

2008 Key Dates

March 31 – All Michigan Fishing Licenses and Stamps Expire

April 29 – Member Meeting
Line Spooling, Lure Building and
St. Joe & Grand Haven discussion

May 3 – St. Joseph
Boat Trolling Tournament

May 17-18 – Grand Haven Boat
Trolling Tournament

May 27
Boat Rigging Display, Bert's Custom
Tackle & Salmon in the Classroom

June 7 – Pt. Austin
Boat Trolling Tournament

June 21 (Tentative)
Special People Outing

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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April Meeting

The next Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. club meeting takes place on Tuesday, April 29, 2008 at 7:30 P.M. in the hall at 6177 Chicago Rd. (east of Mound Rd., North of 13 Mile Rd.)Warren, Michigan. Our meetings are always open to the public.

The April meeting will feature Club provided line spooling with both 20 lb. for trolling and 6 lb. for casting available. Bring your empty reels and get them filled up. Also, there will be lure building with various color spoon blanks, tape, hooks and split rings provided. Just bring a pair of split ring pliers and small scissors. There will also be discussion on the upcoming tournaments at St. Joe and Grand Haven

Up to date club information can also be found on the DAS web site at:

www.detroitsteelheaders.org



Consider an Annual Entry Fee

Our boat tournaments have remained at the \$25 entry fee over the years and are still a great bargain. But maybe you should consider an annual entry of \$125 and fish all 8 tournays for the price of 5. See Mark Williams at the April membership meeting or call him at 586-531-2763 (Cell)

Membership News

New Memberships

Gary Rowoldt
Fred Tebbets

Renewed Memberships

Lou Bacsikin	Robert Ksionzek
Daniel Chisholm	Jack Macfarlane
Rodney Elnick	Tim & Jody Robinson
Jim Fitch	Keith Stafford
John Gesing	Allan Van Brocklin
Richard Kittle	Al Weichert

Memberships Expiring This Month

Jeffrey Bustus	Doug Phillips
Bob Feisel	Douglas Phillips III
Joel Garinger	Walter Romaniuk
Edward Jesse	Bruce Tufford
Michael Mandziuk	Dave Whipp
Tom Moores	Richard F. Wroblewski

Miss March's Meeting?

President Jason Adam called the meeting to order at 7:55 P.M. The late start was due to the shopping and price haggling at the Swap tables. As usual the Swap Tables were a success. In addition, Bob and Vickie Feisel were selling various lures and flashers donated by the late Bob Kring. They raised \$455 for the club. Thanks to Bob & Vickie. He reminded the group to check the mailing label on the newsletter for when their membership expires. The second line of the label contains the expiration date. He then reported that the Bass Pro brat sale went very well adding \$410 to club's treasury. (Cont'd.) Thanks to Jason, Nic Amicone and Patty McManaman for working that booth. The Wild Game Dinner on March 8 was also a tremendous success. Jason then thanked all those directors and members who helped out at the Dinner.

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He pointed out that the 2008 Boat Trolling Directory was available for \$2.00, which covered the cost of printing and lamenting. If you didn't get yours at the meeting, they will again be available at the April and future meetings.

Jason then introduced Frank Lepera, Our guest speaker for the month. Frank is the Local Pro sponsored by Shimano and Triton Boats as well as Bass Fishing Team Coach at MSU. Frank gave an excellent presentation on Smallmouth Bass fishing mainly on Lake St. Clair. He discussed the different seasons from pre-spawn to post spawn and covered all the various techniques from drop shot rigs to Texas rigs in great depth. Frank is a very knowledgeable fisherman and had the crowd of salmon and steelhead angler's attention for his entire presentation and fielded plenty of questions. Thanks to Frank for his very informative discussion. A 15 minute break followed.

After the break, Jason thanked Ed Hill for his various printing donations and discounts. Jason then reported the 2nd annual Hammond Bay Salmon tournament would be taking place on Aug. xx. There is a \$1000 1st place prize. Talk to Bruce Haywood at one of the upcoming meetings or call him at 989-734-2382 for more information. Jerry Zabel, River and Pier Tournament Director, then got up and presented info on the river tourney and dinner on the Manistee River for Sat. March 29. Jerry will have results for that tournament at the April meeting. Doug Karakas informed the club of the upcoming fundraiser dinner also on Sat. March 29 at the K of C hall for "Kids Kicking Cancer" and the Judson Center.

