

2007 Key Dates

July 31– Member Meeting

8/4 Ludington Ladies Day
(Mark Williams)

8/11 Ludington II
(Ron Pal)

8/25 Manistee II
(Bob Paradise)

9/8 Frankfort
(Bob Fiesel)

August 28– Member Meeting

September 25– Member Meeting

Oct. 30– Member Meeting

Nov. 27– Member Meeting

2007 Manistee Tournament

The tournament was postponed from Saturday to Sunday due to weather. The catch total is based on 5 hrs. of fishing. Eleven boats participated. 10 boats weighed in fish. The total number of fish caught was 66. Of these 57 were Kings, 1 was a Coho, 5 were Steelhead, 2 were Lake Trout and 1 Brown Trout was caught.

10th No Limit	19.35
9th Dredge	25.80
8th Bobby's Toy	58.45
7th Thors Hammer	87.30
6th Pride & Joy	100.85
5th Bad Dog	101.40
4th Silver Addiction	111.80
3rd Sloppy Joe	115.25
2nd Almost Paradise	120.70
1st Vicki's Seacret	132.75

The Big Fish was a 17.15 pound King, caught by Thors Hammer. It was also the \$55.00 Big Fish Pool winner. The lucky winner of \$50 gas card was Sloppy Joe.

Joe Von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe"

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; P.O. Box 1255, Sterling Heights Mi. 48311-1255.

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July Meeting

The next Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. club meeting takes place on Tuesday July 31, 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.

Ludington Ladies Day Tournament

August 4th & Ludington II Tournament August 11th

The next two tournaments coming up on our schedule will be back to back at Ludington. The first one is our annual Ladies Day Tournament and will be held on August 4th. For this

tournament, the guys can set lines and net the fish but only the ladies can fight the fish. We will once again have a Pig Roast for our after trip meal. We ask that each crew bring a dish to pass to make this a special event. This port has always been a favorite of salmon fishermen and women, because of the opportunity to get into some nice kings. Of course Coho and steelhead are also abundant in the area but kings are what'll get you in the top ten in the standings. The following weekend we'll go back to our regular tournament format. There will be our normal picnic fair at the weigh-in.

This port more than probably any other, warrants you checking out the previous week's weather and surface temps. Water temps will dictate where the fish will be located. A north blow for several days prior will tend to push cold water around Sable Point to the north and make the better fishing toward the south. Under normal conditions, most boats will be working the drop off that runs from about 8 miles straight out northeast towards Sable Point. The closer you get to Sable Point the more boats you'll find so it'll be difficult to run lead core. Sometimes the fish will be in close to shore off the Bathhouse or even right in front of the pier heads. The Project just south of the pier heads has also traditionally been an area that holds fish.

No matter where you decided to go the standard tackle approach of magnum spoons and rotators

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and flies in blues and greens, are always a good place to start. There are many trap nets in this area so watch for the markers and stay clear. The best way to avoid them completely is to get their positions off of the Ludington Charter Boat Association website and load these positions into your GPS unit. Even with these precautions, keep some wire cutters handy just in case. If you happen to get caught in the net, it is a wise idea to just cut your losses. Tackle and equipment can be repaired but a life cannot.

The Skipper's meetings will be at 5:00 a.m. both Saturdays at the Municipal Marina. The tournament starts will be at 6:00 a.m. 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 for both weekends. For the Ladies Day Tournament we'll pull lines at 1:00 p.m., and you must be in the weigh-in line at 2:30 p.m. For the regular tournament the following week, pull lines at 2:00 p.m. and be at the weigh-in by 3:30 p.m. The weigh-ins for both tournaments will be at Peter Copeyan Park which is just off Washington Street a few miles south of town. The Port Captains for the events are Mark Williams, Silver Addiction, and Ron Pal, Lucky Strike. Give us a call if you have any specific questions. I know the fish will be there, and I hope you will be too!

