00	0
		Bad Dog	Atlantic	3.30	1
			Pink	0.00	0
				33	

7 Total Boats

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

## Olcott from Pg. 1

dawned with some unexpected changes to that forecast. The rain was supposed to hold off till the afternoon and the tournament started with waves around 1' at 6:00am. The boats scattered in all directions hoping to find the hot spot. Leading the way at the 9:00am Fish Call were "Bad Dog" and "Blue Horizon" with 5 fish each, followed by "Lucky Strike" with 3, then "Bobby's Toy" and "Sloppy Joe" with 2 each, "Channing" with 1 and "Hardtop & Tails" with none.



**Ed Horen with greetings from Olcott NY**

All boats returned to the harbor safely after pulling lines at 2:00pm. The scales were set-up, coolers were lined-up and the food was delivered at 3:00pm just as a thunderstorm poured down some rain for about 20 minutes. It was quite a sight to see the 25 skippers and crew huddling together under the rather small pavilion enjoying the subs, potato salad, chef's salad and cookies from Wendy's Pizza & Sub shop in Newfane. Thanks to

Wendy's for the great meal!

As the storm ended and appetites were satisfied, Gaspare Aragona from the "Blue Horizon" crew volunteered to weigh the fish with tutoring from Jason Adam on "Bad Dog". Gaspare did an excellent job weighing the fish and the scores were tallied. Skipper Paul Gjeldum on the "Blue Horizon" claimed his first ever 1<sup>st</sup> place with a nice 8 fish total of 109.25 points. Congratulations to Paul and his crew! Tom Gorguze and the "Bad Dog" crew took 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 87.40 points and 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Sloppy Joe with 83.75 points. Big Fish honors and \$35 went to Skipper Bob Jones on "Bobby's Toy" with a 14.65lb King caught by mate Rod Elnick. The secret weapon was a #3 'Silver Bullet' J-plug smeared in Smelly Jelly!

The big kings that the area is known for eluded us on this trip, but they are still around as the Big Fish in the Niagara Pro-Am the weekend before was a 26.66 lb. King and the Amateur Division Big King was 29.85 lbs! I believe most, if not all the skippers and crew enjoyed the "adventure" of travelling to New York and found the fishing decent. Everyone spoke of the good time they had, so I guess we can call this event a success. The cold front had a great part in making the fishing tougher than it should have been. Maybe we can find the Big Kings next year?

**Bob Ksionzek  
Port Captain**

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Gaspere Aragona, Skipper Paul Gjeldum and Bob Paradise with the "Blue Horizon" catch and first ever 1st Place!



Nic Amicone, Jason Adam and Skipper Tom Gorguze and their 2nd Place catch on board "Bad Dog"



Skipper Bob Jones, Todd Ridley, Bob Ksionzek and Rod Elnick with "Bobby's Toy" 4th Place catch.



The "Lucky Strike" crew, Bob Kanas, Don Mikros and Skipper Ron Pal (not pictured Ed Horen) captured 5th Place.



Jason Adam tutored Gaspere Aragona on how to weigh the fish. Nice Job and Thanks to Jason and Gaspere!



Rod Elnick with the Big Fish, a 14.65 lb. king caught aboard "Bobby's Toy"

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