



# FISHIN' TALES



## Two Ludington tourneys to lure fleet

This year the Detroit Area Steelheaders will fish the great port of Ludington twice: July 27 for Ladies Day, and August 10 for a regular tournament. The Ladies day tournament includes a pig roast at the Municipal Marina, so bring a dish to pass and don't miss out.

Those who have fished Ludington over the years know that the fishing can be fast and furious. The bag is usually mixed, with big Kings, Cohos, Lakers, Steelhead, Browns, and even occasional Atlantics making up the catch in prior years. Early reports for the area have been great! Kings over 20 pounds were fairly common the first part of July . . . and they've been eating for the past five weeks!!

For both tourneys, the skippers meeting will be at 5 a.m. at the Municipal Marina, with start time scheduled for 6 a.m. There will be fish calls at 9 a.m. and noon, with lines pulled at 2 p.m. and the weigh-in at 3:30 p.m. For Ladies Day, the weigh-in will be at the Municipal Marina. For the August 10 event, it will take place at Peter Copian Park off Washington St., which we have used the past few years.

As we all know, fishing can change fast at Ludington, so a Steelheader must be prepared with a variety of rigs. One to have ready is the dodger/squid. White, yellow or chrome dodgers are generally the preferred colors, with glow, black and green squid trailing the dodgers by about 18 inches. The Hoochie-Mama rig has been the hottest set-up on the Great Lakes - run it off a downrigger or a Dipsy.

Another top choice is spoons. They can be very effective, especially early in the morning. A good spoon is the "dolphin" Silver Streak; other colors to try include orange and gold, "Monkey Puke," and the purple "Kevorkian." A top local favorite is the "M & M" spoon. This is a Northport Nailer in chartreuse with green tape. Dipsy Divers produce bonus fish, often Cohos, Steelhead or Browns.

The thermocline determines depths, but expect 80'-100' deep if the weather has been stable. If not, it could be 45° F on the surface!

Ludington is known for its great structure. The most common places to fish are north off the Bath House at the state park, or on to "The Point," easily seen near the lighthouse. There are drop-offs and deep holes here. Don't be

### LUDINGTON FAST FACTS

- 1st Tournament - July 27, **LADIES DAY**
- 2nd Tournament - August 10
- Skippers Meetings ..... 5:00 a.m.
- Tournaments Start ..... 6:00 a.m.
- 1st Fish Call (Channel 72) ..... 9:00 a.m.
- 2nd Fish Call (Channel 72) ..... Noon
- Pull Lines ..... 2:00 p.m.
- Weigh-In, Ladies Day ..... 3:30 p.m.  
(Pig roast at Municipal Marina)
- Weigh-In, August 10 ..... 3:30 p.m.  
(Back to the 'Dogs at Peter Copian Park)

### USEFUL INFO

- Big Sable Point ..... 8 miles north
- The Bath House ..... 6 miles north
- The Project ..... 4 miles south
- Tamarac Dockage ..... (231) 845-5987
- Municipal Marina ..... (231) 843-9611

afraid to try straight out, or south off The Project, a pumped storage facility better known for spring fishing and grinding up fish!

Also, be sure to watch for the presence of deep currents. You may think you are trolling at two knots, but your lures may be either dead in the water or moving at four knots, depending upon the direction of the current. You can tell if there is a current by watching your cannonball wires. If they look as though they are swayed back more (or less) than normal, there is probably a current affecting them.

Number one, be prepared for big Kings. Double-check all of your terminal tackle. You don't want to lose a chance at a 30-pounder because you failed to check a knot or a swivel, or because you used old line. Good luck!!

- Bob Mitchell, "Kemo"

## Tips for better fish pictures

Many great fish have been caught, but far fewer great pictures of those fish are ever taken. The Detroit Area Steelheaders' fine newsletter, **Fishin' Tales**, is always seeking photos from our members to publish. Unfortunately, few good ones are submitted to our Editor, Bob Mitchell. With that in mind, here are a few tips for taking better fish pictures.

First, always take a camera with you when you're out fishing. It's too late to take pictures back at the dock or car. Fish look much better immediately after they are caught. Action pictures on the boat, river, surf or pier are always more interesting than snapshots of stringers of dead fish at the parking lot.

Lighting is critical, and usually the biggest problem with fish pictures. Always use your camera's flash. It might not seem to make sense to do so on a bright, sunny day, but it will make your subject really stand out. It will also eliminate the shadows on faces caused by the caps we all wear that we see in so many pictures. To compare, try one picture using the flash and another of the same shot without it. You'll see a big difference.

