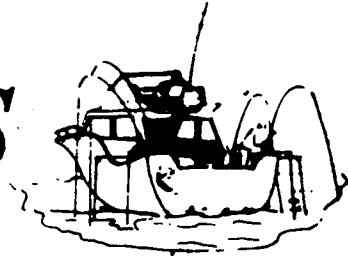




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SPECIAL PEOPLE DATE CHANGED TO JUNE 8

Detroit area Steelheader President Tim Graskewicz is putting the finishing touches on this years walleye tourney on Lake Erie at the Toledo Beach marina.

Dave Barr of the Detroit Red Wings is again expected to be the honorary chairmen. Tim will have a later (7:30) start this year to encompass younger kids from the Monroe Intermediate Schools. Each youngster is accompanied by an adult, all the club skipper and crew have to do is catch fish so the kids can reel them in.

This tournament is put on because Detroit area Steelheaders care about people as well as all things pertaining to the fishing in Michigan.

The NEW DATE for the tournament will be Saturday, JUNE 8.

Come on board, we need your help and support: Skippers, crew, businesses and helpers.

Tim will have sign ups at the May meeting.

GILL NETTERS BARRED FROM HAMMOND BAY

Federal Judge Richard Enslin delivered his latest ruling on the fate of Hammond Bay with a double-edged sword. After accepting verbal briefs from the attorneys representing both the tribal netters and the sport fishermen, Enslin took little time in delivering his decision.

Gill netters will be shut out of Hammond Bay at least until this fall, but before the sport groups could rejoice, Enslin cautioned them to be aware that he was contemplating returning the bay to the small

boat netters if some other acceptable solution couldn't be worked out by the fall. Northeast Steelheader's president Bruce Grant said, "We won, but we were warned not to get to comfortable. It's up to us now to watchdog the DNR and make sure they continue with their original plans to facilitate those small boat netters...but not in Hammond Bay!"

Judge Enslin has consistently insisted that the original group of small boat gill netters be accommodated in some manner, and laid the task at the feet of both the DNR and the tribes. The DNR plans include building new access sites, delivery of trap net boats and gear, as well as providing training to allow for a smooth transition from the lethal gill nets to the trap net method. The tribes, on the other hand, were asked to make certain accommodations as well, including possible relocation of those small boaters to the other treaty waters such as Whitefish Bay in eastern Lake Superior. While the DNR has completed at least the major portion of its tasking, it is unclear exactly what the tribal leadership has done to help the fishermen.

This latest proposal to end-run the 1985 Consent Order was an attempt filed by Bay Mills tribal officials to return to the waters south of Nine-Mile Point. According to attorney Steve Schultz, representing the sportfishing groups

in Northern Michigan, tribal catch records indicate a significant increase in the total catches for netters since the consent order was signed, not the decline tribal attorneys portray. Still the problem persists of what to do with the small boat gill netters. Judge Enslin has given the parties involved until the fall to answer that question before he rules again.

Grant said that it is up to the sportfishing groups to watchdog the DNR and insist that they live up to their task to provide a measure of relief for those small boat gill netters. He explained that without the cooperation of all of the groups, the return of the gill net boats in the waters of Hammond Bay could be a very real possibility this fall. He added, "The bay is ours once again, but it's not over yet. We have to stay on top of this because it's not going to go away!"

LADIES DAY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 29 AT OSCODA

Fellows Marina will again host the annual Lady' Day Tournament. Now is the time to start making plans for this special day. REMINDER: ONLY LADY'S CAN REEL IN THE FISH. For the picnic after the tournament, we are asking each crew to bring a dish to pass. You may call Fellows ~~any~~ any time and speak to Jan or Doug for slip reservations. More information will follow in the next Fishin' Tales and at the May meeting. Any questions may be directed to Dave Even at 981-2236.

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ZEBRA MUSSEL UPDATE -

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Zebra mussels are reported as far north as Duluth, MN, down the Mississippi to Dam 24, St. Louis, MO, and as far east as Albany, NY. Also, there were confirmed sightings of zebra mussels at Indian Lake, an island lake in Logan county, OH.

"The time is now to make everyone aware that every time you put your boat in the water, you must assume your boat has been violated by zebra mussels," Rich Hess of Illinois Department of Conservation said at a seminar recently.

