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June Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, June 29, 2010
7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
Northwest corner, 15 Mile Rd. &
Dequindre
- **Featured :**
Captain C. J. Baker from "Puddle
Jumper" Charters will discuss Walleye
fishing on Lake Erie.
- **Other Happenings:**
Pentwater tournament results, Special
people Outing report, upcoming
tournament info, tackle raffles, 75-25
Drawing & more
- **Up-To-Date Information on the
DAS website at:**
www.detroitsteelheaders.com

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Finally, the Weather Cooperates at GH!

Mother Nature finally gave us a break at Grand Haven with two very fishable days for this year's tournament, although fog did hamper the fishing a bit on Saturday morning.



Long-time member Doug Karakas weighing a nice king at the Grand Haven tournament.

A great turnout of 13 boats made the trek to one of the DAS's favorite fishing ports. The visibility ranged from about 150 feet to an eighth of a mile for most of Saturday morning meaning caution was the catch word of the day. Despite a few close encounters, everyone managed to stay safe for the day.

The catching was hit and miss as the fish were scattered in very tight pockets and boats either found them or didn't. The fish were being caught in 70' to 150' of water anywhere from 35' to 100' down. Spoons in a variety of colors seemed to be the most productive baits whether on downriggers, dipsey-diver set-ups or half to full leadcore and cop-

per rigs.

After the first day of fishing, "Almost Paradise" was sitting in 1st place with an 8 fish catch good for 78.65 points. The next 3

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If You Missed the May meeting ...

It was a great evening weather-wise for the annual Boat Rigging Demo in the APCC north parking lot. Three skippers bought their fine rigs down for the evening Dan Chisholm and his 19' Monark "Channing", Bob Feisel with "Vickie's Seacret, a 21' Bayliner Trophy and Bob Jones, showing off his 22' Crestliner Sabre G/L " Bobby's Toy.

Each skipper had their unique set-ups and gave a brief rundown of their equipment and described their favorite combinations. They each followed up with a short Q & A session. A very informative way to spend a pleasant Tuesday evening. Thanks very much to Dan, Bob and Bob for taking the time to bring their boats and share their way of doing things with their fellow members!

Indoors, Vice-president Bob Mitchell, filling in for President Mark Williams, introduced Bruce Tufford for an update on the Special People Outing. Then following was Bob Ksionzek, Co-Tournament Director with the results of the Grand Haven tournament (See article on page 1). Bob, also handed out the name tags for the Top Five skippers there as well as those for Lexington and St. Joe.

After a break, Mr. Mitchell introduced Frank Lepera, the MSU Big 10 Collegiate Bass Angler's team coach. Frank presented an update on the impact invasive species have had on Bass fishing especially in Lake St. Clair. He also shared some bass fishing tips and secrets with us. Thanks to Frank

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taking the time out of his busy schedule. You can e-mail him at msubass-coach@yahoo.com for more information.

Bob then took fishing reports from the floor and we concluded the meeting with the usual great tackle raffles and 75/25 drawings. Jeff Bustos took home \$60 1st prize in the 75/25 and new member, James Rayes claimed the \$30 second prize. Welcome and congratulations to James. Unfortunately, Ron Huey was not in attendance to get the \$100 cash prize in the Every member drawing.

Locked & Loaded for Pentwater

The DAS will be heading to the beautiful tranquil port of Pentwater on the 26th of June. For those of you who have not been to Pentwater; the port offers excellent fishing opportunities and a quaint but festive town which invites and welcomes fishermen and fisherwomen.

There are good restaurants within walking distance and a hidden gem called the Bitchen Kitchen where you can get your filet knives sharpened. What attracts most to Pentwater is a totally protected bay that is a very short distance to the great depths of Lake Michigan.

The reports from Pentwater are encouraging and the fishing seems to be picking up. The Detroit Area Steelheaders should be in for a good weekend of fishing. Pentwater is located close to Ludington so the fishing is similar, most captains either motor up to Little Sable Point which is usually the most popular choice or fish closer to port. Last year the Top Brown for our club was taken one mile south of port in 85 feet of water on a Magnum Pink Panties 55 down.

The captains meeting will be at 5:00 a.m. we will meet at the gazebo for registration and fishing reports. We set lines at 6:00a.m. Fish calls are at 9:00a.m and 12:00p.m. The tournament will end at 2:00 and you are expected to be in line for the weigh in by 3:00.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at 313-999-6717. We look forward to fishing with you.

