



Fishin' Tales

PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE GREAT LAKES SPORTFISHERY FOR OVER 35 YEARS

January Meeting

- When:**
Tuesday, January 25, 2011
7:30pm
- Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
Northwest corner,
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- Featured Speaker :**
DNR Conservation Officer for
Discussion and Q&A, also
Jim Fenner, Ludington Charter
Boat Association on their net
pen project.
- Other Happenings:**
2011 Boat Trolling Schedule, Ice
Fishing outing info, Tackle raffles,
75-25 Drawing & more
- Up-To-Date Information on
the DAS website at:**
www.detroitsteelheaders.com

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Parting Words from Our President

Happy New Year to all DAS Members! As I write this I have only 106 days until Silver Addiction is launched for the 2011 Salmon Season. It is hard to believe how fast time goes by, but that seems to be what happens as we get older.



With this being said, I have just finished my last term as club president, and will hand the gavel over to our new president at this month's board meeting. When I became president I will have to say I was a bit nervous of the job, but had a great board to work with. I want everyone to know how fortunate we are to have the board members we have and all the work they do. Thank you all for all your help and support!

However, there is one thing that has not changed during my two years as club president. Apathy

is a very deep rooted problem and one that I could not overcome. I do not know of any magic solution and our board discusses it at every meeting. When I look at the board it is the same people that step up to help out at everything. In fact, we had one board member retire, and one step down, after completing his term, and we could not get one person to step up and fill the two positions. This is a sad point when we must contract the board of directors, due to the lack of willing members to step up.

I hope that 2011 will somehow bring DAS a full box of willing members to continue a club that has helped to define Great Lakes Salmon Fishing.

Mark Williams

Happy New Year!

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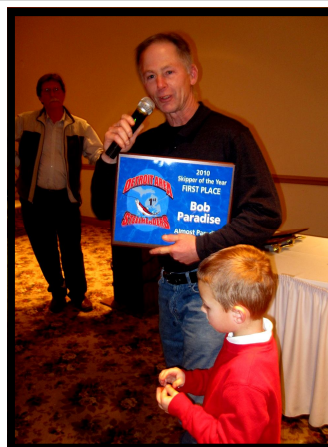
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Bob Paradise captures 3rd Skipper of the Year Award in the past 6 Years

Probably what makes Bob Paradise's achievement of getting his 3rd Skipper of the Year (SOTY) award unique is the fact that he does this by using completely different crewmembers most of the time.

Whereas most captains prefer to have the same crew tournament after tournament for that "knowing the program" factor, Bob enjoys taking different people fishing and sharing the knowledge and experience with everyone.

Besides taking the SOTY award in 2010, Bob also won it in 2005



Bob Paradise accepting the 2009 "Skipper of the Year" award at the DAS Christmas meeting

and 2007.

In addition to this, Bob also caught the DAS Big fish of the Year in 2009 at that year's Manistee tournament, a 20.45# King. Bob was also honored as "Member of the Year" in 2009.

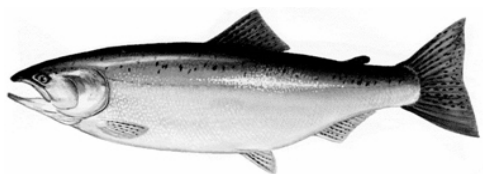
Bob is a lifetime member and joined the club in 2000. He fishes the tournaments in his 2000 24' Sportcraft, "Almost Paradise" which is well equipped for Great Lakes salmon and trout trolling.

Congratulations to Bob for this and all of his DAS achievements.!

11 Reasons to Join DAS

Including New Membership Drive for 2011

The Detroit Area Steelheaders has announced a new membership drive starting in January, with an incentive for any new member to sign up. If your membership has expired in 2010, or you are a brand new member signing up for the first time, you will receive a package, FREE, valued at approximately \$30.00. This package will include; Assorted Steelhead and Salmon Fishing Tackle, in-



cluding Divers, Dodgers or Silver Streak Spoons, two DAS decals for your boat or truck, a DAS patch for your jacket or vest, and Michigan maps and brochures. This is with a paid \$25.00 one year membership, or a \$150.00 lifetime membership, paid by the April meeting. Not only is this incentive a great reason to join, but here are some of the other reasons why fishermen all over the state, and beyond are joining the DAS.

*The Detroit Area Steelheaders Inc. provides you with a means of being heard on issues affecting our fisheries.

*You receive 12 monthly issues of "FISHIN' TALES" newsletter, as well as access to the DAS website. Both have been praised for the information they contain.

*Organized events all year long, including boat trolling, river fishing, pier/surf fishing, and ice fishing tournaments, and seminars, held all over the state.

*Social events such as the 11th annual Sportsman Dinner and a special Christmas meeting with Salmon Claus for the kids.

*Participation in public service events such as the Special People Walleye outing.

*The DAS annual scholarship to help fund college students that are majoring in conservation, wildlife, fisheries or some other related field of study.

*Donations to M.S.U. research on fisheries, and donations to various Sport Fishing Organizations to support hatcheries or net pens, as well as lawyer fees to help protect our fishing rights all over the state. In all more

than \$56,000 has been donated since we came into existence as a sport fishing club.