Mark Williams, Boat Tournament Director, took the floor and talked about the upcoming trolling season beginning with the first tourney at the Port of St. Joseph on Sat May 3. He introduced the new trophy enhancements for the Top Five finishers. Besides the usual plaques for all Top Ten places, the Top Five will receive a hand painted model of one of the five species, King Salmon, Coho Salmon, Steelhead, Brown Trout or Lake Trout. Finish in the Top Five on 5 different occasions and you'll get the "Club Grand Slam" as well as a driftwood mount that will make a beautiful display for your office or den. Mark also reminded everyone of the gas card drawings held at each tournament. Every skipper entered will

also be entered in a drawing for two prizes of \$50 gas cards. If the number of boats participating is 15 or more there will be three drawings for \$50 cards.

There were 6 prizes given away for the tackle raffle, one of which was a nice salmon net. Mark Williams won the 50/50 raffle good for \$115. Tom Gorguze won the \$50 bonus drawing. David A Hopcroft's name was pulled for the \$100 Every Member Drawing. Unfortunately, David was not in attendance. Just one more reason to try and attend the meetings.

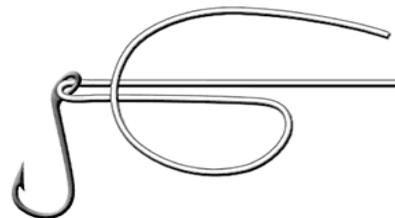


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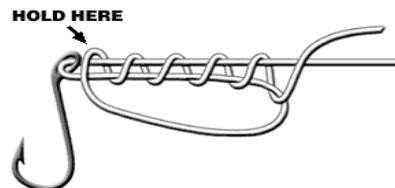
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Step One



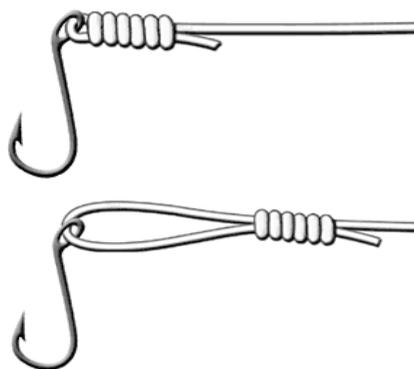
Take the end of your line and pass it through the eye of your terminal tackle, allowing about 6 inches of line after the eye. Double your line about three inches to make two parallel lines, then form a loop below the doubled lines.

Step Two



Take the tag end of the line and pass it over the two pieces of line and back through the loop six to eight times. Snug up turns by carefully pulling the tag end.

Step Three



This knot can be used two ways, depending on the presentation you want and the terminal tackle you are using. It can be cinched up tight to the eye or left above the eye to allow the terminal tackle to move freely. When a strike occurs, the knot will tighten down from the pressure. Either way, be sure the knot is solid or don't forget to trim the tag end.

2008 Boat Trolling Tournaments

5/3 St. Joseph
(Al Wiechert)

5/17, 5/18 Grand Haven
2-day
(Bob Jones)

6/7 Port Austin Team
Doubles
(Tim Robinson)

6/21 (Tentative)
Special People Outing -
Lake Erie
(Doug Karakas)

7/12 Manistee
(Bob Paradise)

