



# FISHIN' TALES



## It was a 'Rock & Roll' Ladies Day!

The sun shone, the winds were calm, and fishing was easy... on Friday. Unfortunately, Saturday fishing and weather conditions turned out to be another matter.

Tournament day started with some early omens of things to come. A light rain fell on the 25 Skippers assembled for the pre-tourney meeting, and then a strong puff of south wind suggested that the Saturday starting to unfold was going to be far from ideal, and nothing like Friday!

In the event, the seas were rough, and the fishing was even rougher for many crews. But conditions were not too rough for the crews aboard "More Money," "Capt'n Hook II," and "Lucky Falcon." These boats came in first, second, and third, respectively, so congratulations go to these winning crews, and to all who participated.

First place in the Big Fish Pool was claimed by Jim Hardrick and "My Dream" with a 20-pound, 4-ounce King. Second place went to Howard York and "Golden Oldie" with a 19-pound, 15-ounce King, while Tim Graskewicz and "Harmony" picked up third place with a 15-pound, 7-ounce King.

Following the fishing action, the food at



**1st Place: "MORE MONEY" with Mike Chimelak, Dave Even, Judy Even, Ellen Even, Kim Even, Terra Even, and Christy Even.**

the picnic was plentiful and delicious. Many thanks to everyone who brought a dish to pass around, and many thanks, also, to Jan at Fellows Marina. All in all, it's fair to say

Ladies Day 1996 turned out to be not too bad a day for .

- Ken Kuhar, "Mary K"

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### LADIES DAY TOURNAMENT TOP TEN BOATS

- 1) Mike Chimelak (More Money) ..... 64.04
- 2) Doug Karakas (Capt'n Hook II) ..... 59.06
- 3) Rob Golaszewski (Lucky Falcon) .... 56.13
- 4) Bob Mitchell (Kemo) ..... 55.00
- 5) Tim Graskewicz (Harmony) ..... 52.07
- 6) Jim Hardrick (My Dream) ..... 45.11
- 7) Chris Nytko (Aquarius II) ..... 45.08
- 8) Rob Pinskey (Anticipation) ..... 45.04
- 9) Daniel Dima (Taz) ..... 37.13
- 10) Tom Moores (Kare Free II) ..... 36.00

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## "Skipper of the Year" Standings

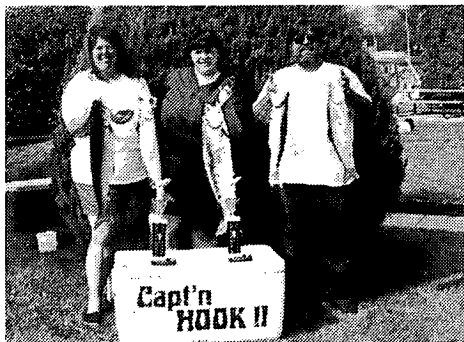
(THROUGH LADIES DAY, BEST 2 OF 5 SCORES)

Place & Skipper	Boat	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	Tot.
1) ROB GOLASZEWSKI	"Lucky Falcon"	50	1	50	3	3				4
2) MIKE WAKULSKI	"Wet Paint"	3	75	75	1	17				4
3) KEN KUCHAR	"Mary K"	30	2	50	5	50				7
4) JIM HARDRICK	"My Dream"	50	8	2	13	6				8
5) PAUL NOWAK	"Nothing But Fun"	2	75	75	6	11				8
6) CHRIS NYTKO	"Aquarius II"	4	75	50	4	7				8
7) DICK SHIRK	"Lil' Scratch"	4	12	5	50	75				9
8) BOB MITCHELL	"Kemo"	17	7	75	19	4				11
9) TOM MOORES	"Kare Free"	7	4	13	11	10				11
10) DOUG KARAKAS	"Capt'n Hook II"	18	10	75	75	2				12
11) DON REDMOND	"Trena Dawn"	10	75	3	9	13				12
12) DON ANTON	"Happy Bare"	14	50	6	7	14				13
13) TIM GRASKEWICZ	"Harmony"	50	75	8	75	5				13
14) RON HUEY	"Half R's"	29	75	4	10	75				14
15) ROB PINSKEY	"Anticipation"	21	75	75	8	8				16
16) HOWARD YORK	"Golden Oldie"	20	9	50	22	12				21
17) HANK BACZYNSKI	"Sinsation"	16	6	75	16	75				22
18) DANIEL DIMA	"Taz"	12	13	50	20	9				22
19) WARREN RENANDO	"Wrangler"	8	75	75	14	13				22
20) GARY RUPRICH	"Rupe"	19	3	75	75	19				22

A = River Crab    B = St. Joseph    C = Harbor Beach    D = Port Austin    E = Oscoda  
F = Ludington    G = Manistee    H = Harbor Beach II

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# TOP LADIES DAY TOURNAMENT FINISHERS



2nd Place: "CAPT'N HOOK II" with Mary, Paula & Doug Karakas.



