



Fishin' Tales

Dedicated to Protecting and Promoting the Great Lakes Sport Fishery

2008 Key Dates

Nov. 11 – BOD Meeting

Nov. 18 - Membership Meeting
PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

Dec. 9 – BOD Meeting

Dec.16 – Membership Meeting
(Skipper of the Year awards, Big Fish Awards, the Joe Bizotski award and a special appearance from Salmon Clause)

Help Wanted:

Certified Public Accountant:

In order to obtain our Charitable Gaming License, the State of Michigan requires that we have an annual independent financial oversight audit by a Certified Public Accountant. If you are a CPA who would be willing to work with the club, please contact Steve Hamilton or Jason Adam.

Web Developer:

If you are an experienced Web Developer who is interested in donating some time and helping the club make some improvements to the DAS website, please contact Jason Adam.

Answers to Coast Guard Exam Questions:

1.A 2.C 3.B 4.D 5.B

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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MEETING NOTICE – PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

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November Meeting

Note: Meeting date has been changed. It is NOT the typical last Tuesday of the Month.

The next Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. club meeting takes place on **Tuesday, November 18, 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. Please bring a friend.

The November membership meeting will feature a presentation by Al Weichert on the fine art of pier fishing for whitefish.

Of course, there will be the usual tackle and other raffles. Up to date club information can also be found on the DAS web site at: www.detroitsteelheaders.org



River Pier & Surf Director, Jerry Zabel with a nice steelhead caught on the Manistee River during the DAS Nov. 1st outing

Membership News

Memberships Expiring This Month

Nicholas Amicone Tom Gorguze
James Bell David Mayfield

Renewed Memberships

Clifford Hill Ty Voight
Les Jump Howard W. York
George Vidusic George Zaker

New Membership

Nancy J. Wood

Did You Miss October's Meeting?

Some of the members present took advantage of the good deals available on items they needed at the Swap tables. President Jason Adam opened the meeting at 7:45pm. Jason brought attention to the want ads on the last page of the newsletter looking for a CPA and a Web Developer that could help the Club out. He also brought up the Wild Game Dinner. The individual ticket prices were raised to \$50 and there would be an incentive of \$100 worth of raffle tickets to anyone who purchased an entire table (10 tickets). Jason also mentioned the upcoming Director elections. He talked about the need for new members.

Jason then opened up a discussion to get ideas from the members present about what could be done to stimulate interest in joining the club. There was a lot of participation from the floor and a lot of good ideas came up including that of having outings or even tournaments for non-salmon and trout related species such as walleye. This came from the fact of the poor fishing available now in Lake Huron for salmon. Director Nic Amicone stepped forward and offered to put together a walleye outing next summer on Saginaw Bay with his cottage there as kind of a base. His cottage is real close to a marina where

boats could be launched. A show of hands verified a lot of interest in the idea. All in all, it was a very good discussion.

After the break, Jason took fishing reports from the floor. The tackle raffles that followed featured a river rod and reel combo and a large salmon net as well as the usual great tackle packs. Director Bob Feisel won the 75/25 raffle first prize of \$70. Director Joe Von Grabe took the second prize of \$35. Unfortunately, James Mitchell was not in attendance to claim the \$100 prize in the Every Member drawing



November 1st Pier & River Outing

Hey guys and girls, we had a terrific time fishing for Steelhead at Manistee!! Some were fishing in boots on the pier, and the others were in boats on the river. We all met at Dave's camp at Insta-Launch for the weigh-in and pot-luck dinner afterward. First place went to Bob Paradise with an 8#6oz. Steelie, and second place went to Jerry Zabel with a 7#12oz fish. Others in attendance were Dave & Bill Stachnic, dinner hosts, Tom Theida, Bob Feisel, Dan Whitmill (guest), Doug Karakas & Dave Even. A terrific time was had by all, and it looks like we will do this again next year. For those of you, who had to miss this event, remember to put it in your calendar now, the first Sat. in Nov. 2009.

Cooler of Cheer Raffle

Due to complications again with the new Charitable Gaming Rules, there will be **NO** Cooler of Cheer Raffle this year.

Upcoming Director Elections

There are five Board of Director members whose terms are expiring at the end of this year. Only four of those members intend to run for re-election. If you're a current Club member and would like to help out, this would be the perfect time to do YOUR part.

This organization needs leadership. As a member of the Board of Directors, you can contribute in making the decisions that make this a better Club. Whether it is in Boat Trolling, River fishing, Fund raisers, Shows or any of the many areas that we are involved in, new ideas are needed to keep the Club fresh. It doesn't require much time as the Board meets once a month at 7:00pm, two Tuesdays before the General membership meeting and food and beverages are provided.