Make sure the sun is striking the subject from behind the photographer, or from a slight angle. Never shoot toward the sun. Get

the subjects to remove their sunglasses!

Try to avoid background clutter. After positioning the subject for the proper light, look through the viewfinder at the background. Eliminate any distracting objects, close any boat doors or hatches, etc. Change the angle of the shot if necessary to avoid unwanted distractions in the background.

Think about the composition of the shot. This is the way you arrange the subjects within the picture. Do you want a close-up (usually it's best to be within six feet of what you are shooting)? Or do you want the subject to be just a part of the scene?

The rule of thirds is a good one to remember. Don't fall into the rut of always centering your subject. Instead, mentally divide the picture into thirds vertically and horizontally. Where the "lines" intersect are usually the best places to locate your subject in the picture.



Finally, experiment and have fun. Try staging some netting or releasing photos. The action passes, but great photos help us relive those great fish long into the future.

- Steve Hamilton

# Top Harbor Beach Tournament Finishers



1st Place: "AQUARIUS II" with Chris Nytko and crew.



2nd Place: "COWABUNGA" with Chris Schwark and crew.



3rd Place: "SLOPPY JOE" with Joe Von Grabe and crew.



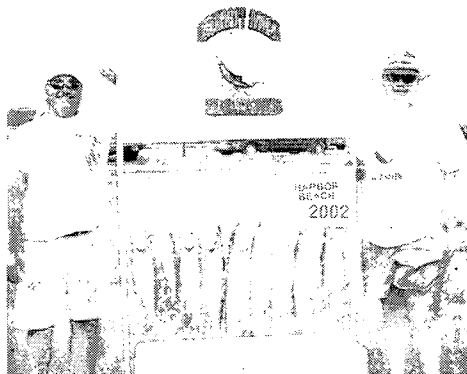
4th Place: "HAPPY HOOKER II" with Chris Bronner and crew.



5th Place: "BLUE STAR" with Stan Bilek and crew.



7th Place: "TRIP-N-DIPSY" with Dean Meyers and crew.



9th Place: "SILVER RUSH" with Rob Golaszewski and crew.



THE WEIGH-IN ALWAYS DRAWS A LARGE CROWD of interested onlookers, and no one leaves until the scales are empty and the final results are announced!

## HARBOR BEACH TOURNAMENT STANDINGS

(June 29, 2002)

BOAT/SKIPPER	PTS.
1) AQUARIUS II (Chris Nytko)	100.00
2) COWABUNGA (Chris Schwark)	98.00
3) SLOPPY JOE (Joe Von Grabe)	93.15
4) HAPPY HOOKER II (Chris Bronner)	85.08
5) BLUE STAR (Stan Bilek)	83.10
6) DREDGE (Ed Hill)	80.05
7) TRIP-N-DIPSY (Dean Meyers)	77.04
8) LIL' SCRATCH (Dick Shirk)	73.03
9) SILVER RUSH (Rob Golaszewski)	69.08
10) CAPT'N HOOK II (Doug Karakas)	68.11
11) CRUSADER (Mike Vigus)	62.06
12) TYGER (Ty Voigt)	61.14
13) S.S. GUPPY (Dwayne Welder)	59.09

BOAT/SKIPPER	PTS.
14) STEELIE ED (Ed Wilczek)	51.11
15) BITE ME (Dave Lafever)	47.09
16) DESTINY (Mark Williams)	44.12
17) BOBBY'S TOY (Bob Jones)	39.03
18) THE BRAT (Ron Maschke)	38.14
19) TIM'S TOY (Timothy Waidlech)	37.03
20) R.C. (Rick Kittle)	35.15
21) PISCES (Bob Mendicki)	31.15
22) IN-SEINE (Mark Bevans)	31.11
23) STEEL-N-TIME (Scott Zaslona)	29.10
24) MOLLY FRAIR (Ron Hartman)	27.03
25) MARY K (Kenneth Kuhar)	26.10
26) REEL ALLURE (Bill Stanley)	26.09

BOAT/SKIPPER	PTS.
27) LOKI ONE (Dave Roehr)	20.10
28) GOLDEN OLDIE (Howard York)	20.08
50) KING FISHER (Jim Wright)	- 0 -
50) TRACI BELLE (Dean Bleske)	- 0 -

