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July Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, July 26, 2011 7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
Northwest corner,
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured:**
River guide Doug Samsal on
Salmon Fishing Techniques in the
Big Manistee River
- **Other Happenings:**
Fly of the Month, Pentwater
report, Ladies day & Ludington II
tournament info, Fishing reports,
Tackle raffles, 75-25 Drawing &
more
- **Up-To-Date Information on
the DAS website at:**
www.detroitsteelheaders.com

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About Our Featured Guest Speaker for July ...

Welcome! My name is Doug Samsal, A little about myself. My mother, a full blooded Canadian and being raised on Lake Of The Woods, Kenora Ontario, gave me a lifetime incentive for fishing Musky, Bass, Walleye and Pike.

In 1977, I purchased a cabin near the Big Manistee River at Wellston, Michigan and began absorbing all the details on how to catch the mighty Steelhead. Entering and winning many fishing tournaments, I soon became a licensed river guide. My interests grew into Lake Michigan and Lake Erie but the WORLD CLASS Musky,



Smallmouth Bass and Walleye combo drew me to Lake St Clair, St Clair and Detroit River. Fishing is my life and I enjoy sharing my many years of experience with others. I've been featured on many TV shows such as In-Fisherman with Steve Quinn, Fishing 411 with Mark Romanack, Michigan Out Of Doors with Kelly Gotch and Jenny Olsen are my most recent. I also was featured in Bass Masters Magazine and many local publications. In the winter months I am a accomplished seminar speaker at many sports shows in Michigan. I have also been given the nick name of Bass Pro Shops (Preferred Guide) at Auburn Hills Bass Pro Shop.

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Couldn't Make the June Meeting?

Filling in for an ill President Bob Jones, Bob Ksionzek called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm with 43 members in attendance. The first order of business was to make sure everyone received their Fly of the Month donated by Strong Flies. While that was being done, Bob K. pointed out that Director Tom Gorguze had the new DAS hats on hand and they were available for purchase. They sure are nifty looking hats featuring the embroidered DAS Logo on the front and available in off-white or black. They can even be personalized with a boat name across the back.

Featured guest speaker Dr. Kelly Smith, Chief of the MDNR Fisheries Division was a no-show for reasons unknown. Hopefully we can reschedule him so he can update us on what is happening to the fishery as far as

the State is concerned. Bob Ksionzek, being co-Tournament director, then gave a detailed account of what transpired at the much anticipated Olcott NY tournament. Bob presented the results, handed out the place tags and let 1st place skipper Paul Gjeldum on the "Blue Horizon" give away his secrets and tell us all what worked for him. Paul's account was very informative as well as humorous with the comic duo of Bob Paradise and Gaspare Aragona serving as his crew. Bob K. as well as all those on hand, was pleased with the turnout, outcome and deemed the event a success and is looking forward to returning next year.

After a 15 minute break, Bob Ksionzek presented the details for the upcoming Pent-

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water tournament and called upon Port Captain Joe Von Grabe to let every one know what to expect and how to prepare for the July 9th event. Bob then reminded and urged everyone to use the DAS website more. It is a great easy way for members to share information on the message board. He then took numerous fishing reports from the floor as it seemed they was plenty of good fishing to be had around the State.

The raffles then followed and featured plenty of great fishing tackle as has come to be expected. In the 75/25 drawings, 1st place and \$61 was won by Jim Zanke and Blaise Pewinski for the 2nd meeting in a row took home the 2nd prize of \$31. Congratulations to them both! Unfortunately, Bill Stanley was not present to claim the \$100 cash prize in the Every Member drawing. Bill you have to come to ALL the meetings to avoid this happening. Sorry. Bob K. adjourned the meeting at 9:35pm.

Fishin' Funnies

A man was stopped by a game warden in Northern Michigan recently with two buckets of fish leaving a lake well known for its fishing. The game warden asked the man, "Do you have a license to catch those fish?" The man replied to the game warden, "No, sir. These are my pet fish."