*This is our 36th year in existence as a sport fishing club, and we have great guest speakers lined up for upcoming meetings. Some would include, representatives of the Michigan DNR, state fisheries biologist, and charter captains, who would all give us timely information, and share their passions, as well as their special areas of expertise. Also, question and answer sessions are held at most of our monthly meetings, with the top skip-pers of our fishing tournaments.

*Camaraderie with your fellow members at our monthly meetings. They are held at the American Polish Cultural Center at 15 Mile and Dequindre in Sterling Hgts. The meetings will still be on the last Tuesday of the month, at 7:30 in the evening.

*DAS Membership also includes discounts at retailers like Dunham's, Boat US/West Marine and Sherwin Williams Paints.

*You can fill out the application for membership that is in the newsletter, and drop it in the mail, to our PO Box, or better yet bring it to one of our monthly meetings, and join in on the fun of great fishing ahead. We will also have a booth at the major fishing shows. Look forward to meeting you at one of the shows, or better yet at one of our monthly meetings. The members of our club are what make us successful, and without YOU, it will be hard to reach our goals.

**See you at the next meeting,
Tom Moores—Membership Director**



**Dan Chisholm accepts the
2010 Director of the Year Award
from President Mark Williams**

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Detroit Area Steelheaders Giving Tops \$56,000

For 36 years the Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. has contributed to numerous worthwhile causes which we believe serve our stated organizational goal of promoting and protecting Great Lakes Sportfishing. Thanks to our members and contributors who have helped us raise funds to make these donations.

The following list of donations made over the last five years, stress the fact that the Detroit Area Steelheaders do give!

- November, 2010 - \$500.** To the Michigan Wildlife Service department of the USDA to help fund cormorant control/research.
- June, 2010 - \$1,000.** To fund two \$500 college scholarships for two deserving students studying for an outdoors/conservation related degree.
- June, 2010 - \$1,000.** To the Ludington Area Charter Boat Association to fund operations of their salmon rearing net pens.
- June, 2010 - \$234.** Donation of Voluntary Youth Licenses to help DNR revenue.
- May, 2010 - \$250.** To the Clinton River Watershed Council for their Clinton River projects.
- April, 2010 - \$250.** To Shelby Township Parks & Recreation for their kids fishing derby.
- January, 2010 - \$1,000.** To Michigan State University to fund a scholarship for a deserving student studying for an outdoors/conservation related degree.
- January, 2010 - \$1,000.** To the Youth Development Commission for their 2009 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.
- October, 2009 - \$2,500.** To the Ludington Area Charterboat Association to fund the replacement of their salmon rearing net pens.
- October, 2009 - \$1,000.** To the Michigan Wildlife Service department of the USDA to help fund cormorant control/research.
- October, 2009 - \$200** Donation to the Big Ten Bass Fishing Tournament.
- September-October, 2009 - \$222.** Donation of Voluntary Youth Licenses to help DNR revenue.
- June, 2009 - \$1,703.** To fund our own Special People fishing outing.
- May, 2009 - \$2,000.** To fund two \$1,000 college scholarships for two deserving students studying for an outdoors/conservation related degree.
- May, 2009 - \$1,795.** To the City of Ludington for a Memorial Bench at the City Marina.
- February, 2009 - \$250.** To Shelby Township Parks & Recreation for their kids fishing derby.
- January, 2009 - \$1,000.** To the Michigan Wildlife Service department of the USDA to help fund cormorant control/research.
- January, 2009 - \$250.** To the Clinton River Watershed Council for their Clinton River projects.
- January, 2009 - \$500.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their operations.

- January, 2009 - \$1,000.** To the Youth Development Commission for their 2009 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.
- October, 2008 - \$1,640.** Lake Superior State University Aquatics Research Lab for their fish cam.
- March, 2008 - \$1,000.** To Project FISH for their teaching projects.
- March, 2008 - \$200.** To Shelby Township Parks & Recreation for their kids fishing derby.
- January, 2008 - \$1,000.** To the Youth Development Commission for their 2008 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.
- December, 2007 - \$1,000.** To the Michigan Wildlife Service department of the USDA to help fund cormorant control/research.
- November, 2007 - \$250.** To the Clinton River Watershed Council for their Clinton River projects.
- October, 2007 - \$500.** To the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council for their operations.
- September, 2007 - \$250.** To the Sporting Lands Alliance to help with their operations.
- September, 2007 - \$500.** To fund a college scholarship for a deserving student studying for an outdoors/conservation related degree.
- September, 2007 - \$150.** To Fish Pointe Wildlife Association to help with their operations.
- June, 2007 - \$698.** To fund our own Special People fishing outing.
- February, 2007 - \$1,000 Grant.** To the Youth Development Commission for their 2007 Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby.
- November, 2006 - \$1,000 Grant.** To the Michigan Wildlife Service department of the USDA to help fund cormorant control/research.
- June, 2006 - \$5,000 Grant.** To "The Coalition to Protect Michigan's Resources" (formerly the Michigan Fisheries Resource Conservation Coalition) to help fund their Indian inland fishing negotiations within the Federal court directives.
- April, 2006 - \$1,000 Grant.** To Sterling Heights High School to initiate a "Salmon in the Classroom" program.
- January, 2006 - \$1,000 Grant.** To the Detroit Area Kids Fishing Derby for their 2006 derby.



