



FISHING TALES



Grand Haven featured wind and waves

The port of Grand Haven brought out strong winds and high waves on Lake Michigan to welcome the boats of the Detroit Area Steelheaders tournament fleet beginning on Friday, May 17. A few brave skippers ventured out to test the waters, but Mother Nature prevailed and those pioneering boats were forced back into port. So much for 'pre-fishing' . . . !

Saturday morning at the Skippers meeting, it was obvious that the tournament would have to be postponed, due to continuing strong winds and a small craft advisory from the U.S. Coast Guard. Safety is always our first priority and no King Salmon is worth endangering a crew, so we stayed put in port.

By the afternoon the winds had subsided, so a few boats left port to check things out. Skippers reported finding fish straight out from the harbor, as well as a couple of miles south. So went our Saturday at Grand Haven.

By Sunday morning, the seas were calm, with no winds to speak of. To the relief and satisfaction of all, the tournament started on time at 6:00 a.m. At the first Fish Call at 8:00 a.m., it was obvious there were fish to be caught, as several boats were reporting up to five fish in the box. By the noon Fish Call, Doug Karakas of "Capt'n Hook II" and Mark Bevans of "In-Seine" were leading the pack.

After the weigh-in, it turned out that, for the second tournament in a row, Doug Karakas and his crew held on to their noontime lead by bringing the most fish to the scales to capture first place. Mark Bevans and "In-Seine" secured second place, while Bill Dunk and his "Free Bird" crew took third place. Dave Even and "Teacher's Pet" and Bob Jones aboard "Bobby's Toy" rounded out the top five.

The Big Fish Pool went to "Terminator" and Skip Berry and with a 17-pound, 9-ounce King Salmon. "In-Seine" and Mark Bevans took second place (17-pound, 5-ounce King), while Bob Jones and "Bobby's Toy" wrapped up third (17-pound, 4-ounce King).

Thanks to all the skippers who made the tow and endured the weather to make a successful tournament.

- Chris Nytko, Port Captain

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1st Place: "CAPT'N HOOK II" with Doug Karakas and crew.

Tournament Trolling Tips

Those of you who have read my previous articles know I emphasize attention to detail as one of the key things which separates the top skippers from the rest of the pack. All you have to do is step onto a top boat and you'll see what I am talking about.

When it comes to spoons, there is more to the game than having all of the colors and sizes. In fact, many top skippers have fewer, rather than more, spoons. They rely on the "A Team," a select group of top-quality spoons that they know will produce in a majority of situations. There are \$1 spoons and there are \$3-\$4 spoons. Most of the time there is a difference. Popular spoons with top skippers include Silver Streaks, Pro Kings, and NK's. Yes, there are others that are worth trying from time to time, and you might find a brand that you like, or better yet, that the Salmon like. But remember, the \$1 spoon you don't use is more expensive than the \$4 spoon you use all the time. I tell new skippers to buy a dozen top-line spoons in proven colors. I'll bet you'll keep them wet more than any others.

Colors and finishes vary from year to year. Over the past few years, silver plate has

remained the number one finish for spoons, followed by those with white backs. Real silver reflects blue light better than nickel or chrome, and since blue light penetrates deeper into the water, I believe it produces more fish-attracting flash. For primary colors, blue, green and chartreuse are perennial favorites. Try one of the "dolphin" patterns. Other colors to try are white, black (skunk patterns), and purple (Kevorkian). If you are targeting Steelhead, be sure to include spoons with orange. The new metallic finishes that mimic minnows are great-looking and seem to attract fish. Early in the morning, or when fishing particularly deep (75'-plus), a little glow tape often seems to help, too. To see which patterns to buy, you only have to walk the charter boat docks. Whichever color patterns you see on most boats you can take to the bank.

The best spoons won't catch as many fish if the hooks are dull. Today, spoons come right out of the package with pretty sharp hooks. However, this is a detail that top skippers will not overlook. They ensure that every hook is "sticky" sharp when it

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Top Grand Haven Tournament Finishers



2nd Place: "IN-SEINE" with Mark Bevans and crew.



