



FISHING TALES



“Tail Walker” wins at Manistee

After three days of rain and high winds, the Detroit Area Steelheaders got lucky, once again getting nice weather for our Manistee tournament on Saturday, August 23. At the tournament start at 6:15 a.m., there were over 150 boats at the pier heads, a huge fleet, with three tournaments going on, plus weekenders and the locals! The Salmon run had started!!

We had 24 boats signing up at the captain's meeting, with a twenty-fifth calling in after the first Fish Call was completed.

Fishing was good, in spite of too many boats and high rollers. At the first Fish Call, a few boats reported no fish, but most boats had one to three fish in the box, and the latecomer boat had four. Productive spots were in front of the piers from the “Green Onion” to the first clay bank in 40'-60' of water.

After 10 o'clock, some boats decided to go out on “The Shelf,” looking for other kinds of fish, such as Lakers and Steelhead. By the second Fish Call only two boats were still



1st Place: “TAIL WALKER” with Fred Kaul, David Slivik, Tom Loftus, Mike Rembelski, and Jim Loftus.

MANISTEE TOURNAMENT RESULTS (August 23, 1997)

BOAT/SKIPPER	CATCH (by species & weight)	PTS.
1) TAIL WALKER (Fred Kaul)	K19.15, K18.08, K17.15, K12.03, K11.08, K5.07 (-10)	105.08
2) KARE FREE (Tom Moores)	K20.04, K19.02, K7.15, K7.12, K6.04, K3.02	94.07
3) TAZ (Daniel Dima)	K21.05, K19.02, K17.09, K4.01	82.01
4) RETURNER (Darwin Gregg)	K19.01, K16.00, K14.11, K12.00	81.12
5) S.S. GUPPY (Dwayne Welder)	K18.04, K13.11, K11.09, K8.11	72.03
6) GOLDEN OLDIE (Howard York)	K18.12, K15.12, K9.06, K7.08	71.06
7) AQUARIUS II (Chris Nytko)	K21.13, S9.07, S8.02, L3.09, L2.12	70.11
8) LUCKY FALCON (Robert Golaszewski)	K15.00, K12.02, K8.02, K6.09, K2.14 ...	69.11
9) MY DREAM (Jimmy Hardrick)	K24.07, K18.04	52.11
10) RUPE (Gary Ruprich)	K16.06, K14.02, K6.14	79.10
11) TRENA DAWN (Don Redmond)	19) HAPPY BARE (Don Anton)	
12) DIZZY DEVIL (Chris Dima)	20) OH FATHER (Bob Bresler)	
13) MOLLY FRAIR (Ron Hartman)	21) BLUE STAR (Stan Bilek)	
14) THE KIDD (Paul Colone)	22) TOMORROW'S DREAM (Mark Stosiak)	
15) DREDGE (Ed Hill)	50) HALF R'S (Ron Huey)	
16) LIL' SCRATCH (Dick Shirk)	50) NOTHING BUT TROUBLE (G. Randazzo)	
17) EAGLE III (Paul Schoenrade)	50) TYGER (Ty Voigt)	
18) CAPIAS (Mike Lehto)		

K = KING SALMON L = LAKE TROUT S = STEELHEAD

MANISTEE BIG FISH WINNERS

SKIPPER/BOAT	CATCH (by species & weight)
1) JIMMY HARDRICK (My Dream)	24-pound, 7-ounce King Salmon
2) DON REDMOND (Trena Dawn)	23-pound, 5-ounce King Salmon
3) CHRIS NYTKO (Aquarius II)	21-pound, 13-ounce King Salmon

reporting being shut out. Most of our fleet had anywhere from one to five fish, with one boat tallying six fish in the box. One boat made a long run to the south, all the way to “The Saddle” looking for the “big one!”

“Tail Walker” ended up in first place (it pays to be late!), with “Kare Free” in second place, tired after their 18- to 20-mile (one way) run. Third place was reserved for our port captain, “Taz,” who had lots of fun fishing with only four rods, setting lines all the time for himself and the crew (Mrs. Taz).

At the weigh-in, there were lots of big Salmon, the largest being a hefty 24-pounder from “My Dream,” another of 22 pounds caught by “Lucky Falcon,” and a couple of 21-pounders, from “Aquarius II” and “Taz,” respectively. There were also some Lakers and Steelheaders, and a 4-pound Brown Trout.

