

2008 Key Dates

June 24 – Membership Meeting

July 12 - Manistee
Boat Trolling Tournament

July 29 – Membership Meeting

August 2 – Ludington Ladies Day
Boat Trolling Tournament

August 9 – Ludington II
Boat Trolling Tournament

August 26 – Membership Meeting

September 6 - Arcadia
Boat Trolling Tournament



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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June Meeting

The next Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. club meeting takes place on Tuesday, June 24, 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.

Our speaker will be Ed Rutherford, associate research scientist at Univ. Michigan School of Natural Resources and Environment. Ed has a collaborative appointment with Michigan DNR Fisheries Division called PERM (Partnership for Ecosystem Research and Management). He is also an interim director of a federal - university research collaboration called CILER (Cooperative Institute for Limnology and Ecosystems Research). His research interests include effects of habitat, invasive species, and climate variability on fish production and fisheries management. He has been working on selected native game fish species as well as the Pacific salmonoids. Ed will be presenting "Great Lakes salmon fisheries in the 21st century: learning to live with invasive species, climate change, and habitat loss".

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

www.detroitsteelheaders.org



Chris Nytko giving his rigging presentation at the May 2008 meeting

Membership News

Renewed Memberships

Jason Adam
Steve Hamilton
James Mitchell
Dave Roehr
Bruce Tufford

Memberships Expiring This Month

Clement L. Foston Jr.
Clifford Hill
George Vidusic
Jerry Zabel

Did You Miss May's Meeting?

The May meeting featured our annual boat rigging display in the meeting hall parking lot with club members Chris Nytko and his walleye trolling boat, Jim Zanke with "Hard Top & Tails" rigged for salmon trolling, Blaise Pewinski and "Sea Hag" rigged for both salmon/trout and walleye trolling as well as Jerry Zabel and his river fishing set-up "Wishfull II". Each member gave a short explanation of their particular set-ups and techniques and all were well received by those in attendance. Thanks to Chris, Jim, Blaise and Jerry! We know it's a lot of work to bring down the boats and set them up but well appreciated by all. In addition, Chris Temple from Bert's Custom Tackle had his walleye boat rigged with various Bert's components and gave an excellent presentation on the use of those components.

Chris handed out Bert's can cozies during his presentation and donated two ratcheting rod holders and two 17" pieces of track to use in our raffles. Thanks a plenty to Chris. For more info on Bert's products, visit www.teclausa.com.

Once back inside the hall, Pres. Jason then turned the floor over to Doug Karakas for news on

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the Special People outing scheduled for Sat., June 21. Doug made it known that the club would be donating a \$50 gas card to each participating skipper and that overnight dockage would be available for no charge at Toledo Beach Marina. This is a great event and no words can describe the excitement and joy it brings to the participating "Special People" See an upcoming newsletter for more details on the actual event.

Next on the agenda was Boat Trolling Director Mark Williams with results on the St. Joe and Grand Haven tournaments. He handed out the plaque tags as well as the new fish models to those who finished in the Top Five at St. Joe. Mark talked about the poor weather that caused the cancellation of the Grand Haven two day tourney (see article). He then went on to give us the important details for the Pt Austin tournament. Getting the mike back from Mark, Jason then took fishing reports from various members on the floor.

The tackle raffles featured some nice lure packages as usual. The 50/50 raffle main winner was Bill Stanley who walked away with \$83 and Rick Vandermeiden won the second prize of \$40. Unfortunately, Brian Mills, whose name was pulled, wasn't present and couldn't claim the \$100 for the "Every Member" drawing. Thus ended another great meeting.



Chris Temple from Bert's Custom Tackle with his I-cast Best-In-Show Tournament Walleye Rig



Jim Zanke with Hardtop & Tails



Blaise Pewinski & "Sea Hag"



Jerry Zabel & "Wishfull II"

Grand Haven – Not So Grand!

The spring weather continues to have a major impact on the DAS tournaments. Grand Haven was no exception. The boats that showed up on Friday found pretty cold water and tough fishing. 2 fish was the best any boat could muster for the day, but at least the lake was very fishable. The good news is that despite the economy, gas prices and so-so fishing reports, 11 boats did show up to give it a go. However small craft warnings and rough seas both Sat. and Sun. mornings forced Boat Trolling Director Mark Williams to cancel the tournament. Most of the boats did manage to fish anyway on Sat. morning for a few hours with very little success. The lake got even worse as the morning progressed and everyone pulled lines at around 11:30 pm and headed in.

Regardless, the lunch went on at 12:30 pm and Port Captain Bob Jones provided us with a fantastic meal of Honey Baked spiral sliced ham on a variety of breads, rolls and buns served with noodle salad, potato salad and jello salad as well as chips and cold pop. Everyone really enjoyed this. Thanks to Mr. Jones! Even though the less than favorable conditions, plenty of camaraderie and fish stories went around at the picnic, along with the good food.

As luck would have it, Bob Jones won the \$100 random gas draw. It was great to see the number of boats that showed up. Trolling director Mark Williams was very pleased and hopes that is a trend that continues for the rest of the tournament season. Thanks to all who made the drive. See you at Port Austin!

