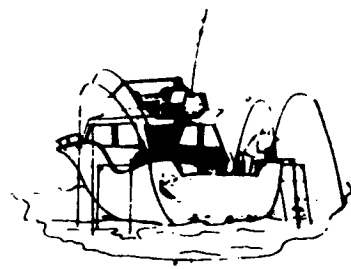




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River Crab tourney is huge success for club!!

The largest, most important tournament of 1993 has come and gone, and for the Detroit Area Steelheaders, it was the most successful one of all! I'm speaking, of course, of the River Crab Salmon Stakes Tournament, held annually on lower Lake Huron and headquartered out of Chuck Muer's River Crab Restaurant.

Unfortunately, Chuck wasn't with us for this year's event, due to the untimely accident earlier this year in which he was lost at sea, doing what he loved best. What a great loss for us all.

Chuck's prediction that this year's outing would generate \$100,000 became a reality. The record figure was achieved by lots of generous people and many business owners. I personally want to thank all our members and crews who participated in this very worthy cause and contributed greatly to this year's success.

Because of our club's extensive participation, we were able to come away from the tourney with the top prize of \$5,000 for racking up the heaviest overall weigh-in score of any club! Detroit Area Steelheaders weighed in 926.55 pounds, compared to defending champion Blue Water Sportfishing Association's total catch of 712.30 pounds. Detroit club members also claimed trophies for the largest fish in four of the five species categories that were weighed in. Not too shabby!!



Rob Pinskey and Walter Romaniuk show off some of the great River Crab catch of "Anticipation". Crew members not pictured include Mike Pinskey, Walter Winkler and Blaise Pewinski. Well done, men!!

The largest king salmon in the event was a 21.8-pounder taken aboard "Eagle Two" by Paul Schoenrade. Ron Huey aboard "Half R's" landed the largest steelhead brought to the scales, a 16.25-pound beauty, while the largest lake trout, a 16.42-pound brute, was brought to the net by Rod Coffey,

fishing aboard "Harmony." Rob Pinskey, skipper of "Anticipation," caught the top coho salmon, a 2.2-pounder, and also was the Top Skipper in the tournament for our club, weighing in a great catch totaling 60.15 pounds.

The "Anticipation" fish came from one to three miles south of the Port Sanilac pier heads in 14'-24' of water. Rob told me they had about equal success running baits off planer boards and downriggers, using body baits, with a few Magnum Spoons and Hot 'N Tots thrown in. Congratulations, Rob, to you and your crew for a superb job!

Paul Schoenrade took the 1992 Big Fish award for king salmon and, in an interesting coincidence, trolling the same spot using the same program, he once again came up with the largest king salmon in the 1993 tournament. Paul, you had better guard those LORAN numbers with your life!

There is one more story about the big species class, but I'll let you all ask Ron Huey on "Half R's" about his 'catch and release' method...

The Detroit Area Steelheaders entered 59 boats in the tournament, with 43 bringing fish to the scales. So, people, thank you for a great team effort. I would especially like to thank Cindy, Patty and Mike Wakulski, and Gene and Kathy Barbary for being at the weigh-in site early to help set things up, and for working their tables. Also, a big thanks goes to Don Redmond for all the miles he drove and all the telephone calls he handled concerning ticket sales and entry forms, as well as working the scales at the tournament. Don's efforts are a prime example of how our members get involved and really benefit our club. Thanks, gang!!

So now, it's on to the rest of our tournament schedule, with Port Austin, Special People Day on Lake Erie, and Ladies Day at Oscoda all coming up next month. Lots of good fishing lies ahead! Until we see you at our next port, keep those hitches and wheel lugs tight, and good luck catching!

— Dick Shirk, "Lil Scratch"

RIVER CRAB SALMON STAKES TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Skipper	Catch	Skipper	Catch
1) Rob Pinskey	60.15	27) Bill Shackleton	14.25
2) Walt Pohorily	54.60	28) Ed Wilczek	12.95
3) Rodney Elnick	49.15	29) Richard Wong	12.85
4) Bob Ksionzek	44.70	30) Les Jump	10.05
5) Dave Even	44.00	31) Roger Doyle	9.35
6) Tim Graskewicz	43.50	32) Jim Hardrick	7.40
7) Ron Huey	40.95	33) Milt Knapp	7.05
8) Don Redmond	38.00	34) Howard York	6.40
9) Don Anton	37.35	35) Edward Horen	5.20
10) Mark Lubowski	33.20	36) Robert Duran	4.75
11) Edward Jaworski	30.90	37) Darwin Gregg	4.35
12) Paul Schoenrade	30.05	38) Dave Roehr	4.25
13) Gary Leinonen	27.65	39) Chris Coffey	3.80
14) Paul Nowak	27.50	40) Richard Grix	3.55
15) Myron Dzleranowski	27.40	41) Dick Jackson	3.30
16) Dick Shirk	23.90	42) Warren Renando	3.20
17) Ron Hartman	23.15	43) Leon Van Eden	2.70
18) Joel Garinger	23.00		
19) Bob Mitchell	22.75		
20) Joe Golaszewski	21.65		
21) Kenneth Kuhar	20.20		
22) Chris Nytko	18.55		
23) Dean Pilat	18.35		
24) Eric Walline	17.65		
25) Tom Moores	17.20		
26) Robert Golaszewski	15.65		