3rd Place: "LUCKY FALCON" with Rob Golaszewski, Lisa Lubowski, Sherry Edens and Larry Walter.



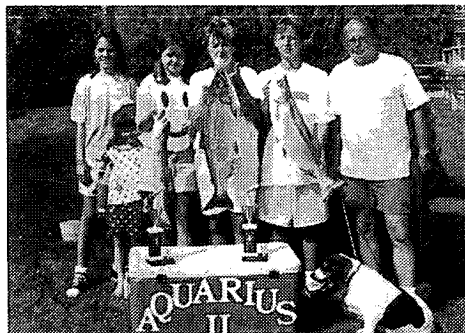
4th Place: "KEMO" with Bob Mitchell, Linda Mitchell, Leslie Gilbert and Carrie Gilbert.



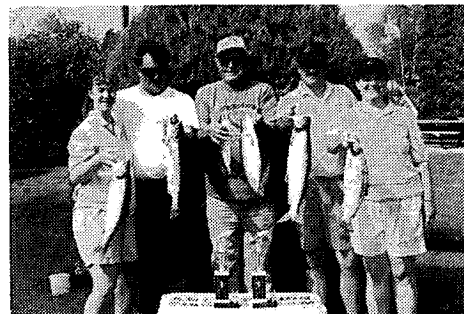
5th Place: "HARMONY" with Tim Graskewicz, Juanita Graskewicz, M. L. Halling and John Green.



6th Place: "MY DREAM" with Jim Hardrick, Judy Hardrick, Steve Tossey, and Ruth Tossey.



7th Place: "AQUARIUS II" with Chris, Derek, Vickie, Margaret & Jeniffer Nytko, Amy Mikolajewski, and "Sparky."



8th Place: "ANTICIPATION" with Rob, Darlene, Mike & Brenda Pinskey and "Uncle" Walt Romaniuk.



10th Place: "KARE FREE II" with Tom Moores, Karen Moores, Jim Patrick and Cheryl Patrick.

## Angling Notes

### ALLURING COLORS

Zebra mussel-influenced improvements in water clarity have prompted some anglers to change the colors of their lures.

Before zebra mussels arrived, Lake Ontario's color was blue-green. The lake's current deep blue color is more typical of lakes that contain fewer suspended particles, such as Crater Lake and Lake Superior.

"Years ago, the brighter lure colors seemed to work well because the water had a murkiness to it," said Lake Ontario charter boat captain Tim Walsh, who also noted that even with the change in water clarity, orange and chartreuse lures still work well. With 10 fishing poles on his boat, "Reel Time," Walsh tests the effectiveness of multiple lure colors until he finds the combination that works best.

New York Sea Grant Extension Specialist David MacNeill recommends that anglers use fluorescent green and orange lures for clearer offshore waters. For clear, open waters, fluorescent greens and whites are best, he said.

- Julie Zeidner, *New York Sea Grant*

### LAKE MICHIGAN PERCH NUMBERS DECLINE

CHICAGO — The Lake Michigan Yellow Perch Task Force says perch abundance continued to decline precipitously in 1995, and that 1996 is no better.

Significant numbers of yellow perch larvae are not surviving well to young-of-the-year (YOY) stage. Although scientists do not know the exact cause for the decline, they do agree that perch larvae are not surviving to a harvestable age. Compared to 1994, catch rates declined 30% in Wisconsin, 56% in Illinois, and 67% in Indiana.

The Task Force has been asked to develop a multi-agency research initiative to identify likely causes for the recent lack of perch survival. This decline began in 1989, and captures of YOY perch continue to be very low for the sixth consecutive year.

- Great Lakes Basin Report

### CONGRESS KILLS RADIO LICENSE FEES

Even though the initiative will not be final until July, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) confirms that the requirement for a marine radio license fee for anglers is eliminated, effective immediately. What is not clear is if there will still be a licensing requirement. The FCC's number for licensing information is (800) 322-1117.

- Great Lakes Basin Report

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION . . .

## LUDINGTON TOURNEY LEADS OFF AUGUST

The Detroit Area Steelheader Ludington tournament will take place on Saturday, August 3, kicking off what figures to be some hot August fishing action.

Those who have fished Ludington over the years know that the fishing can be fast and furious. The bag is usually mixed, with big Kings, Cohos, Lakers, Steelhead, Browns and even a few Atlantics making up the catch at past tournaments. One year here, the "Teacher's Pet" crew caught a Great Lakes Grand Slam (King, Coho, Lake Trout, Brown and Steelhead) in one tournament!

