



FISHING TALES



“Blue Star” wins Ludington tourney

The 1997 Detroit Area Steelheaders tournament at the port of Ludington was a resounding success. The weather co-operated and the fish showed up, providing a great weekend! In total, 29 boats made the tow to the Lake Michigan port, leaving the pier heads right on schedule at 6:00 a.m.

The big question was whether the best fishing would be north at The Point, south near The Project, or straight out to “Steelhead Land.” Early in tournament week, fishing had been excellent at The Point, but the water turned over on Thursday, to make Friday fishing tough.

The first Fish Call revealed that most boats had caught fish, and several were doing really well, led by “Aquarius” with five in the box. There were also reports of big fish, exceeding the 20-pound mark. The big news was that there were fish at The Point, where most of the club fleet had headed.

The noon Fish Call found most boats re-



FISHIN’S FUN when you catch fish — if you doubt it, just ask Chris Nytko, Detroit Area Steelheader Tournament Chairman!

porting that fishing had slowed down quite a bit. Most boats had added a couple of fish to the cooler, with “Aquarius” and “Blue Star” tallying eight, “Returner” at seven, “Kare Free” with six, and “Lil’ Scratch” at five. These five boats were going to have a shoot-out!

At the weigh-in, it was good to see lots of quality Kings hitting the scales. Over the past few years, Lakers and Steelhead had come to dominate the catch at too many tournaments. The three big Kings in the Big Fish Pool all went over 20 pounds. That’s fishing fun!

At the final tally, Stan Bilek’s “Blue Star” crew took first place honors with an impressive catch of Kings, while second place went to the “Returner” crew. Congratulations to all! Also, thanks to Bob Gilbert and Dave Even, who helped me at the tournament, and to Tournament Director Chris Nytko, who made sure we were all organized.

— Bob Mitchell, “Kemo”

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TOP TEN LUDINGTON TOURNAMENT FINISHERS

(August 2, 1997)

BOAT/SKIPPER	CATCH (by species & weight)	PTS.
1) BLUE STAR (Stanley Bilek)	K16.00, K14.07, K13.04, K12.07, K9.14, K9.11, K6.09, B4.03 (-10)	116.07
2) RETURNER (Darwin Gregg)	K16.03, K15.03, K14.08, S6.15, S6.07, K5.11, K5.08, L3.02	113.09
3) JACK IN THE BOX (Ed Morris)	K21.08, K18.07, K15.12, K11.08, L5.01, C2.05	104.09
4) CAPIAS (Mike Lehto)	K14.02, K9.06, S6.04, K6.03, B5.06, K5.05, K3.08	85.02
5) AQUARIUS II (Chris Nytko)	K12.13, K7.12, S7.10, B5.14, L5.03, K5.01, B3.13	83.02
6) LUCKY FALCON (Robert Golaszewski)	K22.10, K6.13, K4.10, L4.09, C3.04, C3.01, C2.04	82.03
7) RUPE (Gary Ruprich)	K17.13, K13.15, K6.08, K5.01, L3.05, C3.00	79.10
8) MARY K (Ken Kuhar)	K18.02, K9.04, K6.01, S5.06, B5.04	69.01
9) KARE FREE (Tom Moores)	K14.06, K10.02, K6.05, K5.00, K4.12	65.09
10) LIL’ SCRATCH (Dick Shirk)	K10.11, S8.10, B6.00, L3.11, L3.02, C2.14	65.00

B = BROWN TROUT K = KING SALMON L = LAKE TROUT S = STEELHEAD

LUDINGTON BIG FISH WINNERS

SKIPPER/BOAT	CATCH (by species & weight)
1) ROB GOLASZEWSKI (Lucky Falcon)	22-pound, 10-ounce King Salmon
2) PAUL SCHOENRADE (Eagle III)	21-pound, 9-ounce King Salmon
3) ED MORRIS (Jack In The Box)	21-pound, 8-ounce King Salmon



Big News

Renovations were completed much sooner than expected at our Royal Oak (12 Mile Road) meeting place, so our Membership Meetings will again be held there, beginning August 26.

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Guest Speaker at the August Membership Meeting will be **Dan Thomas**, president of the **Great Lakes Sportfishing Association**. Dan is the most knowledgeable person you’ll ever hear on all salmon fishing issues. **DON’T MISS HIM!** In addition, there’ll be a special raffle for a 120-quart cooler.

Ladies Day '97 at Oscoda was "... GREAT!"

June 28 found the Detroit Area Steelheaders in Oscoda for the annual Ladies Day tournament. Mother Nature and the Fish Fairy were in complete agreement that the ladies would be treated right this day... YES! Fair weather, calm seas, and fish to boot!! But the bug gods were out to lunch....

The tournament started at 6:00 a.m. sharp (6:02 a.m. for those who set their watches from the television!). The majority of boats headed north about five to seven miles, others went straight out, with one or two going south.