**Al Weichert accepts the
2010 Member of the Year award
from President Mark Williams**

Fishin' With DAS Friends

After the October meeting Denis Harper, Steve Genoff and myself Mike Tomlan Jr. decided to go to the November FISH-OFF between METRO-WEST STEEL-HEADERS and DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS on the Big Manistee River. We fished this tournament last



Doug Kay with a nice Steelie caught on Friday

year and had a great time. After a few phone call's we decided to leave at 4 AM on Friday November 5, 2010. Unfortunately Steve could not make the trip do to health reasons. So I made a phone call to Doug Kay a good friend of mine. He decided to go with us. At 4 AM Denis arrived and we loaded his stuff in the Dodge Ram and left to pick up Doug in Davison. Upon loading his equipment we went on our way. When we got just east of Cadillac we hit SNOW. It was coming down pretty good. We stopped at McDonalds for breakfast and coffee. When we left, there was snow on the roads, so I had to drive a little more carefully. But we arrived at our destination Matson's Big Manistee River Campground around 8 AM, it was too early to check in so we loaded the boat and launched.

So here it goes, we decided to go down river to fish a long run we call "high bank power lines". Denis decided to what plugs and colors we would use. Denis and Doug put the lures on and set the lines down. Denis told Doug 5 bars back, or fifty feet back on the reels. We had six rods set. Rod 1 had gold black back with a red lip Wiggle Wart. Rod 2 had gold orange back Willie's Worm. Rod 3 had chrome green back Wil-lie's Worm. Rod 4 had a gold with green back Wil-lie's Worm and CAGI fish attractant. Rod 5 had a green Wee Wart. Rod 6 had a gold orange back Hot Shot.



Dennis Harper shows off his Steelhead.

Now being in a 19 foot Carolina Skiff, it's pretty hard to keep the boat in one position, so we let the forty pound anchor hold it, The anchor just touches the bottom. We use a method which we call the push back (PB)

method . You push back on the oars so the boat drifts back from three to seven feet and stops.

We went through this run in about an hour or so, but no hits. So we went up river past Bear Creek launch to another run we will call Bob's run. Before we could set all lines rod 6 just started to pound "FISH-ON". Denis gave the pole to Doug while we cleared the other rods. Doug fought the jumping Steelie for a while, before we netted the fish. It was a nice four pound fish, nice fresh run. Just to let you know this run is about five hundred feet. We set lines again and a few PB's when rod four goes off. It took Denis some time to bring his fish in, but we netted it. We had another two fish on that same rod and landed them both. When we got to the end of this run we decided for a pit stop and lunch on shore. We reminisced about fishing this run and others from past trips.



Mike Tomlan, the author, with a beautiful Steelhead

After filling our stomachs we went back down river to just below Bear Creek. While we were setting line I was amazed at how many boats were coming and going. We set the same lures down with five and six bars on the reels, about fifty to sixty back. Quite a few PB's when rod four goes off, Denis quickly yells



Jerry Zabel accepts the Travelling Plaque from Mark Platt of the Metro-West Steelheaders

"FISH-ON" which anybody half mile up or down river could hear. He grabbed the rod, this is a nice fish. Of course they're all nice fish. He fought this fish for a while and then we netted it. We ended up losing one more fish in this run . We decided to go back to the campground and clean these fish and settle in and have dinner. For the tally we had five fish and could not wait for tomorrow's FISH-OFF.

After a good nights sleep we made breakfast. We also made lunch and coffee to go. We set line just past Matson's called Doug's run. It was still too dark to see

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what the heck was going on so we waited for light to come. A few boats passed us going down river. Most were charters. We pushed this run for about forty-five minutes when rod six bends down "FISH-ON". Well, by the time I got my ass off the seat and got to the rod the fish was off. So much for getting old, can't quite get in gear fast. Shi_ it sucks to get old. I checked the rod to make sure everything was OK. After setting it back, Denis did a good number of PB's when rod four goes off.



Enjoyin' the Pot Luck dinner afterwards.

This time all of us saw the rod bend and zing-zing. I got to the rod lightning speed, I wish, "FISH-ON". It was a screamer, jumping, swimming up and down river. I had a hard time fighting this fish when it decided to head toward a log jam. Well, the fish got hung-up so we drifted to the jam. Freeing the line from the log I was disappointed in that the fish was gone. This was no small fish. Oh well, can't catch 'em all. Saturday was just too nice, no clouds sunny and warmer.

We reset the lines again, watched a few boats go by and settled in for more fish. Denis pushed back for a little while when rod three starts screaming. "FISH-ON". This might have been the fish that was missed earlier. We netted this fish and weighed it at about eight pounds. We fished the rest of the day with no luck at most of the runs we knew. So at 4 PM we headed back to camp. We loaded the food we were going to take to the FISH-OFF meeting which was just down the road; we also brought the fish. A half hour later after arriving, they took pictures of the fish that were caught. At the same time, Jerry Zabel of the DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS accepted the TRAVELING FISH-OFF PLAQUE from Mark Platt of METRO-WEST



Mike & the guys' favorite baits

again. After the award, we went in for great food. We had a great time talking to other fishermen about the day's fishing. All and all it was most enjoyable.

