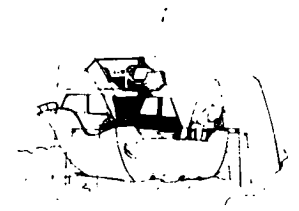




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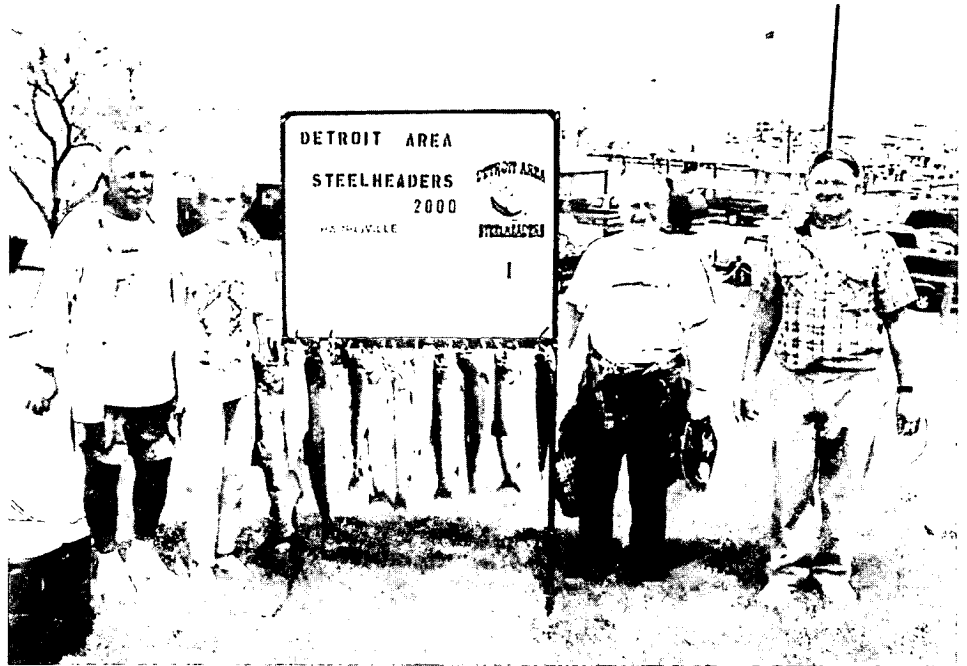
Ladies Day 2000: First trip to Harrisville

The Detroit Area Steelheaders held this year's Ladies Day tournament on June 24 at Harrisville, a new port for us located just 17 miles north of Oscoda, the site of many of our previous Ladies Day tourneys.

The temperature at the 5:00 a.m. skippers' meeting was on the chilly side, with a northeast wind left over from Friday, but definitely lighter than on the previous day. The marina facilities were great, with floating docks that made getting in and out of the boats extremely easy. The tournament got underway at the scheduled 6:00 a.m. starting time without a hitch, with the fleet scattering out of port.

The 8:00 a.m. Fish Call found the boats reporting some fish being taken, but not in heavy numbers. By the 11:00 a.m. Fish Call, despite the winds and waves beginning to pick up, nearly all boats were reporting fish and a few had some decent numbers.

The 1:00 p.m. end of the tournament came none too soon, as the winds were pretty intense by then. A shift had brought up a southeast wind, which meant a long ride back to port for those boats which had run 10-12 miles north in search of our elusive quarry. The actual arrival at the marina was a real treat, as marina personnel were everywhere assisting our boats back



1st PLACE: "DREDGE" with Ed Hill and crew.

into their slips. It was great that the marina went so far out of its way in an effort to make us feel really welcome. I think this was a first for our fleet, and something everyone found

truly enjoyable!

The weigh-in revealed some great catches, with three salmon over 18 pounds in contention for Big Fish pool honors. "Dredge" claimed first place with a nice mixed catch of Salmon, Lakers and Steelhead, followed by "Mickey Mouse Club" and "Aquarius II" in second and third places, respectively.

Okay, so much for fish. Did I mention the picnic? Wow!! Crew members from the various boats brought all kinds of good food to share, and there was plenty of pop and beer to go with the food and sloppy joes. Oh yes, and lots of stories about the 'big one' that got away!

I'd like to offer a special thanks to my crew for helping me with the set-up and knock-down for this year's tourney, and to the city of Harrisville for all the hospitality they showed us. Also, thanks to Steve and Keerl's Korner Tackle Shop for a nice level wind reel donated as a door prize for the tournament. We had a drawing of all the boats entered in the tournament, and "Mary K" won the prize. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who participated in another fun Ladies Day event.

