



FISH TALES



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Harbor Beach fishing was a little slow

On Saturday, May 18, the Detroit Area Steelheaders fleet ventured forth to Harbor Beach for the third stop on our 1996 Boat Trolling Tournament schedule.

The tournament got underway without a hitch at the scheduled 6:00 a.m. start time. However, about one mile off shore, the boats encountered heavy fog, making it very difficult to locate favorite fishing spots.

By the time of the first Fish Call, only a handful of boats reported having fish in the cooler, which suggested that fishing might not be as good as we were anticipating, and this proved to be the case.

Of the 26 boats entered in the tournament, only 14 boats had fish to weigh in, with a final tally of 30 Lakers and 8 Kings.

The winning fish in the Big Fish contest (all King Salmon) were as follows:

- 1) "Returner" 15 lbs., 13 ozs.
 - 2) "Trena Dawn" 10 lbs., 9 ozs.
 - 3) "Alice's Angler" 10 lbs., 2 ozs.
 - 3) "Happy Bare" 10 lbs., 2 ozs.
- Chris Nytko
"Aquarius"



1st Place: "ALICE'S ANGLER" with Les Jump, Mike Lehto and crew.

HARBOR BEACH TOURNAMENT TOP FIVE BOATS

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| 1) LES JUMP | "Alice's Angler" | 74.00 |
| 2) JIM HARDRICK | "My Dream" | 59.07 |
| 3) DON REDMOND | "Trena Dawn" | 59.06 |
| 4) RON HUEY | "Half R's" | 31.05 |
| 5) DICK SHIRK | "Lil' Scratch" | 26.02 |

More top finishers from the Harbor Beach tournament are pictured on Page 4

Fellows Marina to host Ladies Day at Oscoda

On Saturday, June 29, Detroit Area Steelheaders will travel to Oscoda for the annual Ladies Day tournament.

The past few years, salmon have dominated the interest of Steelheaders, but skippers should remember that the Lake Trout and Steelhead can be plentiful in this area at this time of the year.

For those who have not participated in our Ladies Day tournament before, the rules are simple: men can set lines, net fish, and drive the boat, but only women can handle

the pole after hook-up.

The tournament headquarters is again at Fellows Marina, and if you need one, you can reserve a slip there by calling Jan at (517) 739-2525.

As in years past, we are asking that each crew bring a dish to pass at the potluck picnic which follows the weigh-in. Just one reminder: keep the perishables such as potato salad on ice while out on the lake. I don't want any of it to spoil, because I love potato salad!

The Saturday schedule begins with the

Skippers' meeting, at 5:00 a.m. at the Fellows Marina office, with the tourney starting at 6:00 a.m. outside the mouth of the Au Sable River. There will be 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Fish Calls, and we will all pull lines by 2:00 p.m. Everyone should be in line for the weigh-in by 3:00 p.m.

The potluck will start when the weigh-in is completed, or at 3:00 p.m. if fishing is cancelled.

- Ken Kuhar
"Mary K"

Port Austin tournament wrap-up

For those of you who had something else to do, say go on a trip to Ohio or something like that, you missed one fantastic day of fishing at the Detroit Area Steelheaders Port Austin tournament on Saturday, June 1.

The day started without a cloud in the sky and just a hint of wind to ripple the water — just a great fishing morning!

At the first Fish Call, Chris Nytko in "Aquarius II" and Warren Renando in his boat "Wrangler" each had five fish to their credit, Ken Kuhar's "Mary K" claimed seven fish in the box, and Don Redmond's "Trena Dawn" was reporting eight fish aboard. But leading the way was Bob Golaszewski of "Lucky Falcon" with nine fish in his cooler after an early morning of brisk fishing action!

By the time the second Fish Call came around, not too much had changed. Mike Wakulski's boat "Wet Paint" and Ken Kuhar's "Mary K" were in the running with nine fish each, and Bob Golaszewski's "Lucky Falcon" was still holding his ground with ten fish. Chris Nytko's "Aquarius II" was hanging in there with 12 fish, but at the end of the Fish Call sequence, Don Redmond's "Trena Dawn" was leading the pack with 13 fish in his cooler.

At the end of the day, after all the numbers had been crunched, there was only one surprise. Fifth place was claimed by "Mary K" with 96.13 pounds of fish, while fourth went to "Aquarius II" with a catch of 103.07 pounds, and "Lucky Falcon" just managed to hold on to third place with 103.08 pounds. But the surprise turned out to be a Port Austin home



1st Place: "WET PAINT" with Mike Wakulski and crew.

town boat, the "Mary Margaret" skippered by Paul Nienaltowski, which weighed in a catch of 109.06 pounds, good for second place.

