



FISHIN' TALES



Weather forces restart at Port Austin

On Saturday, June 3, the Detroit Area Steelheaders held their fourth tournament of the year, at Port Austin. The day before had been very foggy, but boats which ventured out reported lots of King Salmon and Lake Trout in the area, in 60'-100' of water 40'-50' down.

Saturday morning bowed with light fog and ominous clouds. There was some question whether we would even get the tournament under way. At the scheduled 6:00 a.m. start, the rain also started. Longtime tournament participants said they had never seen that much rain or such a steady downpour.

The weather continued to play havoc during the morning. An early report of a lightning bolt, in conjunction with atmospheric conditions that were screwing up radio transmissions, resulted in an initial cancellation call. However, after a quick poll of Weather Boats, it was decided to restart the tournament immediately, as there were no follow-up reports of lightning, and no one actually knew the direction from which the first one came.

By 9:00 a.m. the atmospheric conditions were again playing havoc with the radios, to the point that transmissions were so bad that the scheduled Fish Call never happened.

Just when we thought conditions couldn't get any worse, they did! A gale kicked up and Don Redmond said, "Three is enough." As of 9:30 a.m., the tournament was immediately postponed for the balance of the day, with a restart tentatively set for Sunday morning.



FIRST PLACE — "LUCKY FALCON": Rob Golaszewski, Lee Locklear, Joe Golaszewski and Gaspar Randazzo.

There was a weigh-in for the abbreviated Saturday action, and we finally got some good news: there were some big Kings in the area. A number of Kings between 15-20 pounds were brought to the scales. Spoons seemed to be the hot setup, rather than bottom bouncing, with black and red the top color, 40'-50' down.

We restarted at 6 o'clock the next morning, with great weather, sunshine and 1' waves. Happily, the big fish were still in the area. At the Sunday weigh-in, Skipper Bob Gola-

zewski and the "Lucky Falcon" crew proved that bottom bouncing still works, with a nice catch of some big Lakers and Kings, good for their second 1995 win. Congratulations, Bob!

Big Fish winners were a 21-pound King from "Kare Free," an 18-pound, 7-ounce King taken aboard "Greyhound," and an 18-pound, 2-ounce King caught on "Mickey Mouse."

Thanks to all who participated in this event.
—Ron Hartman, "Molly Frair"

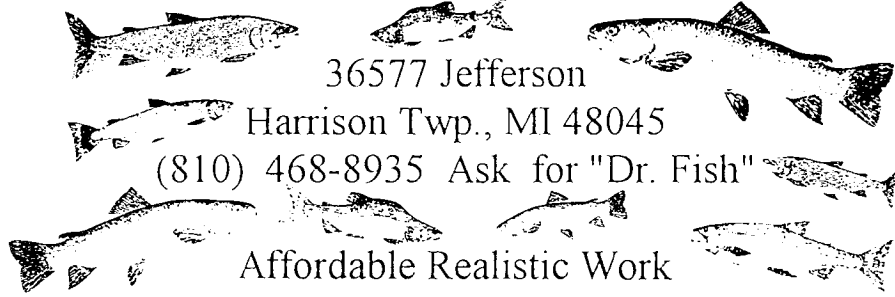
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PORT AUSTIN TOP TEN BOATS

- 1) "Lucky Falcon" Bob Golaszewski (131.60)
- 2) "Kare Free" Tom Moores (121.09)
- 3) "Mickey Mouse" Bob Buero (121.00)
- 4) "Taz" Daniel Dima (101.08)
- 5) "Kemo" Bob Mitchell (101.03)
- 6) "Anticipation" Rob Pinsky (100.12)
- 7) "Trena Dawn" Don Redmond (98.12)
- 8) "Wet Paint" Mike Wakulski (94.08)
- 9) "Teacher's Pet" Dave Even (92.14)
- 10) "Nothin' But Fun" Paul Nowak (89.14)

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Detroit Area Steelheader follows the 'signs' to a win!

I love signs — No Parking, Keep Out, Bridge May Be Icy, No Hunting, etc.

On our boat, we have signs: "Mate Works for Tips," and, "You Can Tell the Men from the Boys by the Price of their Toys."

When we made our donation to the Salvation Army last Christmas, they sent a letter of thanks with a little card that said, "FAITH IS THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS HOPED FOR, THE EVIDENCE OF THINGS NOT SEEN . . . Hebrews 11:1. I thought, for a fisherman this is a good sign.

When we signed up for the Blue Water Spring Salmon Classic, our team number came back 10 (we were a perfect 10!), another good sign. Our crew? It consisted of two old, semi-retired arthritic dentists, one old, retired, semi-senile dentist, and my son, Niles Huey. Our crew was NOT a 10! My partner, Ray Glime, half-owner of "Half R's," has a busy law practice in Mount Clemens, a situation which causes him to miss lots of fishing outings.