— Doug Karakas
"Capt'n Hook II"



SMILES WERE THE ORDER OF THE DAY at our nineteenth annual Special People Outing.
See Page Four for more on the Special People Outing.

Boat trolling tourney action is in full swing!

HEAVY KING ACTION IS EXPECTED AT ROGERS CITY

ROGERS CITY (July 29) The last weekend of July will find the Detroit Area Steelheaders fishing out of Rogers City. Kings are the main attraction at this port, and you can expect fish up to 30 pounds! Deep water can be found very close to shore at this port, which can make it easier to find fish.

After some slower years, the fishing has been very good here the past couple of years around the end of July.

Some of the favorite areas at this time of the year are north off 40 Mile Point, or the stretch of water south between Adams Point and Presque Isle. Some years at this time, the fish may already begin staging in the deeper waters right off Swan Bay.

Spoons, and dodgers and flies will be the main baits to take fish. Don't be afraid to try a J-Plug or two. Try the normal Lake Huron favorites such as "Kevorkian," M.J., Blue Dolphin, etc. Make sure you try some glow spoons and charge 'em up early in the morning.

The skippers' meeting will be at 5:00 a.m. Saturday morning, with a 6:00 a.m. tournament start. Fish Calls will be at 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon. We will pull lines at 2:00 p.m., and you must be at the weigh-in by 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions about this tournament, please feel free to call me.

Good luck to everyone, and see you there!

- Joe von Grabe, "Sloppy Joe"
(810) 293-7688 (Residence)

LUDINGTON PROMISES "FAST AND FURIOUS" ACTION IN MID-AUGUST

LUDINGTON (August 12) Those who have fished Ludington over the years know that the fishing can be fast and furious in mid-August. The bag is usually mixed, with big Kings,

Cohos, Lakers, Steelhead, Browns, and even 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 have been eating for the past five weeks!!

The skippers' meeting on Saturday will be held at 5:00 a.m. at the Ludington Municipal Marina. Start time is scheduled for 6:00 a.m., with Fish Calls at 9:00 a.m. and noon. We will pull lines at 2:00 p.m., with the weigh-in at 3:00 p.m. at Peter Copian Park off Washington Street, the same place we have used for the past few years.

One definition of a Steelheader is someone who is prepared with a variety of rigs to confront changing fishing conditions, and that will certainly be the case at Ludington. One rig to have ready here is the dodger and squid combination. White, yellow, or chrome dodgers are generally the preferred colors, with a glow squid, black squid, or green squid trailing the dodger by about 18 inches.

Another top choice is spoons. These can be very effective, especially early in the morning. The new hot spoon is the "dolphin" Silver Streak. Other colors to try are orange and gold, "monkey puke," and the purple "Kevorkian." A top local favorite spoon is the M & M. This is a Northport Nailer in chartreuse with green tape. Dipsy Divers produce bonus fish, often Cohos, Steelhead or Browns.

Depths are determined by the thermocline, but expect 80'-100' depths if the weather has been stable, and if conditions have been changing, you could find 45° F on the surface!

Ludington is known as a port with great structure. The most popular places to fish are north off the Bath House at the state park, or onward to "The Point," easily seen near the lighthouse. There are drop-offs and deep holes here. Don't be afraid to try straight out from port, or south off the Project, a pumped storage facility better known for spring fishing, and for grinding up fish.

Also, when trolling, be sure to watch for the presence of deep currents. You may think you are trolling at two knots, but your lures could either be dead in the water or going at four knots, depending on the direction of the current. You will know if there is a current present 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.

The main thing is, be prepared for BIG Kings. Double check all your terminal tackle. You don't want to lose a chance at a 30+-pounder because you didn't check a knot or a swivel, or you used old line. Good luck!

- Bob Mitchell, "Kemo"

BIG STEELHEAD SHOULD HIGHLIGHT MANISTEE TOURNAMENT ACTION

MANISTEE (August 26) — One of our favorite ports on the western side of the state is Manistee. Fishing from this port has much to offer — Steelhead, Brown Trout, Chinook Salmon, Lake Trout, and Coho Salmon.

The waters off Manistee usually will provide some very nice Steelhead action. If you can locate a school, you're in for a real treat. Steelhead are normally found within the top 20 feet of water. If you do find them, full-size planer boards will put the maximum number of lines in the water to help you catch the most fish. Steelhead are the true acrobats of the Great Lakes, and I guarantee you'll have some fun if you can find them!