In December, Ohio Sea Grant hosted an international research conference on zebra mussels. The proceedings of the conference—abstracts of each research project presented—is available from Ohio Sea Grant for \$2.00 (Includes tax, postage and handling).



THE BIG BLOW

Mother Nature and the Blue Water Mental Health and Child Guidance Clinic, along with other child abuse programs, were the big winner's in this years River Crab Salmon Stakes Tournament.

The strong northeast winds (upward of 40mph at times) and 6 to 8 ft. seas, forced many of the boats not to fish in this River Crab tournament. For the first time in its history, there were NO FISH weighed in.

With a total of 178 boats registered to fish, (66 from Detroit Area Steelheaders, 63 from Blue Water Sport Fishing Association) plus 6 other clubs, it would have been a great club tournament.

(Detroit would have won of course)

With NO FISH being weighed in, representatives from all participating clubs in attendance voted to donate the \$5,000 prize to the Blue Water Mental Health and Child Guidance Clinic and other Child Abuse Programs.

We wish to thank all the boat captains and their crews who registered to fish this tournament. It had excellent turnout.

Don Redmond, Jim Beelby

Coming Events

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Last Tuesday of month at 7:30 p.m. K. of C. Hall, 6177 Chicago Rd., Warren
APRIL 30, 1991 • **MAY 28, 1991** • **JUNE 25, 1991**
PROFESSOR R. B. PEYTON OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY IS THE FEATURED SPEAKER AT THE APRIL MEETING. DR. PEYTON, WILL SPEAK ON A RECENT SURVEY OF GREAT LAKES FISHING.

BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	PORT CAPTAIN
April 20	RIVER CRAB (Lexington/Port Sanilac)	Don Redmond & Jim Beelby
May 4-5	ST. JOE/BENTON HARBOR (Two-day)	Mike Wakulski
May 18	WILSON, NEW YORK	Dick Shirk
June 1	PORT AUSTIN (Team Doubles)	Doug Karakas
June 15	SPECIAL PEOPLE DAY (Not a tournament)	Tim Graskewicz
June 29	OSCODA (Ladies Day)	Dave Even
July 20	MANISTEE (Team Doubles)	Bill Shackleton
August 3-4	LUDINGTON (Two-day)	Bob Mitchell
August 17	ROGERS CITY	Bob Herman
August 24	OLCOTT, NEW YORK (Not a tournament)	Dick Shirk
September 7	FRANKFORT	Tim Graskewicz

****PORT AUSTIN** TOURNAMENTS SET FOR JUNE 1 & JUNE 2**

****June 2nd Port Austin make up for River Crab.****

Once again our favorite Lake trout port is up and coming June 1st will find the Club towing to the tip of the thumb to Port Austin. Due to scheduling conflicts, June 2nd at Port Austin will be a separate tournament of it's own. By making the second day a regular tournament many conflicts were avoided and no one will have to incur the added expense of traveling to another port. Last year's outing was just short of spectacular with 8 out of 10 boats limiting out. Along with a good catch we had some of the big ones as well, 12-14# range. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for two days. Saturday June 1st and Sunday June 2nd will each be treated as a regular one day tournaments. With Skipper meetings at 5 am. start at 6 am. weigh ins at 2 pm. both days. Fish calls at 10 and 12 respectively. Separate fees for entry and big fish pool for both days. Picnic will follow both tournaments.

As usual, the predominate bait should be cowbells with spin-n-go and p-nuts, in greens, yellow and reds running on bottom will get you the Lakers. Your dodger with flys or spoons 4 to 5 ft off the bottom may get some King action North. Running Northeast from the large lighthouse for approximately 3 to 6 miles should put you in good Trout waters. Don't forget those dipsey rods also. They're often good for a few Kings.

Doug Karakus will be our Port Captain for Saturdays outing, and Dick Shirk for Sunday. Information on the port was passed out at the April meeting, but if you have any last minute questions you can call Doug at 545-1181. or Dick Shirk

Dick Shirk "Lil Scratch"

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LAKER TECHNIQUES

The next two tournaments will likely focus on lake trout. As such, skippers will want to be ready to target these fish. Lake trout fishing at Port Austin can be very different from that at Oscoda. While the basic fish is the same, the differences in bottom structure result in differing techniques. Port Austin is a rocky reef that loves to eat cannon balls and lures. Oscoda has a mud bottom that you can actually drag baits along.

