



Fishin' Tales

PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE GREAT LAKES SPORTFISHERY FOR OVER 35 YEARS

February Meeting

- When:**
Tuesday, February 23, 2010
7:30pm
- Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
Northwest corner,
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- Featured Speaker :**
Capt. Richard Laaksonen -
"Trolling Basics for Changing
Conditions"
- Other Happenings:**
River tournament news, Tackle
raffles, 75-25 Drawing & more
- Up-To-Date Information on
the DAS website at:**
www.detroitsteelheaders.com

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Jerry Lee To Speak at The March Meeting



Next in the great line-up of speakers that President Mark Williams has put together, is Capt. Jerry Lee, of "Jerry's Sportfishing Charters". He will be our featured speaker at the March Membership meeting. His topic will be "Spring Tactics for Salmon and Trout". Besides being a successful Charter Captain out of St. Joe, Lake Erie and Ludington for 28 years,

Next in the great line-up of speakers that President Mark Williams has put together, is Capt. Jerry Lee,

Jerry has over 38 years of experience in salmon and walleye trolling. He is a life-time member of the DAS and was "Skipper of the Year in 1978, 1979 and 1980. Jerry is also one of the four featured speakers at the DAS's 1st Super Salmon Clinic.

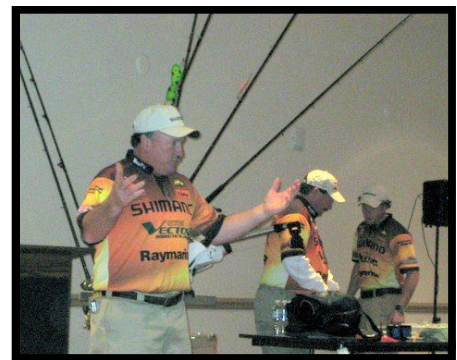
Jerry's boat, 'Sea Screw III', is a custom built 30 ft. Cherokee Charter Edition. For more charter information, you can contact Jerry at 734-421-8559 or 734-516-7417 or visit his website www.jerryleesportfishing.com.

If you missed the January meeting

Well... you missed a GREAT ONE! President Mark Williams called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm. Mark introduced Brian Farkas, a liaison from Attorney General Mike Cox's office, who gave us an update on the Asian carp situation. Thanks, Brian and thanks to new Director Anthony Lewis for setting it up. For more information visit www.stopasiancarp.com We may have a visit from Attorney General Cox himself in the next few months.

Next, Mark introduced a very pleasant surprise. Not only was there our featured speaker, Capt Bill Bale but the entire "Best Chance Too" Charter team, Capt. Dave Engel and Dave's son, Hunter as well. I can only say this; that they put together one heck of a presentation on "Trolling Tips and Techniques for Copper Wire Fishing". Dave did most of the talking, but Bill filled in when Dave needed a break and Hunter demonstrated rods, reels, baits, knots etc. I wouldn't even attempt to write down the

amount of information these guys presented, you had to be there. During the time they fielded questions, Hunter was passing out lots of tackle to those curious



members. They spoke for over an hour and a half. In addition to this, they donated a ton of tackle and videos to the Club.

Thanks to Dave, Bill and Hunter for one great presentation! They certainly have "raised the bar".

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Following the break, Mark introduced Mark Platt from the Metro-West Steelheaders who presented Jerry Zabel, the retired River, Surf & Pier Fishing Chairman, the traveling plaque for the "ass whuppin" the

DAS boys gave to Metro-West at the Manistee River event. Congratulations, Jerry and the boys!

Mark then gave the floor to Co-Tournament Director Bob Ksionzek, who presented the 2010 Boat Trolling Schedule and had updates on the rule changes and the new '333' format.

To wrap up the meeting, there were the tackle raffles with the usual, great prizes. In the 75-25 drawing, Bruce Turnage claimed the \$97 1st place prize while Director Jason Adam took home \$47 for 2nd place. There also was a winner in the 'Every Member' drawing as John Gesing was in attendance and walked away with \$100 cold cash.

Membership News

New Memberships

Bill Bale	Keith Kinyon
Michael Broughton	Ken Kinyon
Hermann Christoph	Marilyn Larese
Tim Cook	Greg Pieprzak
Dave Engel	Chris Siemen
George Frisch	Steve Walker
Dennis Gignac	

Renewed Memberships

Ken Cione	David Mayfield
Galen Hull	Bruce Turnage
Ted Lewicki	

Expired or Near Expired Memberships

Nicholas Amicone	George Vidusic
James Bell	George Zaker

The New DAS Website

Be sure and check out our new website at www.detroitsteelheaders.com. Everything you need to know about the DAS is available there. Membership & meeting info, archived 'Fishin' Tales' newsletters, tournament info, the DAS scholarship page, DAS donations as well as links to the Super Salmon Clinic and Wild Game Dinner.