Big King Salmon are usually abundant in late August here. Try some J-Plugs off your downriggers. Stagger the difference every five feet. Keep your leads short — the J-Plugs really dart around. The third clay bank may produce some nice Coho Salmon. Try stingers here — green tips work well. From there to Gurney Creek, look from some Brown Trout action.

Incidentally, last year at this port, "Eagle III" boated a 29-pound Coho Salmon, and big fish are being reported there again this year, according to early local reports!

Fish Calls will take place at 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Channel 72. Keep an eye on your watches to answer your call. If you can't hear them, try to have someone relay for you.

The weigh-in will start at 3:00 p.m. at the K. of C. Pavilion near the middle pier head near the launch ramps. You must be in line by 4:00 p.m. Following the weigh-in, there will be the traditional cookout. Please call me if there are any questions. Hope to "catch" you in Manistee.

- Mark Stosiak, "Tomorrow's Dream"
(810) 777-9833 (Residence)

Coming Events

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

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

JULY 25, 2000

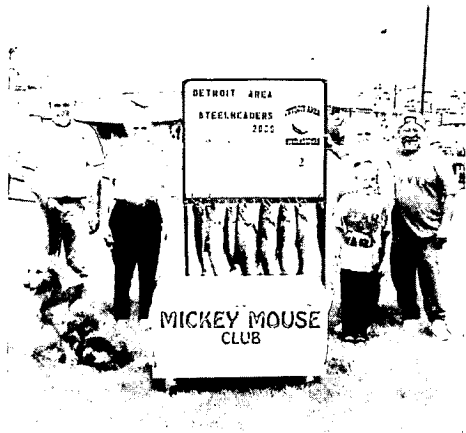
• **AUGUST 29, 2000**

• **SEPTEMBER 25, 2000**

BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	PORT CAPTAIN
July 29	ROGERS CITY	Joe von Grabe, (810) 293-7688
Aug. 12	LUDINGTON	Bob Mitchell, (248) 828-8034
Aug. 26	MANISTEE	Mark Stosiak, (810) 777-9833
Sept. 9	HARBOR BEACH	Ed Wilczek, (810) 757-7365

Top Ladies Day Finishers



2nd PLACE: "MICKEY MOUSE CLUB" with Bob Buero and crew.



3rd PLACE: "AQUARIUS II" with Chris Nytko and crew.



4th PLACE: "IN-SEINE" with Colleen Pruett and crew.



5th PLACE: "MAINSQUEEZE" with Walt Pohorily and crew.



6th PLACE: "SLOPPY JOE" with Joe von Grabe and crew.

State Fair offers public "Small Fry Fishin' Hole"

More and more people are discovering that the Michigan Department of Natural Resource's (DNR) Pocket Park is the fun place to be when they attend the Michigan State Fair in Detroit. Their motto is: "Great Lakes, Great Times, Great Fun at the Fair."

Last year, the Pocket Park in Detroit hosted more than 160,000 visitors who tried their hand at the DNR's archery and pellet gun ranges, and fished for hybrid Bluegills in a stocked pond.

This year, the DNR is anticipating even bigger crowds, and is encouraging you to help staff the Small Fry Fishin' Hole at the Pocket Park. As a volunteer helping a child catch his or her first fish, you will be passing on your skills, expertise, and appreciation for our state's aquatic resources to a new generation of anglers. Baiting hooks, releasing fish, instructing in the proper use of tackle, and most important, being a outdoors mentor to each child during your volunteer time will give them, and you, a quality experience.

If you would like to be a fishing pond volunteer during this year's State Fair, please contact Kelly Boersma at (517) 241-0015 (e-mail: boersmak@state.mi.us), or Julee Hasbany at (517) 241-3230 (e-mail: hasbanyj@state.mi.us).

The Michigan State Fair runs from August 22 through September 4. Hours for the fishing pond are from 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

LADIES DAY @ HARRISVILLE

June 24, 2000

PLACE/BOAT/SKIPPER/NO. OF FISH/TOTAL

- 1) DREDGE (Ed Hill) 11 @ 105.09
- 2) MICKEYMOUSE CLUB (Bob Buero) 7 @ 92.05
- 3) AQUARIUS II (Chris Nytko) 7 @ 85.03
- 4) IN-SEINE (Colleen Pruett) 7 @ 84.06
- 5) MAIN SQUEEZE (Walt Pohorily) 6 @ 64.13
- 6) SLOPPY JOE (Joe von Grabe) 5 @ 55.02
- 7) TYGER (Ty Voigt) 5 @ 54.12
- 8) CAPT'N HOOK II (Doug Karakas) 5 @ 47.03
- 9) LOKI ONE (Dave Roehr) 3 @ 25.14
- 10) JUST ONCE (Bill Nutting) 2 @ 20.13
- 11) TOMORROW'S DREAM (Mark Stosiak) 2 @ 19.03
- 12) MARY K (Kenneth Kuhar) 1 @ 11.02
- 50) MOLLY FRAIR (Ron Hartman) 0.00
- 50) BLUE STAR II (Stanley Bilek) 0.00
- 50) BOBBY'S TOY (Bob Jones) 0.00

