



FISHING TALES



“Special People” enjoy another Lake Erie outing!

Saturday, June 14 was another special day in the lives of 23 Detroit Area Steelheader skippers and their crews. This was the day when we treated 31 physically challenged people to a day of fishing, complete with a cookout, trophy awards and gift packs with a lot of fun surprises! We even had “Eye Saw, the Clown” in attendance to do some magic and balloon tricks for everyone!!

The day dawned to a beautiful sunrise with mild temperatures, but maybe just a little too much wind for comfort. Our special guests started arriving around 7:00 a.m., and, of course, some old acquaintances were renewed from previous Detroit Area Steelheader Special People outings. Repeat attendees were quick to ask to go with their ‘Personal Skipper’ from prior years, so with the help of Linda Bredernitz, we completed boat assignments for all the participants.

By 8 o’clock, all skippers and crews were matched up and planning how to sock it to the walleyes as they motored out of beautiful Toledo Beach Marina onto wind-blown Lake Erie. At about 10:00 a.m., a radio fish report revealed that the catching was a little slow – catch reports ranged from zero to five fish. In view of lake conditions and catch reports, we brought the boats back into port by noon to get ready for all the post-fishing festivities.

The Shore Crew had cookout preparations well under way, with hot dogs cooking on the grille and the Coney Chili simmering. “Eye Saw” got busy entertaining our special guests with his amusing rope tricks and balloon manipulations. He truly amazed the kids (including the “big” kids!) with his skills.

After all the hot dogs, ice cream and watermelon were done, the Special People got their trophies and a bag of goodies donated by a very special group of outing supporters. Each participant also received a Polaroid snapshot memento, showing them with their skipper and catch in front of the new Detroit Area Steelheader event fish board, along with a package of walleye fillets for home.

It was at this moment that we all realized that our special day was slowly drawing to a close, and the bittersweet good-byes were about to begin. As we gave and received the hugs and “thank you’s” from these very Spe-

cial People, and said “So long, hope to see you next year,” we took comfort knowing that we would have wonderful personal memories to draw upon throughout the year until it would be time to attend the Detroit Area Steelheader Special People Outing for 1998!

I would like to thank all the supporters, skippers and volunteers for their help in making this year’s event another one to remember. Thank you all very much!!!

-Dick Shirk, *Chairman*

SUPPORTERS

- Jeff Geradi, Saturn Corporation
- Hugo Kiefhaber, Hygrade Dist.
- Mike Bobby, Hygrade Foods
- Michael McDougall, Arctic Cold Storage
- Robert Boyer, Boyer Meat Processing
- Marshall Gill, Toledo Beach Marina
- Jim Turnquist, Toledo Beach Marina
- “Little Bill,” Little Bill Trophies
- Mike Kuta, Detroit Red Wings

SHORE COMMITTEE

- Bob Gilbert Alice Jump
- Mike Marshall Juanita Graskewicz

SKIPPERS

- Ed Morris, “Jack In The Box”
- Ron Hartmann, “Molly Frair”
- Don Anton, “Happy Bare”
- Ron Koscielski, “Flo-N-Sweet”
- Darwin Gregg, “Returner”
- Gary Ruprich, “Rupe”
- Stan Bilek, “Blue Star”
- Chris Nytko, “Aquarius II”
- Doug Karakas, “Capt’n Hook II”
- Bruce Tufford, “Reel Easy”
- Don Redmond, “Trena Dawn”
- Ken Kuhar, “Mary K”
- Mark Stosiak, “Tomorrow’s Dream”
- Tom Moores, “Kare-Free II”
- Bill Shackleton, “Net Profit II”
- Dick Shirk, “Lil’ Scratch”
- Ron Maschke, “Braf”
- Mike Lehto, “Capias”
- Ed Wilczek, “Steelie Ed”
- Ed Hill, “Dredge”
- Ed Horen, “Comus #1”
- Joel Garinger & Warren Wright, “Fishbusters”



IMPORTANT NOTICE!!

Beginning with the July 29, 1997 meeting, all future Detroit Area Steelheader Monthly Membership Meetings will be held at our old meeting place, the St. Pius X Knights of Columbus Hall, which is located at 6177 Chicago Road, Warren

The Port Austin tourney in 1997 was "... a classic!"

