



FISHING TALES



Hot fishing action is expected at Ludington '98!

Those who have fished Ludington over the years know that the fishing can be fast and furious. In fact, Ludington is my favorite port. The bag is usually mixed, with big Kings, Cohos, Lakers, Steelhead, Browns, and even Atlantic Salmon making up the catch in prior years. A couple of years ago, the "Teacher's Pet" crew caught a Great Lakes Grand Slam (King, Coho, Lake Trout, Brown Trout, and Steelhead) in one tournament.

The Skippers Meeting on Saturday, August 15 will be held at 5:00 a.m. at the Ludington Municipal Marina. Start time from the pier heads is scheduled for 6:00 a.m., with Fish Calls at 9:00 a.m. and noon. Pull your lines at 2:00 p.m. - the weigh-in will be held at 3:30 p.m., at the same site we've used the past few years, Peter Copian Park off Washington Street.

Skippers with experience at Ludington the past few years know that the fishing there can change fast, and, to be successful, a Steelheader

must be prepared with a variety of rigs.

One rig to have ready is the dodger and squid. White, yellow or chrome "0" dodgers are generally the preferred color. Glow squids, black squids, and green squids are usually top choices, with the squids set to trail the dodgers by about 18 inches.

Another top bait to try is the spoon. These can be very effective, especially early in the morning, or if the fish are scattered. At Ludington, the top spoon year in and year out is the M & M. This is a Northport Nailer in chartreuse with green tape. A new favorite is the Dolphin spoon. There is both a green version and a blue version of this Silver Streak. If Steelhead are present, be sure to run some orange or red. Dipsy Divers can produce bonus fish, often Cohos, Steelhead, or Browns.

The right fishing depth will be determined by the location of the thermocline. Expect 80'-100' deep if the weather has been stable. If

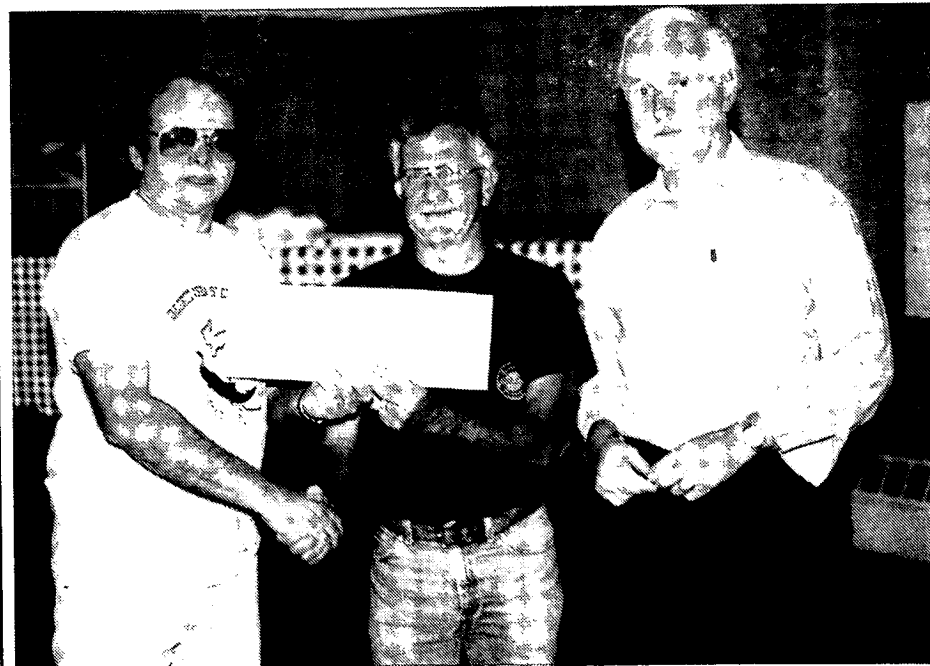
there is a north blow, you could find 45° F. on the surface at The Point.

