



FISH TALES



Manistee delivers best fishing action in years!

MANISTEE – Well, this year the port of Manistee certainly lived up to its reputation of delivering fantastic Salmon action. We arrived at the boat launch Friday morning at around 10 o'clock just in time to see boats coming back in off the Lake. From all report, the fishing was excellent.

We headed right out, set lines by 11 a.m. and fished until around 6 p.m., ending up with 11 fish in the box, mostly four-year-old King Salmon. We enjoyed steady action right through the middle of the day, when fishing ought to have been tough. We only ran six rods, four off downriggers and two off Dipsy Divers – there was too much boat traffic to run lead core.

With a favorable weather forecast for Saturday forecasting light north winds, everything was shaping up for a good tournament. The Skippers Meeting found 25 boats on hand, and all the fishing reports were positive. Mike Vigus called the tourney start at 6 a.m. sharp, and the crews began to set lines.

We began with magnum glow spoons off the 'riggers and glow Hootchies off the Dipsys. We charged up the lures before sending them down and immediately got into fish. By the 9 a.m. Fish Call, we were just landing our ninth fish, a number matched by "In-Seine" and "Steelie." "Sea Hag" was reporting eight in, while "Reel Screamer" and "Almost Paradise" each had seven. All but three boats had fish in the cooler. "Free Bird" reported none in the box. Did I hear that right, or was did they say nine? Surprisingly, it really was none!

For us, the action shut off completely after the first Fish Call. We didn't have so much as a bump for the next three hours – and the noon Fish Call revealed that this was the case for most of the other boats, as well. Five of the top six boat from the first Call reported a combined total of only two more fish caught since 9 o'clock! However, "Reel Screamer" was able to stay over active fish, and reported 12 in the box at noon. Several other boats, including "Bobby's Toy," "Crusader," "Voyageur," "Capt'n Hook II," "Pisces" and "Happy Bare" all found enough action to put themselves into contention. Even "Free Bird" finally got a fish – way to go, Bill and Jason.

At about 12:30 p.m., a new crew member



1st Place: "SEA HAG" with Blaise Pewinski and crew.

suggested we try trolling from east to west instead of north to south, reminding us that "that is how we were getting the fish yesterday, right?" We made the change, and over the next hour we went two for four, putting another couple of nice four-year-olds in the box. Our biggest problem was finding room in the cooler for all of our catch.

We ended up bringing two coolers to the weigh-in, which we went into with high confidence. This was by far the best catch we had ever brought to a D.A.S weigh-in, and possibly our best catch ever on "Sloppy Joe!" Judging by the number of coolers we saw, and the way people were straining to get them to the scales, we were not the only boat with heavy boxes.

The final result saw "Sea Hag" just edging out "In-Seine" for first place, which kept skip-

per Blaise Pewinski in close contention for "Skipper of the Year" honors and forced the "Free Bird" crew to take their champagne off ice for a couple of weeks, at least. The other boats which got into the fish early on each managed to hold on and dominate the top spots in the final standings, and all but one of the fleet brought in at least one fish.

In the Big Fish Pool, Duane Dean aboard "The Office" claimed first place with a beautiful 26-pounds-plus King, followed closely by Mark Bevans of "In-Seine" (2nd place) and Bill Hoffman and "Steelie" (3rd place) with nice monster Kings of their own.

Overall, one would have to say this was certainly one of the better D.A.S. tournaments in recent years!

– Joe Von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe"

Fall Swap Meet set for October meeting

Based on the popularity of our Spring Swap Meet, the Board is trying a Fall Swap Meet, for the October member meeting.

Just bring in any fishing or outdoor equipment which you are interested in selling, and you'll probably be able to finance that new rod and reel you'd like to buy. Or maybe you have your eye on a new GPS or graph and you

want to sell your old one first.

For obvious reasons, the only items not eligible for the Swap Meet are firearms. We will try to open the doors early (7:00 p.m.) to allow time for people to set up.

Remember, bring your used, unwanted items to sell, and a little extra cash to grab that bargain for yourself!

