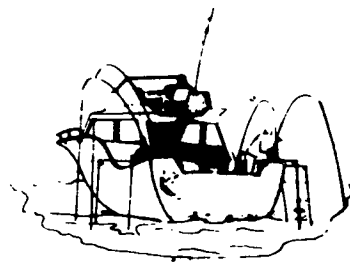




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Port Austin really comes through in '94!

Blue sky, flat water, lots of fish! This can't be a Detroit Area Steelheader tournament weekend!!

After a couple of years of hard luck, we deserved a break and we got it, big time, at the Port Austin tourney on June 4. In fact, it was one of the most beautiful weekends we've ever had.

Twenty-one boats made the tow to Port Austin, with several getting a jump on things with some Friday fishing. These early birds reported action on Kings and Steelhead in addition to the usual complement of Lakers. This situation set up the big question for Saturday: Fish Kings or fish Lakers?

The boats scattered at 6:00 a.m. to different areas, seeking different quarry. The first fish call revealed most boats with a couple of fish, and Joe Golaszewski on "My Treasure" leading the early count. The big question for the balance of the tournament became "How many kings, and how big??"

At the weigh-in, 18 boats weighed in fish, with three ("Kemo," "My Treasure," and "Trena Dawn") having at least eight fish in the box. "Kemo" and Bob Mitchell led the way with 8 lakers ranging from 10 1/2 pounds to 19 pounds, averaging 13 pounds per fish. Congratulations, Bob and crew!



FIRST PLACE - "KEMO": Bob Mitchell, Bob Gilbert, Robby Gilbert, & James Baldiza.

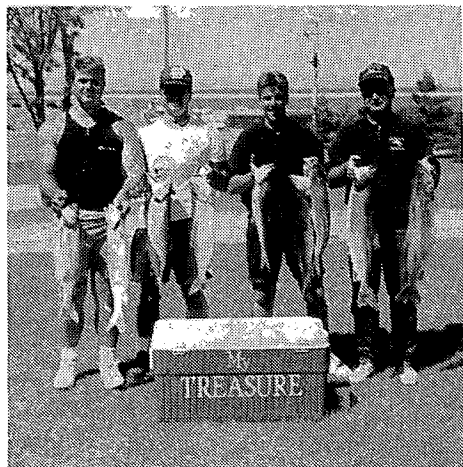
Captain Joe Golaszewski and "My Treasure" ended up in second place, putting a mixed bag of 9 Kings, Lakers and Steelhead on the scale. Third place went to Don Redmond and "Trena Dawn." The combined fleet weighed in 57 Lakers, 16 Kings, 3 Steelhead, 1 Coho and 1 Brown.

There was a Team Doubles event on Sunday, with the first-place boat from Saturday paired with the last-place boat, the second-

place boat with the next-to-last boat, etc. Unbelievably, the weather was even better than Saturday's, but the fishing was not. The Team Doubles winning combo was "Floating Holiday"/"Molly Frail", with "Kemo"/"Taz," followed by "Mary K"/"Eagle II."

Congratulations to all, and thanks to everyone who helped make this a great weekend!

-Ron Hartman
"Molly Frail"



SECOND PLACE - "MY TREASURE": Joe Golaszewski Jr., Joe Golaszewski and Dennis Baskin.



FOURTH PLACE - "AQUARIUS": Chris Nytko, Steven Domino, Derek Nytko and Dave Duetelnik.

PORT AUSTIN TOP FIFTEEN

- 1) "Kemo" Bob Mitchell
- 2) "My Treasure" Joe Golaszewski
- 3) "Trena Dawn" Don Redmond
- 4) "Aquarius" Chris Nytko
- 5) "Anticipation" Rob Pinskey
- 6) "My Dream" Jim Hardrick
- 7) "Molly Frail" Ron Hartman
- 8) "Lil' Scratch" Dick Shirk
- 9) "More Money" Mike Chimelak
- 10) "Golden Oldie" Howard York
- 11) "Mary K" Ken Kuhar
- 12) "Eagle II" Paul Schoenrade
- 13) "Silhouette" Rodney Elnick
- 14) "Wendy Ann" Robert Bressler
- 15) "Floating Holiday" Dave Roehr

KINGS - 16 LAKE TROUT - 57
STEELHEAD - 3 COHO SALMON - 1
BROWN TROUT - 1
TOTAL: 78 FISH

FOR YOUR INFORMATION...