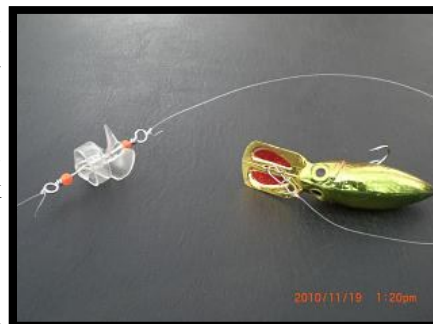
Sunday morning we fished Doug's run at around

8 AM. I was at the oars when rod 6 bent over hard - FISH-ON. Denis got to the rod and started to fight the fish. Doug and I cleared the other lines. Denis could tell this was a nice fish. I moved the boat to the middle of the river, so the fish would not get in the log jams. I turned to my left saw another boat coming toward us and waived him to the left. Just then the fish screamed down stream when- snap -the line broke and the monster fish was gone. A few choice words came from all of us, but hey, what the heck that's fishing. After that, we decided to go down river and look for new runs to fish. We fished until noon then came back to the launch and headed for home. It was a very good time spent fishing with good friends.

Here are a few things you might want to know:

- Rods- medium action eight foot
- Reels- 4 ABU-GARCIA AMBASSADEUR 5000 & 2 ABU-GARCIA AMBASSADEUR 6000
- Line- Trilene big-game twelve to fifteen pound test. Cheap and works good
- Lures- Hot Shots, Wiggle-Warts, Willies Worms, Hot-N-Tots, Hog Boss Super Toads (try to find this one.)
- Fish attractor- CAGI SONIC ATTRACTOR

To get to know the river and the runs to fish, it's a good idea to charter a few trips up and down the river. Or just ask some of the guys that fish the Big Manistee.



Cagi Sonic Attractor & Willie's Worm

Now when I say get to know the river I mean it. I hit two stumps on this trip one while talking on the Cell Phone. Won't do that any more. Plus the water level was a little low.

Note: Enjoy the times spent with good friends and family. Listen to the sounds of the great outdoors. Look at the scenery around you, enjoy the wild life, This is what memories are made of. This is quality time. Fish are just a bonus. "FISH- ON".

Mike Tomlan Jr.

Take Your Kid Fishing!

Push Back = Fish On

In early November, I participated in the Fish-off between the Detroit Area Steelheaders (DAS) and the Metro-West Steelheaders. I went with my long time fishing partner Mike Tomlan Jr. and another friend of his, Doug Kay. We had a great time on the river and Mike wrote an article for our newsletter describing our trip. As I read his article I started to think about what made our trip successful for us.

We fish from Mike's 19 foot Carolina Skiff that he built for river fishing using what we call the push back method. This technique is a variation of what is called "Hot Shotting". Using diving crank baits, lines are set out from the stern of the boat after anchoring in a likely run. Mike's boat has a beam of about 6 feet so we can run six rods pretty comfortably. We use 8 to 8 ½ foot rods for a spread of approximately 20 feet. We let the plugs dive to the bottom, out 40 to 60 feet depending on the depth of the water. We check the rods to make sure all the plugs are working correctly and then use the oars to push the boat downstream 5 to 10 feet at a time. The anchor (heavy chain, lead pyramid or whatever works) drags on the bottom and we adjust the depth of it so that we can move the boat easily and stop when we pull back on the oars. We let the plugs work in the current for a short while and then push the boat down again. While we are stationary we use the oars to slide us side to side. This lets the plugs work in a wider spread. I generally work the run a little faster than Mike. The fish will let us know if we are too fast or too slow going downstream. We watch the rod tips to make sure everything is running ok. If a rod is not moving we check to see if we have hung up in logs, seaweed or leaves. A plug that is not working right won't catch fish.

When we look for a potential area to fish, we generally look for log jams or points at the end of an open section along the bank of the river. Some runs may only be 100 foot long while others may be several hundred feet long. We will set up at the head of the run and work our way down to the log jam or point. We also look at the current. Steelhead will look for current breaks to settle in and move into the current to feed. Breaks in the current could be gravel bars, logs, tree stumps or even trees that have fallen in the river. Some runs will have good current all the way to the bank while others may be closer to the middle of the river. When we approach a new run we let out the plugs and let them tell us where we need to be. Some plugs work best in a slow current while others work best in a much faster current

Almost any type of crank bait can be used for this technique. Common choices are "Hot Shots", "Wiggle Warts", "Hot-n-Tots", "Willy's Worms" and "Kwikfish" in various colors and sizes. Diving depths should range from about 3 to 10 feet. On the Manistee we generally use gold and chrome plugs with black or green backs. Other colors we have used are chartreuse, orange, purple and blue in the metallic finishes. We also modify most of our plugs by removing both of the factory hooks and installing a larger hook to the middle of the lure. This reduces the number of hang-ups we get and gives the fish a better chance of hooking up. However, some plugs will not work right with only one hook so we leave those alone. We do make sure the hooks are sharp. Steelhead will hit these plugs hard but if the hooks aren't sharp it is fish off instead of fish on.



The equipment we use is pretty straight forward. We have six 8 to 8 ½ foot graphite or graphite composite rods. We have the best rods we could afford. The reels are Abu Garcia Ambassador level winds. They have been around forever and they are very reliable. The reels are loaded with 12 to 15 pound "Trilene Big Game" monofilament line. We use a little heavier line than some other fishermen but it

helps get the plugs out of snags on the bottom or when we hang up in the logs. We also keep a plug puller on the boat to retrieve stubborn plugs. It is also very handy for bringing up other lures that we have found when someone else broke them off and could not retrieve them.

