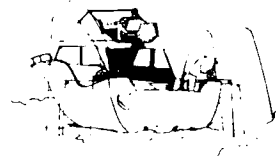




FISHIN' TALES



River & surf action coming up!

Now that the final 1995 Boat Trolling tournament is over, it's time to turn our attention to river and surf fishing. Once again, our club will conduct a River & Surf Tournament series this fall and winter (see Page 2 for complete schedule). To help us get started, Craig Schaaf, an expert at float (don't call 'em bobbers!) fishing, is the featured speaker at the September 26 general meeting. Those who have heard Craig speak before know that his presentation is one for all river fishermen, beginner and expert, and is not to be missed! Also, in this issue we present some helpful tips on river and surf fishing techniques.

Fun and fish highlight Rogers City

On Saturday, August 26, 17 Detroit Area Steelheader boats set out from Rogers City looking for flat water and big fish and, by day's end, experiencing a little of both.

At the 6:15 a.m. start, most boats headed straight out from port or off the calcite plant, where the day before some skippers had good luck in 90'-115'. A stiff offshore breeze made boat control tricky at times, but the one-foot chop was quite bearable. And what would Rogers City be without rain? Subsiding winds gave way to brief rain showers that would last 10 minutes or so, followed by some sunshine, followed by rain, etc. for several hours. The skies finally cleared after the tourney ended.

On Saturday, the temperature break was at 65'; however, only a few boats could get the fish to wake up. By the early Fish Call, "Kingfish II" led with 4 fish, followed by "Mary K." with 3 fish in the box. The rest of the boats reported from 0-2 fish in. The late Fish Call found that most boats had added 1-2 fish.

Rumor has it that the "Mary K." crew had bribed a certain tackle store owner for some

hot fishing info, a move that paid off! Their dodger-and-squid approach provided the answers, good enough for first place. Congratulations, guys! By the way, Terry really appreciated that six-pack!! Stan Bilek and "Blue Star" took second place, while third went to the 'Muskie Boys' on "Kingfish II." Joe Von Grebe aboard "Sloppy Joe" won the Big Fish pool with a 22.03-pound King. Stan Bilek had a 21.15-pound King good for second, and Tim Graskewicz and "Harmony" took third with a 19.05-pound King.

Here's a tip from the Dima crew on "Taz": check your baits occasionally. They reeled in one rod, only to find they had hooked another rod complete with reel, Dipsy Diver, spoon and fish! Who would ever expect a great reward like that just for checking baits??

Thanks to the crew of "Kingfish II" for eating smoke at the grill cooking up those super burgers that we all enjoyed, and, again, congratulations to all the winners.

- Leon Van Eden

See Page Four for Rogers City standings & photographs

Record Laker taken from Lake Michigan

The largest Lake Trout taken from Lake Michigan in modern times was caught July 19 off St. Joseph. The 40-pound, 4-ounce, 41-inch Laker, stocked in 1979, was caught by Dr. Bob Kapple of River Grove, IL, trolling a Pro King spoon off Capt. Ken Neidlinger's charter boat. A 34-pound Lake Trout caught in 1991 was the largest recorded since Lake Trout recovery started in the 1960's, according to D.N.R. Master Angler records.

Biologists say Lake Trout recovery now permits the Lake Trout season to be lengthened in northern Lake Michigan, where the Lake Trout minimum size has been 24" since 1992. Mortality is now below 50%, due to sport catch reductions to two fish daily, the 24" size limit, shortened season (May 1-Labor Day), and gill net controls.

Lake Trout recovery is now sufficient to extend the Lake Trout season north of Leland, including all of Grand Traverse Bay, to January 1-September 30. This extension will allow for the renewal of winter ice fishing in Grand Traverse Bay, and also will offer early spring boat fishermen something to catch.

From The North Woods Call, August 2, 1995

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"Aquarius II" wins second 1995 Harbor Beach tourney

The Detroit Area Steelheaders finished the 1995 Boat Trolling Tournament season on September 9 with our second visit of the season to Harbor Beach.

Two weeks before the tournament, the weather was stable and we were getting good fishing reports on big Kings being taken. Unfortunately, two days before the tourney conditions changed, with high winds and waves 6'-8' stirring up the water. By Friday, the winds subsided and some boats ventured out trying to find the fish. A few boats reported locating some fish in 90'-120' of water.

The tournament started as planned at 6:30 a.m. Saturday, with light winds and 1'-2' waves. At Fish Call One, "Alice's Angler" and "Happy Bare" were in the lead, with three fish each in the cooler. By Fish Call Two, most of the boats reported catching fish. The leaders then were still "Happy Bare," but joined by "Aquarius II," with each boat reporting four fish caught.