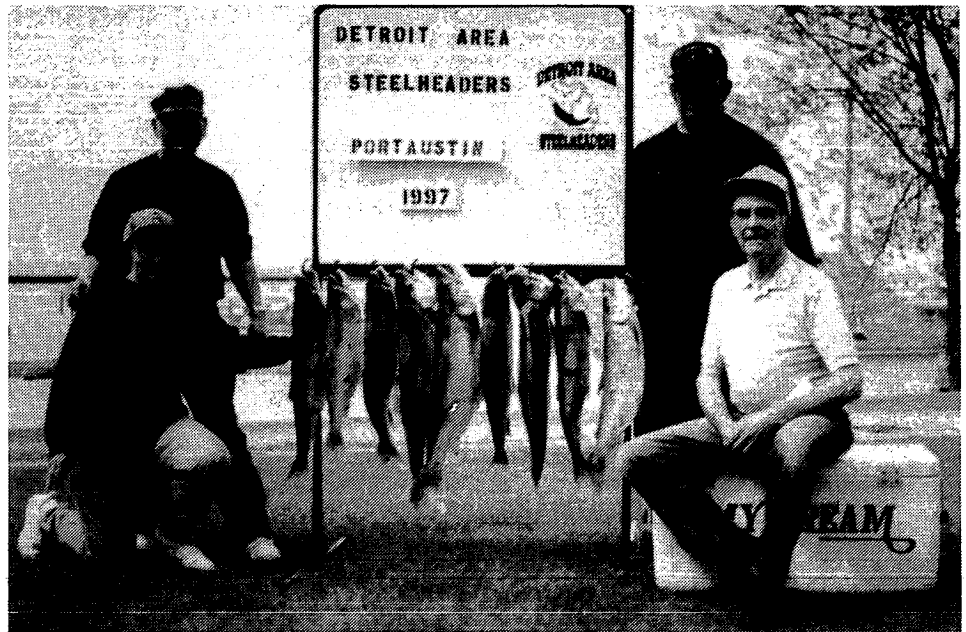
At the Skippers' meeting on Saturday, June 7, there was a feeling of electricity in the air. One could sense it was going to be a great fishing day, and by the end of our fishing day, that feeling held true!

This one was a classic. Twenty of 21 boats in the tournament caught fish, and by the early Fish Call, "Anticipation" was third with seven fish, "Aquarius II" had nine fish to hold down second, while "Lucky Falcon" was in first place, reporting ten fish in the box.

As the day went along, fish just seemed to be jumping into everyone's boxes. The majority of fish caught were Lake Trout, but there were some awesome King Salmon taken as well. By the second Fish Call, "Aquarius II" had 13 fish, and "Anticipation" and "Sinsation" each had tallied 12 fish.

At the weigh-in, all boats had fish to show off - it was great!! "My Dream" and Jimmy Hardrick claimed first place with 122.14 points, with "Lucky Falcon" a close second with 120.06 points and "Anticipation" in third with 112.00 points. This was a well-deserved victory for a hard-working Steelheader. Congratulations, Jim - great job!

At this event, it was no surprise to see fish tipping our scales in the 20-pounds-plus class. Paul Schoenrade on "Eagle III" had a whopper, a 23.11-pound King Salmon to take Big Fish top honors. Second place went to a Master Angler Award-sized 20.02-pound Lake Trout caught by Paul Colone on board "The



1st Place: "MYDREAM" with Jimmy & Judy Hardrick, Dan Redman and Jim Marshall.

Kidd," while third place was claimed by Rich Kittle on "Spoda" with another Master Angler Award Laker, this one weighing in at 19.10 pounds.

The Sunday Team Doubles event was another fine day of fishing. The team of "Mary K" and "Anticipation" took first place with 188.07 points. Second place went to the team of "Aquarius II" and "Golden Oldie" with 136.15 points. This total was barely enough to

edge out the combination of "Floating Holiday" and that crazy boat "Nothing But Trouble" which racked up 136.02 points to take third place.

It was a fantastic weekend. I would like to thank my great crew, and especially my wife Becky - Love You! And to all the people who watched a certain game in my cabin on Saturday night ... WAY TO GO, RED WINGS!!!

