

Special thanks to my crew for putting up with me and especially Bob Ksionzek for cooking the burgers and writing this awesome tournament scoring program that makes keeping and showing stats a cinch. I need to mention our boat mentor Bob Brumer for his cooking assistance and fish guidance on the boat.

I would also like to make mention of a new boat, Jim's Grady, and welcome Jim and his team to the DAS as well as we hope, to the tournament trail. It was good to see a couple of long lost boats make it as

well, Molly Friar and Loki-One. I understand the Ron Pal from Luck Strike was there but had to leave due to an illness. I hope all is well and that we see you in Port Austin.

For those of you that have not made it to a tournament, or those of you that have not made one in a while, please come, the more the merrier.

For those of you that are new and would like to either fish your own boat or with someone else, get in touch with Joe Von Grabe from Sloppy Joe and he will make sure to get you in contact with the right people. I know it is hard to get started, but once you make a couple of tournaments you will become

an old pro, if you don't know please ask, no question is a dumb question, and we all had to start somewhere. Remember that we have a drawing for a gas card every tournament, the only qualification is that you are in the tournament; everyone has equal chance to win. Hope to see you soon, Bob Jones, Bobby's Toy.

### Check Your Label

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 the club post office box (1255 in Sterling Heights Mi. 48311-1255).

# Fishin' Tales



turnout every year. Maybe it's the variety of fish available or the chance to get that trophy of a lifetime. This port has routinely produced master angler entries in the past and even though the size of the fish is down recently, this is the time of year when you can expect to get the largest fish of the year. With over a million fish planted here annually, there's plenty to go around for everyone. July fishing in Manistee brings mostly large kings and with cohos and steelhead mixed in.

Depending on the weather conditions, one of the favorite areas to work is the shelf or ledge that's about two to three miles out and runs south all the way to Big Sable Point and north to Frankfort. Often, fish can be found off of this shelf in 70 – 300 fow. Some of the landmarks in this direction are Gurney Creek and Three Bears, With the recent change to a 20 mile radius from the harbor, you can fish off of Big Sable point along with the boats out of Ludington. If finding the big kings becomes tuff, you can always find steelhead and three year old kings straight out in deeper water. A north-south troll usually is best early in the morning and often an east-west troll works best later in the day.

Make sure you have plenty of cable on your downriggers because the fish may be very deep. Green seems to be the color of choice. Spindoctors (white with green flies) work well, hoochies, j-plugs, and cut bait also works well this time of year.

### June Meeting

The next Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. club meeting takes place on Tuesday May 29, 2007 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.

In addition, the meeting will have upcoming tournament information and recent tournament results, fishing reports, raffles, and short technical presentations where time allows. Hope to see you there.....Jason

Up to date club information can be also found on the DAS web site at [www.detroitsteelheaders.org](http://www.detroitsteelheaders.org).

### 2007 Manistee July 14th

Our next tournament will bring us to the mid-point of our 2007 trolling schedule. This will be our first tournament out of the port of Manistee this year. We'll be back again at the end of August to cash in on returning kings.

This is been a favorite port of many of our Captain's as evidenced by the excellent

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## GRAND HAVEN



1<sup>st</sup> Sloppy Joe



3<sup>rd</sup> Thors Hammer



8<sup>th</sup> Bobby's Toy



7<sup>th</sup> E Fish N Sea



1<sup>st</sup> Sloppy Joe Sunday



## PORT AUSTIN



1<sup>st</sup> Sloppy Joe



7<sup>th</sup> Bobby's Toy



10<sup>th</sup> Blue Star



5<sup>th</sup> Vicki's Seacret



3<sup>rd</sup> No Limit

## PORT AUSTIN RESULTS

Below are the unofficial results for the 2007 Port Austin tournament and Sunday's Team Doubles tournament.