During the tourney, we heard radio reports that fish were being taken north of the Harbor. Some boats decided to go that route, but eventual winner "Aquarius II" stuck with its early morning hot spot, finishing in first place, just ahead of runner-up boat "Blue Star." Third place in the event went to "Kemo."

The Big Fish Pool was won by Paul Schoenrade of "Eagle II" with a 19.05-pound King. Second place went to Don Redmond of "Trena Dawn" with an 18.06-pound King, while Darwin Gregg of "Returner" claimed third with an 18.02-pound King.

Special thanks go to Ron Huey and his crew for doing the cooking at the picnic, and to Ed Wilczek for assisting with the brew.

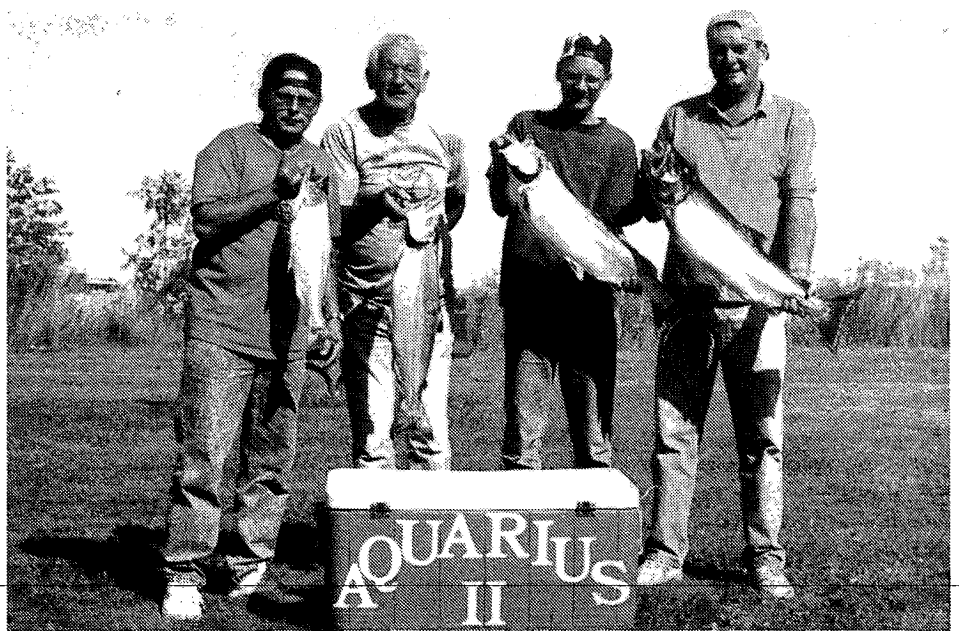
Finally, congratulations to the skipper of "Lucky Falcon," Robert Golaszewski, for *missing* this tourney. Instead of going fishing with us, Robert decided to miss the final 1995 tourney to get married! Again, congratulations Robert and Becky from all the Detroit Area Steelheaders. Good luck, "Gooch!"

- Chris Nytko, Port Captain
"Aquarius II"

HARBOR BEACH II TOP TEN BOATS

- 1) "Aquarius II" Chris Nytko (63.11)
- 2) "Blue Star" Stan Bilek (57.12)
- 3) "Kemo" Bob Mitchell (52.07)
- 4) "Happy Bare" Don Anton (50.00)
- 5) "Floating Holiday" Dave Roehr (46.07)
- 6) "Returner" Darwin Gregg (43.12)
- 7) "Alice's Angler" Les Jump (43.11)
- 8) "Trena Dawn" Don Redmond (39.01)
- 9) "Spoda" Richard Kittle (38.09)
- 10) "Taz" Daniel Dima (37.07)

A total of 45 fish were caught:
43 Kings 2 Steelhead



1st Place - "AQUARIUS II": Chris Nytko, Steve Domino, Todd and Charlie McCann.



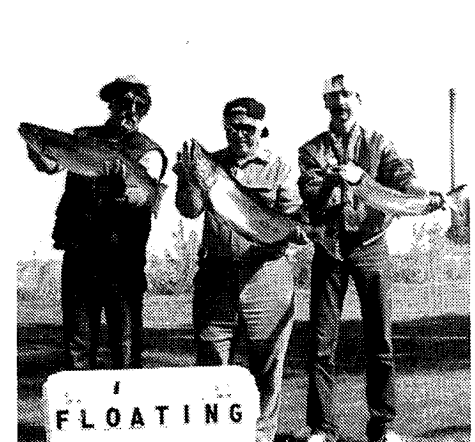
2nd Place - "BLUE STAR": Jan Piwowarski, Norm Vial, Angus McEtyae and Stan Bilek.