— Robert Golaszewski
"Lucky Falcon"
Port Austin Port Captain

1997 "Skipper of the Year" Standings

(AS OF 7-1-97)

Place & Skipper	Boat	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Tot.
1) CHRIS NYTKO	"Aquarius II"	8	10	12	6	1				37
2) ROB GOLASZEWSKI	"Lucky Falcon"	29	1	3	2	6				41
3) KEN KUJAR	"Mary K"	19	8	9	19	11				66
4) DAVE ROEHR	"Floating Holiday"	21	15	14	10	15				75
5) PAUL SCHOENRADE	"Eagle III"	50	4	13	8	4				79
6) ROBERT BUERO	"Mickey Mouse Club"	2	12	75	4	2				95
7) MARK STOSIAK	"Tomorrow's Dream"	13	50	6	12	18				99
8) GARY RUPRICH	"Rupe"	33	2	50	15	3				103
9) PAUL COLONE	"The Kidd"	5	50	1	7	75				138
10) RON HARTMAN	"Molly Frair"	30	11	75	13	14				143
11) ED HILL	"Dredge"	50	50	8	17	19				144
12) HOWARD YORK	"Golden Oldie"	50	3	10	16	75				154
13) JIM HARDRICK	"My Dream"	11	75	2	1	75				164
14) DON REDMOND	"Trena Dawn"	7	5	11	75	75				173
15) ED MORRIS	"Jack In The Box"	23	50	7	21	75				176
16) DOUG KARAKAS	"Capt'n Hook II"	50	50	4	75	5				184
17) DALE LUFF	"One More"	31	50	15	75	16				187
18) STAN BILEK	"Blue Star"	9	50	50	75	12				196
19) FRED KAUL	"Tail Walker"	50	7	5	75	75				212
20) HANK BACZYNSKI	"Sinsation"	35	50	50	5	75				215

A = River Crab B = St. Joseph C = Port Sanilac D = Port Austin E = Oscoda
F = Ludington G = Manistee H = Harbor Beach II

CREWS Hot Line

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

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

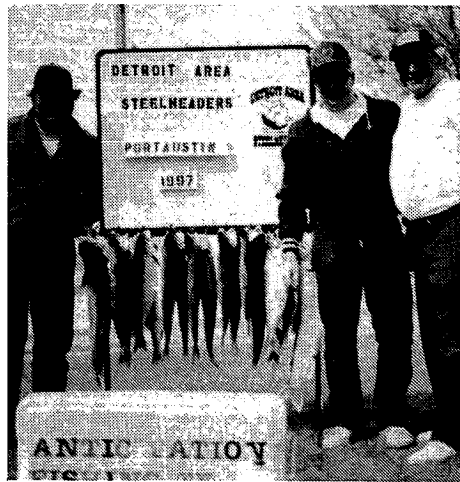
Call the Crews Hot Line to match up with a Skipper looking for crew members, or to get crew members for your boat during the 1996 season. Contact:

LARRY BOYER: (313) 495-1342
DOUG KARAKAS: (810) 545-1181
LEON VAN EDEN: (810) 293-1261

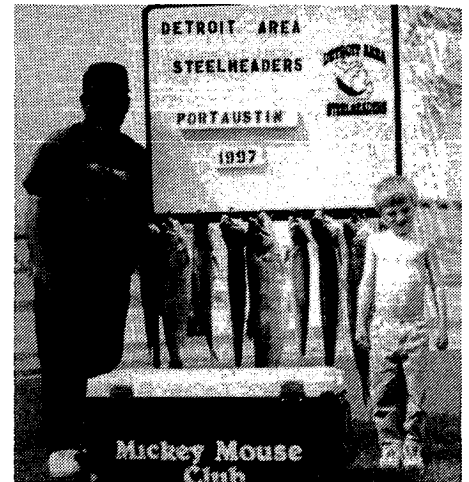
TOP PORT AUSTIN TOURNAMENT FINISHERS



2nd Place: "LUCKY FALCON" with Robert Golaszewski, Rebecca Golaszewski, Lee Lockleur, and Danny Neych.



3rd Place: "ANTICIPATION" with Rob Pinsky, Mike Pinsky, Walt Romaniuk, and Larry Wolfe.



4th Place: "MICKEY MOUSE" with Robert Buero, Nicholas Buero, and Christopher Buero.



5th Place: "SINSATION" with Hank Baczynski, Dan Baczynski, and Dick Krieger.



6th Place: "AQUARIUS II" with Chris Nytko, Jan Mikolajewski, Roman Lopacki, and Ted Przybyl.