Al Weichert
"Thor's Hammer"
Port Captain

Membership News**Renewed Memberships**

Clement L. Foston Jr.	James P. Legenzoff
Robert M. Jones	Walter Romaniuk
Bob Ksionzek	Gary Ruprich

Expired or Near Expired Memberships

Lou Bacsikin	Keith Stafford
Gary Rowoldt	Fred Tebbets

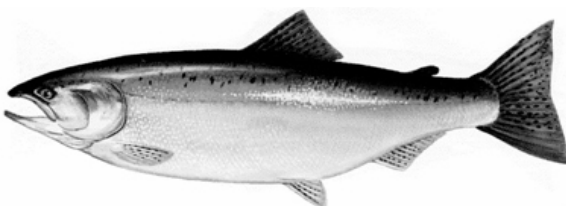
DAS Founding Member

One of our founders, Tom Schneider, river fisherman extraordinaire, is in a rest home at 9251 River Road, Algonac, MI 48001, cell phone (989) 820-0485. Without Tom, the Detroit Area Steelheaders would not exist.

The Detroit Area Steelheaders (DAS) was originally organized as a chapter of the Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishing Association (MSSFA). Tom Schneider, John Makela, Ed Raquel and Joe Sizemore, as a committee of four, founded the club in September, 1974.

Tom is known as "The Corkie Man" as he pioneered the use of his favorite river bait. He even fished a boat in the club tournaments with that name.

I'm sure Tom would be cheered by a card, note or photos from any club members. When all of our old newsletters are online you will find many informative articles by him.

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places were separated by a mere 4 tenths of a point! "Miss Dipsey had 6 fish good for 73.6 pts, "Silver Addiction was in 3rd with 7 fish and 73.3 pts and "Blue Horizon" was right behind with 7 fish and 73.2 pts. Talk about close.....Unbelievable! The Top 5 was rounded out by "Bobby's Toy with 59 .0 pts and 6 fish. 2 boats had more than 50 points, 3 had over 40 pts. and the remaining 3 had over 30 pts. So it was anybody's ball game with yet another day of fishing to go.

Port Captain Bob Feisel's wife, Vickie provided a great luncheon feast of Fried chicken, potato salad, cole slaw rolls and pop and cold water , just prior to Saturday's weigh-in. Thanks so much, Vickie! The usual lies and strategies were the topic of conversation with everyone anticipating Sunday's fishing.

Sunday morning was a great day for fishing with mostly clear skies and waves under a foot. The story was pretty much the same with fish scattered in tight pockets and you either stumbled into them or not. The standings were shaken up quite a bit but "Miss Dipsey" had another day's very good catch of 8 fish and took 1st place with

159.35 points. Congratulations, Jody and crew! "E-Fish-N-Sea" and "Thor's Hammer" both had very good catches of 8 fish to come from the last third of the standings on Saturday and take 2nd with 148.00 pts and 3rd with 146.45 respectively. Great job, Doug and Al! "Silver Addiction" slipped down to 4th as did "Blue Horizon" into 5th place.

"Sloppy Joe" took home the Big Fish Pool on Saturday with a nice 15.75 lb King and "E-Fish-N-Sea" had an equally nice 15.50 lb. King to capture Sunday's spot.

All in all, everyone had a great time. The fishing was decent but not quite as good as we've come to expect from Grand Haven but we did escape Mother Nature's wrath without the usual high winds or thunderstorms. A few of the guys had their weekend dampened by having their vehicles towed from the no parking area for certain hours on Saturday in the municipal marina parking lot. Keep this in mind for future reference as there is a farmer's market held on Saturday in that parking lot.

Bob Ksionzek
Tournament Co-Chairman

Some Grand Haven Photos (Saturday's catches)



1st Place - "Miss Dipsey"



2nd Place - "E-Fish-N-Sea"



6th Place - "Almost Paradise"



10th Place - "Vickie's Seacret"