61 Fish Caught:

- 13 King Salmon
- 37 Lake Trout
- 9 Steelhead
- 2 Coho Salmon

BIG FISH POOL

- 1) IN-SEINE King @ 16.11 pounds
- 2) DREDGE King @ 16.05 pounds
- 3) AQUARIUS II King @ 16.01 pounds
- 3) MICKEY MOUSE CLUB ... King @ 16.01 pounds

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 1999 season. Contact:

LARRY BOYER: (313) 495-1342

DOUG KARAKAS: (248) 545-1181

The DEADLINE for the August issue of FISHIN' TALES is August 2, 2000

Detroit Steelheaders enjoy annual Lake Erie Special People Outing

For the nineteenth consecutive year, the Detroit Area Steelheaders hosted a fun day of fishing and picnicking at Lake Erie for mentally and physically challenged people, this year from the Monroe County and Canton Township schools. The fishing and fun was good, and all who took part went away with a lot of great memories of a very special day.

An event of this kind would be impossible without the help of a lot of people, from both inside and outside our club, and we would like to acknowledge those supporters who helped make this year a success:

2000 Special People Outing Supporters

- Marshall Gill, Toledo Beach Marina
- Sue Gjerset, Detroit Red Wings
- Gary Owens, A & P/Farmer Jack
- Hugo Kiefhaber, Hygrade Dist.
- Michael McDougall, Arctic Cold Storage
- Little Bill, Little Bill's Trophies
- Gregory Van Trees, American Transport, Inc.
- Jeff Girardi, Saturn Corp.
- Ron Maschke, Hygrade Dist.
- Vic Anderson, MacMachen Sea Ray
- Bob Dennison, Meijer's Dept. Store
- David Katlin, K Mart Dept. Store
- Mark Hawkins, Target Dept. Store
- "Jinx & Spunky", Clowns
- Rich Engelhardt, Brothers Industries
- Jim Wyss, Olsen Mfg.
- Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wyss, Contribution
- Stan Krause, Norcote Industries
- Clyde Olivero, Grinding Products
- Dave Thompson, Maccomb Steel
- Ken York, Fraser Grinding
- Bosie Andary, Andary's Restaurant



SKIPPER DICK SHIRK, Special People Outing chairman, and his crew for the day obviously enjoyed themselves at Lake Erie last month.

"SKIPPER OF THE YEAR"

(Standings through June 24, 2000 - Best 3)

PLACE/SKIPPER	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	Total
1) CHRIS NYTKO	75	1	1	3	3					5
2) STAN BILEK	1	5	5	9	50					11
3) MARK STOSIAK	8	6	4	8	11					18
4) BILL NUTTING	50	2	7	12	10					19
5) RON MASCHKE	2	75	6	11	75					19
6) DAVE ROEHR	50	10	3	14	9					22
6) KEN KUCHAR	50	7	11	4	12					22
6) JOE VON GRABE	9	9	18	7	6					22
9) BOB BUERO	50	3	17	15	2					25
10) DICK SHIRK	10	75	10	6	75					26
11) COLLEEN PRUETT	50	75	9	16	4					29
12) RON HARTMAN	50	3	14	13	50					30
13) DOUG KARAKAS	11	13	15	17	8					32
13) HOWARD YORK	50	12	2	18	75					32
15) TY VOIGT	75	75	8	19	7					34
16) MIKE VIGUS	9	4	13	50	75					67
16) ED HILL	75	75	16	50	1					67
18) JOE GOLASZEWSKI	14	75	75	10	75					99
19) WALT POHORILY	50	75	75	50	5					105
20) BOB JONES	50	14	50	75	50					114

50 = See Rule IV-E

75 = See Rule IV-F

A = River Crab B = St. Joseph C = Grand Haven D = Port Austin E = Harrisville
 F = Rogers City G = Ludington H = Manistee J = Harbor Beach

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 P.O. Box 1255
 Sterling Heights, MI 48311-1255

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