

Fishin' Tales

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Captain Dave Even and Captain Bob Mitchell of EI-LIN SportFishing Charters out of Ludington, MI.

Dave and Bob are the best and I sure do appreciate their generosity! Not only did I catch fish, but I was once again reminded of how important our charter fishing industry is to our economy in Michigan, and the challenges our charter captains and sport anglers are faced with every day on the Great Lakes. Sportfishing contributes a bundle of dollars to this state and it's a shame that most politicians take it for granted and don't listen more often to the concerns of our charter industry and the anglers who support our fish and game fund. Many of our politicians don't realize that over a million fishing licenses are sold in Michigan each year!

I want the Detroit Steelheaders to know how much I appreciated their support while I served in the Michigan Legislature. I wish I could have helped them more to address some of their concerns but with only six years to serve due to term limits, there was never enough time to tackle all of the tough issues I thought were important and needed to be changed.

I will always remain a faithful member of your organization. Keep up the great work that you do! You are good people and I'm proud to have so many of you as my friends.

My new position as the Women's Regional Coordinator for the National Wild Turkey Federation's Women in the Outdoors program keeps me busy these days. But I'll make sure I'm never too busy to go fishing!

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September Meeting

The September regular member meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 27.

As always, the general meeting takes place at 7:30 P.M. in the hall at 6177 Chicago Rd. (east of Mound Rd., North of 13 Mile Rd.)-Warren,

Letter From Sue Tabor

Sue Tabor is a former State Representative in Michigan. She has long been an advocate and supporter of outdoorsman. She spoke at one of our member meetings. One of her last accomplishments was getting the dove reclassified as a game bird.

In appreciation of all of her work, the Detroit Steelheaders arranged for a charter on Lake Michigan for Sue and her friends.

Following is a letter in appreciation from Sue Tabor.

It was great to be back out on the big lake again! What a beautiful day! The weather was sunny and the water was calm! And, best of all, we caught fish! And of course, I lost the big one! But that's fishing after all!

I want to thank the Detroit Steelheaders, particularly my friend Bill Nutting, for arranging the charter trip I recently took with

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Thanks again Dave and Bob, for a great day of fishing! I truly appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Sue Tabor
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same general area and were able to stay on top of active fish. The noon fish call found Almost Paradise and Slapshot, both with eleven fish, Sloppy Joe now with nine, Lil Scratch with eight, Thors Hammer with seven, and Bad Dog with five. It looked like it would be a showdown for who happened to be over the bigger fish.

At 2:00 p.m. promptly, the announcement was made that the tournament was over, and all pulled lines to head in for the weigh-in. Once again, the Almost Paradise team did a great job with the food for the weigh-in festivities. Sub sandwiches, corn on the cob, fudge brownies for desert. Can't wait to see how they top that next year. Fifteen boats brought fish in to the weigh-in. When it was all done, once again Almost Paradise took first place honors with a whopping 147.5 points and a twelve fish limit of kings. Congratulations Bob with continuing a fantastic streak. Rounding out the top five were Lil Scratch in 2nd, Sloppy Joe in third, Slapshot fourth, and Bad Dog in fifth. Also, congratulations to Ed Hill of the Dredge for capturing big fish honors with a 16.55# king. Joe von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe

18 boats fished the tournament.
15 boats weighed in fish.
The total number of fish caught was 77.
72 Kings, 1 Steelhead and 4 Coho

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>BOAT</u>	<u>SCORE</u>
15th	Aquarius II	8.10
14th	Loki One	11.30
13th	Tyger	19.25
12th	Dredge	21.55
11th	Vicki's Seacret	40.90
10th	Lucky Strike	43.20
9th	Mary K	43.85
8th	Sea Hag	60.35
7th	Thors Hammer	74.50
6th	No Limit	93.75
5th	Bad Dog	110.80
4th	Slapshot	114.65
3rd	Sloppy Joe	123.10
2nd	Lil Scratch	126.80
1st	Almost Paradise	147.50

Big Fish 16.55# King, Dredge, also \$85.00 Big Fish Pool winner.

Manistee Tournament

Another great weekend of fishing at Manistee

With the reputation for outstanding fishing and a good weather outlook, eighteen boats made the trip to Manistee this year. This was one of our better recent turnouts and the fishing results proved once again that this port is not one to miss.

There were hints of impending rain at the begin of the Captain's meeting. With the fishing reports indicating good fishing from the previous day everyone was anxious to get started.

At 6:00 a.m., Bob Paradise, this weekend's Port Captain, announced the start of the tournament, and the contest was on. For us, setting lines in the dark with two footers, a slight drizzle and sometimes even a good rain made setting lines a real challenge. This is when having all of the tackle ready, a place for everything and an experienced crew familiar with your boat and equipment is a real advantage. Everyone knew what to do with very few words being exchanged. Before the first lead core release got half way down to the planner board, the line released and we had our first fish on. We were off and running.