MANISTEE TOURNAMENT IS SET FOR JULY 23

Saturday, July 23 will find Detroit Area Steelheaders participating in the annual boat tournament out of the popular Lake Michigan port of Manistee. If this port follows the pattern of the last few years, this should be an exciting, "catching" weekend!

In general, spoons decorated with black/green, black/raspberry and black/purple will probably be the program Popular spoon brands are likely to be Pro-Kings, Silver Streaks, and Pirate Spoons, with a few NK 28's for good measure. Any or all of the above combos will take fish off Manistee. The best method here seems to be to try to find the 54° F temperature break and start out with a 'rigger about 10'-15' below it, with either an Add-A-Line rubber banded 7'-10' above the ball, or a free slider.

Set other downriggers in 5-foot intervals above the break using the same setup. From that start, let your catch dictate where to run your baits. Don't forget those Dipsey Divers, as they will always put fish in the box for you.

These tips should get you up and running, but if you end up struggling, call "My Treasure," "Bullhead" or "Main Squeeze." Any of them will have a good recipe for this port!

Tournament morning begins with the usual meeting of all skippers at the park west of the public launch site out near the pier heads, at 5:00 a.m. Then we'll have the countdown start at the pier heads at 6:00 a.m. The tournament ends at 2:00 p.m., and you must be in the weigh-in line at the same location as the skippers meeting by 4:00 p.m.

The weigh-in will be followed by hot dogs, beer and pop. Don't forget about the Team Doubles scheduled for Sunday, July 24. — more details about it at the weigh-in.

Good luck and good catching! See you dockside.

— Dick Shirk
"Lil" Scratch

DETROIT STEELHEADERS RETURN TO ROGERS CITY

On August 20 the tournament trail returns the club fleet to Rogers City after an absence of a few years. This port has been both good and bad for us in the past, the bad due mostly from the weather and, for some, their treatment by the host marina regarding boat slips.

Those marina problems have been resolved this year, as the harbor master has set aside 28 slips exclusively for Detroit Area Steelheaders from Friday night, August 19 through Saturday night, August 20. These reserved slips are available by completing a reservation from and turning it in no later than July 8. The forms will be available at the June membership meeting, or by calling 293-1261. A one-night deposit of \$17.00 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 still available at this writing, so don't delay!

The good news is that the Fish Fairy has promised super weather and full co-operation from the big Kings for which this port is famous. I hope to see you all there!

More specifics about the port will be included in a handout at the June meeting, or call me direct if you can't make the meeting.

— Leon Van Eden, 293-1261
Rogers City Port Captain

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River/Surf Chairman is 'casting about' for input from members



In an attempt to 'get the drop' on the fall/winter tournament season, our illustrious River/Surf Chairman will have a planning meeting for the upcoming season! All members are urged to see him at the July meeting and give him the "low-down" on their ideas!

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MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

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

JUNE 28, 1994

JULY 26, 1994

AUGUST 30, 1994

BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	PORT CAPTAIN
June 25	OSCODA (Ladies Day)	Dave Even, 981-2236
July 23	MANISTEE (Team Doubles)	Bill Shackleton, 422-3386
August 6-7	LUDINGTON (2-day)	Bob Mitchell, 828-8034
August 20	ROGERS CITY	Leon Van Eden, 293-1261
Sept. 10	FRANKFORT	Tim Graskewicz, 486-5674

"Trena Dawn" wins at Harbor Beach!

The Detroit Area Steelheaders tournament at Harbor Beach on May 21 was a great success. The weather conditions were excellent for fishing that day, and it showed in the results: 26 out of a total of 30 participating boats weighed in fish.

At the start of the tournament, we all had to be careful leaving the pier heads because there were two other tournaments going out at the same time. A majority of the boats headed in a northerly direction, some even going past Port Hope.

Leading the way at the first fish call, with four fish in, was Don Redmond and his "Trena Dawn." After the second fish call, Don was still leading, with more fish in the cooler than anyone else. By then, the rest of us kind of guessed who was going to be the big winner at Harbor Beach!

After the weigh-in was complete, "Trena Dawn" was indeed the winner, with second place going to Ron Hartman and "Molly Frair" and third place to Doug Karakas and "Capt'n Hook II."

The Big Fish Pool was won by Mike Lehto aboard his new Grady-White boat, "Capias." Mike's big King weighed in at 17.11 pounds. Next came a 16.11-pound King taken by Ed Wilczek and his new Thompson boat, "Steelie Ed." Hank Baczynski on "Sinsation" took third with a 16.10-pound King. Congratulations to all winners!