First, lets review some of the aspects that will remain the same. Lake Trout fishing is generally SLOW trolling. There's an old joke that goes "You pull alongside a boat that is catching fish and then you go half that speed." In reality, a trolling speed of 1.2 to 1.6 knots should be about right. You may need to use a sea anchor or a couple buckets dragged alongside to slow your boat to these speeds; but, you must find a way to slow down. Lakers, especially big lakers like slow lures.

Given the time of year, the lakers will probably be in about 80-90 feet of water where the temperature should be 48 to 52 degrees. Most will be right on the bottom. At Port Austin, many boats will fish the reef off Grindstone City about 6 miles East of the lighthouse. There is good laker fishing all along the coast, however. At Oscoda, the best laker fishing has been near the drop-off East of the harbor. You can't miss it as the bottom will quickly drop from 80 to 100'. Regardless, the fleet will key you in to where the best fishing is likely to be. Lakers don't generally move the way cohos will. "If they were in a spot yesterday, they will likely still be there today".

"Junk" will be the choice for terminal tackle. Most skippers will run dodgers or cowbells for lakers. Chrome, white, chartreuse dodgers and chrome cowbells are the standard fare. Cowbells come in a variety of shapes. Big J&N blades or willow blades are generally best. Behind the dodgers and cowbells skippers will be running a number of different lures. P-nuts, wobble glows, Spin-n-glows and squids tend to be the choice. Colors can vary but try metallic green, white, chartreuse, pink, purple.

At Port Austin you will want to run the lures very tight to the balls to keep them out of the rocks. Have someone standing by each downrigger ready to raise the ball if it touches bottom. Otherwise, you will lose one. You may lose one anyway. (The reef is hungry.) At Oscoda, you can run the lures further back and that generally helps; provided they don't tangle.

At Oscoda, a local charterboat favorite is to run a crank bait such as a small Hot-N-Tot behind a large Williams Wobbler used as an attractor. Purple has been the hot color. Another technique has been to run a weight such as a bait walker in front of the dodgers to insure that it runs on the bottom. Don't try either technique at Port Austin as the reef will eat it up in a minute.

Some lakers will come on clean spoons; especially if they are run alongside junk. Test your spoons to see which ones run well at the slow trolling speeds. ET's or Silver streaks are good choices. The lakers will tell you which color to run, but be prepared with green, black, silver, white. Stackers and sliders can be used except with cowbells which will cut them off once they slide down to the main lures.

While trolling, try not to make sharp turns or you will tangle your lines. Do try to troll in an "S" pattern. If the waves are up, don't try to troll into the waves. Troll through the area you want and then pick everything up and run back to the start. Its better to do this and insure that your baits are running right than to troll for an hour with tangled baits.

Good luck and good fishing.....Kemo

DOO DAH DAY AT ST JOE!!!!

Saturday greeted us with calm seas, despite some heavy rollers the night before. 21 boats left the pier heads at the 6:30 am shotgun start. Most of the boats headed South for the power plant, while some headed straight out and a few ran just South of the pier heads to the Junk Cars.

At the 9am fish call some boats were doing fairly well; but some boats seemed to be struggling. By the second fish call most everyone was catching fish, but the big question was the 18" minimum as many fish were close (17 15/16"??)

Saturday's weigh-in had Warren Renando skipper of DOO DAH (in their first tournament) in the lead with eight fish weighed. Sinsation, Lil' Scratch and Teacher's Pet were close behind.

Sunday morning, the weather was a little different.(little???) The waves picked up, the rain was coming down and there were heavy storms to the Southeast of us with plenty of thunder and lightning.

Pet captain Dave Even wished he didn't have a metal boat. Current President Tim Graskewicz visualized his graphite rods as lightning rods.

The lightning was obviously headed our way, fishing was no longer THAT IMPORTANT and after 48 minutes, we headed in.

Only 3 fish were caught in the 48 minutes so the weigh-in didn't take long. (Thank goodness as the rain was coming down in buckets). We even had the weigh-in at the Mens room. With three fish, there was little change in the standings and DOO DAH stayed on top.