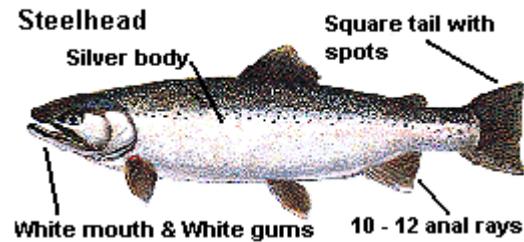
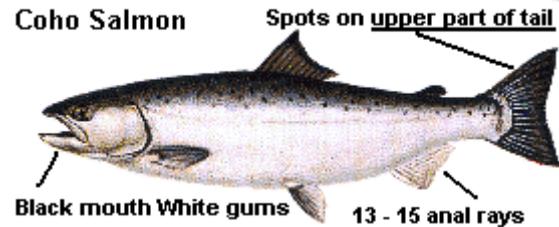
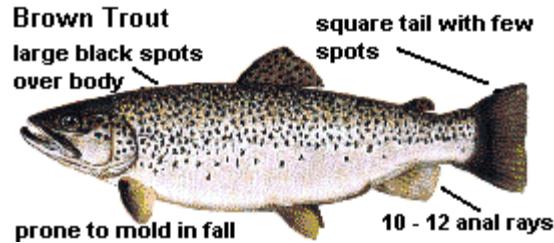
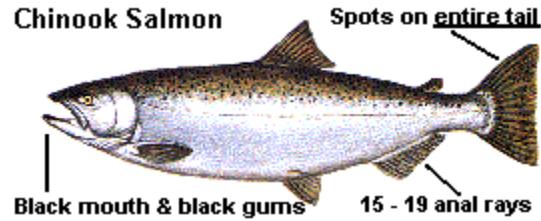
8/2 Ludington Ladies
Day
(Joe Von Grabe)

8/9 Ludington II
(Mark Williams)

8/23 Manistee II
(Tom Gorguze)

9/6 Arcadia
(Bob Fiesel)

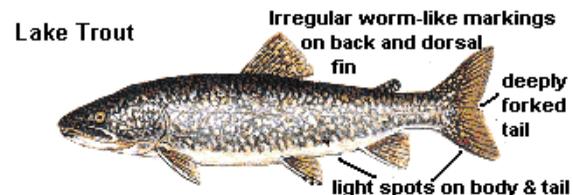
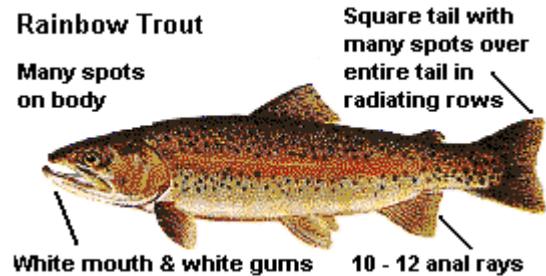
Salmon & Trout Identification



Chinook Gums



Coho Gums



Manistee River Outing – March 29

On Sat. March 29th, the river guys got together for an outing on the Big Manistee. Jay Labban caught a 2.3# steelhead on the "Wish-Full" that day. Others in attendance were Bob Paradise, Ed Horen, Dave Stachnic & Jerry Zabel. The weather was perfect, but no fish!! Everyone managed to have a good time anyways.

First Stop on the Tournament Trail St. Joseph May 3, 2008 West Basin Marina Captains meeting at 5:30 drop lines at 6:30

**Fri. Evening Capt. Jerry Lee of the "Sea Screw"
Will give us the lowdown on the fishing
Time & Place to be announced @ April meeting**

What a great day! It is the day before Easter and there is 6 inches of snow on the ground. "Welcome to Michigan"! I keep thinking about taking the cover off of my boat and getting it to Michigan Marine Gear for my annual tune up. It has begun, the "Easter trolling bug". If you don't know about the bug just give me a call about our first tournament in St. Joe and I will make sure that you catch it. It is contagious! The symptoms are stripping all the lines off of your reels, searching the internet for reports, sharpening all your hooks and renewing your fishing license. If you would like to join the Detroit Steelheaders at St. Joseph, Michigan on May 3rd you are more than welcome.

Last year, a new club member, Jay Labban, wanted to learn to Salmon fish. Bob Paradise allowed him to crew on his boat at St. Joe. Jay grabbed a screaming reel and landed his first king. The king was last year's BIG FISH 18.45 lbs. The fish was caught outside the mud line on a regular Blue Dolphin. In the last couple of years you have not had to go far to get fish. If you want to try some hot spots, the Junk Cars, the Chalets and the color line by the Cook Nuclear Power Plant have been pretty productive. This time of year the lure selection ranges from stick baits to Brad Thin Fins to regular size spoons. Last year there was a good mixed bag of fish. Kings, Coho and Browns were all caught.