Last but certainly not least, first place was clinched by our old Boat Trolling Chairman (not that he's that old!) Mike Wakulski on his "Wet Paint" boat with an impressive overall catch of 110.03 pounds. Congratulations, Mike, for a job well done.

The Big Fish contest winners for this day included Dave Roehr aboard "Floating Holiday" who hauled in a 16.04-pound King Salmon, while tourney winner Mike Wakulski grabbed second place with an 18.06-pound Lake Trout. However, the 'big boy' of the day was caught by home town boy Paul Nienaltowski on the "Mary Margaret" with a 20.1-pound King in his cooler at the end of the afternoon. Great work, guys!!!

The weather on Sunday was as bad as it had been good on Saturday. The Team Doubles event started on time, but rainy skies and high winds caused Don Redmond to call the action after 90 minutes, in the interests of safety. Too bad, but at least we got an early start home.

Finally, if you should run into the boat "My Druthers" out there, you might ask him how he liked fishing with Detroit Area Steelheaders. It wasn't until the end of our tournament that he figured out he was fishing with the wrong club. He came up to fish with Flint Steelheaders, and his total catch would have been good enough for sixth place in our tourney! Hmm... maybe we can get him to fish with us in the River Crab next year. I hope everyone had fun — see you on the water!

— Ray Banbury
"Fat Cat"

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

Coming Events

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

JUNE 25, 1996

JULY 30, 1996

AUGUST 27, 1996

BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Contact
June 29	OSCODA (Ladies Day)	Ken Kuhar, (810) 949-4365
July 20	ERIEAU, ONTARIO (Walleye Outing)	Dick Shirk, (810) 749-9493 & Steve Hamilton (313) 881-3871
August 3	LUDINGTON	Bob Mitchell, (810) 828-8034
August 24	MANISTEE	Daniel Dima, (313) 996-2503
September 7	HARBOR BEACH II	Dave Roehr, (810) 547-6083

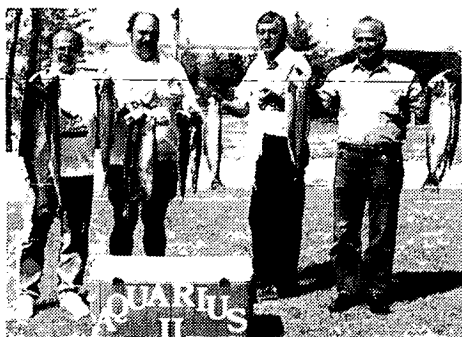
TOP PORT AUSTIN FINISHERS



2nd Place: "MARY MARGARET" with Paul Nienaltowski and crew.



3rd Place: "LUCKY FALCON" with Robert Golaszewski and crew.



4th Place: "AQUARIUS II" with Chris Nytko and crew.



5th Place: "MARY K" with Kenneth Kuhar and crew.



7th Place: "HAPPY BARE" with Don Anton and crew.



8th Place: "ANTICIPATION" with Rob Pinskey and crew.



9th Place: "TRENA DAWN" with Don Redmond and crew.

PORT AUSTIN TOURNAMENT TOP TEN BOATS

- 1) Mike Wakulski (Wet Paint) 110.03
- 2) Paul Nienaltowski (Mary Margaret) 109.06
- 3) Bob Golaszewski (Lucky Falcon) .. 103.08
- 4) Chris Nytko (Aquarius II) 103.07
- 5) Ken Kuhar (Mary K) 96.13
- 6) Paul Nowak (Nothing But Fun) 91.03
- 7) Don Anton (Happy Bare) 90.07
- 8) Rob Pinskey (Anticipation) 87.13
- 9) Don Redmond (Trena Dawn) 86.12
- 10) Ron Huey (Half R's) 79.05

24 Boats Entered & All Caught Fish
140 Fish Total Fleet Catch

How to properly maintain your boat canvas

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of an occasional series of maintenance tips for boat owners covering many aspects of properly caring for your boat. This installment covers boat canvas care. These tips are supplied courtesy of Sea Ray Boats.

CANVAS CARE & MAINTENANCE

Brush your canvas with a soft-bristled brush and hose down at regular intervals to remove dust and dirt particles. It may be washed in a mild solution of Lux, Ivory Flakes, or Borateem in lukewarm water (no more than 100° F). Rinse thoroughly to remove soap. **DO NOT USE DETERGENTS.**

For more stubborn cases, soak the canvas in a solution of 1/2 cup (4 ounces) of Clorox bleach, 1/2 cup (4 ounces) of Ivory Flakes and one gallon of warm water for about 20 minutes. Rinse with cold water to remove all of the cleaning solution. **NOTE:** This method may cause the canvas to lose some of its water repellence, so apply a water repellent treatment as necessary.