Ludington is known for its great structure. The most popular places to fish are north off the Bath House at the State Park, or further north to The Point, easily identified by the lighthouse. There are drop-offs and deep holes around The Point. When searching for active fish, don't be afraid to try straight out, or even to the south off The Project, a pump storage facility better known for spring fishing.

Watch for the presence of deep currents. Your boat may be moving at 2 knots on the surface, but your lures can either be dead in the water, or moving at 4 knots, depending on the presence, strength, and direction of a deep current. You will know if there is a deep current present by watching your cannonball wires. If they look as though they are swayed back more (or less) than normal, there probably is a deep current affecting them.

See me at the July membership meeting for more Ludington information. Good Luck!

- Bob Mitchell
"Kemo"



CHRIS NYTKO (left), Detroit Area Steelheader Tournaments Director, is shown here accepting a check for \$5,000 from **Andy Remeselnik** of the Blue Water Sportfishing Association and **Jim Gilan**, Executive Director of the Blue Water Mental Health Clinic. The check was presented to the Detroit Area Steelheaders for winning the 1998 Chuck Muer's River Crab Salmon Stakes charity fishing tournament.

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 1998 season. Contact:

LARRY BOYER: (734) 495-1342
DOUG KARAKAS: (248) 545-1181
LEON VAN EDEN: (810) 293-1261

For Your Information . . .

PRESQUE ISLE TO HOST STEELHEADER TOURNEY

On Saturday, August 1, Detroit Area Steelheaders will travel to the port of Presque Isle for the next stop on the 1998 tournament trail. For those not familiar with Presque Isle, it's located just south of Rogers City, and is often one of the hottest King Salmon ports in Michigan, even though Rogers City and Rockport get all the press.

The skippers meeting will take place at 5:00 a.m. at the marina, with the tournament start set to run from 6:00 a.m. to the 2:00 p.m. finish. There will be 9:00 a.m. and noon fish calls, with the weigh-in taking place at 3:30 p.m. at the fog horn pavilion.

For further information, please contact Mark Stosiak, skipper of "Tomorrow's Dream" at the July meeting.

From Great Lakes Fishing News, June 22, 1998, published on the Internet by the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council:

ONTARIO INCREASES LAKE ERIE WALLEYE AND SMELT QUOTAS FOR 1998

Ontario has increased the Lake Erie 1998 commercial Walleye quotas by six percent and Smelt quotas by 15 percent. At the same time, Yellow Perch quotas have been reduced by nearly 13 percent.

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has set the Walleye quota at 11.4 million pounds, up from 10.7 million pounds in 1997. Commercial fishermen caught 99 percent of their 1997 Lake Erie Walleye quota, worth \$18.5 million. Walleye stocks are in a healthy condition in most of Lake Erie. Fisheries staffers are predicting about 30 million two-year-old Walleye will reach the size to be caught by commercially and by anglers in 1998. There are an estimated 69 million Walleye in Lake Erie in 1998.

The Smelt quota for 1998 is 15.1 million pounds. The recommendation for the increase came from the Smelt Advisory Committee, representatives from the commercial fishing industry, and angling groups. Although Smelt stocks have declined in recent years, commercial fishermen caught 99 percent of their 1997 quota of 13.1 million pounds.

The Yellow Perch quota for 1998 was set at 4.1 million pounds, down from 4.7 million pounds last year. Surveys in 1997 showed a slowing growth rate of young perch, especially the large number of perch born in 1996. Also, perch born in 1997 are weak and will not add significantly to the perch fishery in 1999. Consequently, the situation will be closely

monitored for possible adjustment in 1999.

The Whitefish quota for Ontario's Lake Erie waters remains at the 1997 level of 1.2 million pounds.

SAGINAW BAY PIKE ARE DISAPPEARING

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Great Lakes Northern Pike runs in the Saginaw Bay area are disappearing, and habitat loss is blamed. It is speculated that the problem may stem from a shift in enforcement priorities to protecting spawning Walleye and Steelhead instead of

protecting spawning runs of Pike in ditches and bogs. It is thought that some of the big Pike runs can be restored through wetland conservation projects.