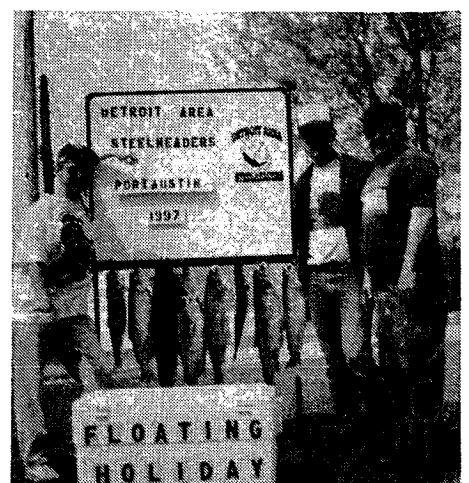
7th Place: "THE KIDD" with Paul Colone, Steve Carwey, Davis Dobis and David Slivik.



8th Place: "EAGLE III" with Paul Schoenrade, Charles Shelley, and Mike Perroshot.



9th Place: "MARY MARGARET" with Paul Nienaltowski and crew.



10th Place: "FLOATING HOLIDAY" with Dave Roehr, Denny Petti, Joe Bragg, and John Itart.

For Your Information . . .

LUDINGTON TOURNAMENT IS SET FOR AUGUST 2

Those who have fished our Ludington tourney 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 Atlantic Salmon showing up at the weigh-in. In fact, on one occasion, the "Teacher's Pet" crew caught the Great Lakes Grand Slam (King Salmon, Coho Salmon, Lake Trout, Brown Trout & Steelhead) in a single tournament!

The Skippers' meeting will be at 5:00 a.m. at the Ludington Municipal Marina. The tournament will begin at 6:00 a.m., with Fish Calls at 9:00 a.m. and noon and lines pulled at 2:00 a.m. The weigh-in is at 3:30 p.m., at the location we've used the past several years, Peter Copian Park off Washington Street.

One rig to have ready to go is Dodgers and Squids. White, yellow or chrome dodgers are generally the preferred colors, with Glow Squid, Black Squid and Green Squid usually trailing the Dodgers by about 18".

Another top choice is spoons. These can be very effective, especially early in the morning. The top spoon, year in and year out, is the M & M. This is a Northport Nailer in chartrreuse with green tape. The new 'hot' spoon is the "dolphin" Silver Streak. Dipsy Divers can produce bonus fish, often the Cohos, Steelhead or Browns. Depths are determined by the thermocline, but expect to fish 80'-100' down if the weather has been stable. If not, you could find 45° F. on the surface!

Ludington is known for its great structure. The most popular 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 afraid to try straight out, or south off The Project, a pump 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 are either dead in the water or moving at 4 knots, depending on the direction of the current. You'll know if there is a current if you watch your cannonball

wires. If they look like they are swayed back more (or less) than normal, there is probably a current affecting them. Good Luck!

— "Kemo"

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MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) SCHEDULES PUBLIC OUTREACH OPEN HOUSE

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has scheduled a Public Listening and Outreach Open House on Wednesday, July 23 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in meeting rooms A-C at the Livonia Civic Center Library, located at 32777 Five Mile Road in Livonia (east of Farmington Road).

This meeting will provide an opportunity to informally discuss natural resource-related issues with DNR staff. The DNR is extending an open invitation to all everyone to show up to meet with wildlife and fisheries biologists, foresters, conservation officers, state park, recreation area and real estate division staff. There will also be DNR personnel with statewide administrative responsibilities on hand to answer questions. Displays, pamphlets and

other printed materials will also be available. For more information about this event, call Bruce Matthews at (517) 373-1214, or Denise Mogos at (313) 953-1528.

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FEDERAL GREAT LAKES APPROPRIATIONS PROCESS IS UNDERWAY

The annual appropriations process, delayed while White House and congressional leaders negotiated a budget agreement, is now in full swing.

Highlighted initiatives of importance to the Great Lakes region include:

- 1) A national Invasive Species Act.
- 2) The Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1997 (GLFWRA), which would expand the 1990 act to study the status of fisheries and their habitats. It would authorize \$5 million per year toward the operation of the Great Lakes Coordination Office and the Great Lakes Fisheries Resources Office.
- 3) Sea Grant re-authorization, recommended at levels of \$54.3 million for Fiscal Year 1998, \$55.4 million for Fiscal Year 1999, and \$56.5 million for Fiscal Years 2000 through 2002.

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Coming Events

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

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

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BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	PORT CAPTAIN
August 2	LUDINGTON	Bob Mitchell, (810) 828-8034
August 23	MANISTEE	Daniel Dima, (313) 996-2503
September 6	HARBOR BEACH II	Stan Bilek, (810) 828-4159

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