5th Place: "BOBBY'S TOY" with Bob Jones and crew.



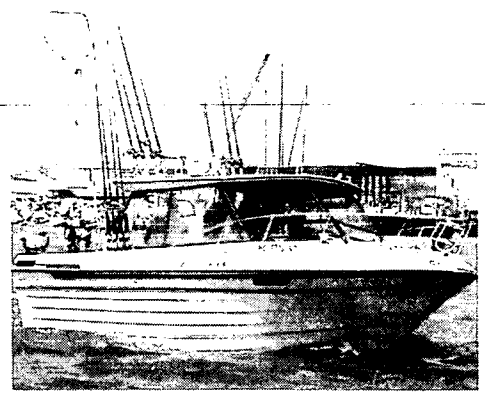
6th Place: "MOLLY FRAIR" with Ron Hartman and crew.



10th Place: "AQUARIUS II" with Chris Nytko and crew.



13th Place: "TYGER" with Ty Voigt and crew.



14th Place: "LIL' SCRATCH" with Dick Shirk and crew.



SKIP BERRY and "Terminator" took the Big Fish Pool with this 17-lb., 9-oz. beauty.



KIDS OF ALL AGES gather for the post-fishing weigh-in, a highlight which always draws a big crowd at our club tournaments.

GRAND HAVEN TOURNAMENT STANDINGS (May 18-19, 2002)

BOAT/SKIPPER	PTS.	BOAT/SKIPPER	PTS.
1) CAPT'N HOOK II (Doug Karakas)	138.03	13) TYGER (Ty Voigt)	73.03
2) IN-SEINE (Mark Bevans)	130.13	14) LIL' SCRATCH (Dick Shirk)	68.02
3) FREE BIRD (Bill Dunk)	123.00	15) VICKI'S SECRET (Bob Feisel)	50.03
4) TEACHER'S PET (Dave Even)	110.15	16) THE BRAT (Ron Maschke)	43.14
5) BOBBY'S TOY (Bob Jones)	110.10	17) POLISH YACHT (Mike Zamacki)	38.10
6) MOLLY FRAIR (Ron Hartman)	94.10	18) TRIP-N-DIPSY (Dean Meyers)	38.08
7) ALMOST PARADISE (Bob Paradise)	88.10	19) PISCES (Bob Mendicki)	37.14
8) SLOPPY JOE (Joe Von Grabe)	87.12	20) DREDGE (Ed Hill)	32.04
9) CRUSADER (Mike Vigus)	85.09	21) MARY K (Kenneth Kuhar)	29.02
10) AQUARIUS II (Chris Nytko)	77.13	22) MICKEY MOUSE CLUB (Bob Buero)	26.02
11) TERMINATOR (Skip Berry)	74.06	23) GOLDEN OLDIE (Howard York)	21.03
12) REEL WORK (Rick Vandermeiden)	72.11	24) ATLANTIS (Danny Colombe)	19.02

BOAT/SKIPPER	PTS.
25) VOYAGEUR (Dick Jackson)	11.03
26) LOKI ONE (Dave Roehr)	- 0 -
26) DESTINY (Mark Williams)	- 0 -

BIG FISH POOL WINNERS PLACE, SKIPPER & BOAT SPECIES & WEIGHT

- 1) Skip Berry, "Terminator" King Salmon, 17.09 pounds
- 2) Mark Bevans, "In-Seine" King Salmon, 17.05 pounds
- 3) Bob Jones, "Bobby's Toy" King Salmon, 17.04 pounds

River Crab Tournament Standings

(April 27, 2002)