3rd Place - "KEMO": Leslie Gilbert, Bob Gilbert and Bob Mitchell (missing: Dave Even).



4th Place - "HAPPY BARE": Gene Burbary, Herman Raschke, Don Anton and Kathy Burbary.



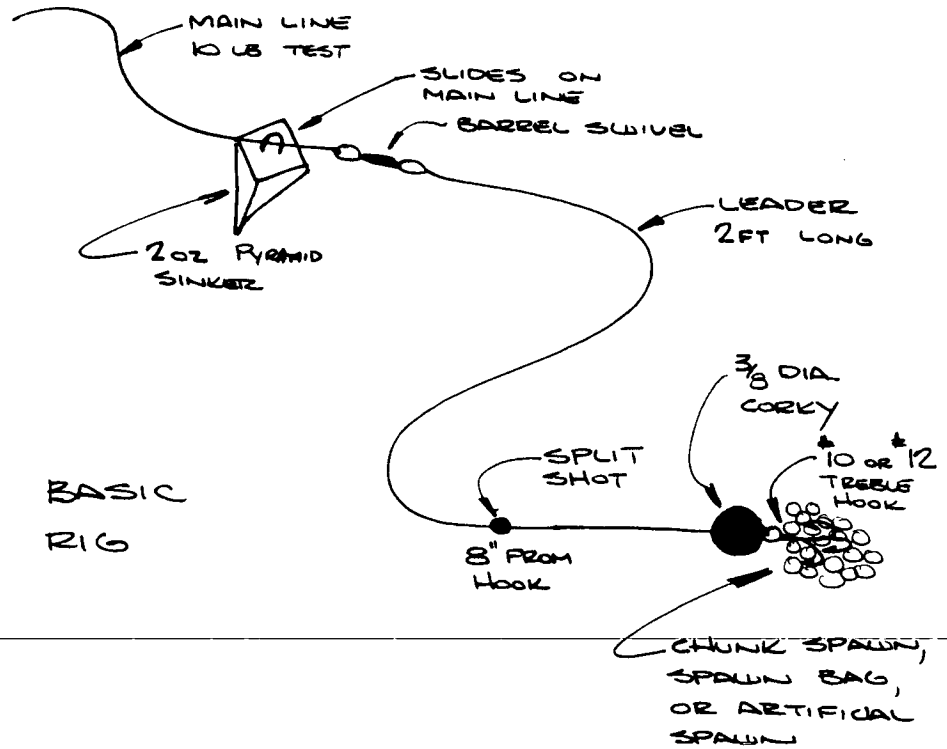
5th Place - "FLOATING HOLIDAY": Dave Roehr, Cliff St. Pierre and Paul St. Pierre.

SURF FISHING TIPS

I prefer using the basic rig illustrated here with an 8-foot rod and a level-wind bait casting reel when the surf is in the 1'-3' range. When the surf is flat to one foot high, I find the fishing quite a bit slower, so I'll change rigs and use a longer rod with lighter line (4-pound test main line with 2-pound test leader) and a 1/2-ounce egg sinker instead of the large pyramid sinker shown in the drawing. I also increase the length of my leader to 4'-5' long.

Some hot spots to try during October and November are the mouth of the Platte River, Ludington, Manistee and Frankfort on the west side of the state. On the east side, worthwhile locations include Harrisville Harbor, Oscoda, Tawas River mouth (good Brown Trout here), and Whitney Drain. Of course there are many more, but these are some of my favorites. Good luck - see ya in the surf!!

- Gary Gray



Preparing Salmon and Steelhead eggs

Here's a way to prepare a skein of Salmon or Steelhead eggs. Using a pair of scissors, cut a skein in half and lay the pieces flat. The membrane holds the eggs in place. Lay several pieces of newspaper flat on a board, place about three paper towels on the newspaper, and put the eggs on top, membranes up. Cover with another piece of hand towel, and let the membranes sit for 24 hours.

Next, sprinkle salt sparingly on the membranes. I also sprinkle raspberry Jell-O sparingly on both sides. You can use cherry or strawberry Jell-O if you like. I prefer raspberry, as it produces a more natural color.