NO FISH WEIGHED IN

Hank Baczynski	Bob Bowen
Gene Barbary	Jack R. Dick
Sheldon Lewis	Dale Luff
Greg McCann	Ed Pabicz
Al Schultz	Bob Segraves
Frank Sniezak	Gary Smedes
Joachim Von Grebe	Mike Wakulski

The Detroit Area Steelheaders extends its sympathy to the family of Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Muer at their tragic disappearance at sea. Chuck was a great sportsman, and we will sorely miss him.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION . . .

LUCKY MEMBER CLAIMS ATTENDANCE PRIZE!

Member Lynn Martin's name was drawn at the April membership meeting for the Attendance Incentive prize. Fortunately, Lynn was on hand to claim the \$70 prize! Way to be, Lynn! The May prize is \$30! Be there — you can't win if you're not at the meeting!

SAVE KING SALMON HEADS

The D.N.R. is asking that anyone catching a king salmon with a clipped adipose fin turn in the fish's head to help with their planting research and followup. If you catch such fish, freeze the heads and give them to Bob Mitchell or Dick Shirk, who will pass them on to the appropriate D.N.R. personnel.

PORT AUSTIN LEADS OFF JUNE TOURNEY SCHEDULE

The Port Austin tournament is set for June 5, with skippers' meeting at 5:00 a.m. (at the launch parking lot), fishing starting at 6:00 a.m., fish calls at 9:00 a.m. and noon on channel 72, a 2:00 p.m. line pull and a 3:00 p.m. weigh-in. Paul Nowak reports that the main catch should be lake trout using cowbells with Peanuts and Springlows, but also suggests trying sliders and Dipsy Divers for kings and steelies. Sunday's Team Doubles, has another 6:00 a.m. fishing start (no skippers' meeting), a 9:00 a.m. fish call, noon line pull and 1:00 weigh in. Notify Mike Wakulski or Paul Nowak at the Saturday weigh-in if you'll be fishing on Sunday.

ST. JOE/BENTON HARBOR TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Skipper	Catch
1) Bob Edwards	22.07
2) Doug Karakas	19.04
3) Ron Huey	15.07
4) Don Anton	15.06
5) Gary Leinonen	15.03
6) Mark Lubowski	15.02
7) Joe Golaszewski	15.00
8) Walt Pohorily	14.15
9) Dave Roehr	11.03
10) Chris Nytko	8.14
11) Kevin Rowoldt	8.05
12) Les Jump	7.09
13) Robert Bresler	7.08
14) Ty Voigt	7.05
15) Jimmy Hardrick	7.03

BIG FISH

DAVE ROEHR — Steelhead, 6.03 lbs.
DOUG KARAKAS — King, 5.08 lbs.
CHRIS NYTKO — Brown, 3.14 lbs.

SPECIAL PEOPLE WALLEYE TOURNEY IS COMING UP

This year's Special People tournament is scheduled for June 19 on Lake Erie. Toledo Beach Marina will again act as host for the event. This tourney has become a major event for the kids from Monroe County schools, thanks to the efforts of all the skippers who have participated in the past. Each year, the number of kids wishing to fish increases, and so far, we've been able to accommodate everyone. This year, we need 35-40 skippers. There are a limited number of free overnight slips available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Crew assignments will be made at 7:30 a.m., and there'll be a 10:00 a.m. fish call on channel 72, with the awards picnic at noon. We also need shore help for picnic preparation. If you can help (as skipper, crew or shore team), call me at 486-5674 or sign up at the May meeting. I hope you all can take part and help make this tourney the feature Detroit Area Steelheader event of 1993!

— Tim Graskiewicz

IT'S TIME FOR STEELHEADERS ANNUAL LADIES DAY TOURNAMENT AT OSCODA

Well, ladies, it's that time of year again — the Ladies Day tourney is set for Oscoda on June 26. It's our turn to show the men the tricks of the fishing trade!