I would like to add special thanks to Robert Bressler on "Wendy Ann," who stopped to help me repair my van's broken radiator hose on the way home from the tournament.

- Chris Nytko
"Aquarius"

HARBOR BEACH TOURNAMENT TOP FIFTEEN BOATS

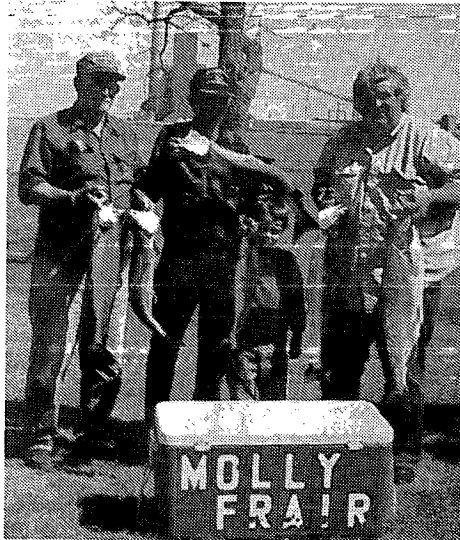
(May 21, 1994)

- 1) "Trena Dawn" Don Redmond
- 2) "Molly Frair" Ron Hartman
- 3) "Capt'n Hook II" Doug Karakas
- 4) "My Dream" Jim Hardrick
- 5) "Steelie Ed" Ed Wilczek
- 6) "Teacher's Pet" Dave Even
- 7) "Kare Free" Tom Moores
- 8) "Wet Paint" Mike Wakulski
- 9) "Taz" Chris Dima
- 10) "Blue Star" Stan Bilek
- 11) "Capias" Mike Lehto
- 12) "My Treasure" Joe Golaszewski
- 13) "Sinsation" Hank Baczynski
- 14) "Main Squeeze" Walt Pohorily
- 15) "Last Dime" Bob Ksionzek

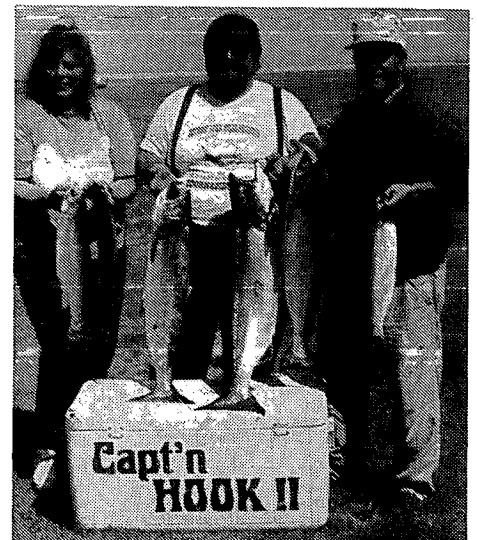
KINGS - 47 LAKE TROUT - 8
STEELHEAD - 17 COHO SALMON - 1
TOTAL: 73 FISH



FIRST PLACE - "TRENA DAWN": Don Redmond, Herman Raschke, Conrad DiLoreto and Phil Orlando.



SECOND PLACE - "MOLLY FRAIR": Ron Hartman, Ronnie Hartman, Ray Banbury and Art Banbury.



THIRD PLACE - "CAPT'N HOOK II": Doug Karakas, Mary Karakas, John Rice and Bob Buero.



FIFTH PLACE - "STEELE ED": Ed Wilczek, Carlotta Mitchell and Denise Petty.

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No 'skunks' showed up at St. Joe!

St. Joseph/Benton Harbor has been an early stop on the Detroit Area Steelheader tournament trail for many years. Seldom in the past, however, have we enjoyed the success we experienced this year. After two days of fishing, our club fleet of 19 boats produced 170 weighable fish!