"BECOMING AN OUTDOORS WOMAN" SETS MICHIGAN WORKSHOP

A workshop sponsored by the "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" organization has been announced for Michigan. The Michigan edition of these popular three-day workshops, which are being presented throughout the eastern United States this year, is scheduled to take place from August 14 through 16. For more information, please contact Lynn Marla at (517) 335-3427.

LADIES DAY AT OSCODA TOURNAMENT RESULTS - JUNE 27, 1998

	BOAT/SKIPPER	CATCH (by species & weight)	PTS.
1)	EAGLE III (Paul Schoenrade)	K13.16, S6.02, L5.06, L4.02, K3.12, K3.02, L3.00, L2.07	81.05
2)	LIL' SCRATCH (Dick Shirk)	K6.00, K5.08, L5.08, L5.00, L4.05, L4.02, L3.12, L3.08	77.11
3)	GOLDEN OLDIE (Howard York)	L8.03, L6.11, L4.00, L4.00, L3.10, L3.10, L3.10, L3.02	76.14
4)	AQUARIUS II (Chris Nytko)	L4.14, L4.09, L4.09, L4.07, L4.06, L4.02, L3.14, L3.09	74.06
5)	TOMORROW'S DREAM (Mark Stosiak)	L6.09, L4.09, L4.08, L3.13, K3.12, L3.07, L2.15, L2.11	72.04
6)	MARKEN FISH (Mark Bradley)	K9.07, L6.04, L4.03, L3.02, L2.15	50.15
7)	TYGER (Ty Voight)	K10.04, K7.08, L6.07, L3.12	47.15
8)	LUCKY FALCON (Robert Golaszewski)	K8.15, L4.05, L3.07, L2.10, L2.07	46.12
9)	THE KIDD (Paul Colone)	K12.02, K7.00, L3.09, L3.07	46.02
10)	BLUE STAR (Stan Bilek)	L5.03, L4.15, L3.09, K3.04, L2.15	44.15
11)	MOLLY FRAIR (Ron Hartman)	L5.03, L3.14, L3.10, L3.01, L2.11	43.07
12)	MARY K (Ken Kuhar)	S7.05, L5.09, L3.09, K3.01	39.08
13)	CAPT'N HOOK (Doug Karakas)	L5.12, L3.11, L3.10	28.01
14)	RUPE (Gary Ruprich)	L5.12, L3.07, L2.15	27.02
15)	RETURNER (Darwin Gregg)	L3.12	8.12
16)	BOOGIE SHOES (Ron Bugaj)		0.00

C = COHO SALMON K = KING SALMON S = STEELHEAD

OSCODA BIG FISH WINNERS

	SKIPPER/BOAT	CATCH (by species & weight)
1)	PAUL SCHOENRADE (Eagle III)	13-pound, 6-ounce King Salmon
2)	PAUL COLONE (The Kidd)	12-pound, 2-ounce King Salmon
3)	TY VOIGHT (Tyger)	10-pound, 6-ounce King Salmon

Coming Events

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

(Last Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. • American Legion Hall, 1815 Rochester Road, Royal Oak)

JULY 28, 1998 • **AUGUST 25, 1998** • **SEPTEMBER 29, 1998**

BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	PORT CAPTAIN
July 25	PORT AUSTIN (Walleye Outing)	Stan Bilek, (248) 828-4159
Aug. 1	PRESQUE ISLE	Mark Stosiak, (810) 777-9833
Aug. 15	LUDINGTON	Bob Mitchell, (248) 828-8034
Aug. 29	MANISTEE	Paul Schoenrade, (810) 773-6477
Sept. 12	HARBOR BEACH (Make-up, if needed)	Stan Bilek, (248) 828-4159

Ladies Day was "a great tournament"