Although Sunday's fishing was cut short, we still had a great time. Most crews went to breakfast and got an early start home.

Congratulations to Warren and the DOO DAH crew for their win. This was Warren's first tournament with us. We know that we will be hearing more from him in the tournaments to come.

Thanks to all who participated and we hope you had as much fun as we did. And special thanks to my crew (WET PAINT) for taking care of the grills and ford after the weigh-ins. Mike Wakulski

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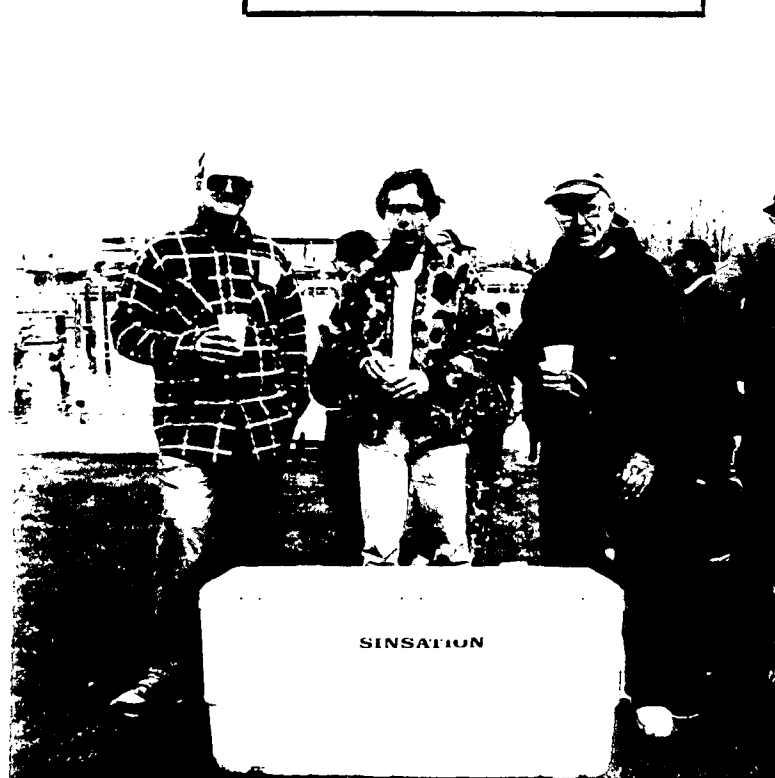
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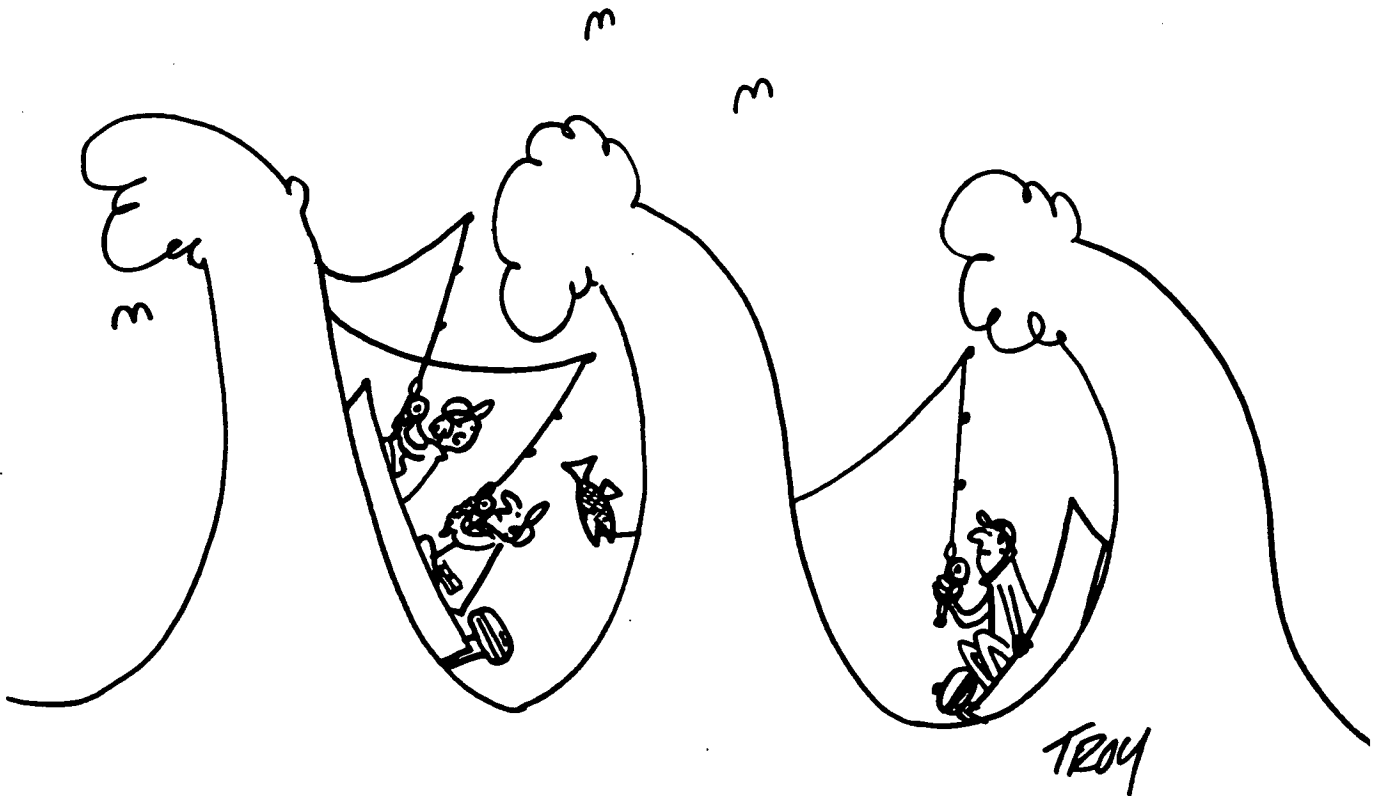


