

AQUARIUS WINS RIVERCRAB!

CLUB FALLS SHORT BY 33.8 LBS

Mother Nature gave us a break this year with light winds and mild temperatures. All the boats got in a full day fishing. Unfortunately, fishing was very slow.

Blue Water Sportfishing had 55 boats registered, with 38 boats weighing in fish. We had 61 boats, 233 participants; with 37 boats bringing fish to the scales.

AQUARIUS, captained by Chris Nytko, took top skipper honors over all of the boats entered regardless of club. Paul Antonelli, fishing aboard Eagle II, another Detroit boat captained by Paul Schoenraug, caught the largest salmon of the entire tournament with a 25.5 lb King. Keith Kempainen of the Detroit Area Steelheaders caught the largest steelhead of the tournament. The club also had three fin-clipped salmon turned in; two by Dean Pilat and one by Jack R. Dick Sr.

Top Club honors went to the Blue Water club having weighed in 770.61 lbs. to 736.80 lbs for the Detroit Area Steelheaders.

Among the Detroit Area Steelheaders, Chris Nytko took first place with 55.80 pounds. Congratulations Chris on your first win and the great job you did in representing the club. (ED NOTE: now everyone should follow him!) Dean Pilat's High Anxiety was second at 54.82 lbs with Chris Coffey third with 42.5 lbs. Great job guys!

I would like to thank all the skippers and their crews who participated in this event. Unfortunately, we didn't win the \$5,000. this year, so we will draw for one \$100 prize at the May membership meeting. All skippers that weighed in fish qualify for the drawing.

DON REDMOND

DAS DONATE \$500 TO MSU

At the April meeting, our main speaker was Howard Tanner, the father of the Michigan salmon program. Dr. Tanner gave an outstanding talk and received a standing ovation at the end.

In appreciation for all that Dr. Tanner has done, the Detroit Area Steelheaders presented a check for \$500 to be used for fisheries research at MSU.

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE

The membership incentive is now at \$80. If your name is drawn at the next meeting and you are present, you win the cash!

32,155 NEW STEELHEAD

The North West Michigan fish hatching and rearing facility located near Frankfort reports that during the past winter the trout rearing facility has raised 32,155 winter run Steelhead that weigh 10 to the pound. They measured from 6 to 12 inches in length. During the entire process the facility lost only 33 fish!

The Betsie River will be the recipient of these fish which go out to lake

Michigan to join the 30,000 that were planted last year.

This success story is the result of many clubs bannng together including the Detroit Area Steelheaders, to pool their funds to make this type of venture possible. Congratulation to Lew Tipper and his crew for a job well done.

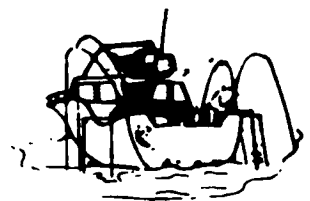
ONE POUND DROPPERS?

Here is a little tip on how to be more consistent with one pound droppers. The next time the fishing has slacked off and you are just out for a boat ride, here is a good way to really find out just how far down those drop weights are.

Move into shallow water starting at about 50 ft. Remove all tackle and add a one pound ball and let the line out till the ball hits the bottom. Record the amount of line either by counting bars or by using a 47H line counter (this is where these reels come in handy). Continue this process recording the various depths at which the weight hits bottom and line that is needed. It is also a good idea to vary speeds at each depth and record the extra line that is needed.

Keep record of this information onboard and the next time you are trying put that extra rod into the strike zone it just might the difference.

Dave Even; Field Editor



HARBOR BEACH TOURNAMENT : MAY 30.

THE DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS WILL RETURN TO HARBOR BEACH LOOKING TO VERIFY THE RUMORS THAT THIS PORT IS REBOUNDED AFTER SEVERAL DISAPPOINTING SEASONS. THIS PORT WAS ONE OF THE BETTER PORTS ON LAKE HURON DURING THE LATE 80'S. SEVERAL MEMBERS HAVE REPORTED THAT DURING THE '91 SEASON THE FISHING WAS EXCELLENT. HOPEFULLY, THE FISH GOD'S WILL BE WITH US AND THE LAKE TROUT FISHING WILL BE PICKING UP, OFFERING GOOD ACTION. MAYBE, A FEW BIG KINGS WILL ALSO BE AROUND; VISITING THE WEIGH-IN SCALE.