The 8:01 a.m. Fish Call (compromise) showed that the northern boats were into fish, mostly Lakers 50'-55' down, and a few at 20'-25' down on free sliders. Green was definitely the preferred color the fish were looking for.

By the 10:01 a.m. Fish Call, I think all boats were reporting fish in the box. About 11 o'clock, the wind began to pick up, but not enough to bring forth severe waves.

The tournament was called at 12:00 noon sharp(!) - according to my official watch - and all boats returned to port. The weigh-in featured a lot of 3'-5' Lake Trout, but no 'hawg' Lakers such as we saw at Port Austin. There were a respectable number of King Salmon. The biggest went 14 pounds-plus, weighed in by "Oh Father" (but not in the Big Fish Pool). Oops!

"Capt'n Hook II" brought a 10-pound, 4-ounce Brown Trout to the scale. Way to go, Mary (but Doug forgot to get into the Big Fish Pool)! Dope!! "Kare Free" and "Blue Star" ended up tied for first in the Big Fish Pool. Complete standings are listed below.

Following the weigh-in, the eating festivities began. Yours truly and Ray (V.P.) Banbury manned the grilles to cook up 'burgers for all. The vast array of goodies and eats were set out, and for a short time it looked like a meeting of the Vikings!

My thanks go out to everyone who took part in the Detroit Area Steelheaders 1997 edition of Ladies Day. It was another "super success," and you made it all possible!

I would also like to say 'Thanks' to all the ladies for letting us boys use the extra money to float our toys for another year!

- Doug Karakas
Port Captain

LADIES DAY TOURNAMENT RESULTS (June 28, 1997)

BOAT/SKIPPER	CATCH (by species & weight)	PTS.
1) AQUARIUS II (Chris Nytko)	K7.06, L7.05, L7.00, K6.11, S5.00, L4.14, L4.01, L3.04	85.09
2) MICKEY MOUSE CLUB (Bob Buero)	K8.10, L5.01, L4.15, L4.08, L4.04, L3.08, L3.05, L2.09	75.12
3) RUPE (Gary Ruprich)	K8.05, K5.06, K5.00, K3.09, L3.09, K3.02, L2.10, L2.07	74.00
4) EAGLE III (Paul Schoenrade)	S7.14, L5.08, K5.00, L3.06, L3.05, L3.05, K3.01	66.07
5) CAPT'N HOOK (Doug Karakas)	B10.04, L3.13, K3.00, L2.14, K2.12, L2.09	55.04
6) LUCKY FALCON (Robert Golaszewski)	L7.01, K4.08, K3.14, L3.05, K3.02, K2.13	54.11
7) KARE FREE (Tom Moores)	K12.02, K2.14, L2.14, L2.14, K2.09	48.05
8) MY TREASURE (Joe Golaszewski)	L5.05, L4.15, L3.15, L3.10, L3.04	46.01
9) OH FATHER (Bob Bresler)	K13.09, L6.12, K2.12, L2.08	45.09
10) MORE MONEY (Mike Chimelak)	L5.15, L4.08, L3.08, L2.15, L2.11	44.09
11) MARY K (Ken Kuhar)	L5.05, K4.06, L3.05, L2.13, K2.10	43.07
12) BLUE STAR (Stanley Bilek)	K12.02, K5.00, K4.14	37.00
13) TEACHER'S PET (Dave Even)	L5.10, L4.03, L3.10, L3.05	36.12
14) MOLLY FRAIR (Ron Hartman)	L5.09, L2.10, L2.09, K2.08	33.04
15) FLOATING HOLIDAY (Dave Roehr)	K8.03, L3.08, L2.06	29.01
16) ONE MORE (Dale Luff)	L5.08, L3.06, K2.13	26.11
17) S.S. GUPPY (Dwayne Welder)	L4.08, L3.04, K2.12	25.08
18) TOMORROW'S DREAM (Mark Stosiak)	L3.15, K3.01, K2.08	24.08
19) DREDGE (Ed Hill)	L4.06	9.06

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LADIES DAY BIG FISH WINNERS

SKIPPER/BOAT	CATCH (by species & weight)
1) STANLEY BILEK (Blue Star)	12-pound, 2-ounce King Salmon
1) TOM MOORES (Kare Free)	12-pound, 2-ounce King Salmon
3) BOB BUERO (Mickey Mouse Club)	8-pound, 10-ounce King Salmon

For You Information...

MANISTEE TOURNAMENT IS SET FOR AUGUST 23

Our last tournament of the year on Lake Michigan will be held at Michigan's Victorian port city of Manistee, on August 23. Here are a few tips for fishing Manistee:

- Try fishing in 70'-120' of water from the Green Onion (water tower) - north of the piers - to Big Sable Point - south of the piers - seems to be the best area.
- Best lures are the Dolphin - green and blue, orange and crush ice, black and raspberry, and root beer (Stinger). Since it's late in the season, do not forget to try your Dodger and Squid combos, and J-Plugs.