Bob Ksionzek
"Last Dime"

Port Austin

The action wasn't fast and furious but all 8 boats managed to catch fish at this year's Port Austin event. Algae clinging to fishing lines and biting flies spoiled the perfect weather and calm lake conditions.

Tim and Jodi Robinson provided a great lunch of barbecued chicken, potato salad, tossed salad, cookies and plenty of cold drinks. Nice job, Tim and Jodi! See the following 2 pages for complete results and pictures.

Manistee Tournament

**Capt. John King will give fishing report
Friday evening at 7:00pm at the Pavilion**

The fifth Detroit Area Steelheader tournament will take place in the beautiful port of Manistee on Sat., July 12, 2008. This will be the only tournament in July. 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.

The fishing this time of year is normally very good. The shelf n Manistee is most often fished, but watch your temperature gauge to see a temp break close in shore. Last year Bad Dog and I fished close to shore and had a great time in 30 feet of water. Spoons are the norm this time of year, but if the fish are deep try cut bait or flies and flashers.

For anyone who has never fished this port or has any questions, please give me a call and I will try to be of help. The nets in Manistee and Ludington draw a lot of fish, but be wise and fish on the outside of the floats.

Bob Paradise "Almost Paradise" 586-457-4073

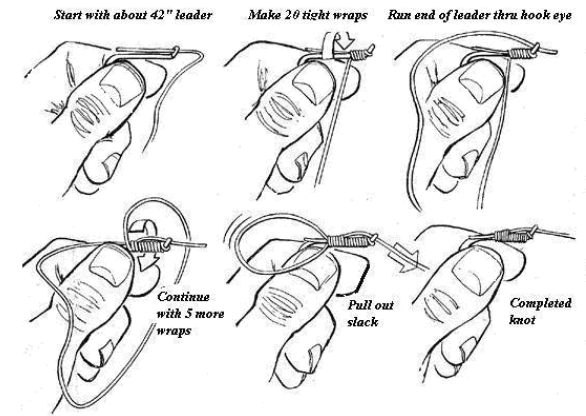
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Snelling Hooks

Snelling a hook is a great craft to learn. Once you can, it is easy to make flies or squids for trolling or to simply replace a gang that has been beaten up. Fortunately, tying a single snell is relatively easy. Unfortunately, trying to snell two hooks is an effective way to check your blood type. I've tried a lot of methods and several work. However, the one I think is the easiest is a knot called the Egg Loop Knot.

River fishermen are familiar with the "egg loop" as it is used to hold egg skein to a hook. It is also an effective way to snell. Tie the back hook on first then the front hook. For the river version of the egg loop start with 20 turns as shown below. For a snell for flies or squids you only need about 5 turns to start. I use 40-50 pound test line for snells; either Big Game, XT or Ande mono or preferably a good fluorocarbon leader like Seagar or Ande. Cut a 36"-42" leader and go to it. In step three don't run the end of the line too far past the eye. Wrap 5 more times in step 4. Wet the line in step 5 and it will easily slide together.



Quote of the Month

"Three-fourths of the Earth's surface is water, and one-fourth is land. It is quite clear that the good Lord intended us to spend triple the amount of time fishing as taking care of the lawn."



1st Place – Sea Hag



2nd Place – Pride N Joy



3rd Place – TNT



4th Place – Vicki's Secret

No Picture
5th Place – No Limit



6th Place – Last Dime



7th Place – Thor's Hammer

No Picture
8th Place – Loki One

Port Austin Standings 6/7/08

Boat	Skipper	# Fish Wghd.	Catch by species & weight								Best 8 Total Wgt.	Best 8 Total Pts.	Deduction Code	Points Deducted	Total Points	
1	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	8	L 12.2	L 6.7	L 6.45	L 6.25	L 5.75	L 5.1	L 4.25	L 4.05	50.75	90.75	0	0.00	90.75
2	Pride N Joy	Tim Robinson	7	L 6.5	L 6.25	L 5.65	L 5.05	L 3.25	L 3.25	L 3.15	33.10	68.10	0	0.00	68.10	
3	TNT	Tom Thieda	7	L 5.65	L 5.05	L 5.05	L 4.9	L 4.45	L 4.4	L 3.6	33.10	68.10	0	0.00	68.10	
4	Vicki's Secret	Bob Feisel	6	L 6.6	L 5.3	L 5.05	L 4.3	L 4.05	L 3		28.30	58.30	0	0.00	58.30	
5	No Limit	Dave Linder	6	L 5	L 4.45	K 4.4	L 3.2	L 3	L 2.85		22.90	52.90	0	0.00	52.90	
6	Last Dime II	Bob Ksionzek	4	L 6.15	L 5.35	L 3.15	L 2.85				17.50	37.50	0	0.00	37.50	
7	Thor's Hammer	Al Weichert	3	L 6.85	L 3.15	L 2.9					12.90	27.90	0	0.00	27.90	
8	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	1	L 4.7							4.70	9.70	0	0.00	9.70	
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BIG FISH	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught
	Sea Hag	Lake Trout	12.20	8
	No Limit	King	4.40	1
		Coho	0.00	0
		Steelhead	0.00	0
		Brown	0.00	0
	Sea Hag	Lake Trout	12.20	43
		Pink	0.00	0
		Atlantic	0.00	0
				44

8 Total Boats

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