On Friday, the "Half R's" put in at Grindstone City the day before the Classic and caught two Lake Trout, a Steelhead, and a big Brown Trout in about two hours of fishing — another good sign. At the Captain's Dinner, we had a fine meal and got two bags of goodies with our t-shirts and tags. We left early because we were staying four miles north of Lexington and had to get up early to go to Harbor Beach, our port of departure.

At the motel, Niles asked, "Dad, where are the tags?" I had lost the tags — a very bad sign! Dr. William Bowles and I jumped into the car and drove back to McMorran Arena. When we got there we went directly back to the table where we had been sitting — nothing! I thought the tags might have fallen out of our goodie bags when we looked at the t-shirts.

Fortunately, some of the volunteers were still on hand. I spotted a familiar face, Donna Bozyk, the same person who had made sure

we got our mounted Steelhead prize from this tourney two years ago. She said, "We tried to call you on the P.A., but you had already left, so we sent your tags to Harbor Beach with Rob Helzer." She knew which port we would be fishing from, and had sent them there with a very reliable person. What a jewel!

Back at the motel, I told the crew we had located the tags, and went to bed. Unfortunately, I couldn't sleep. We were 'up 'n attem' early, and by 5:20 I had found Rob Helzer and retrieved the all-important tags.

On Saturday, we went all the way to Port Austin, fished hard and caught nothing.

On Sunday, the wind was 25-35 knots out of the southwest, and it was going to get worse. I was afraid to take my little 22-footer out in heavy traffic, so we waited until 6:20 a.m. to leave the harbor. We couldn't fish going south, so we decided to go with the wind and waves for awhile. At exactly 7:04 a.m., a screamer hit. I took the helm, and told Niles to handle the net. Dr. Bowles was on the rod. We finally landed it at about 7:25 a.m. It looked big, but no prize-winner.

We lost two more, and decided enough was enough. Back at the port, they said it was the big fish so far (as of 12:10 p.m.). A good sign — keep the FAITH!

At the weigh-in, it tipped the scale at 16.05 pounds, and in first place at 3:30 p.m. We retired to the Zebra Bar to have lunch and cash in our tickets for two pitchers of nerve medicine. At 5:00 p.m., the scale closed and we won \$500.00 for having the Big Fish on Sunday! The second-place fish weighed 15.95 pounds, a mere .10-pound difference. Our luck had held and, for the second year in a row, we won first place for the Sunday Big Fish!

If I ever buy a new boat, and I'm sure someday I'LL WANNA, I won't name it "Half R's II," I'll call it "Bluewater Donna!"
— Ron Huey, D.D.S.

P.S.: Enclosed please find my check for \$25 and my membership application. I'm a member of the Detroit Area Steelheaders (sort of the Rodney Dangerfield of the Club — I get no respect!), and I'll continue to fish with the club in the River Crab Tournament.

Thumb offers some of best for Lakers

It's a relatively short drive for most Michigan fishermen to some of the best Lake Trout angling in the Great Lakes.

Lake Huron fisheries research leader Jim Johnson reports large numbers of 10-pound-plus Lakers off the tip of the Thumb, with the highest concentrations located from Port Austin to Harbor Beach.

A recent netting survey produced good numbers of Lakers from 15 pounds up. One weighed 22 pounds and, based on its fin clip, was planted 17 or 22 years ago.

Johnson credits returning fish plantings to inshore waters since 1989 for recovery of the Lake Trout. Up to 400,000 lake trout have been planted near shore from Greenbush to Harbor Beach annually. This year, a bonus of 100,00 from the Marquette state hatchery went into this area.

Survival, and growth, has been excellent. Johnson reports little evidence of natural reproduction. He blames that on planting too near to shore. In future, he will ask that plants be made on suitable spawning reefs near shore, rather than right on the beach.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION . . .

POPULAR MANISTEE TOURNAMENT IS SET FOR JULY 22

On Saturday, July 22, 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.

To get yourself started, try to find that 54° F water temperature break and set those downriggers 10'-15' below it. I like to set my downriggers at 5' intervals; this approach will tell me where to concentrate my effort. And remember to use Dipsey Divers 75'-100' back. This strategy will usually produce some nice fish for you.

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!

- Paul G. Schoenrade
"Eagle Two"
Manistee Port Captain

DETROIT STEELHEADERS RETURN TO ROGERS CITY

Saturday, August 26 will find the Detroit Area Steelheaders at the "Big Fish Port" of Rogers City, our eighth tourney of the year. BIG fish are the rule rather than the exception at this port - last year the Big Fish topped 26 pounds, with some others over the 20-pound mark. If the weather co-operates with us in 1995, there should be fish at the weigh-in pushing 30 POUNDS, quite common for Rogers City in late August.