Grand Haven Day 2 Standings													5/23/2010						
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
				K	L	K	L	K	L	K	L	K							
1	Miss Dipsey	Jody Robinson	Day 1	6	K 12.65	K 11.00	K 7.55	0 4.85	K 3.85	K 3.70	-----	-----	43.60	73.60	NONE	0.00	73.60	159.35	1
			Day 2	8	L 8.60	L 8.40	K 7.15	0 5.75	K 4.35	K 4.20	K 4.00	L 3.30	45.75	85.75	NONE	0.00	85.75		
2	E-Fish-N-Sea	Douq Karakas	Day 1	4	K 10.45	K 8.30	K 5.95	0 2.25	-----	-----	-----	-----	26.95	46.95	NONE	0.00	46.95	148.00	2
			Day 2	8	K 15.50	K 13.65	L 9.05	0 6.50	S 4.70	K 3.95	K 3.90	K 3.80	61.05	101.05	NONE	0.00	101.05		
3	Thor's Hammer	Al Weichert	Day 1	6	L 6.40	K 5.00	L 4.70	0 3.95	K 3.60	K 2.80	-----	-----	26.45	56.45	NONE	0.00	56.45	146.45	3
			Day 2	8	K 12.25	K 7.65	K 6.55	0 6.20	K 4.65	K 4.45	K 4.30	K 3.95	50.00	90.00	NONE	0.00	90.00		
4	Silver Addiction	Mark Williams	Day 1	7	K 11.65	K 8.20	K 4.40	11.65 4.	K 3.70	K 3.50	K 2.70	-----	38.30	73.30	NONE	0.00	73.30	141.90	4
			Day 2	7	K 9.50	K 5.20	K 4.65	9.5 4.45	L 4.15	C 3.00	S 2.65	-----	33.60	68.60	NONE	0.00	68.60		
5	Blue Horizon	Paul Geldum	Day 1	7	K 12.00	K 5.45	K 5.30	0 4.60	K 4.55	K 3.75	K 2.55	-----	38.20	73.20	NONE	0.00	73.20	136.50	5
			Day 2	6	K 10.05	K 6.50	K 5.85	0 4.25	K 3.45	K 3.20	-----	33.30	63.30	NONE	0.00	63.30			
6	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	Day 1	8	K 7.05	K 5.55	K 4.80	7.05 4.4	K 4.40	K 4.40	K 4.20	K 3.85	38.65	78.65	NONE	0.00	78.65	122.95	6
			Day 2	4	K 8.75	K 6.75	K 4.50	8.75 4.3	-----	-----	-----	-----	24.30	44.30	NONE	0.00	44.30		
7	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	Day 1	4	K 15.75	L 8.75	K 4.50	15.75 2.	-----	-----	-----	-----	31.75	51.75	NONE	0.00	51.75	96.50	7
			Day 2	5	K 6.10	K 3.90	K 3.75	6.1 3.40	K 2.60	-----	-----	-----	19.75	44.75	NONE	0.00	44.75		
8	Lucky Strike 2	Jay Hoch	Day 1	4	K 9.25	K 4.75	K 4.50	0 3.80	-----	-----	-----	-----	22.30	42.30	NONE	0.00	42.30	95.00	8
			Day 2	6	S 5.25	L 4.00	L 3.90	0 3.30	S 3.15	K 3.10	-----	-----	22.70	52.70	NONE	0.00	52.70		
9	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	Day 1	6	K 6.10	K 5.55	K 5.40	6.1 4.10	K 4.05	L 3.80	-----	-----	29.00	59.00	NONE	0.00	59.00	94.60	9
			Day 2	3	K 12.25	K 4.75	K 3.60	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	20.60	35.60	NONE	0.00	35.60		
10	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	Day 1	4	K 10.35	K 3.90	K 3.40	0 2.90	-----	-----	-----	-----	20.55	40.55	NONE	0.00	40.55	70.10	10
			Day 2	3	K 6.00	K 5.35	K 3.20	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	14.55	29.55	NONE	0.00	29.55		
11	Lucky Strike	Ron Pal	Day 1	3	K 6.60	K 6.25	K 4.30	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	17.15	32.15	NONE	0.00	32.15	59.40	11
			Day 2	3	K 4.85	K 4.20	K 3.20	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	12.25	27.25	NONE	0.00	27.25		
12	Channing	Dan Chisolm	Day 1	3	K 13.65	K 5.80	K 5.15	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	24.60	39.60	NONE	0.00	39.60	55.15	12
			Day 2	2	S 2.85	S 2.70	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5.55	15.55	NONE	0.00	15.55		
13	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	Day 1	4	K 5.30	L 4.95	K 3.70	0 3.65	-----	-----	-----	-----	17.60	37.60	NONE	0.00	37.60	37.60	13
			Day 2	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	0.00		

Day 1		Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH		Sloppy Joe	King	15.75	
L A R G E S T		Sloppy Joe	King	15.75	61
			Coho	0.00	0
		Sloppy Joe	Lake Trout	8.75	5
		Vicki's Seacret	Steelhead	2.90	2
			Brown	0.00	0
			Atlantic	0.00	0
		Pink	0.00	0	
					68

13 Total Boats

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

Day 2		Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH		E-Fish-N-Sea	King	15.50	
L A R G E S T		E-Fish-N-Sea	King	15.50	56
		Silver Addiction	Coho	3.00	3
		E-Fish-N-Sea	Lake Trout	9.05	9
		Lucky Strike 2	Steelhead	5.25	7
			Brown	0.00	0
			Atlantic	0.00	0
		Pink	0.00	0	
					75

More Grand Haven Photos (Saturday's catches)



11th Place - "Lucky Strike"



12th Place - "Channing"

An E-mail from Pete Butchko

Board,

The following is from Pete Butchko. This should be passed on to the membership.