Everyone enjoyed the cold beer and burned kielbasa. Your Port Captain and his crew want to thank everybody for coming out and helping to make the 1997 Manistee tournament a good memory for us all. Hope to see you all again next year! Good Fishing!!

— “Mr. & Mrs. Taz”

Manistee Port Captain, 1997

More Manistee photographs on Page Four

Wind limits Harbor Beach action

The Detroit Area Steelheaders wrapped up the 1997 Boat Trolling Tournament season on Saturday, September 6 at Harbor Beach.

Two weeks prior to the tourney, few boats were venturing out to fish, due to strong winds and high waves stirring up the water. Due to the bad weather, the fish were scattered at different depths and locations in the area, but by Friday, the wind had subsided enough for boats to go out and try to locate schools of fish. A few boats reported locating some fish in 120'-160' of water.

The tournament began as planned at 6:30 a.m. with light winds and 1'-2' waves. By the first Fish Call, "The Kidd" was leading, with three fish in the cooler, and by the second Fish Call, most boats reported catching fish.

During the day, we heard radio reports that fish were being taken straight out from the harbor in 150' of water. At around 11 o'clock, the wind started to pick up and blow waves up to four feet high. Fortunately for the fleet, the wind was blowing out of the southeast, which enabled the boats to come closer in to the harbor in search of calmer waters while still catching fish.

At the weigh-in Paul Colone, skipper of

"The Kidd" ended up in first place for the tournament with a score of 54.07 points, followed by Ed Hill and "Dredge" with 43.02 points. For the second tournament in a row, our Port Captain claimed third place. In this case, it was Stan Bilek and "Blue Star" finishing in the show position with a score of 40.15 points.

The Big Fish Pool was also won by Paul Colone of "The Kidd" with a 15.07-pound King Salmon. Second place went to Denis Harper of "Lady's Choice" with a 14.13-pound King, while Chris Nytko and "Aquarius II" claimed third place with a King Salmon tipping the scales at 13.15 pounds.

I would like to give a special "Thank You" to the crew of "Blue Star" for handling the cooking at the post-tournament picnic.

Since Harbor Beach was our final 1997 boat tourney, let me take this occasion to congratulate all the winners throughout the season, with special thanks to all Detroit Area Steelheader skippers and crews for participating in the various club events and making them safe and enjoyable for all.

- Chris Nytko
"Aquarius II"

HARBOR BEACH TOURNAMENT RESULTS (September 6, 1997)

BOAT/SKIPPER	CATCH (by species & weight)	PTS.
1) THE KIDD (Paul Colone)	K15.07, K12.08, K11.08	54.07
2) DREDGE (Ed Hill)	K9.00, K5.03, K5.01, K3.14	43.02
3) BLUE STAR (Stanley Bilek)	K12.08, K10.15, K2.08	40.15
4) LADY'S CHOICE (Denis Harper)	K14.13, K14.01	38.14
5) LIL' SCRATCH (Dick Shirk)	K10.03, C6.11, K5.11	37.09
6) GOLDEN OLDIE (Howard York)	K12.08, S6.08, K2.12	36.12
7) KARE FREE (Tom Moores)	K6.02, K4.03, K3.07	28.12
8) HAWKEYE (Larry Walter)	K4.10, K3.10, L3.08	26.12
9) S.S. GUPPY (Dwayne Welder)	S7.08, S5.07	22.15
10) LUCKY FALCON (Robert Golaszewski)	K6.10, K5.12	22.06
11) TRENA DAWN (Don Redmond)		20.15
12) JACK IN THE BOX (Ed Morris)		20.03
13) AQUARIUS II (Chris Nytko)		18.15
14) MICKEY MOUSE CLUB (Bob Buero)		18.06
15) TOMORROW'S DREAM (Mark Stosiak)		15.13
16) EAGLE III (Paul Schoenrade)		13.00
17) OH FATHER (Bob Bresler)		11.04
18) MOLLY FRAIR (Ron Hartman)		11.03
19) CAPT'N HOOK (Doug Karakas)		10.03
20) FLOATING HOLIDAY (Dave Roehr)		9.14
21) SINSATION (Hank Baczynski)		9.02
50) FISH-N-TALES (Larry Traynor)		0.00
50) MY DREAM (Jimmy Hardrick)		0.00
50) NOTHING BUT TROUBLE (Gaspar Randazzo)		0.00
50) THE BRAT (Ron Maschkie)		0.00

