

# FISHIN' TALES



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## DR. HOWARD TANNER TO SPEAK

## DR. SALMON

The father of the Michigan Salmon program, Dr. Howard Tanner will be the featured speaker at the April 28 membership meeting.

If you haven't heard Dr. Tanner speak you are in for a rare treat. Dr. Tanner is expected to touch on a variety of subjects including the current outlook for trout and salmon, an update on the triploid super salmon program, current research programs, and lots of anecdotes.

If you have to miss a meeting, don't make it this one!

## **RIVERCRAB-MAY 2**

REMINDER, DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS; the Chuck Muer River Crab Salmon Stakes is coming on May 2.

This is a Boat Trolling Tournament that counts in our schedule towards determining "Skipper of the Year" award. It is also a tournament where we as a club will be competing for the 1st prize of \$5,000 for the most total weight. It is very important to our annual budget that we add this money to our treasury. Many of our club functions and our ability to make more contributions to worthy causes are directly affected by winning this prize.

The Blue Water Clinic, Blue Water sport fishing Assoc. and the River Crab co-sponsors donate proceeds to the Blue Waters Clinic's McKinnon Family Center and other child abuse/neglect programs throughout

Michigan. Last year, this popular oneday tournament raised \$65,268 for these programs.

The Detroit Area Steelheaders will also have a special drawing at our May membership meeting. If the club wins the \$5,000 we will draw (5) \$100 prizes from a list of boats who weighed in at least one fish in the tournament. We will draw (1) \$100 prize if we don't win the club prize. Therefore, a single small fish could mean the difference between the club winning and you winning a \$100. Please weight in any fish you catch. In addition, the sponsors of the tournament will pay \$100 for any fin clipped Chinook weighed in.

A \$10 ticket includes your individual entry fee, a raffle ticket where first prize is a trip for two to Hawaii (7 nights including airfare and lodging) and other prizes.

So, benefit the charities, and give our club a chance at the \$5,000 club prize. The last sign up will be at the April 28th membership meeting or call Don Redmond at (313) 469-8344.

## FISHING LOG INSIDE

Inside this issue is a 1992 Detroit Area Steelheaders Fishing Log and Loran Log. Simply take out the pages and take them to a copy machine or copy center. Have them copied on punched paper and put them in a binder to make your own log for 1992.

## **ATTENTION: THOMAS SHICK**

You should have attended the March monthly membership meeting! Not

only did you miss the Capt. Steve Jones talk, you missed out on \$70.00 from the MEMBERSHIPATTENDANCE INCENTIVE PROGRAM. Don't miss the April meeting when the incentive will be \$80.00. Your name just might be drawn again!

## **REDMOND'S BRINE**

Did you like Don Redmond's smoked fish at the Spring Show? I sure did. Here's Don's secret (no longer) recipe.

- 1 gal water
- 1 cup non-iodized salt
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 teas, garlic powder
- 1 teas. lemon peper
- 1 teas. onion powder
- 1/2 teas. Tabasco sauce
- 1 cup soy sauce
- 1 bay leaf

Brine four (1/2") to ten hours (1") depending upon thickness.

Baste with maple syrup after 2 hours of smoking.

## **BOAT/US**

Boat/Us provides full membership to any and all bonafide members of the Detroit Area Steelheaders Inc. at a special Cooperating Group rate of one-half the current regular annual dues (presently \$ 17, with the special group rate being \$8.50). Further, those members of the group who already belong to Boat/US may renew their membership at the same special rate. Be sure to use our Cooperating Group Number GA82750B on your renewal notice to recieve the reduced dues rate.

## ST JOE TOURNEY

The St. Joe tourney will take place May 16 & 17 at Benton Harbor/St. Joe. This is a two day tournament.

Mid-May is a Spring fishery. The baits to use will be very similar to what you will be using at the River Crab; Bombers, Rapalas, and some spoons. Bombers or spoons in green, orange, chromes and yellows should be good.

Unlike the River Crab, there should also be lots of Coho in the area. Remember that Spring Cohos are not that big, so don't run all magnum baits. If you hit a school of Coho be sure to mark the spot and turn around and go back over it. The action can be furious.

Traditional hot spots have been the Bridgeman power plant, the mouth of the river and North along the clay banks. Two areas you may hear on the radio are the junk cars and the Chalets. Both are South of the Harbor. The junk cars are just that and you can see them on shore. The Chalets are a group of cottages that you can also see along the shore.