Saturday:

14 boats weighed in fish

14th	TNT	16.85
13th	Thors Hammer	19.40
12th	Temporary Fix	26.15
11th	Loki One	31.05
10th	Blue Star	36.75
9th	Molly Friar	51.15
8th	Ladies Choice	63.25
7th	Bobby's Toy	68.05
6th	Tyger	71.00
5 <sup>th</sup>	Vicki's Seacret	71.90
4th	Pride & Joy	79.00
3rd	No Limit	85.20
2nd	Silver Addiction	88.20
1st	Sloppy Joe	91.35

Total number of fish 97; 95 Lake Trout and 2 Kings.

Big Fish pool winner and largest fish: was a Lake 10.45# Trout 10.45 caught by Sloppy Joe crew. \$50 gas card - Bobby's Toy

Sunday Team Doubles results:  
9 boats weighed in fish

5th	Thors Hammer & Silver Addiction	128.30
4th	TNT & Sloppy Joe	142.10
3rd	Molly Friar & No Limit	149.15
2nd	Bobby's Toy & Pride & Joy	149.75
1st	Bobby's Toy & Vicki's Seacret	169.25

79 fish; 75 were Lake Trout, 3 were Kings and 1 Pink Largest Fish: King 11.05#, No Limit

2007 Standings		<u>10-Jun</u>	<u>Best 2</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>Grand</u>	<u>Port</u>	<u>SKIPPER</u>
<u>BOAT</u>	<u>SKIPPER</u>		<u>POINTS</u>	<u>Joseph</u>	<u>Haven</u>	<u>Haven</u>	<u>Austin</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
1 Sloppy Joe Almost	Joe von Grabe		2	4	4	1	1	85
2 Paradise	Bob Paradise		3	1	3	2	75	156
3 Pride & Joy	Tim Robinson		5	7	1	6	4	93
4 No Limit	Dave Linder		6	3	75	5	3	161
5 Vicki's Seacret Silver	Bob Feisel		6	2	75	4	5	161
6 Addiction	Mark Williams		7	5	75	9	2	166
7 Bobby's Toy Thor's	Bob Jones		9	50	2	8	7	142
8 Hammer	Al Wiechert		11	8	75	3	13	174
9 Loki-One	Dave Roehr		20	10	75	10	11	181
10 Molly Friar	Ron Hartman		59	75	75	50	9	284
11 Billy B	Bill Bollenberg		81	6	75	75	75	306
12 Tyger	Ty Voigt		81	75	75	75	6	306
13 E Fish N Sea	Doug Karakas		82	75	75	7	75	307
14 Lady's Choice	Denis Harper		83	75	75	75	8	308
15 Lucky Strike	Ron Pal		84	9	75	75	75	309
16 Blue Star II	Stan Bilek		85	75	75	75	10	310
17 Jim's Grady	Jim Zanke		86	75	75	11	75	311
18 Temporary Fix	Mike Nitzh		87	75	75	75	12	312
19 TNT	Tom Thieda		89	75	75	75	14	314

**Grand Haven Tournament.**

Sunday day two was called at 9:30 a.m.

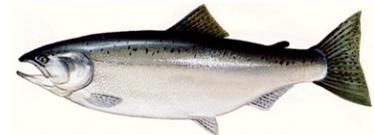
12 boats total and 11 boats weighed fish. 180 fish; 148 Kings, 3 Steelhead, 18 Coho & 11 Lake Trout.

11th Jim's Grady 31.90  
 10th Loki One 70.50  
 9th Silver Addiction 71.05  
 8th Bobby's Toy 136.45  
 7th E Fish N Sea 141.50  
 6th Pride & Joy 146.10  
 5th No Limit 148.70  
 4th Vicki's Seacret 156.00  
 3rd Thors Hammer 169.45  
 2nd Almost Paradise 204.05  
 1st Sloppy Joe 206.10

Big Fish Saturday was a 16.6 # King caught by Almost Paradise; also \$60.00 Big Fish Pool winner.