2003 "SKIPPER OF THE YEAR"

(Standings through August 23, 2003 - Best 5)

PLACE/SKIPPER	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	Total
1) BILL DUNK	2	8	2	5	1	3	5	19		13
2) BLAISE PEWINSKI	5	75	3	11	75	1	6	1		16
3) JOE VON GRABE	50	2	10	7	8	12	1	5		23
4) MIKE VIGUS	17	1	20	4	16	8	2	9		24
5) MARK BEVANS	75	3	8	2	12	16	12	2		27
5) DEAN MEYERS	10	5	1	12	5	6	75	75		27
7) DOUG KARAKAS	18	15	4	3	10	5	75	8		30
8) BOB JONES	50	12	5	75	9	4	16	10		40
9) BOB PARADISE	11	10	17	75	75	9	8	4		42
10) CHRIS NYTKO	75	7	75	1	17	13	11	75		49
11) RON MASCHKE	14	13	11	75	3	50	9	18		50
12) KEN KUCHAR	50	9	19	75	75	15	17	14		74
13) BOB FEISEL	50	75	14	14	14	50	10	24		76
14) DICK SHIRK	4	75	12	75	11	7	75	75		109
15) ED HILL	75	75	18	9	13	75	50	22		112
16) DAVE ROEHR	1	11	15	15	75	75	75	75		117
17) TY VOIGHT	75	75	16	8	15	75	75	21		135
18) BILL NUTTING	50	14	9	75	20	75	75	50		143
19) CHRIS MILLER	75	75	75	10	18	50	7	75		160
20) CHRIS BRONNER	75	75	75	13	21	50	18	75		177
21) ROBERT PARKER	75	75	21	75	4	75	13	75		188
22) BOB MENDICKI	75	75	75	75	6	75	19	16		191
23) BILL HOFFMAN	50	75	75	75	75	75	14	6		220
24) PAUL GJELDUM	75	75	7	75	19	75	50	75		226
25) SKIP BERRY	75	75	6	75	2	75	75	75		233
26) FRED McINTYRE	75	75	75	75	7	75	75	3		235
27) BILL STANLEY	75	75	75	75	75	10	3	75		238
28) TOM GORGUZE	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	13		241
29) MARK STOSIAK	6	75	13	75	75	75	75	75		244
30) MIKE LEHTO	75	75	75	75	75	75	15	7		247
31) GREG ZACCARDELLI	50	75	75	75	75	50	50	23		248
32) DON ANTON	75	75	75	75	75	75	20	12		257
33) JOE GOLASZEWSKI	8	75	75	75	75	50	75	75		283
34) DWAYNE WELDER	75	75	75	75	50	11	75	75		286
35) MARK WILLIAMS	50	50	75	75	75	75	50	75		300
36) TIM GRASKIEWICZ	75	75	75	75	75	2	75	75		302
37) MICHAEL KEATING	75	4	75	75	75	75	75	75		304
37) SCOTT McFARREN	75	75	75	75	75	75	4	75		304
39) DOUG BATTY	75	75	75	6	75	75	75	75		306
39) JOHN MILBORNE	75	6	75	75	75	75	75	75		306
41) BILL MACOMB	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	75		307
42) DANNY COLOMBE	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	75		309
43) DUANE DEAN	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	11		311
44) LOU BACSIKIN	13	75	75	75	75	75	75	75		313
45) WALT POHORILY	75	75	75	75	75	14	75	75		314
46) LES JUMP	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	15		315
47) ROB GOLASZEWSKI	16	75	75	75	75	75	75	75		316
48) DICK JACKSON	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	17		317
49) GARY RUPRICH	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	20		320
50) JIM FITCH	50	75	75	75	50	75	75	75		325
51) BOB BUERO	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75		350
51) DARWIN GREGG	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75		350
51) RON KOSCIELSKI	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75		350
51) LYNN MARTIN	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75		350
51) RON NIEMASZ	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75		350
51) TIMOTHY WAIDELICH	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75		350

50 = See Rule IV-E

75 = See Rule IV-F

A = River Crab B = St. Joseph C = Grand Haven D = Oscoda E = Harbor Beach
 F = Ludington (Ladies Day) G = Ludington H = Manistee J = Port Sanilac

MANISTEE TOURNAMENT (August 23, 2003)

