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September Meeting

•When:

Tues. Sept. 28, 2010
7:30pm

•Where:

American Polish Cultural Center
Northwest corner, 15 Mile Rd. &
Dequindre

•Featured :

Speaker Lance Hinatsu will talk
about river and drift boat fishing

• Other Happenings:

Onekama tournaments results,
tackle raffles, 75-25 Drawing &
more

•Up-To-Date Information on the DAS website at:

www.detroitsteelheaders.com

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Tournament Season Finale at Onekama

This summer has been very tough fishing for most skippers and crews and the final tournament of the season at Onekama was no exception

Even though the forecasts were calling for decent weather for Friday and Saturday morning, that proved to be only 50% correct. The boats pre-fishing Friday had a beautiful day with no more than about a half foot of chop but fishing was very tough. Saturday was another story completely.

The tournament start was scheduled for 6:30 am but with winds and waves building overnight, the tournament co-chairmen decided to delay the start so that the actual lake conditions could be seen. Because the wind was somewhat offshore, the decision was made to start at 7:15 am. The 6 boats participating



Steve Pal shows off his 16.25 lb. King, Big Fish at the Onekama tournament

found conditions were very fishable in closer to shore but the fishing was still pretty tough. "Bad Dog" found three fish fairly early fishing "The Barrel", a deep hole just north of the port near shore. "Bobby's Toy" caught their first fish right out in front of the break walls in 35 foot of water and a second one over "The Barrel" a little while later.

The weather conditions worsened as the morning went on. Rain began to fall and winds picked up. A new boat to the tournaments, "Cos", skippered by Tony Cosbey, called it quits about 9:15am. You could hardly blame him though, as he and his two crew members made a pretty smart decision, considering they were fishing in a 17' aluminum boat.

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Manistee - "Almost Paradise" Does It Again

The Manistee tournament on August 28 started out with a big question mark. Would we be able to fish with the weather prediction of 2 to 4 footers building to 3 to 5's.

Eleven boats showed up at the captain's meeting. The wind was blowing around 10 miles per hour and there were boats going out into the lake from the river. We motored out past the pier head into 1 1/2 to 2 foot seas .

report the week before. We planned on trolling 4 hours into the wind and 4 hours with the wind. We set up just south of the nets in 130 feet of water. I set two riggers down with fish catchers and flies. Before we could set out the other rods we had fish on! The fish were hitting the down riggers 80 to 90 feet down, and the dipsies as 250 to 350 feet back. We had 6 rods set, but could never manage to get out the seventh rod until 7:30 when we put out 2 copper rods with pro-troll E chip flashers and flies.

I decided to go where Bad Dog had posted a

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River, Surf and Pier season gets into full swing

Singing Bridge

On Oct. 23rd, there will be a Surf fishing outing @ the "Singing Bridge". Last years event was very successful, so let's do it again.

Manistee River

Nov. 6th brings us back to the "Big Manistee River" and our on-going Fish-Off with the Metro-West Steelheaders and our reputation for winning "The Plaque" again. This has been a "Super Event" for us in the past, and will be again this year!!!

If any info. is needed for either event, contact Jerry Zabel @ 248-495-5914 cell or 248-350-8024. Let me know if you can make it!!

September 6, 2010

Special Bulletin

**Oppose the Proposed Federal Ban on Lead in Fishing Tackle.
American Sportfishing Association Calls For Public Response.**

Anglers, hunters and other outdoors enthusiasts are being asked to contact the USEPA to urge the rejection of a petition that would ban lead in all fishing components including sinkers, jigs, weighted fly line and components that contain lead.

A federal ban of the use of lead in fishing tackle will have a significant negative impact on anglers and fisheries resources and greatly increase the cost of tackle. According to the ASA and Keep America Fishing, the ban would cause the prices of fishing products to sky-

Membership News

New Memberships

Mike Kay John Tonz

Renewals

Jason Adam Ed Horen

Lou Bacsikin Lynn Martin

Steve Hamilton Dave Roehr

Cliff Hill

Memberships Expired or Expiring Soon

Jeff Bustos John Krawczyk

Rodney Elnick John Meade

Fred Hynick

rocket. Alternative metals can cost 6 to 15 times more than lead, and most do not perform as well. For many, fishing would no longer be the affordable sport it is now.

Join Keep America Fishing in opposing this ban by submitting your comments to the EPA by no later than September 15, 2010.

You can also make your own comment to the EPA regarding the CBD petition directly from this website: <http://www.regulations.gov/search/Regs/home.html#submitComment?R=0900006480b3f0cd>

Please let your voice be heard.

Dan Thomas, President
Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council



Quote of the Month

Nothing makes a fish bigger than almost being caught.

Author Unknown

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Onekama cont'd from Page 1

For the first fish call at 10:15 am, "Bad Dog reported their 3 fish, "Bobby's Toy" had their 2 and "Lucky Strike" and "Vickie's Seacret called in with 1 apiece. Not too long after the fish call, "Lucky Strike" checked in on Channel 72 that they were returning to port because of the worsening conditions. Shortly after, Thor's Hammer made the same decision. Then, "Bobby's Toy announced they were having some engine problems and not wanting to take any chances returned to the harbor also. This left just two boats, "Bad Dog" and "Vickie's Seacret" fishing.

They stuck it out until 12:15 pm, which was five hours, just enough to make it an official tournament. No more fish were caught after the fish call. As a result 7 fish were caught by 4 out of 6 boats. Not exactly great fishing! Congratulations to

Tom Gorguze and his crew on the "Bad Dog" on their 1st Place finish.