SKIPPER	CATCH	SKIPPER	CATCH
1) Bill Dunk	34.10 lbs.	30) Rob Pinskey	5.50 lbs.
2) Mark Bevans	33.15 lbs.	31) Bob Feisel	5.45 lbs.
3) Louis Bacsikin	30.40 lbs.	32) Ronald Maschke	5.30 lbs.
4) Doug Karakas	28.65 lbs.	33) Bob Buero	5.05 lbs.
5) Ron Niemasz	28.60 lbs.	34) Robert Zaccardelli	3.30 lbs.
6) Chris Nytko	27.00 lbs.	35) Ralph Boland	3.05 lbs.
7) Bob Paradise	24.20 lbs.	36) Dave Even	2.65 lbs.
8) Ted Lewicki	21.05 lbs.	37) Bill Stanley	2.50 lbs.
9) Tom Moores	20.80 lbs.	50) Bruce Beach	— 0 —
10) Ed Hill	20.55 lbs.	50) Stan Bilek	— 0 —
11) Ken Cione	20.35 lbs.	50) Dan Cass	— 0 —
12) Joe Golaszewski	20.10 lbs.	50) George Daniels	— 0 —
13) Dick Shirk	19.45 lbs.	50) Jim Gatny	— 0 —
14) Danny Colombe	19.05 lbs.	50) Jimmy Hardrick	— 0 —
15) Rob Helzer	17.95 lbs.	50) Ron Hartman	— 0 —
16) Mike Lehto	16.40 lbs.	50) Christopher Henneberger	— 0 —
17) Scott Zaslona	16.10 lbs.	50) John Iacona	— 0 —
18) Robert Golaszewski	14.90 lbs.	50) Ken Kuhar	— 0 —
19) Robert Goble	13.65 lbs.	50) Lynn Martin	— 0 —
20) Jeffrey Nest	13.40 lbs.	50) Bill Nutting	— 0 —
21) Mark Stosiak	13.05 lbs.	50) Ron Petzel	— 0 —
22) Joe Von Grabe	12.95 lbs.	50) Walt Pohorily	— 0 —
23) Jim Fitch	12.40 lbs.	50) Dave Roehr	— 0 —
24) Bob Ksionzek	11.70 lbs.	50) Bruce Tufford	— 0 —
25) Dean Meyers	11.60 lbs.	50) Mike Vigus	— 0 —
26) Bob Jones	10.10 lbs.	50) Larry Walter	— 0 —
27) Ed Horen	8.25 lbs.	50) Ed Wilczek	— 0 —
28) Ron Koscielski	7.95 lbs.	50) Mark Williams	— 0 —
29) Howard York	6.45 lbs.	50) Jim Wright	— 0 —

• 58 Boats Entered • 37 Boats Caught Fish • 21 Boats No Fish

TOTAL CATCH = 567.10 POUNDS

The DEADLINE for the JULY ISSUE
of
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ST. JOSEPH TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

(May 4, 2002)

BOAT/SKIPPER	PTS.
1) CAPT'N HOOK II (Doug Karakas)	122.15
2) GOLDEN OLDIE (Howard York)	121.01
3) LOKI ONE (Dave Roehr)	114.01
4) MICKEY MOUSE CLUB (Bob Buero)	97.00
5) IN-SEINE (Mark Bevans)	95.01
6) FREE BIRD (Bill Dunk)	84.01
7) CRUSADER (Mike Vigus)	78.05
8) HAMMER TIME (Michael Keating)	74.03
9) AQUARIUS II (Chris Nytko)	68.13
10) DREDGE (Ed Hill)	62.05
11) DESTINY (Mark Williams)	38.15
12) TERMINATOR (Skip Berry)	37.15
13) SLOPPY JOE (Joe Von Grabe)	32.03
14) JUST ONCE (Bill Nutting)	25.03
15) MY DREAM (Jimmy Hardrick)	12.05
16) MARY K (Kenneth Kuhar)	- 0 -

BIG FISH POOL WINNERS

PLACE, SKIPPER & BOAT SPECIES & WEIGHT

- 1) DOUG KARAKAS, "Capt'n Hook II" King Salmon, 16.13 pounds
- 2) DAVE ROEHR, "Loki One" King Salmon, 16.11 pounds
- 3) MARK WILLIAMS, "Destiny" King Salmon, 15.15 pounds

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CREWS Hot Line

NEED A CREW?

