

# FISHIN' TALKS

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## MEETING April 23

### DAS OUT TO RETAIN CROWN 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 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.

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FISHING LICENSE AND STAMP!!!!!!**

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**YOUR MAILING LABEL HAS YOUR  
EXPIRATION DATE ON IT, BE SURE  
TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP;  
ESPECIALLY IF YOU ARE FISHING  
FOR THE CLUB IN THE RIVERCRAB  
!!!!!!**

### **LAS VEGAS A SUCCESS**

The Las Vegas Night was a huge success for the club. Chairwomen, Mary Karakas put a ton of effort into organizing the entire event. She

deserves a GIANT at-a-girl! With the help of about 35 Steelheaders, the night turned out first class. The final financial details are yet to be worked out and presented to the Board, but there is no question that it was a financial success. The hall was crowded the entire night and everyone seemed to be having great fun. Based on this success, its a certainty that the club will do it again. When we do, please volunteer to help or at least show up and enjoy the fun. You won't regret it!

### **BENTON HARBOR/ST JOE TOURNEY MAY 4.**

This port is often a great producer of fish in the early Spring. Coho salmon will probably make up the majority of the catch, but, Kings, steelhead, lakers, browns all come regularly from these waters.

You can count on good fishing within a mile of shore in the early morning. River mouths that offer warm water current and the warm water discharges from the nuclear power plant both attract the trout and salmon.

The fishing will probably be best in the top 20 feet of water where the water warms first. It would be to your advantage to spread your lures by running planer boards or "yellow birds". Try trolling in an "s" pattern to locate the bait fish and the warmer water the trout and salmon will be near. Also keep an eye out for diving sea gulls as they can help in locating bait fish.

As for lure selection, start with body baits that resemble minnows in silver and chrome finishes. Try using small spoons as Spring salmon and trout are often more prone to slam a small spoon than a large one. Most

important, make sure that all of your hooks are sharp.

For some local information and fishing conditions, you can call:

TACKLE HAVEN (616) 925-0341 or MOLLHAGENS MARINA at (616) 983-3851. Don't forget to check your trailers. Have a safe trip and we'll see you at the Captains meeting. We'll have more information at the next general meeting. Doug Karakas

**HARBOR BEACH TOURNEY SET FOR MAY 18**

The thire tournament of the season will take us to the waters of Harbor Beach. Hopefully, we will be able to focus on some nice Kings. If you can't find the Kings, Be prepared to target lakers around Port Hope, North of Harbor Beach.

We will try to have a fishing report at the skippers meeting. The 5:00 a.m. skippers' meeting will be held near the marina office on Saturday, May 18. All boats, please answer fish calls at 9am and 12 noon. Lines will be pulled at 2 p.m. and you and your catch of the day need to be in the weigh-in line by 3:00 p.m.

For those of you who have never fished at Harbor Beach, be careful as there are reefs extending far out into the lake. If you have a loran or GPS (and you should) make certain to plot a lot of waypoints that will keep you in safe water. Remember, that the shore line is curved in this area and a straight line course will take you near shore and possibly aground. Take a banana shaped course to get to most points. Also, watch your depth finder and keep at least 20 feet of water under your boat as these reefs come up very quickly.

I will be your port captain for this tournament and I will have information at the April meeting.

Come to Harbor Beach for good fishin' and fun! Chris Nytko-Aquarius II

**CREWS HOT LINE**

Need a crew? Want to crew? Call the crews hot line and match up with

another skipper or get crew memebers for your boat. Call these coordinators: Bill (313) 422 - 3386 Doug (810) 545 - 1181 Leon (810) 293 - 1261

**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

**FISHING LOG**

Included in this month's issue is a sample Detroit Area Steelheader Fishing log. Make your own log book by copying these pages. If you don't have access to a copy machine, take the page to a Kinko's or other copy service.

Log books are great resources. The best tournament fishermen keep logs of all of their catches. It's the best way to keep track of what the hot lures are (or were).

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