The only bright spot for the weekend was the hospitality of owner, Jane Devoe and her staff at the historic Portage Point Inn. In addition to boat dockage and trailer storage, they provided us with fresh brewed coffee and the use of the office for our 5:30 am Skipper's meeting. Also, they let us use the area outside their game room for the weigh-in as well as the game room itself for our luncheon. They served a great meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, plenty of great toppings, potato salad, chips and cookies. The facility is top notch and they were very accommodating. Thanks very much to Jane and her staff!

Bob Ksionzek
Tournament Co-Chairman

Onekama Standings												9/11/2010					
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	Place
1	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	3	K 13.85	K 13.35	K 10.40	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	37.60	52.60	NONE	0.00	52.60	1
2	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	2	K 8.85	K 6.80	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	15.65	25.65	NONE	0.00	25.65	2	
3	Lucky Strike	Ron Pal	1	K 16.25	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	16.25	21.25	NONE	0.00	21.25	3	
4	Vickie's Seacret	Bob Feisel	1	K 7.10	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	7.10	12.10	NONE	0.00	12.10	4	
5	Cos	Tony Cosbey	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	5	
6	Thor's Hammer	Al Weichert	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	6	

Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH	Lucky Strike	King	16.25
Largest of Each Species	Lucky Strike	King	7

6	Total Boats
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1st Place - "Bad Dog"



2nd Place - "Bobby's Toy"



3rd Place - "Lucky Strike"



4th Place - "Vickie's Seacret"

Manistee II cont'd. from Page 1

We trolled for 4 hours south and caught fish all the way. By the 9:00 fish call Almost Paradise had 10 fish, Bad Dog had 5, and a few others had 2 and 3 fish. We turned around at 10:00 to do a north troll because the waves had started building and we wanted to get closer to the harbor.

Dog 6, Vickie's Seacret, Thor's Hammer, and Sloppy Joe each had 5. With two hours left to fish we made a slow troll toward the harbor. At the weigh in Almost Paradise took first with Bad Dog and Sloppy Joe close behind.

Bob Paradise
"Almost Paradise"
Port Captain

At the 12:00 fish call Almost Paradise had 13 fish, Bad

Manistee II Standings													8/28/2010				
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	Place
1	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	8	K 15.20	K 12.30	K 11.95	K 11.90	K 11.15	K 8.95	K 8.20	K 7.60	87.25	127.25	NONE	0.00	127.25	1
2	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	8	K 12.40	K 11.85	K 8.95	K 8.70	C 8.15	C 5.60	K 5.30	K 2.55	63.50	103.50	NONE	0.00	103.50	2
3	Vickie's Seacret	Bob Feisel	6	K 14.55	K 14.40	K 11.90	K 11.15	K 7.80	K 6.75	-----	-----	66.55	96.55	NONE	0.00	96.55	3
4	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	7	K 14.10	K 10.30	K 9.15	K 8.35	K 8.35	K 7.45	C 3.60	-----	61.30	96.30	NONE	0.00	96.30	4
5	Thor's Hammer	Al Weichert	6	K 13.60	K 13.05	K 10.75	K 10.55	K 8.15	K 4.35	-----	-----	60.45	90.45	NONE	0.00	90.45	5
6	Lucky Strike 2	Jay Hoch	3	K 12.35	K 10.60	K 7.15	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	30.10	45.10	NONE	0.00	45.10	6
7	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	2	K 11.00	K 9.60	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	20.60	30.60	NONE	0.00	30.60	7
8	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	1	K 12.30	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	12.30	17.30	NONE	0.00	17.30	8
9	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	2	C 3.30	C 2.00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	5.30	15.30	NONE	0.00	15.30	9
10	E-Fish-N-Sea	Doug Karakas	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	10
11	Lucky Strike	Ron Pal	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	11

Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
BIG FISH	Almost Paradise	King	15.20
Largest of Each Species	Almost Paradise	King	38
	Bad Dog	Coho	5
			43

11	Total Boats
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1st Place - "Almost Paradise"



2nd Place - "Bad Dog"



3rd Place - "Vickie's Seacret"



5th Place - "Thor's Hammer"

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	Onekama	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 Vicki'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
Largest Of Each Species	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	Onekama	Year	
Number of Boats	6	8	13	6	10	7	8	11	6	75	
Number Caught	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

Detroit Area Steelheaders Board of Directors Election

DAS By-Laws call for Board of Directors election at the annual meeting. This year's annual meeting will occur on Tuesday, December 21 at our normal meeting location (APCC). Any dues paying member or officer can place a nomination. A nomination must be submitted at least 20 days (December 1) before the election. It should be in writing and signed. If you wish to become involved in the operation of the DAS you are welcome to run for election to the BOD.

This year we are losing some key people who have served the club well but are choosing to step down to committee positions or will leave the BOD entirely. **It is imperative that new people step into these positions or it will be difficult to keep the club running smoothly. Your club needs you. Please consider placing yourself in nomination for a club BOD position.**

To submit a name for this year's ballot:

Mail it - email it - or write it up and give it to me at any monthly membership meeting. Include the person's name and contact information. Have the nominated person sign it so we all know he/she is willing to serve if elected.

Dan Chisholm
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Nomination to DAS BOD ----- December 21, 2010 Election

BIO:

Name: _____

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2010 DAS Key Dates

September 28, 2010 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
October 12, 2010 7:00pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
October 26, 2010 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
November 16, 2010 7:30pm	BOD Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
November 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 the address label. If it's highlighted 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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