The 9:00 a.m. fish call found Lil Scratch in the lead with eight fish, Sloppy Joe with seven, Almost Paradise with six, Slapshot with five, and several boats with four. All but two boats reported fish in the box so it looked like most of the club boats were off to a good start.

As usual, things slowed down for most of the boats. Almost Paradise, Slapshot, Thors Hammer and Bad Dog were the exception as they even managed to pick up the pace. They all were fishing the

Pier and Surf Clinic

On October 15th, I will be holding our annual pier and surf clinic at Ludington's piers.

Last year this was a very hot pier for Steelhead.

All those interested in learning how to fish the surf or piers for Steelhead and Whitefish contact

Club President Mark Bevans
At: 586-779-3189

Or
inseine@wowway.com

If you have equipment great, if you don't I'll be able to provide you with what you'll need.

I will supply the tackle and the bait.

If you plan on attending please let me know so I can bring enough for everyone.

We will meet at the parking lot by the Beach, near the North Pier at 5:30 am. If the wind direction isn't right then we will drive to the South Pier.

Dress warm and bring rain gear. Bring lantern or a flashlight, and a chair.

I stay in Ludington a lot this time of year and I have found that the Villa Vista has about the best price on rooms. Two double bed rooms runs me about \$55.00 a night.

MANISTEE 2005



	2005 Standings	<i>FINAL</i>	<i>Best 5</i>			<i>Grand</i>	<i>Port</i>		<i>Ludington</i>			<i>Grand</i>
	BOAT	SKIPPER	POINTS	St Joe	Stakes	Haven	Austin	Frankfort	Ladies	Ludington	Manistee	Haven II
1	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	6	75	50	1	75	75	2	1	1	1
2	Sloppy Joe	Joe von Grabe	14	75	50	75	3	5	1	4	3	3
3	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguza	19	75	50	3	19	2	6	3	5	75
4	No Limit	Dave Linder	26	75	1	8	11	9	75	12	6	2
5	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	30	75	50	7	9	6	8	2	11	7
6	Thor's Hammer	Al Wiechert	32	75	50	12	75	4	10	6	7	5
7	Aquarius II	Chris Nytko	41	75	50	10	4	10	3	14	15	75
8	Mary K	Ken Kuhar	69	75	75	14	18	75	15	13	9	75
9	Outta Line	Jason Adam	80	50	50	2	14	1	13	75	75	75
10	Lil' Scratch	Dick Shirk	94	75	75	5	75	3	75	9	2	75
11	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	115	75	75	13	6	7	14	75	75	75
12	In-Seine	Mark Bevans	129	75	50	11	75	75	11	7	50	75
13	Slapshot	Doug Batty	149	75	50	9	75	11	75	75	4	75
14	Tyger	Ty Voigt	150	75	50	75	2	75	75	10	13	75
15	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	159	50	75	6	15	13	75	75	75	75
16	Loki-One	Dave Roehr	161	75	50	17	5	75	75	75	14	75
17	Blue Star II	Stan Bilek	166	75	75	75	13	50	12	16	75	75
18	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	167	75	75	75	1	8	75	75	8	75
19	Dredge	Ed Hill	170	75	75	18	75	50	75	15	12	75
20	Lucky Strike	Ron Pal	179	75	50	19	50	75	75	75	10	50
21	Pat A Wac	Jim Fitch	207	75	50	75	20	12	75	75	50	75
22	Crusader	Mike Vigus	223	75	50	75	12	75	75	11	75	75
23	E Fish N Sea	Doug Karakas	235	75	75	4	75	75	75	75	75	6
24	Silver Addiction	Mark Williams	236	75	75	75	7	75	4	75	75	75
25	Reel Allure	Bill Stanley	239	75	75	75	75	75	9	5	75	75
26	Tail Walker	Ron Niemasz	258	75	75	16	17	75	75	75	75	75
27	Molly Friar	Ron Hartman	304	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	4
28	Hawkeye	Larry Walter	305	75	75	75	75	75	5	75	75	75
29	Reel Screamer	Fred McIntyre	307	75	75	75	75	75	7	75	75	75
30	Fishigan	Mike Rymar	308	75	75	75	75	75	75	8	75	75
31	Lady's Choice	Denis Harper	308	75	75	75	8	75	75	75	75	75
32	Brat -The Brat	Ron Maschke	310	75	75	75	10	75	75	75	75	75
33	Mickey Mouse Club	Bob Buero	315	75	75	15	75	75	75	75	75	75
34	Last Dime II	Bob Ksionzek	316	75	75	75	16	75	75	75	75	75

Grand Haven II

Grand Haven II, Closing out the 2005 Tournament Season

Looks like \$3.00/gal. plus gas prices, a difficult economy, a few mechanical problems and the tournament being held at a Lake Michigan port finally caught up with us. A total of only eight boats showed up at Grand Haven for the final tournament of this 2005 boat trolling season.