"Pet fish?" the warden replied.

"Yes, sir. Every night I take these here fish down to the lake and let them swim around for a while. I whistle and they jump back into their buckets, and I take em home."

"That's a bunch of hooley! Fish can't do that!"

The man looked at the game warden for a moment, and then said, "Here, I'll show you. It really works."

"Okay, I've GOT to see this!" The game warden was curious now. The man poured the fish in to the lake and stood and waited. After several minutes, the game warden turned to the man and said: "Well?"

"Well, What?" the man responded. "When are you going to call them back?" the game warden prompted.

"Call who back?" the man asked. "The FISH." "What fish?" the man asked.

Membership News

Renewed Memberships

Don Anton	Steve Hamilton	Dave Roehr
Gaspere Aragona	Dennis Holoway	Al Wiechert

Memberships Expired in June or July

Jason Adam	Denny Davis	Bruce Tufford
Lou Bacsikin	Capt. Steve Jones	George Vidusic
Ron Clewett	Jack MacFarlane	
Ron Connors	Gary Ruprich	

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

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This article is the last 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.

July & August Kings

by Captain Mark Williams



There are two keys to using the Fly of the month, which I have found to optimize the performance of the Strong Fly.

First is the lead length. I run all my flies behind either the Classic 11" paddle or the 8" Spin Doctor. I generally start them 15 to 20 feet behind the ball and see what happens. If I am taking and seeing fish at the depth I have the Fly, I will start to lengthen the lead length. I will continue to do this until I hit fish. Generally, I have found the Paddles to work best with a lead length of 40 to 60 foot behind the rigger and the Spin Doctors to be 20 to 40 foot behind the rigger. However, I have had success at 100 to 120 foot as well. I let the fish decide.

When running them on the divers, I use a six foot lead behind the snubber on all my divers, regardless of the fly being behind the paddle or Spin Doctor. The second key is leader length of the fly behind the paddle. I am most successful with a 24 inch fly lead behind the Spin Doctor, and a 44" lead behind the paddle. I use the Paddle and Rotor as my measuring device.

One of the flies being given this month is The Silver Addiction Fly. I run this fly every morning on a wire diver with the 44" lead behind the black tuxedo paddle. It makes for a long rig, but I will hand line it in if necessary. It generally, will take the first or second fish of the morning every time. I also try to match the fly to the attractor, as it seems to make a difference, but I know other captains that like to mix and match.

Also, do not be afraid to run the big paddles deep. I have already taken several fish down 190, 225, 242, and 270 feet down. Finally, make sure to check your line on all your rods. Several Kings, 20 plus pounds, are in Ludington and should make for some big boxes when you fish the club events in Ludington this August.



Feel free to stop by for the latest information or give me a call at 586-747-6477. See you in Ludington!

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August tournAments At Ludington

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 Saturday, August 6th. For this tournament, the guys can set lines and net the fish but only the ladies can fight the fish. We will have a great luncheon from Ponderosa and fixings 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 get you in to the top of the standings. The following weekend, August 13, we'll go back to our regular tournament format. This year's Ludington tournament will be a one day event. In addition, this is a 333 event. For a \$20 entry fee, at the weigh-in, the Skipper will designate which 3 fish he would like to enter in the 333 before the fish are weighed. The best 3 fish total will take half of this pot with the remainder going in for the overall 333 concluding at the Manistee I tournament. Food and pop will be provided at the weigh-in as usual.

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 toward the south. Under normal conditions, most boats will be working the drop off that runs

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, we've become tangled in one and lost several cannon balls along with other equipment. 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. on Saturday. The weigh-in for both weeks will be at Peter Copeyan Park which is just off Washington Street a few miles south of town.

The Port Captain for Ladies Day is Jody Robinson and the Port Captain for Ludington II is Al Wiechert.

Good luck to everyone and see you there.