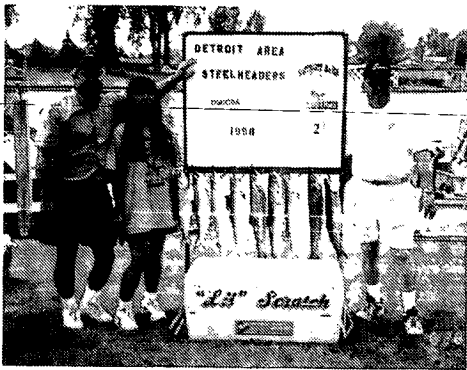
The annual Ladies Day tournament was held at Fellows Marina in Oscoda, and as has been the case in past years, it was a great tournament, with many boats participating, and all but one catching fish. The top three boats were "Eagle III," "Lil' Scratch," and "Golden Oldie" in that order. Congratulations, guys . . . er make that ladies! Once again, our ladies have proven that they can catch fish with the best of us!! Thanks to all the people who helped at the picnic, both in preparing, cooking and EATING lots of tasty food.

— Doug Karakas, "Captain Hook"

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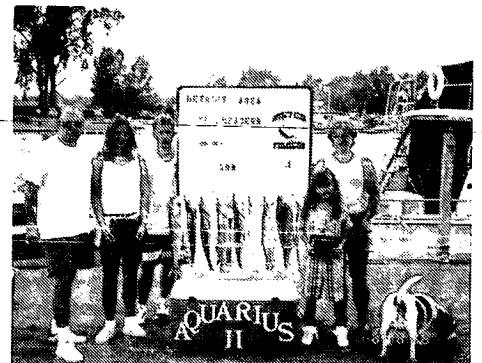
1st Place: "EAGLE III" with Paul and Norma Schoenrade, and Fred and Nancy Hynic.



2nd Place: "LIL SCRATCH" with Dick Shirk, and Eddie and Sandy Pabil.



3rd Place: "GOLDEN OLDIE" with Howard York, and Bob and Char Zdanio.



4th Place: "AQUARIUS II" with Chris, Vickie, Darek, Margaret, Jenny and Sparky Nytko.



5th Place: "TOMORROW'S DREAM" with Mark, Denise, Mark and Cherie Stosiak.



6th Place: "MARKEN FISH" with Mark Bradley and Jennifer Hunter.



7th Place: "TYGER" with Ty, Gail, Olivia, and Derek Voigt.



8th Place: "LUCKY FALCON" with Robert and Becky Golaszewski, Nancy Kowalski, and Robert Savers.



9th Place: "THE KIDD" with Paul Colone, Kevin Lee, Sara Bigsby, and Janice Dobbs.



10th Place: "BLUE STAR" with John and Bozena Bilek, and Stan and Halina Bilek.

PLATTE HATCHERY DISCHARGE PERMIT PLAN APPROVED

Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) on June 12 approved a Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) discharge permit proposal for the Platte River Hatchery, effective October 1, 1998.

With that major issue now resolved, it is hoped that peace and partnership can again prevail, and the Hatcheries Division of the DNR can go about its business doing what it does best: raising fish.

The DNR has a discharge permit to continue operating the Platte River Hatchery, the angling community is breathing easier knowing the hatchery will remain open, and concerned citizens who opposed the permit proposal will receive monitoring information on the discharge of antibiotics in hatchery effluent.

The only change the DEQ made in the permit proposal was adding a requirement for an antibiotic study to check and screen hatchery effluent for chemicals. Chemicals or antibiotics are commonly used in the treatment of young fish in hatcheries, and adding the study requirement is considered routine.

Michigan DNR Fish Chief Kelley Smith, who was recently appointed permanent chief by DNR Director K. L. Cool, can now concentrate on the renovation program long needed to upgrade the Platte River and other Michigan hatcheries to bring them into line with 21st century requirements.