Big Fish Sunday was a 13.4 # King caught by Thors Hammer; also \$60.00 Big Fish Pool winner.

Winner of the random draw \$50 gas card was Thors Hammer.



**FOR SALE:**

The Half R's - 22 ft 1986 Cruisers Inc. Hard Top, EZ Loader trailer, \$7,000 of fosh goodies, Fuel efficient 305 cu in 230 hp engine. Excellent condition. 20 years of tender living care by little old man. Last few years only used in seas of 2 footers or less - \$11,900. Ron Huey 248-685-9777

Trap nets have been placed both north and south of the pierheads. These should be avoided. Be prepared with wire cutters at the ready in case you get caught up in them. If you do get tangled, start cutting. Don't try to save the gear, you'll only get tangled worse. If you have a GPS unit, I recommend you enter the waypoints of all of the nets. You can find them at <http://www.michigansportsman.com/> The Skipper's meeting will be at 5:00 a.m. Saturday morning at the K of C Pavilion just west of the DNR ramp, with a 6:00 a.m. tournament start. Remember we no longer do shotgun starts. You can run out to your spot after the Captain's meeting but don't begin setting lines until 6:00 a.m. when the tournament start is announced on channel 72. Fish calls will be at 9:00 a.m. and noon. Pull lines at 2:00 and be at the weigh-in by 3:30 p.m. The weigh-in will also be at the K of C Pavilion. Food and refreshments will be available during the weigh-in ceremonies. Good luck to everyone and see you there. Tom Gorguze, "Bad Dog" 586-344-4990

### **Grand Haven Two Day Tournament Results**

The Grand Haven two day tournament is now history and this tournament will go down in DAS history as one of the best. Many boats did very well both

days of fishing. Mother Nature kept us on our toes as she threw us a curve everyday, no two day's were the same.

Bobby's Toy, Vicki's Seacret and a new boat; Jim's Grady arrived Thursday night with a promise of calm water and sunny skies for Friday. Ole Mom Nature did not disappoint. We awoke to a clear but cold morning, there was a frost advisory for Thursday night, but we all managed to get through it. Bobby's Toy made an early attempt at the water, we decided to try in close and see what happened. We motored out to 40 FOW and set lines. At 6:15 it was fish on, fish gone, 6:20, fish on, fish gone. We were beginning to see a pattern here. By 7:30 we had 5 fish hit and nothing in the box to show for our efforts.

Sloppy Joe called and said he was going to set up in 90 FOW and give it a try, within a few minuets he claimed success. It was a no brainier for the crew of Bobby's Toy; we pulled them and ran out 4 miles and set up in 140 FOW just south of the pier heads. By 10:00 AM we had 10 fish on, and this time got them in the box. We proceeded to take fish at a fairly steady pace until we pulled lines at 2:00 PM. The count was 15 for 21, 3 lakers and the rest kings, not a bad days work. As the day wore more club boats arrived and took a shot at the beautiful weather and great fishing. This

had been a slow spring for most of us this year, it was a relief to have Grand Haven turn on and offer some fine fishing.

The captain meeting was held on Saturday morning with a total of 12 boats signing in for the tournament. The weather reports were spotty at best, calling for winds and possible storms. Once the sun began to raise it was obvious that it was a new day and a new game. The wind had shifted direction, the waves picked up somewhat from the previous day and the sun went into hiding. This made for an ideal fish day, good cover and a decent chop on the water.

The first fish call was at 9:00AM, (depending on whose watch you were looking at), all boats reported fish. Silver Addiction led the way with 15 in the box, Bobby's Toy reported 12, and Almost Paradise reported 11. Many boats had 5 or more in the box.

It was non-stop action for Bobby's Toy from 6:10 until 9:30. We did not get the all lines in the water until 9:30. We had countless doubles and a couple of triples thrown in for extra flavor, pure craziness! for the first few hours. We soon realized that we were in danger of running out of "Kool-Aid" if this kept up. We have a tradition on my boat that we toast every fish by passing around a bottle...err...cup of "Kool-Aid"; everyone must take a snort or err....sip to be effective.