I find that Hot-N-Tots, or Spin-N-Glows behind cowbells, dodgers or Williams Wobbles work best. Make sure that you run them on the bottom, since we'll be going after lake trout — bring your bait walkers to assure that your baits are on the bottom. Also, don't forget to try for those bonus kings with Dipseys or sliders. Remind your husbands to dig out their favorite recipe to make and bring to our post-tourney picnic.

Skippers' meeting is at 5:00 a.m. at Fellow's Marina (see Port Austin write-up for other time info). Contact Dave Even or Mike Wakulski for more information. So ladies, sharpen your hooks, pack your shorts, and keep your fingers crossed for a sunny, warm day. I'll be seeing you at Oscoda.

— Cindy Wakulski

Coming Events

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Last Tuesday of month at 7:30 p.m. K. of C. Hall, 6177 Chicago Road, Warren
MAY 25, 1993 • JUNE 29, 1993 • JULY 27, 1993
May Speaker — LOU TIPPER, Benzie County Steelheaders, on rearing pens

BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT
June 5	PORT AUSTIN (Team Doubles)	Mike Wakulski, 585-6307
June 19	SPECIAL PEOPLE DAY (Lk. Erie Walleye)	Tim Graskiewicz, 486-5674
June 26	OSCODA (Ladies Day)	Mike Wakulski, 585-6307
July 17	MANISTEE (Team Doubles)	To Be Announced
July 31-Aug. 1	PRESQUE ISLE (Two-day)	To Be Announced
August 21-22	LUDINGTON (Two-day)	To Be Announced
September 11	FRANKFORT	To Be Announced

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ST. JOSEPH/BENTON HARBOR TOURNAMENT LEADERS



2nd - "CAPT'N HOOK II": Doug Karakas, Mary Karakas, Mike Szspanski & Mark Thompson.



3rd - "HALF R'S": Ron Huey, Mert Heidelmeyer & Bob Richie.



4th - "HAPPY BARE": Don Anton, Dan Lemley, Denny Davis & Ralph Boland.



5th - "FISHIN' FINNS": Gary Leinonen, Steve Froias, Dave Schaslinger & Dave Siloup.



6th - "BIG INTENTIONS": Mark Lubowski, John Benia, Todd & George.



7th - "MY TREASURE": Joe Golaszewski, Rob Golaszewski, Larry Walters & Becky.



8th - "MAIN SQUEEZE": Walt Pohorily, Chris Pohorily, Carmen Pohorily, Myron Dzieranowski & Tom Dzieranowski.



9th - "FLOATING HOLIDAY": Dave Roehr, Jim Friedrich, & Lynn Martin.



10th - "AQUARIUS II": Chris Nytko, Jan Mikozyewski, Roman Lopacki & Zbigniew Przybyl.

NOTE: *FISHIN' TALES* REGRETS THAT NO PHOTOGRAPH OF SKIPPER BOB EDWARDS OF "RUFF RIDER" AND HIS WINNING CREW WAS AVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME.

RIVER CRAB SALMON STAKES TOURNAMENT LEADERS



2nd — "MAIN SQUEEZE": Walt Pohorly and crew.



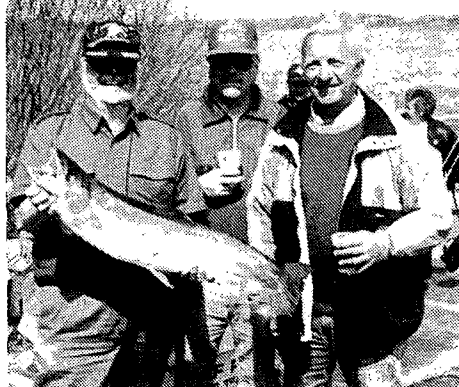
3rd — "SILHOUETTE": Craig Brooks, Rod Elnick, Butch Ayers & Bill Hopkins.



4th — "LAST DIME": Bob Ksionzek, Bob Brumer, Bill Hoffman & Don Jakubiak.



6th — "HARMONY": Tim Graskewicz, Rod Coffey, & unidentified crew member.



7th — "HALF R'S": Ron Huey, Bill Shelton, Ed Schacki & Ray Gline (not pictured).



14th — "A DAY LATE": Paul Nowak, Mike Niedzwicki & Dave Rem.



23rd — "HIGH ANXIETY": Dean Pilat, Henry Pilat, Gary Trombley, Ron Pilat Frank Pietrykowski.

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