If you fish the power plant be very careful. The traffic is often very heavy and the bottom comes up fast in places. Count on losing a ball or two the first time you fish there.

Big kings prowl the area so you can't run all light tackle. A 20 lb'er will likely take big fish. Lakers are legal but, remember only two per man on Lake Michigan. GOOD LUCK.

## RIVER CRAB STRATEGY

The 1992 River Crab is upon us and the Detroit Area Steelheaders will be out in force on May 2, to battle the Blue Water Sportfishermen's Association for the bragging rights and the \$5,000.00 first place prize. The key elements for success are will depend the weather as the final few days arrive before tournament arrives. The most important element will be the bait fish which is the smelt. As of this

writing the smelt are running in good numbers from Sanilac north to Harbor Beach. Keep your options open and be flexible as to where you launch. It is important to remember the River Crab is later than normal and the fish may be further north than you expect. Due to our cold and wet Spring this will help keep the fish in the southern portions of the lake. The latest reports are that decent catches have occurred between Lexington and Sanilac over the Easter weekend. If the weather gets warm be ready to move on as the past history has shown the fish have moved north and east to deeper water in a hurry and if you stick around to long you will have a light cooler. It is IMPORTANT that you try to get the latest reports you can leading up to the tournament. The River Crab most recent winners and top finishers have caught been successful from Camp Cavell (TDS 308328 - 495512) up to zone 67 on our 1992 map. Other excellent areas have been zone 52, 53, and 80. If you have not received you zone map contact Don Redmond. The zone map will be an excellent tool to aid other club members when you are successful.

The usual spring programs will still be a good way to start your search tournament morning. In close to shore 40 ft or less and the top 20 feet and don't afraid to run the planer boards or yellow birds up tight to shore. Try to find the warmest water you can. The standard body baits such as the Bomber in the popular colors is a good pattern to start with. Avoid the boat traffic as much possible. The fish will be scattered up and down the shoreline.

Let's have everyone work together and help each other out as much as possible. The club has several new boats and they need the experienced crews help them out. Don't forget your zone maps and remember to weigh in all fish. These just suggestions and are a good starting point. Remember to be flexible. Its time to get a fish on the line. I've really got the itch. I hope

you do too !!! Tight Lines Dave Even

## **RENEWAL NOTICE**

The following memberships expire this month. Please renew today!

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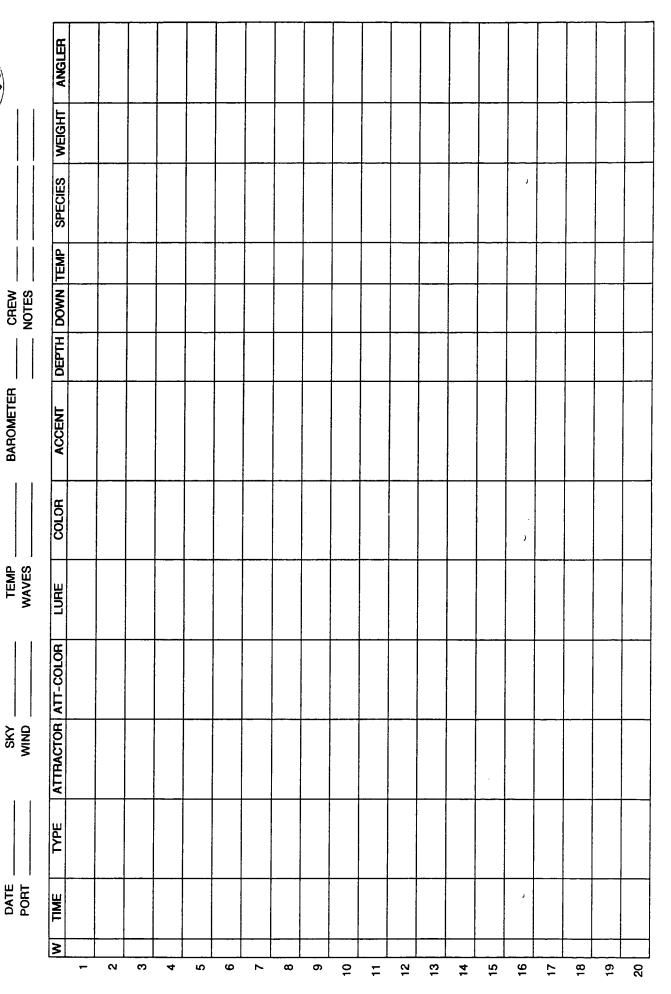
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