For more information on how to adjust your Dodger, and how to use the 1-pound ball, ask "Mary K's" captain.

Best Weather and Good Fishing!

- Daniel Dima, Port Captain

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?

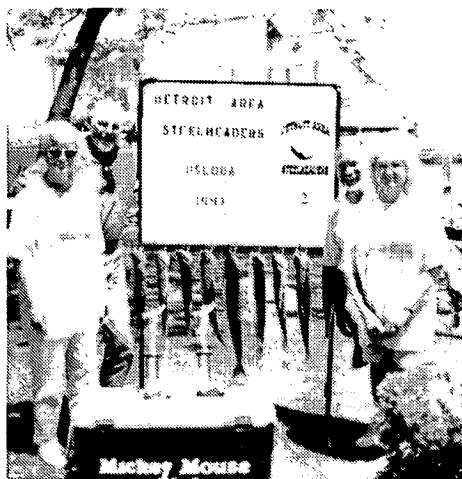
Call the Crews Hot Line to match up with a Skipper looking for crew members, or to get crew members for your boat during the 1996 season. Contact:

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

TOP LADIES DAY TOURNAMENT FINISHERS



1st: "AQUARIUS II" with Chris Nytko, Vickie Nytko, Darek Nytko, Margaret Nytko, Annette Younessi.



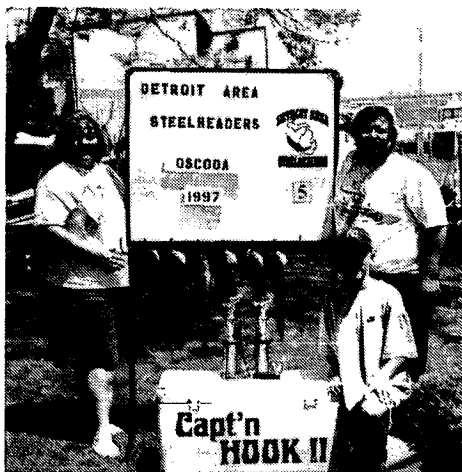
2nd: "MICKEY MOUSE CLUB" with Robert Buero, Juanita Buero, Robert Herman, Cheryl Herman.



3rd: "RUPE" with Gary Ruprich, Amy Ruprich, Julie Ruprich, Sylvia Ruprich.



4th: "EAGLE III" with Paul Schoenrade, Norma Schoenrade, Paul Calone.



5th: "CAPT'N HOOK II" with Doug Karakas, Mary Karakas.



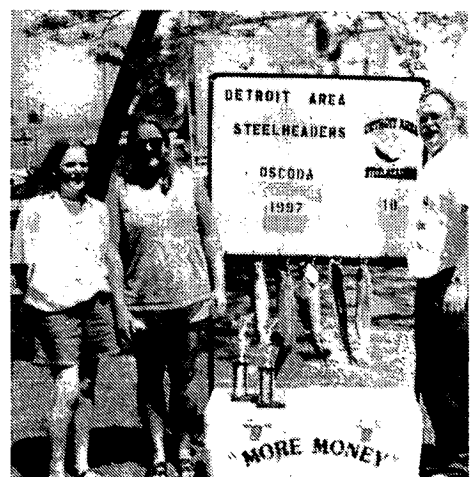
6th: "LUCKY FALCON" with Robert Golaszewski, Nancy Kowalski, Larry Walter, Jessica Locklear.



7th: "KARE-FREE" with Tom Moores, Karen Moores, Gail Graff, Ray Graff.



9th: "OH FATHER" with Bob Bresler, Amanda Bresler, Bud Egan.



10th: "MORE MONEY" with Mike Chimelak, Frances Garnarcz, Pam Maschke, Beth Even.

TOP LUDINGTON TOURNAMENT FINISHERS



1st: "BLUE STAR" with Stanley Bilek, Jan Piowarski, Scott Duda, Danny Ziehm.



2nd: "RETURNER" with Darwin Gregg, Larry Foster, Blaise Pewinski, George Pewinski.



3rd: "JACK IN THE BOX" with Ed Morris, Mike Morris, Scott Gafken.



4th: "CAPIAS" with Mike Lehto, Ken Rogers, Fred Hynick.



5th: "AQUARIUS II" with Chris Nytko, Warren Wright, Steve Domino.



6th: "LUCKY FALCON" with Robert and Rebecca Golaszewski, Lee Locklear, Larry Walter.



7th: "RUPE" with Gary Ruprich, Bob Ruprich, Julie Ruprich.

Coming Events

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

(Last Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. • American Legion Hall, 1815 Rochester Road, Royal Oak)
AUGUST 26, 1997 • SEPTEMBER 30, 1997 • OCTOBER 28, 1997

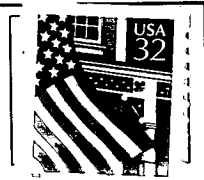
BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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

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