

FISHIN' TALES



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COOLER RAFFLE SET

COOLER OF CHEER!

The Detroit Area Steelheader annual cooler of cheer raffle will again take place this Fall. The lucky winning ticket will be drawn at the annual Christmas meeting on Dec. 13. The lucky winner will receive a **120 quart cooler full of cheer, a big assortment of party snacks and \$100 in cash;** a prize well worth the one buck investment.

As in the past, an incentive plan has been developed to help encourage you to sell tickets for this raffle.

For the October membership meeting, for every \$15 of cooler ticket sales turned in by a member, you will receive one chance at a **Hand Held Marine Radio**. You will have your name put in the drawing two times if you sell \$30 in tickets, 3 times for \$45. Names will remain in the drawing for the November monthly meeting where a lucky member will win a **Normark 50 lb electronic scale**. Finally, the overall top ticket seller will win a **charter aboard Capt. Bob Kring's "Drifter"**. (This is a charter for four, so you may want to talk to your crew and pool results.) Contact Paul Nowak (810) 294-3842 for additional tickets.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MEETING

DECEMBER 13

DIRECTOR ELECTIONS COMING DECEMBER

The annual election for the Detroit Area Steelheaders Board of Directors will take place at the Christmas meeting. There are six openings for election expected this year.

This is a chance to help direct our club and to give back some of what you have gained by being a member.

Interested parties should contact Mike Lehto or any other board member at the October meeting. All you have to do is to fill out a short form stating your interests and how you can help; then get your picture taken. The candidate's info and photos will appear in the November issue of Fishin' Tales.

BIG "M" FISHOFF

The annual fish-off with Metro-West and Saginaw Steelheaders is set for November 5 on the Big Manistee and Little Manistee rivers.

The 1994 Edition of the Inter-club rivalry is the eighth

annual tournament pitting the skills of each club against the other two. The coveted prize is a traveling trophy and bragging rights for the coming year.

Doug Karakas will again head the tournament for the DAS. The winner will be decided on the basis of total weight of fish caught (with a limit of three fish per man) divided by the number of each club's fishermen.

The fishing hours will be from 6am until 4 pm with a weigh-in from 4:30 pm til 5pm at Fisherman's Headquarters.

All Detroit Area Steelheaders are encouraged to participate. You can sign up at the October meeting or at Fisherman's Headquarters in Wellston before the tourney. If you need more information call Doug at 545-1181 or see him at the October meeting. This is a fabulous event; one that you won't want to miss. Beginners are especially welcome; and we are hoping for a large turnout. SEE YOU THERE! Doug

NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Jerry Rakoczy is the scheduled speaker for the November meeting. Jerry is a DNR Specialist on the creel survey.

FRANKFORT - Last tournament

Frankfort furnished a few surprises again this year. Only, this time it wasn't the weather.

Where are the fish? That was the question everybody was asked. Fishing was great in East and West Platte Bays most of the week prior to the tournament. The Herring Hole had been dead.

Saturday mourning saw most of the boats head to the Bays, while a few stayed close to the pier heads. As fishing reports started to come in it showed that the fish in Platte Bay had shut down. Now, where do we go? Most of the boats pulled lines and headed 10 to 12 miles out in search of steelhead. There was fair action, but most of the fish were under the 18" limit and had to be released. Capt. Hook boated 13 fish; not one 18"!

When all was said and done, only eight boats managed to catch a weigh able fish. My Dream, captained by Jimmy Hardrick took his first ever 1st place with Steellie Ed in 2nd and Molly Frair in 3rd, Eagle Two 4th, and My Treasure 5th.

The 5th place finish was good enough to lock up the Skipper of the Year for Joe Golaszewski. Congratulations Joel (Yes, nice guys do finish first!) Complete details of the Skipper of the Year standings will be announced at the Christmas meeting and printed in the Annual.

Steellie Ed took big fish honors with a master angler 12.04 coho. My Dream took second with a 10lb steelhead and Floating Holiday took third with a 9.08 lb steelhead.

BENZIE KEEPS CUP

The fishing was bad enough. But, to add insult to injury, the Benzie boys retained the challenge cup for the third year.

A match of their boats versus ours showed their average catch to be higher. (It didn't take much!) The Benzie boys found the fish hitting hot and heavy (guess where?) in the Herring Hole where not one DAS boat ventured! Oh, well, can't win them all. We will be back!

PHOTO CONTEST

Submissions for the 1994 Detroit Area Steelheaders photo contest are due at the November meeting. The Board will judge the entries at the December Board meeting and three prizes will be awarded at the Christmas meeting. The prizes will be \$50, \$25 and \$15 tackle packs. See Les Jump if you have an entry.

UPDATE ON REORGANIZATION OF THE DNR.

Recently, there has been a bill introduced to legislation to amend Sec. 4 of Act No. 380 of the Public Acts of 1965 entitled "Executive Organization Act of 1965".

What this legislation will do is separate the Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife from the Dept. of Environmental and Agriculture

which are all presently under the Dept. Of Natural Resources.

With this new bill, the head of Fisheries and Wildlife be the Fish and Game Commission. The Fish and Game Commission shall consist of members appointed by the Governor from Districts apportioned according to population and geographic regions of the state. A candidate for appointment to the Fish and Game Commission must be endorsed by an organization whose purpose is to promote hunting or fishing within the state.