I was told by West Basin Marina not to get reservations through the State of Michigan DNR Site. It is cheaper if you just go to the marina, pick a dock and check in. If this is your first time at St. Joe, there are a few things to remember. The first is that there is a train bridge that is usually open, however if you put your rods in their holders at the launch and the bridge is closed you will lose or break all of your rods. The next thing is traveling the river. The river

is very clearly marked but pay attention, because there are some shallow spots. All the river info will be available at the April Detroit Steelheaders meeting.

Last year I got a lot of complaints about the meal that was provided at the weigh in. All the complaints were about the Bratwurst and gourmet hot dogs that were smothered in beans, chili or sauerkraut. Apparently it caused their room mates to have bad gas and they had to put up with it. All I have to say is: Gas X. All joking aside, the meal was a big hit and all the fisher men & women should expect another high quality meal.

I look forward to seeing you at St. Joe! If you have any questions or if you are looking to get on a crew, feel free to call me at 313-999-6717 or Trolling director Mark Williams, "Silver Addiction" @ 586-531-2763

Alan Wiechert,
"Thor's Hammer"



Almost Paradise - Bob Paradise
2007 Skipper of the Year

Grand Haven 2008 Two Day Tournament

**Fri. Evening Capt. Bill Stanley of the "Reel Allure" &
Capt. Mark Stosiak of "Tomorrow's Dream"
Will give us the lowdown on the fishing
Time & Place to be announced @ April meeting**

The DAS will be traveling to west Michigan to the beautiful port of Grand Haven for our only two day point's tournament of the year. The tournament will start on Saturday, May 17th with the 5:00 AM captains meeting at Chinook Pier located at the Municipal Marina. Lines in by 6:00 AM, first fish call at 9:00 AM (channel 72), second at Noon, pull lines at 2:00 PM, be in line for the weigh-in by 3:00 PM. Day two will start at 6:00 AM Sunday with no

captains meeting, one fish call at 9:00 AM, pull lines at 12:00 PM, weigh-in at 1:00. Port Captain is Bob Jones, Bobby's Toy. Cell is 734-751-1767.

The weigh-in will be held at the Municipal Marina at the little park (Chinook Park) on top of the hill. The park is next to the parking lot at Chinook Pier. Keep in mind a city ordinance prohibits any alcohol consumption at the park. Hot food and pop will be served during and after the weigh-in. The cooking entertainment will be provided by Bob Ksionzek and Todd Ridley of the Bobby's Toy Crew. Bob may be better known as the Captain of the Last Dime or member of the famous Flaming A's to you old timers.

Historically Grand Haven has been one of the clubs best tournaments. Big kings are common, smaller kings very common with a few Browns, some Coho, Steelhead and Lakers. Spoons are the lure of choice in May at Grand Haven; however don't dismiss the idea of flasher/fly or meat rig. The majority of my success has been spoons. Michigan Stinger bloody nose has been a personal favorite. I mix up the spread with mags and regulars Silver Streaks; the Silver Streak dolphins are good producer as are yellow tail. Structure is scarce at Grand Haven. Small drops and ledges will hold fish. Fish can be anywhere this time of year. The best advice is to head out straight west until you hit clean water or start marking fish. I have done well in 25FOW up to 250FOW; all depends on the wind and waves. Last year 180FOW was the ticket for me. Look for the warm pockets of water to find bait and fish. Majority of my fish have been caught south of the pier heads in 100 to 180 FOW. Don't be afraid to approach the local charter captains at Chinook Pier as they can be a wealth of information. If you identify yourself as a Detroit Area Steelheader that will help break the ice.

Fishing Lake Michigan at this time of year can be tricky. Spring weather can be very unstable. Pay close attention to changing weather, storms can move very quickly. I was caught in one on a Friday morning pre-fishing outing that was clocked at 80 mph coming across the lake. We saw the storm, it was at least 10 miles away, we pulled lines and it was on us. We had a long eight mile ride back. The best advice I can give you; make sure you have the

pier heads in your GPS, stay calm, slow down and ride with or quarter to the waves. Visibility will be nil, have your crew keep a sharp eye out for other boats. You can not out run it, it will win. Keep your boat speed slow, but enough rpm that you can keep your boat under control in the wind and waves. Lower you antennas keep everyone seated and ride it out. It would be best to let another club boat know that you are out there prior to lowering your antennas. Keep in mind this is one of those once in a life time chances that it can happen to you, just be prepared and know what to do if you do get caught.