When moving up or down the river in the boat, we watch for other fishermen in boats or on the bank. We will slow down and give as much leeway as possible to avoid interference where they are fishing. We always give the bank fishermen more room because they don't have the access that we do. If we want to fish a run below other fishermen, we will ask permission to do so because they may be working down to that area. Most often, we don't have a problem. A little common courtesy goes a long way.

The push back method is a great way to fish for Steelhead. Years ago, Mike and I were able to fish the river with guides in drift boats and jet sleds. They were learning experiences we will never forget. While not everyone can afford to go out with a guide, you can still learn how to do it by reading, going to seminars and just talking to other fishermen who have learned this technique. As life members of the DAS we feel that it is important to share what we have learned over the years. Give this method a try and you will soon be yelling FISH ON.

Denis Harper

DAS Skipper's Honor Roll

1976	1. John Makela 2. Murrell Blackburn 3. Chuck Cartwright 4. Paul Irvine 5. Steve Hamilton	Sisu Fish'n 5 Tuna Boat Yellow Jacket Valhalla
1977	1. Chuck Cartwright 2. John Makela 3. Murrell Blackburn 4. Bob Kring 5. Larry Atwell	Tuna Boat Sisu Tuna Boat Drifter Cobra
1978	1. Jerry Lee Complete Standings For 1978 are unavailable	Sea Screw
1979	1. Jerry Lee 2. Howard Mills 3. Larry Atwell 4. Jim Treadaway 5. Bob Kring	Sea Screw Paramour Cobra Okie Drifter Drifter
1980	1. Jerry Lee 2. Terry Cholette 3. Toby Lampi 4. Randy Cope 5. Ed Yankowski II	Sea Screw Fishin' Fever Jessie III Ouzo Too Least Likely
1981	1. Bob Kring 2. Toby Lampi 3. Bob Kanas 4. Jerry Lee 5. Jewell Harris	Drifter Jessie III Least Likely Sea Screw Cannonball
1982	1. Brian Glaser 2. Toby Lampi 3. Mike Curzenski 4. Bob Kring 5. R.J. Branham	Least Likely Jessie III Nooner Drifter Seahawk
1983	1. Gerry Ciurzenski 2. Mike Boroniec 3. R.J. Branham 4. Bob Kozar 5. Ed Yankowski II	Jawbuster Horsefly Seahawk Snowman Least Likely
1984	1. Bob Kanas 2. Ed Choiniski 3. Darrin Harris 3. Bob Ksionzek 3. Mike Zelkowski	Least Likely Kneeknocker Cannonball Last Dime Elvira
1985	1. Darrin Harris 2. Joel Garinger 3. Bruce Choiniski 4. Tom Chojnowski 5. Ed McIntosh	Cannonball Fishbusters Kneeknocker Sea Con Sweet Lorraine
1986	1. Bob Mitchell 2. Greg Clifford 3. Chuck Wood 4. Dave Even 5. Blaise Pewinski	Kemo Outlaw Predator Teachers Pet Sea Hag
1987	1. Greg Clifford 2. Bob Mitchell 3. Don Redmond 4. Steve Banovic 5. Dick Shirk, Lil	Outlaw Kemo Trena Dawn Exaggerator Scratch
1988	1. Bob Mitchell 2. Dave Even 3. Dick Shirk 4. Don Redmond 5. Steve Banovic	Kemo Teachers Pet Lil' Scratch Trena Dawn Exaggerator
1989	1. Bob Mitchell 2. Steve Banovic 3. Ron Huey 4. Ron Hartman 5. Don Anton	Kemo Exaggerator Half R's Molly Frail Happy Bare
1990	1. Bob Mitchell 2. Dave Even 3. Dick Shirk 4. Rob Pinski 5. Mike Wakulski	Kemo Teachers Pet Lil' Scratch Anticipation Wet Paint
1991	1. Bob Mitchell 2. Dave Even 3. Don Redmond 4. Dick Shirk 5. Joe Golaszewski	Kemo Teachers Pet Trena Dawn Lil' Scratch Lucky Falcon
1992	1. Bob Mitchell 2. Dave Even 3. Tom Moores 4. Dick Shirk 5. Mike Wakulski	Kemo Teacher's Pet Karefree Lil' Scratch Wet Paint
1993	1. Dave Even 2. Don Redmond 3. Joe Golaszewski 4. Leon Van Eden 5. Chris Nytko	Teachers Pet Trena Dawn Lucky Falcon Bull Head Aquarius II
1994	1. Joe Golaszewski 2. Jimmy Hardrick 3. Chris Nytko 4. Ron Hartman 5. Paul Schoenrade	Lucky Falcon My Dream Aquarius II Molly Frail Eagle Two
1995	1. Bob Mitchell 2. Don Redmond 3. Daniel Dima 4. Rob Golaszewski 5. Dave Roehr	Kemo Trena Dawn Taz Lucky Falcon Floating Holiday
1996	1. Dick Shirk 2. Rob Golaszewski 3. Chris Nytko 4. Paul Nowak 5. Don Redmond	Lil' Scratch Lucky Falcon Aquarius II Nothin' But Fun Trena Dawn
1997	1. Rob Golaszewski 2. Chris Nytko 3. Paul Colone 4. Bob Buero 5. Jimmy Hardrick	Lucky Falcon Aquarius II The Kidd Mickey Mouse Club My Dream
1998	1. Don Redmond 2. Chris Nytko 3. Dick Shirk 4. Rob Golaszewski 5. Paul Schoenrade	Trena Dawn Aquarius II Lil' Scratch Lucky Falcon Eagle III
1999	1. Mark Stosiak 2. Stan Bilek 3. Chris Nytko 4. Dick Shirk 5. Paul Schoenrade	Tomorrow's Dream Blue Star Aquarius II Lil' Scratch Eagle III
2000	1. Chris Nytko 2. Stan Bilek 3. Mark Stosiak 4. Dick Shirk 5. Bill Nutting	Aquarius II Blue Star Tomorrow's Dream Lil' Scratch Just Once
2001	1. Mark Stosiak 2. Chris Nytko 3. Joe Von Grabe 4. Mike Vigus 5. Doug Karakas	Tomorrow's Dream Aquarius II Sloppy Joe Crusader Capt'n Hook
2002	1. Chris Nytko 2. Doug Karakas 3. Joe Von Grabe 4. Bill Dunk 5. Mark Bevans	Aquarius II Capt'n Hook Sloppy Joe Free Bird In-Seine
2003	1. Bill Dunk 2. Mike Vigus 3. Joe Von Grabe 4. Blaise Pewinski 5. Mark Bevans	Free Bird Crusader Sloppy Joe Sea Hag In-Seine
2004	1. Blaise Pewinski 2. Chris Nytko 3. Joe Von Grabe 4. Mike Vigus 5. Bob Feisel	Sea Hag Aquarius II Sloppy Joe Crusader Vicki's Seacret
2005	1. Bob Paradise 2. Joe Von Grabe 3. Tom Gorguze 4. Dave Linder 5. Bob Feisel	Almost Paradise Sloppy Joe Bad Dog No Limit Vicki's Seacret
2006	1. Joe Von Grabe 2. Mark Williams 3. Tom Gorguze 4. Bob Jones 5. Dave Linder	Sloppy Joe Silver Addiction Bad Dog Bobby's Toy No Limit
2007	1. Bob Paradise 2. Joe Von Grabe 3. Mark Williams 4. Tim Robinson 5. Bob Feisel	Almost Paradise Sloppy Joe Silver Addiction Pride N Joy Vicki's Seacret
2008	1. Mark Williams 2. Tom Gorguze 3. Bob Feisel 4. Dave Linder 5. Bob Jones	Silver Addiction Bad Dog Vicki's Seacret No Limit Bobby's Toy
2009	1. Mark Williams 2. Sea Hag 3. Bob Jones 4. Bob Paradise 5. Bob Feisel	Silver Addiction Blaise Pewinski Bobby's Toy Almost Paradise Vicki's Seacret
2010	1. Bob Paradise 2. Tom Gorguze 3. Bob Jones 4. Joe Von Grabe 5. Doug Karakas	Almost Paradise Bad Dog Bobby's Toy Sloppy Joe E-Fish-N-Sea