75 Lakers • 25 Kings • 27 Coho • 23 Steelhead  
1 Brown • 1 Pink

## BIG FISH POOL WINNERS

PLACE/SKIPPER/BOAT, SPECIES/WEIGHT
1) Chris Schwark, "Cowabunga" ..... King Salmon, 19.11 pounds
2) Dean Meyers, "Trip-N-Dipsy" ..... King Salmon, 16.00 pounds
3) Joe Von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe" ..... King Salmon, 13.13 pounds

# 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	10					6
2) MARK BEVENS	2	5	2	5	22					9
2) CHRIS NYTKO	6	9	10	2	1					9
4) BILL DUNK	1	6	3	19	75					10
5) MIKE VIGUS	50	7	9	1	11					17
6) JOE VON GRABE	22	13	8	7	3					18
7) ED HILL	10	10	20	8	6					24
8) DICK SHIRK	13	75	14	12	8					33
9) TY VOIGT	75	75	13	9	12					34
10) BOB JONES	26	75	5	13	17					35
11) HOWARD YORK	29	2	23	17	28					42
12) DAVE ROEHR	50	3	50	14	27					44
13) BOB MENDICKI	75	75	19	6	21					46
14) DEAN MEYERS	25	75	18	75	7					50
15) RON HARTMAN	50	75	6	21	24					51
16) KEN KUCHAR	50	50	21	11	25					57
17) BOB BUERO	33	4	22	75	75					59
18) BOB FEISEL	31	75	15	16	75					62
19) RON MASCHKE	32	75	16	50	18					66
20) BILL NUTTING	50	14	75	3	75					67
21) STAN BILEK	50	75	75	18	5					73
22) MARK WILLIAMS	50	11	50	75	16					77
23) ED WILCZEK	50	75	75	22	14					86
24) BOB PARADISE	7	75	7	75	75					89
25) JOE GOLASZEWSKI	12	75	75	10	75					97
26) SKIP BERRY	75	12	11	75	75					98
27) ROB GOLASZEWSKI	18	75	75	75	9					102
28) DANNY COLOMBE	14	75	24	75	75					113
29) BOB KSIONZEK	24	75	75	15	75					114
30) DAVE EVEN	36	75	4	75	75					115
30) SCOTT ZASLONA	17	75	75	75	23					115
32) ROB PINSKEY	30	75	75	20	75					125
33) LOU BACSIKIN	3	75	75	50	75					128
34) JIMMY HARDRICK	50	15	75	75	75					140
35) CHRIS SCHWARK	75	75	75	75	2					152
36) CHRIS BRONNER	75	75	75	75	4					154
36) ROD ELNICK	75	75	75	4	75					154

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

## PORT AUSTIN TOURNAMENT (June 1, 2002)

BOAT/SKIPPER	PTS.
1) CRUSADER (Mike Vigus)	128.04
2) AQUARIUS II (Chris Nytko)	123.15
3) JUST ONCE (Bill Nutting)	103.01
4) SILHOUETTE (Rod Elnick)	98.08
5) IN-SEINE (Mark Bevans)	91.04
6) PISCES (Bob Mendicki)	89.13
7) SLOPPY JOE (Joe Von Grabe)	89.13
8) DREDGE (Ed Hill)	86.13
9) TYGER (Ty Voigt)	78.06
10) MY TREASURE (Joe Golaszewski)	77.12
11) MARY K (Kenneth Kuhar)	62.00
12) LIL' SCRATCH (Dick Shirk)	59.04
13) BOBBY'S TOY (Bob Jones)	57.12
14) LOKI ONE (Dave Roehr)	56.10
15) LAST DIME II (Bob Ksionzek)	55.09
16) VICKI'S SECRET (Bob Feisel)	55.08
17) GOLDEN OLDIE (Howard York)	51.04
18) BLUE STAR II (Stan Bilek)	47.13
19) FREE BIRD (Bill Dunk)	47.05
20) ANTICIPATION (Rob Pinskey)	38.00
21) MOLLY-FRAIR (Ron Hartman)	34.02
22) STEELIE ED (Ed Wilczek)	31.13
23) NAUTI-BUOY (Greg Zaccardelli)	19.14
50) CREWS INN (Lou Bacsikin)	- 0 -
50) THE BRAT (Ron Maschke)	- 0 -