The Message Board has a new look and it should be easier for members to post their stories and

pictures. In addition, the new Buy DAS Gear page has 100's of items available bearing the DAS logo. The Club Calendar page shows all DAS events as well as others related to Great Lakes fishing. The new Wall of Fame page has all previous Skipper of the Year info as well as Big Fish statistics. The Photo Gallery is still being updated and will contain many new pictures soon.

Many thanks to Director Jason Adam for the hard work he put into developing the new site. Check out Jason's topic on the new website: Website Issues and Suggestions for more info. If you have any questions, concerns or problems with the new website, you can contact Jason Adam at 248-755-3345 or e-mail him at www.detroitsteelheaders.org.

2010 Spring River, Surf & Pier Tournament Schedule

We are kicking off the 2010 fishing season with a bang! The spring river schedule is below. Please see the message board or attend the next meeting for more information.

- ♦ March 6 Huron River
- ♦ March 20 Clinton River
- ♦ March 27 Manistee River
- ♦ April 10 Grand River

Anthony Lewis

Director

River, Surf, and Pier Tournaments.

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2010 Boat Trolling Schedule

Port	Date	Port Captain
Lexington	April 24	Blaise Pewin-
St. Joseph	May 1	Dan Chisholm
Grand Haven 2-Day (333)	May 22-23	Bob Feisel
Pentwater	June 26	Al Weichert
Manistee I	July 10	Tom Gorguze
Ludington Ladies Day	August 7	Mark Williams
Ludington II 2-Day (333) Team Doubles Day 1	August 14-15	Ron Pal
Manistee II (333)	August 28	Bob Paradise
Onkama	September 11	Jody Robinson

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Special People Outing
 "Save the Date"
 June 12, 2010
 Toledo Beach Marina
 11840 Toledo Beach Rd.
 LaSalle, MI, 48145

This is an outing where The Detroit Area Steelheaders give back to our community by hosting a group of "Special People" and treat them to a day of fun and fishing. If you are willing to participate or make your boat available, contact any member of the board of directors or the outing chairperson Bruce Tufford (248) 821-2036. Additional details will be available as the date draws near.

Boat Trolling Rule Changes for 2010

There were minor rule changes made by the Boat Trolling Committee for the upcoming 2010 season. There will be only 5 awards (1st thru 5th place) given for each tournament. However, the top Ten Skippers of the Year awards will remain.

Other changes are:

The official time will be that of the port captain's cell phone.

If the captain or a crew member is not present by the skipper's meeting conclusion, 20 points will be deducted from their weigh-in sheet. (the word 'conclusion' was substituted for 'presentation' to make this clear.)

In the event of any number of tournaments cancelled and for standings throughout the season, the number of tournaments counted for Skipper of the Year will be:

5 of 9, 5 of 8, 4 of 7, 4 of 6, 3 of 5, 3 of 4, 2 of 3,

1 of 2 and 1 of 1. (This was always in the rules but somehow was omitted in last years)

Three boats will be designated weather boats. Down from five)

The biggest change is in the format of the recently added '333' contest. This year, at each of the designated '333' ports, there will be only a 1st place winner who will receive 50% of the '333' entry fees at that port for having the largest by weight 3 fish total. The skipper must designate the 3 fish to be entered in the '333' prior to actually being weighed on our scales.

The 50% remainder of each '333' ports entry fees will go into a pot for the overall '333' winner. Over the course of the (3) '333' tournaments, the skipper can designate a total of 3 fish, again prior to actually being weighed, that will be entered in the overall '333'. The skipper who has the best total by weight of the 3 designated fish will receive the total 50% remainder of the pot. e.g. , a skipper could designate 1 fish at Grand Haven, 0 at Ludington II and 2 at Manistee II that would be entered in the '333' overall contest. This should make the '333' contest far most interesting and challenging.