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HANK BACZYNSKI

ST JOE. TOURNAMENT RESULTS

BOAT	SKIPPER	POINTS		
1 DOODAH	WARREN RENANDO	94.12	KINGS	38
2 SINSATION	HANK BACZYNSKI	84.00	COHOS	24
3 LI' SCRATCH	DICK SHIRK	75.14	LAKERS	20
4 KEMO	BOB MITCHELL	72.15	STEELHEAD	<u>1</u>
5 TEACHERS PET	DAVE EVEN	66.02	TOTAL	84
6 WET PAINT	MIKE WAKULSKI	64.14		
7 MOLLY FRAIR	RON HARTMAN	61.05	BIG FISH POOL	
8 CARMEN ASHLEY	VLAD POHORILY	57.07	KING	13.11
9 LUCKY FALCON	JOE GOLASZEWSKI	48.15	KING	13.06
10 TRENA DAWN	DON REDMOND	45.02	LAKER	12.02
11 HARMONY	TIM GRASKEWICZ	37.11		
12 MISERY 3	AL SCHULTZ	35.14	Sunday	
13 PATS COMPET.	ED WILCZEK	31.15	LAKER	10.11
14 NET PROFIT	BILL SHACKLETON	31.05	KING	7.09
15 C-CREATURE	CRAIG GERBE	24.13	KING	7.04
16 KARE FREE	TOM MOORES	24.03		
17 NOMAD	BOB HERMAN	19.15		
18 VITAMIN SEA	GARY ROWOLDT	17.06		
19 CAPT. HOOK	DOUG KARAKAS	15.03		
20 FISH FLY	JIM BEELBY	----		



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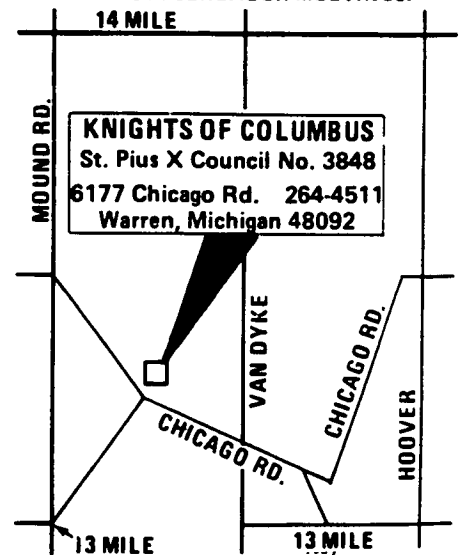
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