• 83 Lake Trout • 36 King Salmon  
 • 11 Coho Salmon • 5 Steelhead

### BIG FISH POOL

PLACE, SKIPPER & BOAT  
 SPECIES & WEIGHT

1) Stan Bilek, "Blue Star"	King Salmon, 16.04 pounds
2) Bob Mendicki, "Pisces"	King Salmon, 15.09 pounds
3) Mike Vigus, "Crusader"	King Salmon, 15.05 pounds

### TEAM DOUBLES

(June 2, 2002)

BOAT/BOAT	PTS.
1) IN-SEINE/STEELE ED	172.12
2) DREDGE/ANTICIPATION	165.02
3) AQUARIUS II/NAUTI-BUOY	137.03
4) LIL' SCRATCH/BLUE STAR II	121.14
5) CRUSADER/THE BRAT	96.08
6) LOKI ONE/VICKI'S SECRET	84.09
7) PISCES/MOLLY FRAIR	58.13
8) BOBBY'S TOY/GOLDEN OLDIE	51.10

60 Lake Trout • 12 King Salmon  
 11 Coho Salmon • 4 Steelhead  
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## Chuck Cartwright passes away

Charles Cartwright passed away on July 3, 2002. Chuck was one of the Detroit Area Steelheaders' original members. He served on our Board of Directors from 1974-76, was chairman of our spring shows and trophy committee, and served as a state MSSFA director. He was "Skipper of the Year" in 1975, our first year of tournaments, finished third in 1976, and finished first again in 1977.

Charlie named his big boat "Tuna Boat," and he did so much more for our sport that other 'old-timers' may wish to write in and share their recollections.

He worked at Eppinger Lures (maker of Daredevil lures) and developed their Flutter Chuck spoons. He later started his own company, Wolverine Tackle, and produced what is today's number one Great Lakes Salmon spoon,

the Silver Streak. They also produce other lures that Chuck developed. He was an amazing creator of color patterns no one else could dream up. Many of our highly effective colors of today are his creation.

He also created, along with his wife Arlene's help, a great family, Kim, Chip, and Chris. They will continue to operate his Wolverine Tackle Company.

Charlie had a great big heart. He always cared about our organization, donated to many of our events, and gave us special deals for our tackle raffles. He loved to deer hunt. Much time I spent hearing his stories. I will miss them, and I will miss him.

I bet he is fishing in the Lord's boat, dreaming up new colors.

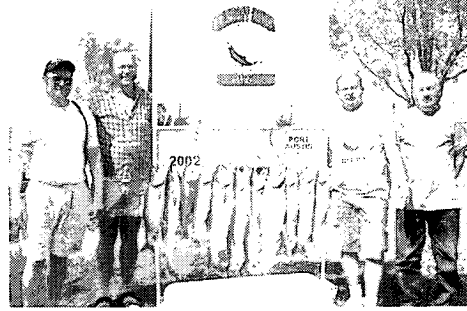
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**The DEADLINE  
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 AUGUST ISSUE  
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 JULY 31, 2002**

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## CREWS Hot Line

**NEED A CREW?**  
Are you looking for crew members to fish with you in Detroit Area Steelheader Boat Trolling Tournaments?

**WANT TO CREW?**  
Would you like 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 2002 season. Contact:  
**JOE VON GRABE: (810) 293-7688**  
**DOUG KARAKAS: (248) 545-1181**  
**STAN BILEK: (810) 244-4090**

# Coming Events

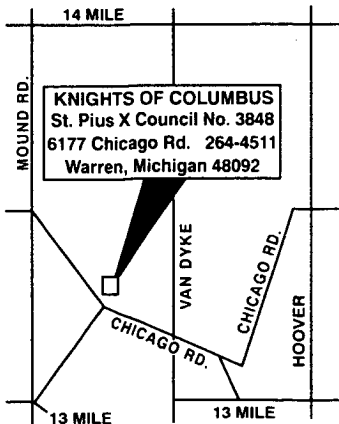
### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

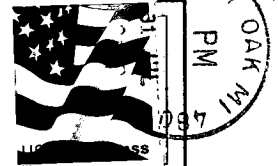
DATE	EVENT	PORT CAPTAIN
July 27	LUDINGTON (Ladies Day)	Dave Even, (734) 981-2236
Aug. 10	LUDINGTON	Bob Mitchell, (248) 828-8034
Aug. 24	MANISTEE	Ken Kuhar, (586) 598-8691
Sept. 7	FRANKFORT	Bob Jones, (248) 486-5089

### Here's how to get to DETROIT AREA STEELHEADER Membership Meetings



Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc.  
P.O. Box 1255  
Sterling Heights, MI 48311-1255

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