The skippers' meeting will take place at 5:00 a.m. at the Ludington Municipal Marina, with the tournament start scheduled for 6:00 a.m. There will be Fish Calls at 9:00 a.m. and noon, with lines to be pulled at 2:00 p.m. The weigh-in is at 3:30 p.m. at the same place we have used for the past few years, Peter Copian Park off Washington Street.

One thing about the fishing at Ludington is that fishing conditions can change fast, so a successful Steelheader must be prepared with a variety of rigs.

One rig to have ready at Ludington is dodgers and squids. White, yellow or chrome dodgers are generally the preferred colors. The glow squid, black squid and green squid usually are set up to trail the dodgers by about 18 inches.

Another top choice is spoons, which can be very effective, especially early in the morn-

ing. Year in and year out, the top spoon is the M & M. This is a Northport Nailer in char-treuse with green tape. Also, Dipsy Divers can produce bonus fish: the Cohos, Steelhead and Browns.

Fishing depths are determined by the thermocline, but expect to be fishing 80'-100' deep if the weather has been stable leading up to the tournament. If not, you could find 45° F on the surface!

Ludington is known for its great structure. The most common places to fish are north off the Bath House at the state park or at the Point, easily seen near the lighthouse. There are drop-offs and deep holes here. Don't be afraid to try straight out from port, or south off the Project, a pumped storage facility best known for spring fishing, and for grinding up fish.

Be sure to watch for the presence of deep currents. You may think you are trolling at 2 knots, but you lures could either be dead in the water or moving at 4 knots depending on the direction of the current. You'll know if there is a current by watching your cannonball wires. If they look as though they are swayed back more (or less) than normal, there probably is a current affecting them. Good luck!

- Bob Mitchell, (810) 828-8034

## POPULAR MANISTEE TOURNAMENT IS SET FOR AUGUST 24

On Saturday, August 24, the Detroit Area Steelheaders fleet will be found at the great Lake Michigan port of Manistee, participating in our annual boat tournament at one of the most popular ports we visit each year. This happens to be one of my personal favorites, also, and it will usually deliver a nicely mixed catch of King Salmon, Steelhead, Coho Salmon, Lake Trout and maybe a Brown

Trout or two.

Spoons are about the best baits here, especially Pro-Kings and Silver Streaks. Also, don't forget those Stingers - they work great, too! The last couple of years, I've been using Silver Streak Georgians in white, and have done well with them.

Fishing techniques for Manistee in August should be very similar to what is outlined in the Ludington report. Pay attention to what does well at Ludington and fish accordingly.

The tournament begins with the usual 5:00 a.m. meeting of all skippers at the K. of C. Pavilion at the west end of the park near the pier heads. This followed by a countdown start at the pier heads at 6:00 a.m.

There will be two Fish Calls, one at 9:00 a.m. and another at noon, on Channel 72.

The tournament ends promptly at 2:00 p.m., and you must be in the weigh-in line back at the K. of C. Pavilion by 4:00 p.m. The weigh-in will be followed by hot dogs, beer and pop. Hope to "catch" you at Manistee!

- Daniel Dima, (313) 996-2503  
Manistee Port Captain

## ANGLERS ASKED TO RETURN FISH WITH CLIPPED FINS

Anglers fishing Michigan's Great Lakes and connecting water are being asked to look for salmon lacking an adipose fin, the small fleshy back fin just forward of the tail.

Fisheries researchers have several studies under way aimed at determining movement, growth, survival, and contribution of natural reproduction to the sport fishery in the Great Lakes. Also, various stocking locations, stocking techniques and fish rearing practices are being evaluated.

Anglers who catch adipose fin-clipped fish are asked to freeze and save the heads, record the fish's length, weight, and where and when it was caught, and then contact a Department of Natural Resources office.

## CREWS Hot Line

**NEED A CREW?**  
*Looking for crew members to fish with you in Detroit Area Steelheader Boat Trolling Tournaments?*

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**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. K. of C. Hall, 6177 Chicago Road, Warren  
**JULY 30, 1996 • AUGUST 27, 1996 • SEPTEMBER 24, 1996**

### BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Contact
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

# 1996 Special People event: Enjoyable for all!

On Saturday, June 15, another Special Day came and went, but not without etching some wonderful memories within the minds of the Detroit Area Steelheaders and their crews who took part. Of course, I'm referring to our "Special People" event held annually out of beautiful Toledo Beach Marina on the shores of Lake Erie.

There must have been a few others out there praying for good weather along with me, because when I do it alone, it never seems to work. The weather gods certainly outdid themselves, delivering temperature in the mid-80's, bright sunshine, and a slight breeze. How could any outdoor event not be successful with those conditions!