From Weekly News - Fishery News of the Great Lakes Basin, July 7, 1998, published on the Internet by the Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council:

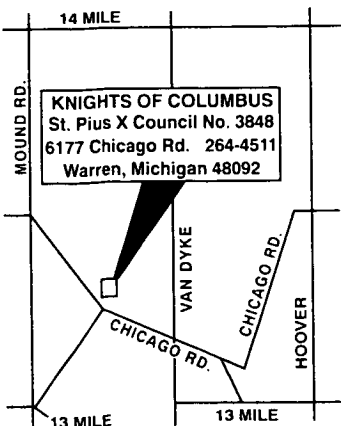
"Skipper of the Year"

Standings as of 7-1-98

Place & Skipper	Boat	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Tot.
1) CHRIS NYTKO	"Aquarius II"	9	4	1	3	4				21
2) KEN KUCHAR	"Mary K"	1	22	11	7	12				53
3) DICK SHIRK	"Lil Scratch"	2	25	12	16	2				57
4) STAN BILEK	"Blue Star"	5	18	15	19	10				67
5) PAUL SCHOENRADE	"Eagle III"	18	24	9	15	1				67
6) MARK STOSIAK	"Tomorrow's Dream"	14	7	4	50	5				80
7) DON REDMOND	"Trena Dawn"	4	3	2	1	75				85
8) ROB GOLASZEWSKI	"Lucky Falcon"	8	5	75	5	8				101
9) HOWARD YORK	"Golden Oldie"	12	75	5	13	3				108
10) PAUL COLONE	"The Kidd"	13	8	13	75	9				118
11) ED MORRIS	"Jack In The Box"	19	12	7	8	75				121
12) RON HARTMAN	"Molly Frair"	15	75	8	21	11				130
13) DAVE ROEHR	"Floating Holiday"	16	14	10	18	75				133
14) TY VOIGHT	"Tyger"	50	75	6	13	7				151
15) DOUG KARAKAS	"Capt'n Hook II"	50	75	16	10	13				164
16) ROBERT BUERO	"Mickey Mouse Club"	50	15	75	2	75				217
17) MARK BRADLEY	"Marken Fish"	75	75	50	17	6				223
18) ROB PINSKEY	"Anticipation"	75	2	75	6	75				233
19) GARY RUPRICH	"Rupe"	50	75	75	20	14				234
20) RON HUEY	"Half R's"	3	10	75	75	75				238
21) LOU MOORE	"Joker"	6	9	75	75	75				240
22) WALT POHORILY	"Main Squeeze"	10	13	75	75	75				248
23) JIM FITCH	"Patawac"	75	11	75	12	75				248
24) JOE VON GRABE	"Sloppy Joe"	7	16	75	75	75				248
25) DARWIN GREGG	"Returner"	11	75	75	75	15				251
26) BILL HOFFMAN	"Steelie"	75	17	75	22	75				264
27) ED HILL	"Dredge"	50	75	75	23	75				298
28) DAVE EVEN	"Teacher's Pet"	75	1	75	75	75				301
29) G. RANDAZZO	"Nothing But Trouble"	75	75	3	75	75				303
30) JIM HARDRICK	"My Dream"	75	75	75	4	75				304
31) GARY SMEDGES	"Instagator"	75	6	75	75	75				306
32) HANK BACZYNSKI	"Sinsation"	75	75	75	8	75				308
33) P. NIENALTOWSKI	"Mary Margaret"	75	75	75	11	75				311
34) TOM MOORES	"Kare Free"	75	75	14	75	75				314
35) RON BUGAJ	"Boogie Shoes"	75	75	75	75	16				316
36) MARK BRADLEY	"Easy"	17	75	75	75	75				317
37) VERN FAHRENKRUG	"Hot Dog"	75	20	75	75	75				320
38) JOEL GARINGER	"Fish Busters"	20	75	75	75	75				320
39) STEVE HAMILTON	"Valhalla"	75	21	75	75	75				321
40) RICH HEHN	"In The Net"	21	75	75	75	75				321
41) RON MASCHKE	"The Brat"	75	75	75	50	75				350
42) WARREN RENANDO	"Wrangler"	50	75	75	75	75				350
43) LES JUMP	"Alice's Angler"	75	75	75	75	75				375
44) BOB BRESLER	"Oh Father"	75	75	75	75	75				375
45) FRED KAUL	"Tail Walker"	75	75	75	75	75				375
46) DALE LUFF	"One More"	75	75	75	75	75				375

A = Lexington B = River Crab C = Grand Haven D = Port Austin
 F = Presque Isle G = Ludington H = Manistee

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



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