Steve

The draft Environmental Assessment on cormorant mgmt in MI is available now for public comment. It can be seen at this website: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/midwestbird/cormorants.htm>

Once you're at this page, click on the link: [Environmental Assessment: Double-Crested Cormorant Damage Management in Michigan](#)

This is 158 pages - sorry. These documents get longer as things get more involved. Basically the draft EA discloses to the public 1) what information we've considered to address cormorant mgmt, 2) what alternatives we've considered to manage cormorants and 3) which alternative we intend on selecting. It would be very appropriate for the Detroit Area Steelheaders to weigh in on this. We would like to know if: 1) there is a facts we missed or got wrong or 2) most importantly, what alternative you want us to select. Alternatives start on pg 69.

Comments should be sent to this office by June 16. Call if you need more info.

Pete

Manistee I

Just two weeks after Pentwater on Saturday, July 10, 2010 will be our first of two tournaments in Manistee this year. Manistee is a favorite port of many of our captain's as witnessed by the great turnouts we have each year.

The skipper's meeting is at 5:00am at the Pavilion near the boat launch. Fishing begins at 6:00am and goes until 2:00pm with fish calls at 9:00am and 12:00pm on Channel 72. The weigh-in will be at 3:00pm, also at the Pavilion. As usual there will be a great luncheon.

Depending on the weather conditions, one of the favorite areas to work is the shelf or ledge that's about 2 1/2 miles out and runs all the way to Big Sable Point. Some of the landmarks in this direction are Gurney creek and Three Bears. If finding the kings is tough, you can always find steelhead straight out in deeper water.

For more information contact, Port Captain Tom Gorguze @ 248-544-0958 . We hope to have another great turnout. See you there!

Six Boating Safety Tips From BoatUS

ALEXANDRIA, Va. June 2, 2010 - On waterways across the country, boating season begins this week. To help boaters and anglers brush up on their boating safety, the BoatUS Foundation has these six tips:

Life jackets: Ensure that you have enough life jackets to fit everyone aboard - including the kids. Next, ensure all are in good condition and easy to reach. Inflatable life jackets need to be opened, inspected, inflated manually and have their CO2 cartridge checked. For more information on the requirements go to www.BoatUS.com/foundation/guide/equipment.html .

VHF radio: If you don't have one you may be taking an unnecessary risk. A cell phone won't summon the closest potential rescuers -- your fellow boaters or anglers, and today a VHF radio can be purchased for as little as \$100. If you have a handheld VHF ensure the battery is charged. "Digital Selective Calling" VHF radios need to be registered and an MMSI number issued to the boat in order to gain all of their superior safety benefits such as a one-button mayday feature. For a VHF radio tutorial, go to www.BoatUS.com/mmsi .

The anchor: Unlike a car, a boat never stops moving, even in an emergency. Having an anchor and rode in good condition with the bitter end firmly secured to the boat will prevent drifting and give you time to think things through and make it easier for others to find you. To help you select an anchor, go to www.BoatUS.com/foundation/guide/navigation_30.html .

Inventory and review all safety gear: Double-check to ensure you have all of the mandated safety gear such as signaling devices and fire extinguishers, as well as other safety gear, such as GPS and updated charts. It's also a good idea to brief your guests and crew on where the important items are located -- such as fire extinguishers -- and how to use the VHF radio. Check out trip planning information at www.BoatUS.com/foundation/guide/trip.html .

Get a Vessel Safety Check: A free vessel safety check from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary or US Power Squadrons is easy to arrange and can help you identify potential safety issues aboard your boat. Go to www.Safetyseal.net to find an examiner near you or to take a "virtual" vessel safety check.

File a float plan: Before you leave home, tell someone where you are going and what time you are expected to return. This person should be able to go to the authorities if you fail to check back in by a certain time. A sample float plan can be found at www.BoatUS.com/seaworthy/floatplan.pdf .

2010 DAS Key Dates

June 26, 2010	Boat Trolling Tournament Pentwater
June 29, 2010 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
July 10, 2010	Boat Trolling Tournament Manistee I
July 13, 2010 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
July 27, 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:

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