DAS Struggles on Lake Michigan continue at Pentwater

Well, things were HOT in Pentwater the weekend of July 9th. Unfortunately, it was the weather and not the fishing that was hot. The poor fishing on Lake Michigan continued for the DAS fishing fleet. We had heard that previous south winds had pushed warm water in the area but our temperature probe showed good temps from 45 ft down and below. We pre-fished by starting straight out in 100 FOW, set line and continued out to about 300 FOW. We ended up with one small throw back one fish lost, and a few dipsey hits for the morning. Checking with some of the other Captains showed they weren't fairing much better. We went back out for a few hours in the early evening and concentrated on 200-220 FOW. We had some consistent action with several fish on and a few hits so we thought we had a program for the morning. The one nice king we landed came 209 ft on a downrigger.

On Saturday morning, we headed right back to the area we pre-fished Friday evening. We got two kings within the first half hour so things were looking up. Things shut down however, when the sun came up. The only other action to speak of was a double off dipseys, about 12:30 in the afternoon with both fish lost. Most Club boats struggled all day to find fish but Bad Dog & Sea Hag managed 5 fish and Mickey Mouse Club came up with 4.

At the weigh-in, Tom Gorguze and the "Bad Dog" crew edged out Bob Buero and his crew on "Mickey Mouse Club" by a mere 1.7 points - 49.6 to 47.9 for 1st place. Of course, Tom had to massage and stretch a couple of his fish to make the 19 inch minimum. Even closer, "Mickey Mouse" just snuck by Blaise Pewinski and the "Sea Hag" crew, who had 47.2 points. Surprisingly "Mickey Mouse" weighed-in only 4 fish to the

catch of 5 for "Sea Hag". Blaise had to settle for 3rd place. Big fish was a 12.95 lb. king weighed in by Skipper Bob Feisel on "Vicki's Seacret". Even though the fishing was slow at least all boats weighed in fish and the total catch of 22 fish was a nice mixed bag of Kings, Cohos, Lakers and Steelhead. A nice luncheon of pizza and salads was provided by Pent-

water Pizza & Grinders. The usual fun and camaraderie was enjoyed by all in attendance. Thanks to all who showed up and made it a great event in spite of the fishing.

Joe Von Grabe
Port Captain

Pentwater Standings 7/9/2011																	
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
1	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	5	K 8.00	L 6.70	L 5.70	K 2.15	K 2.05	-----	-----	-----	24.60	49.60	NONE	0.00	49.60	1
2	Mickey Mouse Club	Bob Buero	4	K 10.45	L 7.30	K 6.00	S 4.15	-----	-----	-----	27.90	47.90	NONE	0.00	47.90	2	
3	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	5	S 6.25	L 5.95	C 4.05	C 3.40	K 2.55	-----	-----	22.20	47.20	NONE	0.00	47.20	3	
4	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	3	L 7.85	L 5.35	C 4.55	-----	-----	-----	-----	17.75	32.75	NONE	0.00	32.75	4	
5	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	2	K 8.35	K 7.55	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	15.90	25.90	NONE	0.00	25.90	5	
6	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	2	K 12.95	K 2.40	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	15.35	25.35	NONE	0.00	25.35	6	
7	Channing	Dan Chisolm	1	L 8.80	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	8.80	13.80	NONE	0.00	13.80	7	

	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
Largest of Each Species	Vicki's Seacret	King	12.95	
	Vicki's Seacret	King	12.95	10
	Loki-One	Coho	4.55	3
	Channing	Lake Trout	8.80	7
	Sea Hag	Steelhead	6.25	2
		Brown	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
	Pink	0.00	0	
				22