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HARBOR BEACH BIG FISH WINNERS

SKIPPER/BOAT	CATCH (by species & weight)
1) PAUL COLONE (The Kidd)	15-pound, 7-ounce King Salmon
2) DENIS HARPER (Lady's Choice)	14-pound, 13-ounce King Salmon
3) CHRIS NYTKO (Aquarius II)	13-pound, 15-ounce King Salmon

For You Information . . .

FREE BOATING SAFETY COURSE LAUNCHED ON THE INTERNET

Boaters who feel they may need a refresher course on their nautical know-how should take a look at a free, accredited boating safety course on the Internet. Developed by the BOAT/U.S. Foundation for Boating Safety, in co-operation with the National Safe Boating Council, the On-Line Boating Safety Course can be found by logging on the BOAT/U.S. web site at: <http://www.boatus.com>

This course has been approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators, the organization charged with setting educational standards for boating courses.

ST. MARY'S TREATMENT TO INCREASE FISH STOCKS

The St. Mary's River produces more sea lampreys than all other Great Lakes tributaries in the U.S. and Canada combined. The river, which connects Lakes Superior and Huron, has until recently been considered too large to treat. However, recent research breakthroughs have finally made treatment of the St. Mary's possible.

Increased funding of \$3 million from the Michigan D.N.R. will make it possible to fully implement the newly developed techniques next year. Due to this initiative, anglers could see a 20%-40% increase in the number of adult fish in northern Lake Huron in the future.

EVEN MOTHER NATURE 'VIOLATES' THE STANDARDS

In his book, "A Moment on the Earth," author Gregg Easterbrook notes: "Nature emits an estimated 200 billion tons of carbon dioxide, a greenhouse gas, annually, versus a human-caused total of about 7 billion tons per year." And carbon dioxide is just one gas that Earth produces all the time.

According to Easterbrook, there are more than 500 volcanoes on Earth, many of which are active to the point of producing more "particulates" in a single eruption on a single day than a year's worth of any "dust" resulting from human activity.

Just some interesting facts to think about the next time you hear an environmentalist call for some new rule or regulation . . .

From the Great Lakes Basin Reports

TOP MANISTEE TOURNAMENT FINISHERS



2nd Place: "KARE FREE" with Tom Moores, Larry Hale, John Schulte, and Joe Bragg.



3rd Place: "TAZ" with Daniel Dima and Christine Dima.



4th Place: "RETURNER" with Darwin Gregg, Bob Dulek, and Blaise Pewinski.



5th Place: "S.S. GUPPY" with Dwayne Welder and Barbara Welder.



6th Place: "GOLDEN OLDIE" with Howard York and Curt Gossett.



7th Place : "AQUARIUS II" with Chris Nytko, Walt Pohorily, and Warren Wright, and Les Critchley.



8th Place : "LUCKY FALCON" with Robert Golaszewski, Joe Golaszewski, and Lee Locklear.



9th Place : "MY DREAM" with Jimmy Hardrick, Jim Marshall, and Russ Maes.

CHARCOAL BROILED SALMON STEAKS

- Salmon Steaks, 1-inch thick
- 1/4 pound butter
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

Melt butter and mix in the rest of the ingredients. Put steaks on grill. Generously spread sauce over fish steaks with basting brush. Cook until crispy brown on both sides (about 7 minutes per side)

WANT ADS

FOR SALE - 1994 19'-24' boat trailer with rollers, \$1,800.

Call Jim: (810) 667-2052

Trolling the Web

<http://www.great-lake.org>

What value does the Internet provide to me? Many fishers are still asking the question, "should I purchase a computer?"

The Internet is truly an information super-highway - there is real value to the vast amount of information one can find. Our web site traffic continues to increase as anglers go on line. Many are visiting us from public libraries which have free access. The most recent 30-day statistics show 5,600 visits, a 14% increase, and the trend continues.