Skipper of the Year Standings 2010

FINAL

Best 5

	Boat Name	Skipper Name	Lexington	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Pentwater	Manistee I	Ladies Day	Ludington II	Manistee II	Onkama	Total Points	Best 6	Best 7	Best 8	Best 9
1	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	2	1	6	75	1	1	1	1	75	5	7	13	88	163
2	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	1	6	75	3	6	75	3	2	1	10	16	22	97	172
3	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	3	2	9	5	3	3	4	7	2	13	17	22	29	38
4	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	75	75	7	1	2	75	2	4	75	16	91	166	241	316
5	E-Fish-N-Sea	Doug Karakas	75	4	2	2	5	75	6	50	75	19	69	144	219	294
6	Thor's Hammer	Al Weichert	75	75	3	4	75	2	8	5	50	22	72	147	222	297
7	Vick's Seacret	Bob Feisel	50	75	10	50	8	5	5	3	4	25	35	85	135	210
8	Lucky Strike	Ron Pal	75	8	11	75	4	6	7	50	3	28	39	89	164	239
9	Channing	Dan Chisolm	50	7	12	75	9	4	75	75	75	82	157	232	307	382
10	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	4	5	13	75	75	75	75	8	75	105	180	255	330	405
11	Miss Dipsey	Jody Robinson	75	75	1	75	7	50	75	75	75	208	283	358	433	508
12	Silver Addiction	Mark Williams	75	3	4	75	75	75	75	75	75	232	307	382	457	532
13	Lucky Strike 2	Jay Hoch	75	75	8	75	75	75	75	6	75	239	314	389	464	539
14	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	75	75	75	75	10	75	75	9	75	244	319	394	469	544
15	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	75	75	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	305	380	455	530	605

	Weight	Species	Boat Name
Big Fish	19.00	King	Bobby's Toy
	19.00	King	Bobby's Toy
	9.15	Coho	Bobby's Toy
	9.50	Lake Trout	Bobby's Toy
	7.95	Steelhead	Lucky Strike
	9.30	Brown	Lucky Strike
	0.00	Atlantic	
	0.00	Pink	