This is a volunteer organization and this is the time to STEP UP and volunteer. If you are interested, see Bob Ksionzek at the November membership meeting.

Board of Directors

Jason Adam – President Publicity, Speakers & Education, Website	248-755-3345
Mark Williams – Vice-President Boat Trolling Chairman	810-395-8789
Joe Von Grabe – Secretary Special People Assistant	586-293-7688
Steve Hamilton – Treasurer Coalition, Donations & Appropriations	313-881-3871
Nicholas Amicone Hats, Shirts & Jackets, Scholarship	586-752-7603
Bob Feisel Raffles, Photography	248-357-1089
Paul Gjeldum Shows, Membership & Raffles Assistant	810-798-2313
Tom Gorguze Shows Assistant	248-544-0958
Bob Jones Raffles Assistant	248-486-5049
Doug Karakas Special People, River, Pier, Surf Assistant	248-545-1181
Bob Ksionzek Newsletter Editor & Boat Trolling Assistant	586-752-5545
Bob Mitchell Newsletter Contributions, Publicity, Wild Game Dinner, Coalition	248-828-8034
Tom Moores Membership, Wild Game Dinner	248-634-5789
Chris Nytko Cooler of Cheer, Photography	586-786-0288
Dwayne Welder Trophies, Raffle Assistant	586-757-1194
Jerry Zabel River, Pier, Surf Chairman & Special People	248-350-8024

From the U.S Coast Guard Captain's Exam Database

SAFETY

Question 1. Life floats and buoyant apparatus used aboard small passenger vessels shall be marked in clearly legible letters and numbers _____.

- A. With the parent vessels name in 3 high letters and the number of persons allowed with 1 1/2" high numbers"
- B. By a Coast Guard inspector after inspecting the equipment
- C. By the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS), another classification society or the vessels underwriters
- D. By all of the above

Question 2. Passenger vessels of less than 65 ft. in length must be inspected by the Coast Guard when they carry more than _____. (small passenger vessel regulations):

- A. 12 passengers
- B. 50 passengers
- C. 6 passengers
- D. 1 passenger

Question 3. In vessels that normally carry children, there shall be provided a number of approved life jackets suitable for children equal to at least _____. (small passenger vessel regulations):

- A. 20% of the passengers carried
- B. 10% of the total number of persons carried
- C. 10% of the passengers carried
- D. 20% of the total number of persons carried

Question 4. To prevent damage by and to storage batteries aboard small passenger vessels they should be located _____.

- A. In trays constructed of material that is resistant to electrolyte
- B. So as to prevent movement when the vessel pitches and rolls
- C. In a well ventilated area
- D. All of the above

Question 5. The length of a line which is required to be attached to a ring life buoy must be at least _____. (small passenger vessel regulations):

- A. 30 feet
- B. 60 feet
- C. 90 feet
- D. 120 feet

CLUB DONATION NEWS

Ever caught an Atlantic salmon? Atlantics are known as the salmon of the kings in Europe. They used to be common on the east coast of the US and Canada but now are a threatened species. One interesting fact is that they are one of the few salmon that will take a dry fly.

There have been a few caught in our club tournaments over the years. They are a tremendous trophy. Atlantics in the Great Lakes come from a stocking program at Lake Superior State University. It is really one of a kind.

Lake Superior State University's Aquatic Research Laboratory (ARL) is an off-campus research and educational facility situated on the St. Mary's River in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The St. Mary's River is the sole connecting waterway between Lake Superior and Lake Huron, thus making the ARL uniquely located to study a variety of aquatic ecosystems including the St. Mary's River, Lake Superior, Lake Huron, and inland streams and lakes. LSSU recently asked for help with a new research center and your Detroit Area Steelheaders came through donating \$1640 to buy them a new computer set-up. You can see part of what they do by visiting the fish cam web site at LSSU. <http://www.lssu.edu/arl/fishcam.php>

Also

The Detroit Area Steelheaders have been in existence for over 30 years. As can be expected in that time span, some members and directors are no longer with us. It is near impossible to recognize every member who passes away, but your Board of Directors wanted to do something special in memory of our friends. As such, DAS will have a special park bench located near the Ludington City Marina with a small plaque in memory of our past friends.

Once it's in place, we'll let you know the exact location so you can go there, sit and reflect upon all the fabulous memories you have from fishing trips, conversation and laughs with our former friends and companions.