Ludington II

Ludington II – August 11th, the very next week end brings us once again to the beautiful port of Ludington. Right after the ladies have had their chance to show the men how it's done. , the guys get their opportunity to strut their stuff. This is the time of the year that we have all been waiting for, big Kings and plenty of them. This port offers plenty of structure and two of the favorite hotspots are the Bath House area and the Consumers Power Plant, my personal favorite is the Big Sable Point lighthouse area. Another area that produces good fishing is the Little Sable Point area which is located South of the city. You can also have a shot at Lake Trout in waters that are due West of the pier heads approximately in water 100 – 125 feet deep. Keep in mind that

there are fishing nets in the immediate vicinity and that you need to exercise common sense and caution when you come across one.

Captain's meeting will be at 5 a.m. at the Municipal Marina with the tournament beginning at 6 a.m. We'll have two fish calls during the day at 9 a.m. and 12 noon, all boats must pull lines at 2 p.m. and then meet for the weigh-in at 3:30 p.m. A late lunch will be served during the weigh-in so please don't eat during the afternoon so that you'll be good and hungry. Be sure to be on time, should you be late points will be deducted from you total score. Remember that if you need to return to port for any reason contact the Port Captain, Ron Pal by radio, channel 72 or cell phone 586-703-8824.

2007 Manistee II Tournament August 25th
We'll we're back again for our second tournament out of this port. This weekend we should be able to cash in on returning kings. Last year at this time, you didn't have to go very far. Fish were in the top 20 feet over 70 fow. Also, in past years, long lining J-plugs in 30-40 fow off of the Green Onion was very productive.

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.

2007 Boat Trolling Tournaments

2007 Tourney's and Port Captains as follows:

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This year, trap nets have been placed south of the pier heads. 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 the following websites:
<http://www.fishmanistee.com>
<http://www.michigansportsman.com>
<http://www.ludingtoncharterboats.org>

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.
Bob Paradise, "Almost Paradise"

Trolling Flies

Fishing with "hoochies" and flies is one of the hottest set-ups on the Great Lakes. Unfortunately, the flies take a beating and replacement is about \$5 per fly.

It's not that hard to make your own. Just go to BassPro.com and in the product search type "tinsel insert". You can buy 3 for \$1.99. Then all you need is some 40-50 lb test line, a couple of beads, a piece of tubing between the beads and a treble hook.

Nice, simple and cheap. You'll probably have about a buck in each one.

2007 Standings		<u>15-Jul</u>	<u>Best 3</u>	<u>St</u>	<u>South</u>	<u>Grand</u>	<u>Port</u>	
<u>BOAT</u>	<u>SKIPPER</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>Joseph</u>	<u>Haven</u>	<u>Haven</u>	<u>Austin</u>	<u>Manistee</u>	
1	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	5	1	3	2	75	2
2	Sloppy Joe	Joe von Grabe	5	4	4	1	1	3
3	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	7	2	75	4	5	1
4	No Limit	Dave Linder	11	3	75	5	3	10
5	Pride & Joy	Tim Robinson	11	7	1	6	4	6
6	Silver Addiction	Mark Williams	11	5	75	9	2	4
7	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	17	50	2	8	7	8
8	Thor's Hammer	Al Wiechert	18	8	75	3	13	7
9	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	31	10	75	10	11	50
10	Molly Friar	Ron Hartman	134	75	75	50	9	75
11	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguza (0507)	155	75	75	75	75	5
12	Billy B	Bill Bollenberg	156	6	75	75	75	75
13	Tyger	Ty Voigt	156	75	75	75	6	75
14	E Fish N Sea	Doug Karakas	157	75	75	7	75	75
15	Lady's Choice	Denis Harper	158	75	75	75	8	75
16	Dredge	Ed Hill	159	75	75	75	75	9
17	Lucky Strike	Ron Pal	159	9	75	75	75	75
18	Blue Star II	Stan Bilek	160	75	75	75	10	75
19	Jim's Grady	Jim Zanke	161	75	75	11	75	75
20	Temporary Fix	Mike Nitzh	162	75	75	75	12	75
21	TNT	Tom Thieda	164	75	75	75	14	75