	Lexington	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Pentwater	Manistee I	Ladies Day	Ludington II	Manistee II	Onkama	Year
Number of Boats	6	8	13	6	10	7	8	11	6	75
Kings	0	75	117	11	31	17	41	38	7	337
Cohos	0	12	3	1	1	1	4	5	0	27
Lake Trout	8	3	14	4	10	0	1	0	0	40
Steelhead	1	0	9	3	2	1	1	0	0	17
Browns	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Atlantics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pinks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	9	90	143	19	46	19	47	43	7	423

2010 Skipper of the Year Photos



1st Place - "Almost Paradise" - Bob Paradise



2nd Place - "Bad Dog" - Tom Gorguze



3rd Place - "Bobby's Toy" - Bob Jones

More 2010 Skipper of the Year Photos



4th Place - "Sloppy Joe" - Joe Von Grabe



5th Place - "E-Fish-N-Sea" - Doug Karakas

DAS BIG FISH OF THE YEAR 1978-2010

Year	Species	Wgt. In Lbs.	Boat Name	Caught By	Tournament
2010	King	19.00	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	Ludington II
2009	King	20.45	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	Manistee
2008	King	18.60	Silver Addiction	Mark Williams	Manistee II
2007	King	17.15	Thor's Hammer	Al Weichert	Manistee I
2006	King	22.10	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	Ludington Ladies Day
2005	King	19.45	Hawkeye	Larry Walter	Ludington Ladies Day
2004	King	22.05	Silver Addiction	Mark Williams	Ludington I
2003	King	26.30	The Office	Duane Dean	Manistee
2002	King	23.63	Gary Ruprich	Rupe	Manistee
2001	King	28.07	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	Manistee
2000	King	27.44	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	Manistee
1999	Coho	29.06	Eagle III	Dave Staniczewski	Manistee
1998	King	28.69	Molly Frair	Ron Hartman	Manistee
1997	King	24.44	My Dream	Jim Hardrick	Manistee
1996	King	26.44	Trena Dawn	Joel Garinger	Ludington
1995	King	27.06	Fish-N-Tails	Doug Fellows	Manistee
1994	King	26.12	Main Squeeze	Walt Pohorily	Rogers City
1993	King	27.25	Karefree	Tom Moores	Presque Isle
1992	King	25.50	Eagle II	Paul Schoenrade	Lexington
1991	King	25.50	Kemo	Bob Mitchell	Ludington
1990	King	26.14	Misery III	Al Schultz	Rogers City
1989	King	28.50	Molly Frair	Ron Hartman	Rogers City
1988	King	25.00	Trena Dawn	Don Redmond	Rogers City
1987	King	22.19	Cap't Hook	Doug Karakas	Rogers City
1986	King	22.11	Nuf-4-Me	Art Dennis	Ludington
1985	King	23.50	More-N-Likely	Bob Kanas	Harbor Beach
1984	King	25.50	Kneeknocker	Ed Choinski	Ludington
1983	King	26.38	Sea Esta	Bill Achtenburg	Ludington
1982	King	25.69	Sea Esta	Bill Achtenburg	Ludington
1981	King	28.00	Valhalla	Steve Hamilton	Ludington
1980	King	30.12	Fishing Fever	Terry Cholette	Ludington
1979	King	26.13	Drifter	Bob Kring	Unknown
1978	King	25.80	Valhalla	Steve Hamilton	Unknown

How Does a Barometer Measure Air Pressure?

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What Is a Barometer?

A barometer is a widely used weather instrument that measures atmospheric pressure (also known as air pressure or barometric pressure) - the weight of the air in the atmosphere.

There are two main types of barometers – the most widely available and reliable Mercury Barometers, or the newer digital friendly Aneroid Barometer.

How does a Barometer Work?

The classic mercury barometer is typically a glass tube about 3 feet high with one end open and the other end sealed. The tube is filled with mercury. This glass tube sits upside down in a container, called the reservoir, which also contains mercury. The mercury level in the glass tube falls, creating a vacuum at the top. The first barometer of this type was devised by Evangelista Torricelli in 1643.

The barometer works by balancing the weight of mercury in the glass tube against the atmospheric pressure just like a set of scales. If the weight of mercury is less than the atmospheric pressure, the mercury level in the glass tube rises. If the weight of mercury is more than the atmospheric pressure, the mercury level falls.

Atmospheric pressure is basically the weight of air in the atmosphere above the reservoir, so the level of mercury continues to change until the weight of mercury in the glass tube is exactly equal to the weight of air above the reservoir.

In areas of low pressure, air is rising away from the surface of the earth more quickly than it can be replaced by air flowing in from surrounding areas. This reduces the weight of air above the reservoir so the mercury level drops to a lower level.

In contrast, in areas of high pressure, air is sinking toward the surface of the earth more quickly than it can flow out to surrounding areas. There is more air above the reservoir, so the weight of air is higher and the mercury rises to a higher level to balance things out.

Modern Technology and Barometric Pressure

The majority of modern weather instruments — such as weather stations — can measure barometric pressure, but use a digital barometer that uses electrical charges to measure air pressure. This enables them to take multiple accurate recordings of the pressure and produce more accurate weather forecasts.