The Dept. of Fisheries and Wildlife shall administer programs as provided by law related to the management and protection of Fisheries and Wildlife within the state.

As you can see, this is the direction that we as a sportfishing organization want to be going. This will definitely make the Dept. more manageable, identifiable and accountable to the hunting and fishing people in our state.

I urge you to call or write your state representative and express your desires to have them support and pass this bill. Thank You...Dick Shirk

ATTENDANCE AWARD!

The Membership Attendance Incentive Program is now at \$60. You must be present to win. Last month, Myron Dzierzanowski missed out when his name was drawn and he was not present.

PLANNING NOW WILL PAY OFF NEXT SEASON

Winterize your rig the smart way

You can plan now to have successful future fishing trips by thoughtfully putting away your rig now. Remember, regardless if you or the marina does the work, you are still the captain and it's up to you to see that a thorough plan is followed.

Here are some suggestions to help you with your plan.

ENGINE—OUTBOARD

Check your maintenance manual carefully. You will find that you will have to do the following:

1. Drain the lower unit and fill with approved lubricant. Remember to fill it now, not in the spring.
2. Lubricate all fittings for steering and linkage control.
3. Fog the engine while engine is running. Remove plugs and squirt oil in each cylinder. Crank engine and re-install plugs.
4. Change the points and condenser now, particularly if you cannot remember the last time this was done.
5. Inspect the engine for worn or frayed wires and repair any, and clean up the engine of oil and grease deposits. Finally, wipe the engine and cover with WD-40.
6. Change plugs if necessary.

ENGINE—INBOARD/OUTDRIVE

Re-read your engine manual, particularly the lubrication and maintenance chart. Here is what you will find:

1. Drain oil, change oil filter and fill with new oil.

2. Change water filter in gas line.
3. Run engine to make sure of tightness of filter seals.
4. Check belts for wear. Replace now.
5. Inspect breaker points. Better yet, replace points and condenser now. Wrap the old parts carefully and store for spare parts. Set gap and lubricate distributor cam. While you're at it, change the ignition coil and keep the old one for a spare. These steps can save a meeting with the U.S.C.G.
6. Now is the time to clean out your bilge, wipe up oil and grease spills, and shine up your engine with WD-40.

Now, let's service the outdrive:

1. Drain the lower unit and refill with proper lubricant.
2. Lubricate the upper and lower swivel pins, gimbal bearings and hinge pins. Lube the power steering control valve.
3. Remove outdrive and lubricate the U-joint coupling splines and U-joint cross bearings. **DO NOT OVERLOOK THIS STEP.**
4. Check drive and engine for alignment, adjust, and install new bellows.
5. Inspect levels for power steering and power trim.
6. Change spark plugs.

Remember to store your boat for the winter with the outdrive in the down position so as to prevent a "set" from forming in the bellows. If you are going to retrieve your boat in freezing weather, loosen the screws in the trim sender and

drain any water before storing it. Remove your batteries and store on a wood board where it is warm. You might also pull the prop and remove those monofilament scraps you wound up during the past season.

BOAT HULL

If you keep your boat in the water during the season, you now have that tough job of cleaning the hull. If you trailer your boat each time you use it, you have a much easier job. No matter, clean up the exterior of your boat now. If the weather is warm, touch up those nicks and scratches in the fiberglass. Try to match up with a gelcoat mix, but only if the temperature is right. Save the woodwork and waxing for spring.

Drain, pump out, and clean the head. Fill the reservoir with an anti-freeze solution. If you have a fish box with through-the-hull fittings, make sure you put some anti-freeze in the flex tubing. Remove anything from the boat that can freeze or spoil.

TRAILER

Now is a good time to remove the rust and road nicks, and to touch up the trailer before putting it away. While you are at it, check those brakes and bearings.

Before storing the trailer, remove a wheel and see if the grease seal is leaking. After the summer use you gave your trailer, chances are that all the grease seals are leaking. Get solvent and brushes, plenty of rags, and go to it. Clean the brake cavity of grease, sand, crud and corrosion. Wipe dry and rough up the brake linings with coarse sand paper.

Inspect the bearings, and replace them if necessary. Grease the assembly and install a new grease seal before putting everything together. This is a messy job, but one that **MUST BE DONE.**

Check the brake fluid level and add approved brake fluid, if needed. Check for loose, frayed or broken wires. Replace burned-out bulbs. Lubricate the jack and wheel.

This exercise should keep you busy and give you an excuse for not raking the leaves around the house. I hope your wife understands the need for priorities—mine does!

Semper paratus and tight lines.

—YELLOW BIRD

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Doug Karakas at 545-1181

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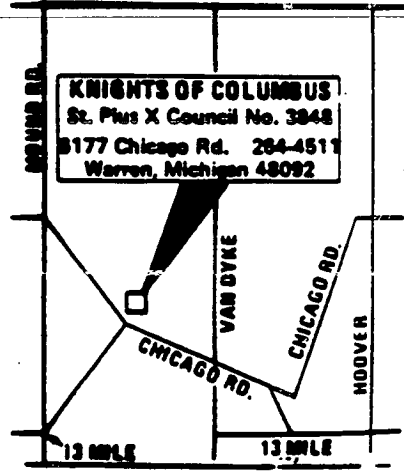
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