

# FISHIN' TALKS

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## SWAP MEET - VEGAS NIGHT

### MARCH 26 MEETING

One of the feature attractions of the next meeting will be a **Swap Meet**. At the old Spring Shows, the swap table was one of the most popular attractions.

Now is the time to go through that tackle box and to pull out all those extra lures you have. Or, how about that spare reel your uncle gave you? Have a couple of manual downriggers you replaced with electric? Bring them to the next meeting. Sell them. Trade them..... and get something you really need! CASH!!! If you don't have any extra stuff; just bring cash! There will be bargains galore!

Finally, the Coast Guard Auxillary is scheduled to provide a guest speaker for the meeting.

### VEGAS NIGHT - MARCH 30

Don't miss the time of your life on March 30. That night, the Detroit Area Steelheaders will host the second annual Las Vegas Night at the K. of C. Hall. This is the regular meeting site on 6177 Chicago Road in Warren.

The event will start at 7:00 p.m. and run until 12:00 a.m. There will be fun, games and refreshments. We all know fishermen are lucky, so this should be your chance to show just how lucky you really are!

Besides the fun and games, this is

the #1 fundraising event of 1996. This event was put into place when the membership and board decided against the Spring Show. (It sure will be a lot easier to bust our butts for one night rather than two days.) Your attendance is requested and hoped for. Please bring guests. It is open to the public.

We still need plenty of help. A practice run-thru will be scheduled. If you can help or for further questions, please call Mary Karakas at 545-1181.

### APRIL MEMBER MEETING CHANGED TO APRIL 23.

**The April regular meeting has been moved up one week so we can have a meeting prior to the River Crab. Don't forget to let your Steelheader Buddies know!**

### 1996 BOAT DIRECTORY

Don Redmond will be collecting information for the 1996 Detroit Area Steelheaders Boat Directory. See Don at the February meeting to complete a form or call him at (810) 469-8344, if you won't be attending.

The directory will be laminated for easy on-board storage

### RIVER CRAB TOURNEY April 27

REMINDER, DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS; the Chuck Muer River Crab Salmon Stakes is coming on April 27.

This is a Boat Trolling Tournament that counts in our schedule towards determining "Skipper of the Year" award. It is also a tournament where we as a club will be competing for the 1st prize of \$5,000 for the most total weight. It is very important to our annual budget that we add this money to our treasury. Many of our club functions and our ability to make more contributions to worthy causes are directly affected by winning this prize.

The Blue Water Clinic, Blue Water sport fishing Assoc. and the C. A. Muer Corporation (River Crab Restaurant) co-sponsors donate proceeds to the Blue Waters Clinic's McKinnon Family Center and other child abuse/neglect programs throughout Michigan.

The Detroit Area Steelheaders will also have a special drawing at our May membership meeting. If the club wins the \$5,000 we will draw (5) \$100 prizes from a list of boats who weighed in at least one fish in the tournament. We will draw (1) \$100 prize if we don't win the club prize.

Therefore, a single small fish could mean the difference between you winning a \$100 or not.

All fish must be 18 inches to count (Overall length, not just 18" to the fork) Please weight in any 18" fish you catch. Lake trout will not be eligible as lake trout season will not yet be open.

Prizes this year will be, first place plaque and \$250 awarded for each category of King, Coho, Steelhead, Brown Trout and Super Skipper. You must be pre-registered to win one of these prizes.

A \$10 ticket includes your individual entry fee, a raffle ticket where first prize is a trip for four to Disney World. ( 5 days and 4 nights for 2 adults and 2 children ) Second prize is a trip for two to Toronto for 3 days and two nights. There are three other great prizes, too. Dinner tickets are available for an additional \$12 per person.

So, benefit the charities, and give our club a chance at the \$5,000 club prize. Sign up at the March 26 membership meeting, the April 23rd membership meeting. ( The April meeting will be the last chance to sign up)... or call Don Redmond at (810) 469-8344 for information on mail in entries.

**RIVER CRAB STRATEGY**

The 1995 River Crab is upon us and the Detroit Area Steelheaders will be out in force on April 27, to battle the Blue Water Sportfishermen's Association for the bragging rights and the \$5,000.00 first place prize.

The key elements for success will depend on the weather the final few days before the tournament. The most important element will be the bait fish; which is the smelt. Look for reports of smelt running and you will know where to key your efforts. Keep your options open and be flexible as to where you launch. A cold and wet Spring

will help keep the fish in the Southern portions of the lake. If the weather gets warm, be ready to move as the past history has shown the fish will move North and East to deeper water in a hurry. If you stick around too long in one place, you will have a light cooler.

It is IMPORTANT that you try to get the latest reports you can leading up to the tournament. Past River Crab winners and top finishers have been successful from Camp Cavell (TDS 308328 - 495512 ) up to Port Sanilac. Other excellent areas have been straight off Lexington or Lakeport where the 1994 winners trolled. Look for places where small creeks dump into Lake Huron.

If you have not kept your zone map, get a copy from a friend. We will also try to have some available at the meetings. The zone map will be an excellent tool to aid other club members when you are successful.

Running the usual Spring programs will still be a good way to start your search tournament morning. Start in close to shore; 40 ft or less and fish in the top 20 feet. Don't be afraid to run the planer boards or yellow birds up tight to shore. Try to find the warmest water you can or a color/mud line. The standard body baits, such as the Bomber or Rapala in the popular colors is a good pattern to start with.

Colors can change, but try silver, pearl, chartreuse, glow green, etc. Listen for weird names like fire tiger, blueberry muffin. See what the salmon want and then get those colors down. Avoid the boat traffic as much possible. The fish will be scattered up and down the shoreline.

These just suggestions and are a good starting point. Remember to be flexible. Its time to get a fish on the line. I've really got the itch. I hope you do, too !!!!!!!!! Tight Lines Dave Even

**SPECIAL DATES**

- Member Meeting Apr 23
- Member Meeting Mar 26
- Vegas Party Mar 30

**BOAT TOURNAMENTS**

- River Crab April 27
- St Joe May 4
- Harbor Beach May 18
- Pt Austin June 1
- Special People June 15
- Ladies Day June 29
- Erieau Walleye July 20
- Ludington August 3
- Manistee August 24
- Harbor Beach Sept. 7

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