Using Atmospheric Pressure to Forecast the Weather

Changes in atmospheric pressure are one of the most commonly used ways to forecast changes in the weather because weather patterns are carried around in regions of high and low pressure. Weather maps use lines of equal pressure called [isobars](#) to indicate areas of equal pressure.

A slowly rising atmospheric pressure, over a week or two, typically indicates settled weather that will last a long time. A sudden drop in atmospheric pressure over a few hours often fore-

casts an approaching storm, which will not last long, with heavy rain and strong winds.

Pioneering meteorologist Vice-Admiral Robert Fitzroy once noted: *"long foretold, long last; short notice, soon past"*. By carefully watching the pressure on a barometer, you can forecast local weather using these simple guidelines:

- Decreasing barometric pressure indicates storms, rain and windy weather.
- Rising barometric pressure indicates good, dry, and colder weather.
- Slow, regular and moderate falls in pressure suggest a low pressure area is passing in a nearby region. Marked changes in the weather where you are located are unlikely.
- Small rapid decreases in pressure indicate a nearby change in weather. They are usually followed by brief spells of wind and showers.
- A quick drop in pressure over a short time indicates a storm is likely in 5 to 6 hours.
- Large, slow and sustained decreasing pressure forecasts a long period of poor weather. The weather will be more pronounced if the pressure started rising before it began to drop.
- A rapid rise in pressure, during fair weather and average, or above average pressure, indicates a low pressure cell is approaching. The pressure will soon decrease forecasting poorer weather.
- Quickly rising pressure, when the pressure is low, indicates a short period of fair weather is likely.
- A large, slow and sustained rise in pressure forecasts a long period of good weather is on its way.

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Theory of the Effect of Barometric Pressure on Fishing Activity

The effect of barometric pressure on fishing feeding activity is one of the more interesting theories. In short, the theory proposes that a dropping air pressure brings on feeding activity, rising pressure turns the fish off feeding, high pressure results in the fish moving to shallower water, and low pressure results in fish moving to deeper water. This article will provide an overview on barometric pressure, summarize various theories about why atmospheric pressure affects fishing activity, and then summarize in tabular fashion the generally accepted fish behaviors with various barometric patterns.

Barometric pressure is the measure of the weight of the atmosphere above us. A barometer is used to measure air pressure. The earliest barometer consisted of a glass vacuum tube inserted into a container of mercury which was exposed to the pressure of the air. Increased air pressure would force the mercury up the tube in a height proportional to the pressure. The height was measured in inches (inHg) or in millibars (1 inch = 33.864 millibars). Although new types of barometers are now used, these measures are still in place. In general, 30 inHg or 1016 millibars is considered to be normal air pressure. In normal weather, 30.5 is considered extreme high, and 28.5 is considered extreme low. The measures are taken at sea level, a higher elevation has less atmosphere above it, so a correction factor against the normal measure is needed depending on altitude.

It is believed that the effect of barometric pressure is greater in shallow water than deep, probably due to the pressure of the weight of the water in deep water being so high, that the air pressure above it is not relatively significant.

The principal theory, is that the effect of changing pressure on the swim bladders of fish makes them uncomfortable or disoriented. In this theory, the fish will move to feel well, or they feel bloated or full. With a lowering barometer, it is believed these fish move into deep water seeking higher water pressure and ride out the low pressure around structures. The theory suggests that just prior to change from a high to a low, fish will bite like crazy until the low hits and then stop. The difficulty with this theory, is that water is 900 times more dense than air, and generates significantly more pressure than air. In fact, a 3 foot wave will produce a variation of pressure more significant than can be expected from a change in atmospheric pressure through

a dramatic change, and the wave effect is happening every few seconds, rather than the hours or days that the atmospheric changes takes to occur.

Frankly, given that the pressure of water depth is such a significantly greater factor than the pressure of atmosphere, it seems likely that the weather conditions created by changes in barometric pressure, such as clouds, rain and wind, have more effect on fishing than the barometric pressure alone. So in the opinion of the author, barometric change is a good indicator of fishing change, but it's not because of the pressure change by itself, as much as what other weather conditions are likely to occur because of the pressure change.

The following table attempts to summarize the barometric pressure, and observations on fish activity and fishing techniques.

Pressure Trend	Typical Weather	Fish Behavior	Suggested Fishing Tactics
High	Clear Skies	Fish seek cover, look for logs, weeds in shallows. If water too warm, will stop biting.	Fish structure close to surface, with shallow crankbaits, etc..
Rising	Clearing or Improving	Fish start to move out of deeper water. After a day or so, go to normal feeding.	Fish with brighter lures and near cover, moving from deeper water to shallower
Normal and Stable	Fair	Normal activity.	Experiment with your favorite baits and lures.
Falling	Degrading	Most active feeding.	Range of different methods. Surface and shallow running lures may
Slightly Lower	Usually Cloudy	Fish seek deeper water, with water temp maybe also slowing them down. May need to settle	Use deep running lures at a moderate speed.
Low	Rainy and Stormy	Fish move to deeper structures, may not feed.	Fish deep structures, vary your methods.

Of course, the longer a period of high feeding activity, the more likely the fish are to stop feeding. And the longer the period of inactivity, the more likely the fish are to start feeding.

Draw your own conclusions on the effect of a changing barometric pressure on fishing activity. Whether pressure changes by themselves cause feeding changes may be in question, but the patterns seem to be there regardless.

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