The marina is going through a major renovation this summer with new ramps and more slips being added, but the harbor master has assured us that there won't be a problem for dockage. There will be 24 slips exclusively for Detroit Area Steelheaders from Friday night, August 25 to Saturday night, August 26.

These reserved slips are available by completing a reservation form and turning it in no later than July 18. The forms will be available at the June membership meeting, or by calling (810) 293-1261. A one-night deposit of \$20.00 MUST accompany the reservation form to confirm Friday and/or Saturday dockage. Slips are on a first-come, first-served basis, and only a few are available at this writing, so don't delay! It is marina policy to remove trailered boats to make room for transient vessels should there be a shortage of slips due to bad weather or other variables, so reserving now is one way to be assured of having no inconvenience for this tournament.

More specifics about the port will be included in a handout at the July meeting, or call me direct. I hope to see you all there on August 26 for the BIG KING ACTION for which this port is famous!

- Leon Van Eden, (810) 293-1261
Rogers City Port Captain

Harbor Beach cut short by weather woes

On May 20, the Detroit Area Steelheaders ventured to Harbor Beach for the third stop on our Boat Trolling Tournament schedule, a two-day affair.

The tournament got under way without a hitch. However, by 10 o'clock, the weather conditions were changing for the worse, with the wind building steadily as the tournament progressed. By noon, the waves were ranging from 3'-5', forcing cancellation of the day's fishing at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday morning started out with calm waters, but, once again, the wind picked up, the waves got high, and we were forced to cancel, this time at 10:00 a.m.

Of the 24 boats which entered the tournament, only 18 weighed in fish. A total of 54 fish were brought to the scale, with the following results:

1st Place - "KEMO"

2nd Place - "STEELY ED"

3rd Place - "TRENA DAWN"

The Big Fish Pool on Saturday was won by "Steely Ed" with a 13-pound, 10-ounce King, edging a 13-pound, 9-ounce Laker from "Trena Dawn." "Eagle Two" claimed third with a 13-pound, 7-ounce Laker.

"Happy Bare" won Sunday's Big Fish Pool with a 14-pound, 14-ounce King. "My Dream" was second with a 13-pound, 2-ounce King, while third went to "Micky Mouse" with a 12-pound King.

Thanks for hanging in there to all the Skippers and crews who 'fished on' despite the adverse conditions.

- Chris Nytko
"Aquarius"

Coming Events

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

K. of C. Hall, 6177 Chicago Road, Warren

JUNE 27, 1995

JULY 25, 1995

AUGUST 29, 1995

NOTE: Because of Halloween, the October meeting will be held on October 24

BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	PORT CAPTAIN
June 24	OSCODA (Ladies Day)	Dave Even, (313) 981-2236
July 22	MANISTEE	Paul Schoenrade, (810) 773-6477
August 5	LUDINGTON	Bob Mitchell, (810) 828-8034
August 26	ROGERS CITY	Leon Van Eden, (810) 293-1261
September 9	HARBOR BEACH	Robert Bressler, (313) 937-8795
September 16	SPECIAL PEOPLE (Tentative)	Tim Graskewicz (810) 486-5674

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PORT AUSTIN TOURNAMENT LEADERS



2nd PLACE - "KARE FREE": Tom Moores and Joe Bragg; Frank Paltio and John Schulte not pictured.



3rd PLACE - "MICKEY MOUSE": Bob Buero and Bob Herman.



5th PLACE - "KEMO": Bob Gilbert, Rob Gilbert, Bob Mitchell and Leslie Gilbert.



7th PLACE - "TRENA DAWN": Ed Hall, Don Redmond and Joel Garinger.



9th PLACE - "TEACHER'S PET": Tim Graskewicz, Dave Even and Dick Shirk.



ALSO - "FLOATING HOLIDAY": Paul St. Pierre and Dave Roehr.

HOW DEEP DOES THE DIPSY DIVER GO?

Test results in an article done on precision trolling by nationally recognized fishing authority and author Allan Tarvid in a recent issue of North American Fisherman magazine shows the Dipsy Diver reaching the confirmed depths shown in the chart. Tests were conducted using 17-lb. test Stren Super Tough line (.016" diameter) at 2.5 miles per hour. Lighter line would cause the Dipsy to dive even deeper, as would letting back more line.

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	75'	100'	125'	
Size 0, Set at "0"	26.7'	31.3'	34.3'	
Size 0, Set at "3" Max.	18.7'	22.8'	27.5'	
Size 1, Set at "0"	43.6'	52.6'	59.6'	
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