Led by Michigan Sea Grant and CoastWatch, anglers now have an added tool. Sea Grant CoastWatch has expanded its on-line "Surface Temperature Mapping Images" to include all Great Lakes regions, including detailed surface maps for 44 ports.

A link to these surface temperature maps can be found at the top of each of our state pages along with marine forecast, fishing reports, wind direction, and lake buoy data.

Surface temperatures images are updated four times each day: 7:00 a.m., and 1:00, 6:00, and 11:00 p.m.

The actual ftp sites are located at:

ERIE
ftp://coastwatch.msu.edu/pub/cw/erie

HURON
ftp://coastwatch.msu.edu/pub/cw/huron

MICHIGAN
ftp://coastwatch.msu.edu/pub/cw/michigan

ONTARIO
ftp://coastwatch.msu.edu/pub/cw/ontario

SUPERIOR
ftp://coastwatch.msu.edu/pub/cw/superior

Ohio State also is on-line with color maps for the Great Lakes, including Lake St. Clair, bathymetric images, wind, and other useful data. That address is:

<http://superior.eng.ohio-state.edu/nowcast/nf-index.html>
A deal to have an audio version of the Marine Broadcast, by lake on our web site as well.

Other sites which have opened recently are:
NORTH COAST CHARTER BOAT ASSOCIATION

www.ncweb.com/nccba

KENOSHA CHARTER BOAT ASSOCIATION
www.great-lakes.org/wi/maritime

MARITIME CHARTERS
www.great-lakes.org/wi/maritime

From the Great Lakes Basin Reports

The **DEADLINE** for the
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of
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is
September 30, 1997

Record Laker could wear a saddle!

"It looks like something you'd want to throw a saddle on!" That's Lake Superior watershed fish chief Steve Scott's excited description of Michigan's new record Lake Trout. He says the 61.5-pound, 41-inch brute was "extremely deep-bodied, with a very large head." Caught somewhere in Lake Superior, out of L'Anse, the fish tops the former state record Lake Trout of 53 pounds, caught in 1944. That fish was 48 inches long.

The record Laker was caught by 15-year-old Lucas Lanczy of Herman (south of L'Anse) on a two-ounce jig in 40 feet of water. Lanczy was fishing with his dad, Bela, and a guide. He would not say which reef they were fishing over. Lanczy told Scott he was using 12-pound-test line, and that it took him 25 minutes to land his prized catch. He also said they caught two Lakers in the 30-pound range on the same fishing trip.

The fish was seen by a D.N.R. creel clerk when the Lanczy boat came to shore in L'Anse. To qualify for state record status, the catch must be examined by a D.N.R. biologist. There were none left in the Baraga district at the time, due to early retirements.

When Scott arrived in L'Anse the next day, the fish had been wrapped in water-

soaked sheets and frozen, on instructions from a taxidermist. The Lake Trout was so large it had to be frozen in a walk-in freezer.

Scott opened up a large-enough section of the wrapping to identify it as a Lake Trout. Lanczy had a certified scale weight sheet. When the fish is mounted, Scott said he would get enough remains to age the Trout.

Though far from an all-tackle world record, it may qualify as a line class record. The current 12-pound-test line Lake Trout record is 50.5 pounds, caught in 1969 in Flaming Gorge, Utah. To qualify for the line record, Lanczy must send a portion of the line to the Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame in Hayward, Wisconsin for testing.

Scott is confident Lanczy's fish was a "fat" (or siscowet) Lake Trout, a distinct subspecies that generally inhabits deeper water than "lean" Lake Trout, and that has minimal food value. Examination of stomach samples, he points out, show that "fats" spend part of their time foraging on shallow water prey. He believes there are larger Lake Trout in Lake Superior, but would not speculate on the odds of one being caught.

The world record Lake Trout, taken from Great Bear Lake, Canada, weighed 74 pounds.

Coming Events

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

SEPTEMBER 30, 1997 • OCTOBER 28, 1997 • NOVEMBER 25, 1997

September Speaker: John Yukich, St. Mary's River Salmon/Trout Guide

RIVER TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	PORT CAPTAIN
October 11	ST. JOSEPH RIVER	Doug Karaas, (248) 545-1181
November 1	MANISTEE RIVER 3-WAY	Doug Karaas, (248) 545-1181
December 6	AU SABLE RIVER	Doug Karaas, (248) 545-1181

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