THE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE WILL INCLUDE A 5:00 AM MANDATORY SKIPPERS MEETING NEXT TO THE MARINA OFFICE AT THE STATE LAUNCH SITE, 6:00 AM START AT THE PIER HEADS, FISH CALLS AT 9:00 AND 12 ON CHANNEL 72 (ALL CREWS MUST RESPOND) LINES PULLED AT 2:00 PM WITH THE WEIGH-IN AT THE PICNIC AREA AT 3:00 PM. THIS TOURNAMENT HAS THE POTENTIAL TO PROVIDE PLENTY OF ACTION. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

JOE GOLAKIEWICZ: PORT CAPTAIN

SPECIAL PEOPLE

PETE STOYANOVICH, THE PLACE KICKER FOR THE MIAMI DOLPHINS AND A FORMER STUDENT ATHLETE FROM CRESTWOOD HIGH IN DEARBORN HEIGHTS WILL BE AT TOLEDO BEACH MARINA TO HELP MAKE THE ANNUAL SPECIAL PEOPLE OUTING ONE OF THE DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS FEATURE EVENTS OF THE SUMMER.

THIS OUTING IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE KIND OF QUALITY ACTIVITIES THAT THIS ORGANIZATION IS



Dr. Howard Tanner

DR. HOWARD TANNER OF MSU

INVOLVED IN. AS ALWAYS, WE ARE IN NEED OF SKIPPERS WHO ARE WILLING TO DONATE ONE DAY OF FISHING TO KIDS WHO RARELY GET TO ENJOY SOMETHING MOST OF US TAKE FOR GRANTED.

WE ARE IN NEED OF 30 SKIPPERS AND THEIR BOATS TO TAKE 30 HANDICAPPED KIDS FISHING ON LAKE ERIE FOR WALLEYES ON JUNE 20TH.

I HOPE I CAN TELL PETE THAT WE HAVE TOO MANY SKIPPERS AND WE WILL NEED TO HAVE HIM SIGN A FEW EXTRA AUTOGRAPHS, BECAUSE WE INVITED 30 MORE KIDS.

IF ARE YOU INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT DAVE EVEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TOLEDO BEACH MARINA AGAIN HAS DONATED THE USE OF THEIR FACILITY FOR THE DAY AND WILL ACCOMMODATE ALL SKIPPERS WITH FREE USE OF SLIPS FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT.

FOR THE SKIPPERS WHO CAN STAY OVERNIGHT ON SATURDAY, THERE

WILL BE A FREE STEAK ROAST WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS. WITH SOME LUCK, DOUG AND HIS SLUGS MIGHT SHOW UP.

THE SCHEDULE FOR SATURDAY WILL BEGIN WITH CREW ASSIGNMENTS STARTING AT 7:30 AM WITH A 10:00 AM FISH CALL ON CHANNEL 72. THE PICNIC AND AWARDS CEREMONY WILL BEGIN AT 12 NOON. BE THERE!

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DETROIT AREA

STEELHEADERS

PORT AUSTIN June 13

Port Austin is the forth stop on the DAS tournament trail. Port Austin has traditionally been a laketrout port. BIG LAKE TROUT! While there are some kings and steelhead caught, you generally can't count on them being there and targeting Kings will be too risky.

Based on past years, count on the lakers being anywhere from straight North of the harbor, to East at the Grindstone reef and in 70 to 100 feet.

Lake Trout are mostly on the bottom. The problem at Port Austin is that there is also a very rocky bottom. If you try to drag your lures or cannon balls, the reef will eat them as fast as you can put them down. If you run your lures well off the bottom, you won't catch many fish. Therefore, one of the keys is to try to keep your lures as close to the bottom as you can without touching. Generally, this means having someone standing by the downrigger at all times. You let it down til it just touches and then you bring it up 2 feet. If the downrigger bounces, bring it up another two feet. If it doesn't bounce after five minutes, let it back down til it touches and bring it up two feet.

Lake Trout like SLOW baits. Troll at 1.2 to 1.8 knots. That means attractors like cowbells, lake trolls or dodgers are the choice. Chrome, Green, White, Chartreuse are good colors. Some spoons are run but generally alongside attractors. Pick spoons that run at slow speeds. Behind the attractors, you can run a peanut, wobble glow, Spin-n-glow or squid. Good colors include, Green, Chrome, Chartreuse, Blue, Pink. (Let the trout tell you which color they like.)

Run the attractors close to your cannon balls to reduce hang-ups.



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