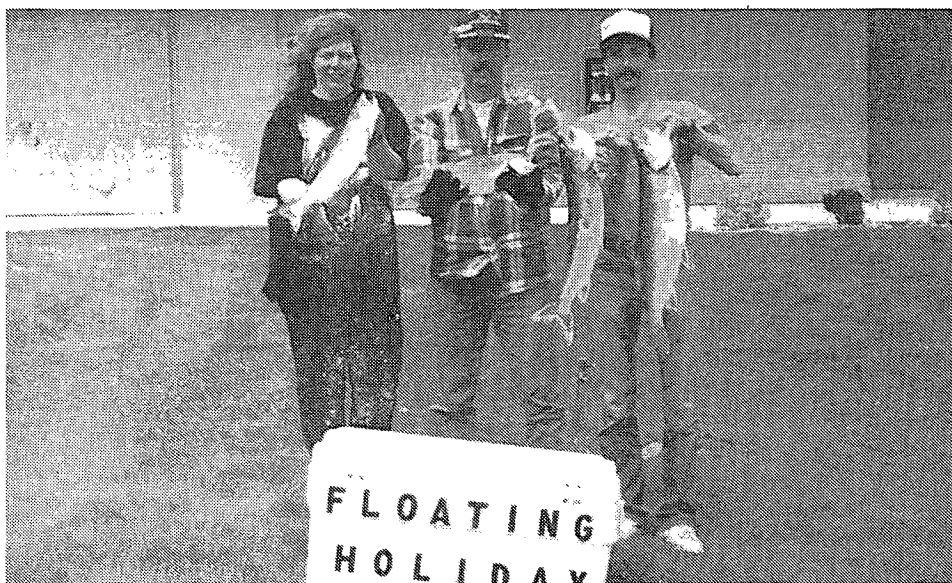
Saturday's weather wasn't too bad, coming up sunny with waves running 2'-3'. At the 9 o'clock fish call, all but two boats reported fish in their coolers. At that point, the leaders were "Sinsation" with six fish, "Teacher's Pet" also with six, and "Steelie Ed" with four in the box. This was pretty good fishing for the first few hours.

By the noon fish call, all boats reported "no skunks" in their coolers! Three boats called in seven fish ("Kemo," "Sinsation," and "Teacher's Pet"). But the mid-day leader was "Trena Dawn" with nine fish on board. At the Saturday weigh-in, more than 100 fish made it to the scales. "Main Squeeze" was the first-day leader when all was said and done, with 6 weighable fish. Large fish presented for weighing included an 18.11-pound Laker belonging to "Main Squeeze," a 17.12-pound King from "Eagle II," and a "Steelie Ed" Laker tipping the scale at 17.03 pounds.

Sunday morning turned out to be foggy, with calm waters. Everyone made their way cautiously to their favorite fishing grounds. By the 9 o'clock fish call, it was evident that fishing was not as hot as on Saturday. However, everyone had "the skunk" out of their coolers early. All boats checked in with one or two fish in, except "Aquarius," which was reporting four fish in the box.

The conditions stayed miserable all morning, with heavy fog persisting and rain falling off and on. The noon fish call leaders were "Aquarius" and "Floating Holiday" with six, and "Mary K" with five.

Near the end of our allotted tournament



SIXTH PLACE - "FLOATING HOLIDAY": Dave Roehr, Paul St. Pierre & Mary Karakas.

fishing time, one of our skippers was lost in the dense fog. I would like to thank the skippers and crews of "Molly Frair" and "Wet Paint" for locating him and bringing him into port safely. NICE GOING, GUYS!!

When we had finished the weigh-in, "Main Squeeze" emerged victorious, followed by "Sinsation" in second, and "Kemo" in third. The biggest fish on Sunday were a 16.09-

pound King from "Taz," a beautiful 14.07-pound Steelhead from "Golden Oldie," and a 13.06-pound Laker taken aboard "Wendy Ann." Congratulations to all!

Thanks to all who fished, and all who helped make this a great tournament. Also, special thanks to my crew.

- Walt Pohorily
"Main Squeeze"

ST. JOSEPH/BENTON HARBOR TOURNAMENT TOP FIFTEEN BOATS

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|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------|
| 1) "Main Squeeze" | Walt Pohorily | 10) "Mary K" | Ken Kuhar |
| 2) "Sinsation" | Hank Baczynski | 11) "Trena Dawn" | Don Redmond |
| 3) "Kemo" | Bob Mitchell | 12) "Teacher's Pet" | Dave Even |
| 4) "Eagle II" | Paul Schoenrade | 13) "Wendy Ann" | Robert Bressler |
| 5) "Golden Oldie" | Howard York | 14) "My Dream" | Jim Hardrick |
| 6) "Floating Holiday" | Dave Roehr | 15) "Rupp" | Gary Ruprich |
| 7) "Aquarius" | Chris Nytko | | |
| 8) "Taz" | Chris Dima | | |
| 9) "Wet Paint" | Mike Wakulski | | |

KINGS - 32 LAKE TROUT - 87
STEELHEAD - 49 BROWN TROUT - 2

TOTAL: 170 FISH

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