The best boat launch is the Harbor Island Launch which is maintained by the city. I believe the cost to launch was raised to \$10.00. When you approach the ramp you will see a small white machine on your port side (driver side to you land lubbers), deposit your cash in the machine and it will dispense a ticket that shows you paid the launch fee. Be aware, the parking lot is checked on a regular basis, if you are not displaying a current launch ticket on your dash, visible through the windshield, you will receive a ticket. If you are leaving your boat trailer overnight make sure you put it in the grass/dirt over flow lot. The launch is easy to find; when coming into Grand Haven you will be coming off of highway 104 and turning south onto highway 31. You will go over the Grand River, stay in the right lane and the service road and sign are at the very foot of the bridge. Turn right and follow the signs.



Vicki's Seacret – Bob Feisel

The Municipal Marina has excellent facilities with many floating docks and warm showers. Reservations can be made on line through the DNR reservation system. I suggest you make the reservation if you want a floating dock, as they go fast. The Marina can be reached at 616-847-3478; hours are 7 to 4 this time of year. The Marina can be hailed on VHF channel 9. If you are like me, and

coming in after hours, call ahead and they will assign your dock and give you the bathroom code so you have everything you need prior to your arrival. There are many excellent motels, bed and breakfast and campgrounds in the area. Restaurants abound as well. There is something for everyone here, if you want to bring the wife, Muskegon offers a couple of nice shopping malls and is only a short 20 minuet ride north on 31. See the handout at the April meeting for all the listings for the area or log onto www.grandhaven.org for complete listing, area guide and event schedule.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me: Bob Jones at 734-751-1767. For you newcomers out there, make sure you make this tournament, it is one of our closer tournaments and one of the best. Alternate contact is our trolling director, Mark Williams, Silver Addiction II. Mark can be reached on his cell at 586-531-2763.

Hope to see you there.

Bob Jones
"Bobby's Toy"

Photos Wanted

In this day of digital cameras and jpeg files, picture sharing is quite an easy thing. Fishin' Tales is looking for some pictures to use randomly every month. Any photo as long as it's related to fishing will be considered for use. Besides a group or individuals holding or displaying the catch or a particularly large fish, action photos of someone fighting that big fish or netting a fish or even carrying the cooler make great pictures. Close-up pictures that capture a boat under power or trolling or even at the dock are something a little out of the ordinary also. Don't rule out shots on the river or pier. Let your photographic imagination run wild. If you're interested in submitting some photos, you can e-mail them in jpeg format to rkzek@comcast.net or if they are hard copies you can mail them to Bob Ksionzek 68192 Wingate Drive Washington, MI 48095. Include a self-addressed stamped envelope and after they are scanned they will be returned. You can even bring them to a meeting and they will be returned the following month. Any questions or concerns, you can call me at 586-531-9198 (Cell).

Recipe of the Month

Steelhead with Wild Rice and Mushroom Sauce Recipe

Steelhead or Rainbow Trout filets about 2 lbs
1 medium onion, chopped
2 cups sliced Mushrooms (portabella)
1 Can Cream of Mushroom Soup
1/2 cup milk or cream
1 cup white wine
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 teaspoon rosemary
1 tablespoon parsley

2 cups cooked Wild Rice, cooked with Chicken Stock
Cook the Wild Rice and set aside while preparing the fish and sauce.
Remove skin from the filets and wash with cold water. Dry the filets with paper towels. Cut the filets into serving size pieces. Heat the butter or margarine in a large skillet. Add the chopped onion with mushrooms and sauté till tender. In a separate bowl combine together the wine, milk, rosemary and mushroom soup. Add the steelhead fillets to the skillet with the onions and mushrooms. Pour the sauce mixture immediately over the steelhead filets. Simmer on low heat for 15-20 minutes, till the fish flakes easily. Do not cover.

Place some Wild Rice on each plate. Add the filets. The sauce should thicken during the cooking process. Pour over the filets. Garnish with parsley. Serves four.