Looking for crew members to fish with you in Detroit Area Steelheader Boat Trolling Tournaments?

WANT TO CREW?

Want to fish in Detroit Area Steelheader Boat Trolling Tournaments but don't have a boat?

Call the Crews Hot Line to match up with a Skipper looking for crew members, or to get crew members for your boat during the 2001 season. Contact:

JOE VON GRABE: (810) 293-7688
DOUG KARAKAS: (248) 545-1181
STAN BILEK: (810) 244-4090

2002 "SKIPPER OF THE YEAR"

(Standings through June 2, 2002 - Best 2)

PLACE/SKIPPER	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	Total
1) DOUG KARAKAS	4	1	1	75						2
2) MARK BEVANS	2	5	2	5						4
2) BILL DUNK	1	6	3	19						4
4) CHRIS NYTKO	6	9	10	2						8
4) MIKE VIGUS	50	7	9	1						8
6) BOB PARADISE	7	75	7	75						14
7) JOE VON GRABE	22	13	8	7						15
8) BILL NUTTING	50	14	75	3						17
8) DAVE ROEHR	50	3	50	14						17
10) ED HILL	10	10	20	8						18
10) BOB JONES	26	75	5	13						18
12) HOWARD YORK	29	2	23	17						19
13) JOE GOLASZEWSKI	12	75	75	10						22
13) TY VOIGT	75	75	13	9						22
15) SKIP BERRY	75	12	11	75						23
16) BOB MENDICKI	75	75	19	6						25
16) DICK SHIRK	13	75	14	12						25
18) BOB BUERO	33	4	22	75						26
19) RON HARTMAN	50	75	6	21						27
20) BOB FEISEL	31	75	15	16						31

50 = See Rule IV-E

75 = See Rule IV-F

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

Top St. Joseph Tournament Finishers



1st Place: "CAPT'N HOOK II" with Doug Karakas and crew.



2nd Place: "GOLDEN OLDIE" with Howard York and crew.



3rd Place: "LOKI ONE" with Dave Roehr and crew.



8th Place: "HAMMER TIME" with Michael Keating and crew.



DOUG KARAKAS also took the Big Fish Pool to cap his tournament win!



POST-FISHING PICNICS are a fun-filled highlight of most club tourneys and outings.

Attention to detail is key for top skippers

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goes into the water. "Good enough" is for chumps. The difference between going 7 for 10 and 5 for 10 can be a top five finish versus tenth place. Be sure you use top-quality swivels, too. Any swivel can catch a 10-pound King, but don't risk that 25-pounds-plus brute on a 25-cent swivel. Use a small, yet high-quality, swivel like a Sampo, and you'll be ready when that monster shows up.

When you're on the lake, test your spoons to find the speed at which they seem to work best. Set one about 4' behind your cannonball lowered only 2' deep. Then vary your speed to see how the spoon performs. Not all spoons run best at the same speed. That's why it is generally best to stick with one brand in your spread. You'll also see what range that spoon will run in. The final test is when the fish tell you what works best, but a little pre-fish testing gives you a starting point, and also some ideas to try the next time things stop happening.

Spoons are among the most productive lures for Salmon trolling. Use them correctly, pay attention to detail, and they'll produce for you, too.

- Bob Mitchell, "Kemo"

Coming Events

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Last Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m.

K. of C. Hall, 6177 Chicago Road, Warren

JULY 30, 2002

AUGUST 27, 2002

SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	PORT CAPTAIN
June 29	HARBOR BEACH	Mike Vigus, (248) 969-8530
July 13	ERIEAU, ONT. (Outing)	Doug Karakas, (248) 585-1181
July 27	LUDINGTON (Ladies Day)	Dave Even, (734) 981-2236
Aug. 10	LUDINGTON	Bob Mitchell, (248) 828-8034
Aug. 24	MANISTEE	Ken Kuhar, (586) 598-8691
Sept. 7	FRANKFORT	Bob Jones, (248) 486-5089

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