The 2010 Boat Trolling Rules and the '333' Rules can be downloaded from the Tournament page on our website, www.detroitsteelheaders.com

Recipe of the Month:

Layered Salmon Loaf

2 Tb. margarine or butter
 2 Tb. all-purpose flour
 1/8 tsp. salt
 1/8 tsp. pepper
 1 cup half-and-half
 2 cups flaked cook salmon
 or other oily fish
 1 egg
 2 slices soft bread,
 crusts removed & bread crumbled
 (about 1-1/4 cups)
 2 hard-cooked eggs
 2 Tb. chopped green onions
 1 tsp. prepared mustard



Serves 4-6

Heat oven to 350 degs. Generously grease 8 x 4 in. loaf pan. In 1 qt. sauce pan, melt margarine over medium heat. Stir in flour, salt and pepper. Blend in half-and-half. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened and bubbly, about 4 mins. Remove from heat.

In medium bowl combine fish, one egg, crumbled bread and 3/4 cup hot, white sauce from above; set aside. Finely chop hard-cooked eggs. In small bowl, combine chopped eggs, onion remaining sauce and mustard. In prepared pan, layer half the fish mixture then the egg mixture. Top with remaining fish mixture. Sprinkle top of loaf with paprika, if desired. Bake until center is firm, 45 to 50 mins.

Submitted by Al Weichert

The Detroit Area Steelheaders
Present The 11th Annual 2010

Sportsman's Wild Game Dinner

Saturday March 13, 2010 - Troy, MI
 held at the beautiful
American Polish Cultural Center

Fundraiser Dinner to support
the protection and promotion
of fisheries in the Great
Lakes Region.

Impressive Display of Taxidermy includes Deer, Caribou, Bobcat, Waterfowl, and MUCH MORE!

Table Raffles, 50/50 Raffles, Gun Draws. And games. Prizes include: Guns, Great Lakes Fishing Tackle, Tools, 60" Big Screen TV, Framed Prints, Outdoor Items, Sporting Tickets, and much more.

Tickets are \$50 per person for dinner including pop and beer.

A cash bar will be provided for other cocktails.

Non-smoking and smoking areas.

Dining tables seat ten, and may be reserved with your advance payment

AGENDA

Reception, Doors Open 5:00 PM
Dinner Begins Promptly 6:00 PM
Sportsman's Raffle Program follows

MENU

Last year's highly praised caterer returns with at least five hot, wild game entrees such as pheasant, caribou, emu, elk, venison, etc.

2010 DAS Key Dates

Feb. 20, 2010 8:00am - 4:00pm	Super Salmon Clinic American Polish Cultural Center
Feb. 23, 2010 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Mar. 9, 2010 7:00pm	Board of Director's Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
Mar. 13, 2010 5:00pm - 10:00pm	Wild Game Dinner American Polish Cultural Center
Mar. 30, 2010 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center

CHECK YOUR LABEL

Did you know that your mailing label includes the date your membership expires? The month and year your membership expires is below your name. If it's marked yellow, your membership may be close to expiring. Don't be disqualified from a tournament because you forgot to re-up. Regular memberships are still \$25, Senior \$10 and Lifetime \$150. See Tom Moores at the regular meeting or send your check to:
Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc.
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Sterling Heights, MI 48311-1255

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS
DREAMWEAVER
SUPER SALMON CLINIC
FEBRUARY 20TH, 2010 - TROY, MI
8:00AM - 4:00PM AT THE AMERICAN POLISH CULTURAL CENTER

TOPICS WILL INCLUDE: ELECTRONICS AND TROLLING, COPPER TECHNIQUES, CURRENTS, CHANGING CONDITIONS, SPRING TACTICS AND MORE.

\$85 PER PERSON INCLUDES: ALL DAY SEMINAR, TACKLE PACK WITH OVER \$50 IN TACKLE, HOT LUNCH, AND DAS MEMBERSHIP.

HOT LUNCH INCLUDES:
 OVEN ROASTED CHICKEN
 ROAST BEEF
 TOSSED GREEN SALAD
 ROLLS WITH BUTTER
 BUTTERED REDSKIN POTATOES
 CALIFORNIA MIX VEGETABLES
 COFFEE AND TEA

VISIT WWW.DETROITSTEELHEADERS.ORG OR WWW.TEAMDREAMWEAVER.COM FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER.

A CASH BAR WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

SEATING IS LIMITED REGISTER TODAY!

FEATURING:

CAPT. WILLIS KERRIDGE
THUNDERDUCK CHARTERS

CAPT. JERRY LEE
SEA SCREW CHARTERS

CAPT. BRIAN BUTT
SEA FLEA CHARTERS

CAPT. GEORGE FREEMAN
FREESTYLE CHARTERS

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MEETING NOTICE—PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

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