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



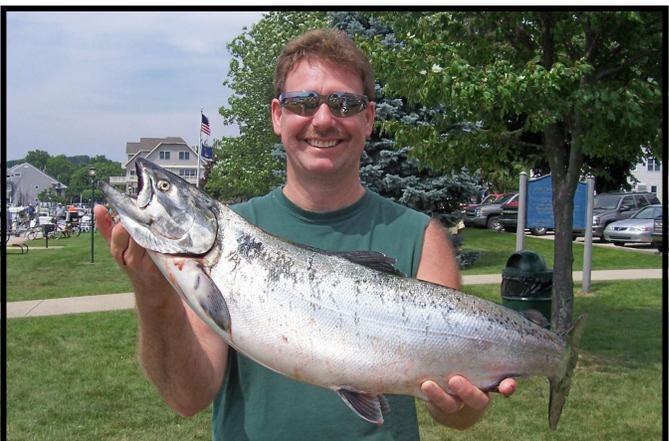
1st Place - "Bad Dog"



3rd Place - "Sea Hag"



4th Place - "Loki One"



12.95 lb. King - Big Fish - Vicki's Seacret

Dear BoatU.S. Member,

As a result of a new proposal to use radio bandwidth right next to the existing GPS service, the future reliability of the GPS system across the United States is now in question. We encourage you to contact the FCC during a short 30-day public comment period, to help them understand the public's need for continued, reliable GPS signals for safe navigation on boats, in cars, and for so many other daily uses.

To take action got to: www.BoatUS.com/gov/gpsaction

Background: Earlier this year, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) gave conditional approval to a private company, LightSquared, to begin a nationwide broadband service adjacent to the radio spectrum used for GPS. After concerns from user groups (including BoatU.S.), the FCC required significant testing and a report for potential conflicts with aviation, cellular, navigation, and four other GPS uses before this proposal could move forward. In that June 30th report the navigation sub-team concluded "that all phases of the LightSquared deployment plan will result in widespread harmful interference to GPS signals and service and that mitigation is not possible."

For more information: www.BoatUS.com/gov

In 2010 the US Coast Guard shut down Loran, leaving mariners using electronic navigation to rely solely on GPS. Now, this fast-moving threat to GPS could pull the plug on our ability to safely navigate within the U.S. Public comments on LightSquared's proposal will be taken until Saturday, July 30, 2011. Following that, the FCC will make a determination on what this private company can do with this vital public resource.

We ask that you take a minute today, as a boater and a citizen, to request that the FCC reject the proposed LightSquared plan to deploy a private nationwide broadband service that can cripple the nation's GPS systems. Because it is not easy to find your way through the FCC's comment web forms, we suggest you follow the link below. Our software will help you easily construct a letter, which will be electronically delivered to your Members of Congress and BoatU.S. We will then print your letter and hand deliver it to the FCC before they close on Friday, July 29th.

To take action got to: www.BoatUS.com/gov/gpsaction

If you have any additional questions, please contact BoatU.S. Government Affairs at Govtaffairs@BoatUS.com

Thank you for being a BoatU.S. Member!

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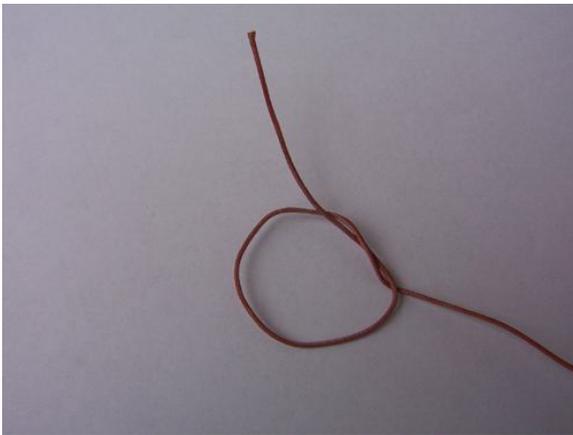
Michigan City Skamanias

Joel Garinger & I left town Wed. afternoon looking forward to a relaxed trip & Steelhead fishing out of Michigan City, Indiana. We stayed at a motel in New Buffalo which was nearby to where we wanted to fish. Thursday morning brought overcast skies but calm, so we proceeded to Mi. City, found a tackle shop, day license (\$9) and launched at Washington Park (\$22). There were only 1 or 2 other boats out plus the Coast Guard was practicing towing maneuvers, so we had the lake pretty much to ourselves. It didn't take too long before we had a hit, and the fish cleaned the bait clean off the line. Twice more that happened, one threw the hook dancing on the water and finally we got to land a fresh 10 lb. beauty. We figured out that my river leaders were no match for these fish, so we changed over to 20 lb. for Friday. After an Applebee dinner, we headed back to the motel and cleaned our fish.