Those that didn't make it, missed some excellent fishing with good weather Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Many of us were all set to do the Pier Head patrol after listening to tips from Captain Mark of Tomorrow's Dream and Captain Rick of Reel Work.

We pre-fished on Friday and found no one was working the pierheads. The charter boats were in 60 plus fow, all the way out to 130 fow. With most working the water south of the pierheads. We started out north in about 70 fow and quickly were into fish. We ended up with nine nice fish in the box to show for our mornings's efforts and felt we had a program to start off Saturday morning with. We went out to the same general water in the afternoon and as often happens, the fish moved. So much for our program.

At the Slipper's meeting, the eight Captains were duely registered and all were ready to start. At 6:30 the tournament start was announced. You couldn't have asked for better weather. Two foot rollers and a slight breeze to keep everyone cooled off. Only during the last couple of hours did the wind completely shut off and the 88 degree temperatures made things a bit sticky. It sure made for some nice scenery when we got back to the pierheads though. The 9:30 a.m. fish call showed Sloppy Joe leading the pack with five fish, Almost Paradise with four, E-Fish-N-Sea, No Limit and Thors Hammer all with three. The fishing seemed a lot tougher than Friday.

The 12:30 p.m. fish call showed most boats were still picking away. Almost Paradise now had the lead with ten fish, Sloppy Joe with seven, and No Limit with six.

At the weigh-in, everyone enjoyed pizza and drinks. Almost Paradise topped off his outstanding season with another first place finish with 134.2 total points. This was more than four pounds heavier on average than the second and third place boats. Once again, congratulations Bob on an outstanding streak.

No Limit finished in second and Sloppy Joe third. Ron Hartman of Molly Friar ended up with the biggest fish with a 15.80# king and \$40.00 from the big fish pool. Way to go Ron.

Below are the unofficial results of the Grand Haven II Tournament. 8 boats fished the tournament. 7 boats weighed in fish. The total number of fish caught was 46. 41 Kings, 1 Steelhead, 2 Coho and 2 Lake Trout

PLACE	BOAT	SCORE
7th	Vicki's Seacret	36.50
6th	E Fish N Sea	60.65
5th	Thors Hammer	61.70
4th	Molly Friar	62.10
3rd	Sloppy Joe	100.95
2nd	No Limit	101.90
1st	Almost Paradise	134.2

Big Fish 15.80# King, Molly Friar, also \$40.00 Big Fish Pool winner.

Congratulations to Bob Paradise for a fantastic season.

Joe von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe"

2005 Key Dates

Oct. 15 - Ludington Surf
Mark Bevens -586-779-3189

Dec. 20 - Christmas Party



Christmas Gifts?

Thinking about Christmas Gifts? How about DAS Shirts, Hats and Jackets. Hats are only \$12.00. Polo shirts (tan color) with small DAS logo start at \$21.00. Sweatshirts crew with small DAS logo start at \$22.00. Sweatshirts collar with small DAS logo start at \$33.00. Sweatshirts hooded with small DAS logo start at \$33.00. Sweatshirts hooded 1/4 zipper with small DAS logo start at \$37.00. Sweatshirts hooded (full zipper) with small DAS logo start at \$37.00. All sweatshirts are Navy Blue color. Jackets are Spring/Fall with large DAS logo on back and start at \$68.00. Jackets - winter (flees lined) with large DAS logo on back start at \$80.00.

Payment in full is required upon ordering. See Ty Voigt

Raffle Report for August 2005

The August membership meeting historically has been lightly attended and this year was no different. However, we did manage to give away some very nice prizes. The club raffled off a spotlight, filet knife set, fishing rod, soft sided tackle bag and a couple of tackle packs to round off the prizes. The tackle raffle seemed to have been well received given the amount of tickets sold per members in attendance.

The 50/50 drawing had a new twist for the August meeting; we had a second drawing and gave away a 100 quart cooler. DAS director Chris Nytko, captain of Aquarius II won the \$91.00 cash prize. Ron Pal, (continued on back page)

captain of the Lucky Strike was the recipient of the cooler. Congratulations to both of you.

We will be trying something new for our 50/50 cash drawing; we are going to continue with a second drawing. The prize value will vary month to month, but expect retail value to be approximately \$50.00.

Ron Hartwell of West Bloomfield had his name pulled as the recipient of the \$50.00 membership raffle. However, Ron was not at the August meeting so the \$50.00 goes back in the cookie jar where it will magically grow to \$60.00 for the September raffle.

Thanks to Nick Amicone for collecting the funds for the tackle raffle and to Dwayne Welder for collecting the funds for the 50/50 raffle.

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MEETING NOTICE – PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

It has come time for me to start replenishing the stock for our tackle raffles. I would very much like to hear from the membership on what kind of prizes are preferred. Please drop me a note on our club message board, email me at bjones@detroitsteelheaders.org or contact me at the membership meeting.

Remember, you can't win if you don't play, and you can't play if you are not present for the meetings.

Sincerely,
Bob Jones
"Bobby's Toy"
Raffle Chairman



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

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