BOAT/SKIPPER	PTS.
1) SEA HAG (Blaise Pewinski)	192.50
2) IN-SEINE (Mark Bevans)	191.15
3) REEL SCREAMER (Fred McIntyre)	185.90
4) ALMOST PARADISE (Bob Paradise)	185.70
5) SLOPPY JOE (Joe Von Grabe)	181.90
6) STEELIE (Bill Hoffman)	169.00
7) CAPIUS (Mike Lehto)	155.05
8) CAPT'N HOOK II (Doug Karakas)	154.00
9) CRUSADER (Mike Vigus)	152.45
10) BOBBY'S TOY (Bob Jones)	145.90
11) THE OFFICE (Duane Dean)	132.35
12) HAPPY BARE (Don Anton)	129.45
13) BAD DOG (Tom Gorguze)	123.70
14) MARY K (Ken Kuhar)	114.70
15) ALICE'S ANGLER (Les Jump)	109.00
16) PISCES (Bob Mendicki)	102.70
17) VOYAGEUR (Dick Jackson)	90.65
18) THE BRAT (Ron Maschke)	85.55
19) FREE BIRD (Bill Dunk)	85.00
20) RUPE (Gary Ruprich)	78.65
21) TYGER (Ty Voight)	52.60
22) DREDGE (Ed Hill)	47.25
23) NAUTI-BUOY (Greg Zaccardelli)	39.00
24) VICKI'S SEACRET (Bob Feisel)	28.00
25) JUST ONCE (Bill Nutting)	0.00

BIG FISH POOL WINNERS

PLACE/SKIPPER/BOAT, SPECIES/WEIGHT

- Duane Dean, "The Office" King Salmon, 26.30 pounds
- Mark Bevans, "In-Seine" King Salmon, 25.25 pounds
- Bill Hoffman, "Steelie" King Salmon, 24.75 pounds

TOTAL CATCH: 164 FISH

• 10 Coho • 149 King Salmon • 4 Lake Trout • 1 Steelhead

PORT SANILAC TOURNAMENT (September 6, 2003)

PLACE/BOAT/SKIPPER	PTS.
1) CRUSADER (Mike Vigus)	64.60
2) FREE BIRD (Bill Dunk)	55.75
3) THE OFFICE (Duane Dean)	44.70
4) SLOPPY JOE (Joe Von Grabe)	40.65
5) BAD DOG (Tom Gorguze)	24.95
6) REEL SCREAMER (Fred McIntyre)	20.55
7) IN-SEINE (Mark Bevans)	15.55
8) TIGHT LINES (Chris Miller)	13.90
9) THE BRAT (Ron Maschke)	9.90
10) TRIP 'N DIPSY (Dean Meyers)	8.35
11) SLAPSHOT (Doug Batty)	0.00
11) VICKI'S SEACRET (Bob Feisel)	0.00
11) BLUE HORIZON (Paul Gjeldum)	0.00
11) DREDGE (Ed Hill)	0.00
11) VOYAGEUR (Richard Jackson)	0.00
11) BOBBY'S TOY (Bob Jones)	0.00
11) CAPT'N HOOK II (Doug Karakas)	0.00
11) MARY K (Ken Kuhar)	0.00
11) JUST ONCE (Bill Nutting)	0.00
11) SEA HAG (Blaise Pewinski)	0.00
11) LOKI ONE (Dave Roehr)	0.00
11) REEL ALLURE (Bill Stanley)	0.00
11) TYGER (Ty Voight)	0.00
11) S.S. GUPPY (Dwayne Welder)	0.00
11) NAUTI-BUOY (Greg Zaccardelli)	0.00

BIG FISH POOL WINNERS

PLACE/SKIPPER/BOAT, SPECIES/WEIGHT

- Joe Von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe" ... King Salmon, 17.10 pounds
- Duane Dean, "The Office" King Salmon, 7.75 pounds
- Mark Bevans, "In-Seine" King Salmon, 7.55 pounds

TOTAL CATCH: 29 FISH

• 1 Brown Trout • 12 King Salmon • 12 Lake Trout • 4 Steelhead

Port Sanilac proved to be a 'tough nut' to crack!

PORT SANILAC – Our final boat trolling tournament of the year took place at this port on September 6. The idea was to treat everyone to a short tow for the last tourney and still have a chance at some pretty good fishing. Unfortunately, no one checked with the Salmon fishing gods, and Lake Huron proved to be far tougher than expected.

The good news over the past ten years or so is that either Lake Huron or Lake Michigan has featured good Salmon fishing. The bad news is that it has been rare for BOTH Lakes to be

good during the same year. It turned out that 2003 was a great year on Lake Michigan and a disappointing one on Lake Huron.