Most canvas may also be washed in an automatic washer on the "cold" cycle using 2 cups (16 ounces) of Clorox bleach and 1 cup (8 ounces) of Ivory Flakes. **DO NOT DRY IN A DRYER - ALLOW CANVAS TO LINE DRY ONLY.** Some canvas fabrics may shrink if machine-dried. Canvas can also be dry cleaned, but a water repellent treatment may be necessary afterward.

CANVAS STORAGE

Be careful when storing canvas - take care not to fold or crease any clear vinyl-type panels in the canvas, as cracking will likely result. Do not fold or store any canvas while wet. All canvas should be rolled or folded only when dry, and stored in a clean, dry area.

TRAILERING WITH CANVAS

You can trailer your boat with either cockpit cover or tonneau cover in place. However, make sure that the mooring cover is installed over the boat with all tie-down straps secured. Convertible tops, side curtains and camper aft covers must be removed when trailering. Damage will occur to canvas and bows or boat if they are attached to the boat while you are trailering.

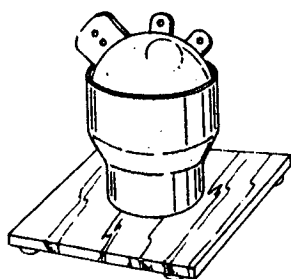
The **DEADLINE** for
the July issue of
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is **June 25, 1996**

Downrigger Cannonball Holder

When not actually in use, the weighted cannonballs used on most downriggers often tend to swing around freely, and can do damage to gel coats or other surfaces if allowed to bang against them. However, I've worked out a simple remedy for this problem. I built a little holder for each of the 10-pound balls to rest in when not in use.

As shown below, each holder consists of a plastic pipe reducer fitting, one that accepts 4" pipe at one end and 3" pipe at the other end. The larger end is a perfect fit for most 10-pound cannonballs.

To form the base for the holder, I use an 8" square of 3/4" plywood. In the face of this



plywood, I carefully route a circular groove, with the diameter of this circle equal to, or slightly larger than, the outside diameter of the 3" end of the plastic pipe reducer. The groove only needs to be about 1/4" deep.

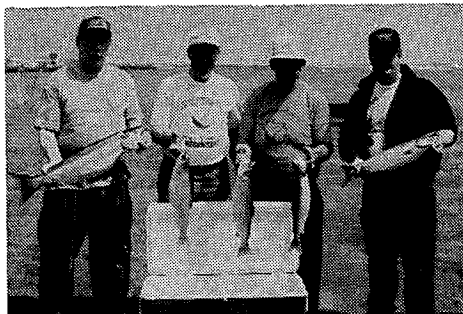
Before pressing the small end of the pipe reducer into the groove, I squeeze a bead of sealant around the inside, and after pressing the pipe fitting into place, I twist it around a bit to ensure a good bond.

After the sealant dries, I stain and varnish the plywood, and then glue some non-skid rubber pads to the bottom of the plywood base to keep it from sliding around.

— Edwin J. Storme

From *Motor Boating and Sailing*, March, 1996.

TOP HARBOR BEACH FINISHERS



3rd Place: "TRENA DAWN" with Don Redmond, Conrad Diloreto, Chuck Kisandi, Don Poat.



5th Place: "LIL' SCRATCH" with Dick Shirk, Rob Pinskey and Walt Romaniuk.



6th Place: "HAPPY BARE" with Don Anton, Ken Bell, Scott Obarzanek, Al Schultz.



7th Place: "RETURNER" with Darwin Gregg, Larry Foster and Dick Turner.



9th Place: "S.S. GUPPY" with Dwayne and Barbara Welder.



10th Place: "PENNY PINCHER" with Steve Domino and Duane Clegg.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION . . .

Erieau trip is set for July 20

To give club members who are planning to participate in the Erieau, Ontario, Canada outing an early opportunity to reserve a boat slip and place to stay, here are some telephone numbers:

Boat Slips - (519) 676-4471

Johnston Motel - (519) 676-2101

Roberts Cabins - (519) 676-2238

Molly & OJ's Motel - (519) 676-8812

July gets booked real early, so don't delay!

— Dick Shirk, "Lil' Scratch"

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