Participants began arriving around 7:00 a.m., and after a brief discussion with all in attendance, Linda Bredernitz (in charge of the Special People from the Monroe, Plymouth and Canton Intermediate Schools) and I began to assign the added crew members to the various boats. By 8:00 a.m., engines were running, transmissions were in gear, and the skippers were clearing the pier heads.

It didn't take long for the nets to start dipping out the early catches. Rob Pinskey, first mate aboard my "Lil' Scratch," made up his mind early that he wasn't going to let Shane Kibler, second mate, to do any sitting around wondering what to do. I think Rob was handing him a rod with a fish on the other end every two minutes! I didn't even have time to open the bags of munchies, and when I can't do that, we are into some *serious* catching!

We had a 10:00 a.m. Fish Call to all boats, and found that just about all the Special People had fish in the box. By 11:45 a.m., I checked my fish finder and it looked as though our boats had just about depleted the Lake Erie walleye fishery, so I instructed all the boats to pull lines and head for shore and all the festivities that awaited us there.

Needless to say the shore crew had the pop iced down, the hot dogs smoking and coney chili simmering. I can't thank Lee Anton, Margaret Nowak, Alice Jump, Linda Mitchell, Les Gilbert, and all the others who did such an outstanding job setting everything up and making it all work so well!

After the picnic, things started to get really exciting — it was time for the awards presentation and the picture-taking for all the participants. After receiving their trophy and a bag of gifts donated to the event by a very special group of supporters, our Honorary Chairman, Allen Hughes with the Detroit Lions autographed team pictures and passed them out to each participant. Then it was on to the Polaroid line for a beautiful memory shot to take home, along with a bag full of their cleaned day's catch.

This event marks, without a doubt, the most gratifying day of all our club's activities throughout the year. When the day is done, the Special People all thank us for giving them a special day, but we Steelheaders also thank them for the special day they give us.

I would like to thank everyone who took part in the 1996 Special People Outing — you made this year's event one to remember!

— Dick Shirk  
"Lil' Scratch"

## 1996 SPECIAL PEOPLE OUTING SUPPORTERS

- Jeff Geradi, Saturn Corporation — Hats and Shirts
- Ed Wilczek, Napcor Steel — Cash donation
- Hugo Kiefhaber, Hygrade Dist. — Hot Dogs and Sausages
- Mike Bobby, Hygrade Foods — Hats
- Michael McDougall, Arctic Cold Storage — Ice Cream & Sweet Rolls

- Robert Boyer, Boyer Meat Processing — Steaks for the Skippers Dinner
- Alan Hughes, Detroit Lions — Honorary Chairman
- Marshall Gill, Toledo Beach Marina — Event Co-host
- Chad Vriezelaar, Toledo Beach Marina — Event Co-host
- Little Bill, Little Bill's Trophies — Trophies and Plaques
- Marie, Detroit Red Wings — Red Wing souvenirs

## 1996 SPECIAL PEOPLE OUTING SKIPPERS & BOATS

- CHRIS NYTKO — "Aquarius II"
- STAN BILEK — "Blue Star"
- MIKE LEHTO — "Capias"
- DOUG KARAKAS — "Capt'n Hook II"
- ED HOREN — "Comus"
- ED HILL — "Dredge"
- MARK STOSIAK — "Fish Fish"
- JOEL GARINGER — "Fishbusters"
- DAVE CRISWELL — "Half Way House"
- TIM GRASKEWICZ — "Harmony"
- VERN FAHRNKRUG — "Hot Dog"
- TOM MOORES — "Kare Free II"
- BOB MITCHELL — "Kemo"
- DICK SHIRK — "Lil' Scratch"
- JOE GOLASZEWSKI — "My Treasure"
- BILL SHACKLETON — "Net Profit II"
- PAUL NOWAK — "Nothing But Fun"
- DARWIN GREGG — "Returner"
- GARY RUPRICH — "Rupe"
- ED WILCZEK — "Steele 'Ed'"
- DAVE EVEN — "Teacher's Pet"
- RON MASCHKE — "The Brat"
- DON REDMOND — "Trena Dawn"
- MIKE WAKULSKI — "Wet Paint"
- JERRY ZABEL — "Wish-Full"

## 'CYBER-FISHING' UPDATE

The Great Lakes Sport Fishing Council is now on the Internet and the World Wide Web with its own home page!

The Internet address is:

<http://www.execpc.com/~glsfc>

The E-mail address is:

[glsfc@execpc.com](mailto:glsfc@execpc.com)

The Web site will be offering comprehensive and accurate information on fish consumption advisories, environmental issues, the health of Great Lakes regional fish, fishing and fishing reports. Check it out!

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