Next, use plenty of powdered borax, the kind you get from a sporting goods store, not the grocery store. Let the eggs set for another 24 hours - that way the eggs are dried out. Then cut the skeins in sizes for one day's fishing. Put them in a paper sack and shake well. Then place in small Zip-Loc freezer bags with all the excess borax. Close the seal on both sides, leaving a small section open. Bend the bags to get all the air out, and finish sealing them. Place all the freezer bags in a clean paper bag and freeze. You'll find that these eggs have excellent color, aroma and firmness (not too hard), and they milk well.

Cut the eggs in bait sizes as you use them. Place any unused eggs in the refrigerator for your next fishing trip.

- Henry D. Phillips, Waldport, Oregon
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Coming Events

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Last Tuesday of month at 7:30 p.m. K. of C. Hall, 6177 Chicago Road, Warren
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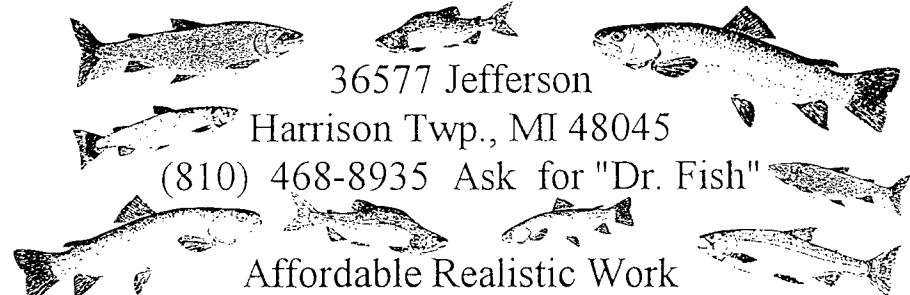
1995-96 RIVER & SURF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Contact
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November 4	MANISTEE THREE-WAY	Doug Karakas, (810) 545-1181
December 2	AU SABLE RIVER & PIER	Doug Karakas, (810) 545-1181
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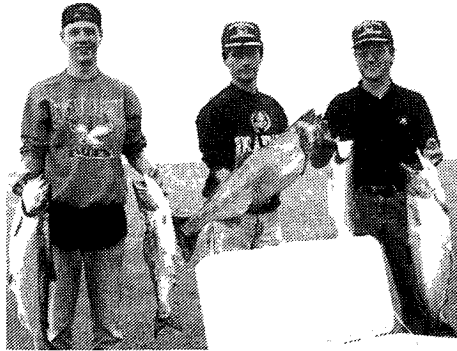
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1st Place - "MARY K.": Dave Harry, Adele Kuhar and Ken Kuhar.



2nd Place - "BLUE STAR": Stan Bilek, Jan Piwowski and Peter Bilek.



3rd Place - "KINGFISH II": Ed Degroot, Frank Beels, Crystal Wilson, John Wilson and Leon Van Eden.



5th Place - "NOTHIN' BUT FUN": Mike Niedzwiecki, Anthony Nowak, Paul Nowak and Jenney Henkel



6th Place - "HARMONY": Jim Hanye, Tom Graskiewicz and Tim Graskiewicz.



9th Place - "TAZ": Daniel Dima, Chris Dima and Cristina Dima.

ROGERS CITY TOP TEN BOATS

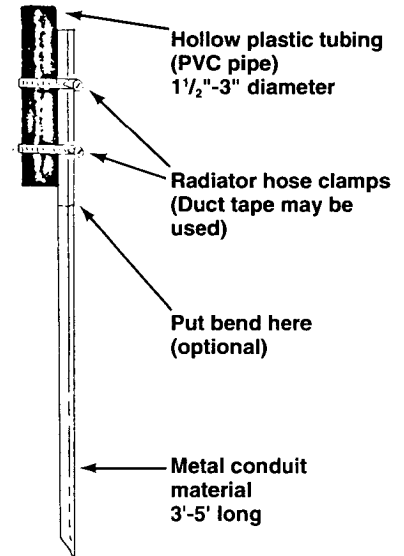
- 1) "Mary K." Ken Kuhar (94.04)
- 2) "Blue Star" Stan Bilek (82.13)
- 3) "Kingfish II" Ed Degroot (77.09)
- 4) "Sloppy Joe" Joe Von Grebe (68.14)
- 5) "Nothin' But Fun" Paul Nowak (60.06)
- 6) "Harmony" Tim Graskiewicz (42.09)
- 7) "Half R's" Ron Huey (39.00)
- 8) "Spoda" Richard Kittle (36.11)
- 9) "Taz" Daniel Dima (19.09)
- 10) "Trena Dawn" Don Redmond (17.08)

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