Nothing like a hit of "Kool-Aid" at 6:30 in the morning to make things interesting. All in all, one of the best fishing morning ever for me and my crew, none of us had ever experienced anything like it, pure awesome.

The 12 0' Clock fish call told somewhat of a different story; it was obvious fishing slowed considerably for most of the fleet. Silver Addiction was sitting on 18; Bobby's Toy had one more for 13 and Almost Paradise had 12. Many of the boats were getting particular on what fish they kept. Once we had 8 fish we started releasing fish that were smaller than anything we had in the cooler. All told we had over 25 fish on for the day; we brought 14 to the scales. An awesome day one for Bobby's Toy. Some boats found the fish a little latter, Sloppy Joe reported 15, Thor's Hammer had 12, and Vicki's Seacret reported 10 with Pride Joy rounding out the top five spots with 9 fish.

The call to pull lines took place at 2:00 PM; most boats were in the weigh-in line on time with the exception of one boat, which will remain nameless to protect the crew. Almost Paradise won big fish for day one with a 16.6 pound king. Sloppy Joe led the field with a whopping 123.3 points, the second place boat was Thor's Hammer with 108.9 points, third spot went to Almost Paradise with 108.8 points, fourth was Bobby's Toy with

108.55 then E Fish N Sea pulled up the fifth spot with 104.75 points. It was obvious it was anybody's tournament to win with the scores being so close.

The wind started blowing hard Saturday afternoon. The prediction for Sunday was calling for 4 to 7 foot waves, not good news for all but Joe. Sunday morning was a bit breezy, but still fishable at 6:00AM. Joe and the weather boats decided it was a go. Sunday for Bobby's Toy was a rough go. The ole captain went into melt down mode. I had gotten home Wednesday night from 2 weeks in China and left for Grand Haven on Thursday, by Sunday it had all caught up to me and I crashed and burned. We did not get off the dock until after 6, and it was a slow go to the fishing grounds 5 miles out as we had to fight 2-3 footers straight off the bow. By the time we got lines set it was 7:00, we missed the early bite for certain.

As the morning rolled on, so did the waves. The wind was picking up by the half hour and the waves came with it. We had our best action going into the waves, so it was not a fun morning on Bobby's Toy, at least nothing like we experienced the previous 2 day's. Joe started calling the weather boats around 9:00 am, E-Fish-N-Sea was reporting taking waves over the bow and was questioning if we should be out there. We had our 9:00 AM fish call, most boats reported catching fish, Sloppy Joe had 8,

Silver Addiction was sitting on 7, Almost Paradise had 8, and Thor's Hammer had 5. I instructed my crew to pull lines, we were going in, just then my cell rang and it was Joe telling me he thinks we should call it, I agreed, he called the other weather boats and we all agreed it was getting to the point of not being safe. The tournament was called at 9:30 with all boats being told to be in the weigh line by 11:00, giving more time to get in due to the water conditions.

All boats but one weighed in fish, with Big Al of Thor's Hammer fame wining the big fish money for day two with a 13.4 pound King. Sloppy Joe remained unbeatable with a 2 day total of 166.1 points. Almost Paradise took over second place honors and was nipping on Joe's heels with 164.05 point total. Thor's Hammer finished 3rd with 144.45 points, big fish money and the fifty dollar gas card, not a bad day for Al!

Grand Haven turned into an awesome tournament even though we did have to end early. The fish totals: 147 kings, the biggest being 16.6 pounds, caught by Almost Paradise 11 Coho, the biggest was 5.0 pounds, caught by Pride & Joy. 3 Steelhead, the biggest was 6.35 pounds, caught by No Limit 10 Lake Trout, the biggest was 7.8 pounds, caught by Pride & Joy. A total of 171 fish were taken by 12 boats. (cont. on back page)