Meanwhile, back to Sanilac. We had a really good turnout, with 25 boats entered. Unfortunately, only ten boats weighed in a fish, and of the fish caught, only one exceeded ten pounds. According to most, it seemed that the best fishing was in deep water.

At the weigh-in, Tournament Chairman Mike Vigus and his "Crusader" crew hung the best catch to take first place. Second went to

Bill Dunk and the "Free Bird" crew, capping a terrific year for them. Duane Dean and his gang from "The Office" captured third place.

It sure seems as though another summer, and our tournament season, has screamed by. Thanks to everyone who participated this year. Please give your comments on what you liked (or disliked) about the season, along with any suggestions/ideas you may have for next year, to Mike Vigus or any Director to help with the planning for 2004. Now, get out that river rod!

- Mike Vigus

Top Port Sanilac Tournament Finishers



1st Place: "CRUSADER" with Mike Vigus and crew.



2nd Place: "FREE BIRD" with Bill Dunk and crew.



3rd Place: "THE OFFICE" with Duane Dean and crew.



4th Place: "SLOPPY JOE" with Joe Von Grabe and crew.



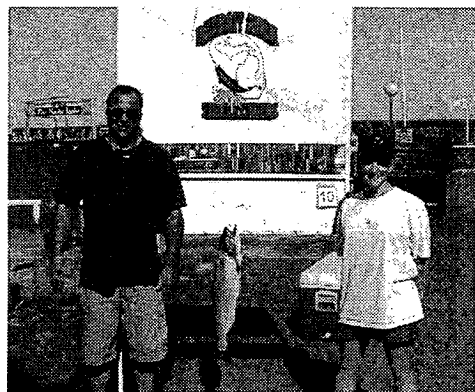
5th Place: "BAD DOG" with Tom Gorguze and crew.



7th Place: "IN-SIENE" with Mark Bevans and crew.



8th Place: "TIGHT LINES" with Chris Miller and crew.



10th Place: "TRIP-N-DIPSY" with Dean Meyers and crew.



DESPERATE TIMES call for desperate measures . . . and so it went at Port Sanilac!

For Your Information . . .

DIRECTOR ELECTIONS SET FOR DECEMBER MEETING

The annual Board of Directors election will be held at the Christmas meeting/party. All members are eligible to serve, and anyone wishing to run should talk to any current Board member at the October meeting, or by telephone. This is a good opportunity for those individuals who have wanted a more active role in the club.

FALL/WINTER TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE IS RELEASED

Director Mark Bevans has released the Fall/Winter Tournament schedule featuring five fun events. The season begins Nov. 1 with the annual Manistee River 3-Way inter-club tourney, a friendly contest with two other Steelheader clubs. Fishing is from boats, banks, or wading. Remember the downstream limit is the M-55 bridge near Manistee. Make your plans to be on hand. The full schedule is listed below; check the web site for event details.

D.A.S. DINNER DANCE MOVES TO JANUARY IN 2004

Director Mary Karakas has announced that the Board of Directors has voted to change the date of our popular annual Dinner Dance. This much-anticipated highlight of our social events calendar has usually been held on the weekend closest to Valentine's Day in past years, but scheduling problems have forced a change for next year to January 31, 2004. Other details for this gala occasion are being finalized, and will be available shortly, so plan now to attend.

Top Manistee Tournament Finishers



3rd Place: "REELSCREAMER" with Fred McIntyre and crew.



5th Place: "SLOPPY JOE" with Joe Von Grabe and crew.



8th Place: "CAPT'N HOOK II" with Doug Karakas and crew.

The DEADLINE
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October 28, 2003

Coming Events

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Last Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. K. of C. Hall, 6177 Chicago Road, Warren
OCTOBER 28, 2003 • NOVEMBER 25, 2003 • DECEMBER 16, 2003

RIVER/PIER/SURF 2003-2004 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	TOURNAMENT CAPTAIN
Nov. 1	MANISTEE RIVER 3-WAY	Mark Bevans, (586) 779-3189
Dec. 6	FRANKFORT PIER & SURF	Mark Bevans, (586) 779-3189
Jan. 10	GRAND RIVER @ GRAND RAPIDS	Mark Bevans, (586) 779-3189
Feb. 1	AU SABLE RIVER @ OSCODA	Doug Karakas, (248) 545-1181
March 13	MANISTEE RIVER	Mark Bevans, (586) 779-3189

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