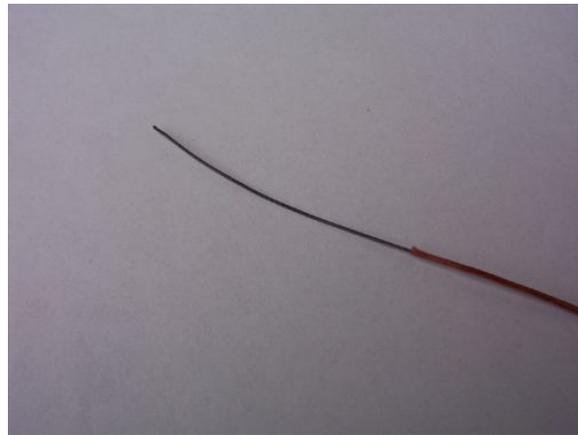
Friday, we headed back after breakfast, picked up our licenses and ice and launched at a marina (\$10) up the river and proceeded from there. We found the same water conditions, smooth with a light breeze to a high of a 6" chop, with the Coast Guard still practicing their maneuvers. This time we had full bright sun (hot) but it didn't affect the bite. We had 4 more hits, 2 got away with high-flying jumps, but we landed the other 2 after much effort. These fish are tough!! 1 at 17 lbs. And another at 18 lbs., both beauties to say the least. The count was 3 for 9 for this trip. We packed it in early so that we could get back to town in light traffic. Great trip!!

Jerry Zabel

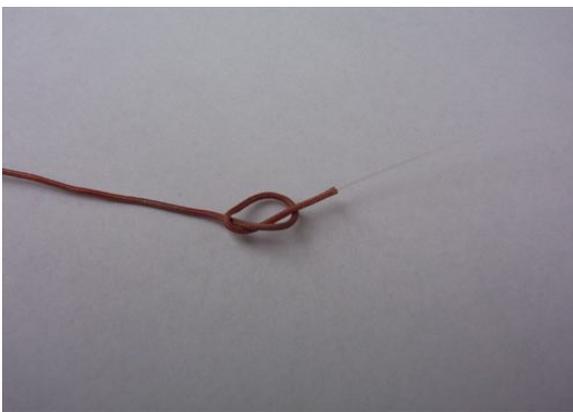
Tying a Willis Knot to secure lead core to monofilament



Make a loop in the leadcore, about 4 inches from the tag end



Next step is to slide back the outer coating (Sheath) on the leadcore line, approximately 3 inches.



Ensure that the end of the monofilament you are going to insert into the dacron sheathing is cut at a slight angle or flat. Insert your monofilament leader, so that it butts up with the lead inside, then work the knot down towards the tag end (Keep the monofilament butted up against the lead inside as you work the knot down).



Pull the knot tight, holding the dacron on each side of the knot, then snug it up tightly, holding the monofilament/leadcore to really cinch it down.

Upcoming 2011 DAS Key Dates

July 26, 2011 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
August 6, 2011 6:00am - 1:00pm	Boat Trolling Tournament Ladies Day - Ludington (P.C. Jody Robinson)
August 13, 2011 6:00am - 2:00pm	Boat Trolling Tournament Ludington II (P.C. Al Wiechert)
August 27, 2011 6:00am - 2:00pm	Boat Trolling Tournament Manistee I (P.C. Bob Paradise)
August 30, 2011 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
September 10, 2011 6:00am - 2:00pm	Boat Trolling Tournament Manistee II (P.C. Tom Gorguze)

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