



FISHIN' TALES



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-- UPDATE ISSUE --

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DATE	EVENT	COMING EVENTS	LOCATION
April 25	River Crab Tournament		Lake Huron
April 28	Membership Meeting		K.of C. Hall - Warren
	BOAT RAFFLE		
May 9	Boat Tournament		Harbor Beach
May 23	Boat Tournament		Benton Harbor
May 26	Membership Meeting		K.of C. Hall - Warren

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NEWSLETTER FORMAT CHANGE

UPDATE ISSUES TO APPEAR EVERY OTHER MONTH

In an effort to reduce the ever increasing costs of publishing our newsletter, the Board of Directors has decided that every other month the FISHIN' TALES will be printed in this "Update Issue" style. The February, April, June, August, October and December issues will appear in this format. Upcoming events, such as Meetings, Guest speakers and Tournaments, and Tournament results will be the main content of these issues. The Annual Issue, in January, as well as, the March, May, July, September, and November editions will be in the regular format.

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**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN UP FOR THE "RIVER CRAB" TOURNAMENT, APRIL 25
AND HELP THE CHAPTER'S CHANCES OF WINNING THE \$5000 CLUB PRIZE.
CONTACT MIKE ZELKOWSKI AT 526-3236 (EVES.) FOR DETAILS.**

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HARBOR BEACH TOURNAMENT SET FOR SATURDAY, MAY 9

Because of Daylight Savings Time, the Captain's meeting is slated for 5:00 a.m. in the Municipal Marina parking lot. The Tournament will start at 6:00 a.m. with fish counts at 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. All boats will pull lines at 2:00 p.m. You must be in line for the weigh-in at 3:00 p.m. at the pavilion across the road from the parking lot.

The boat ramps are open at the Municipal Marina. There is a \$3.00 launching fee. Overnight dockage is available with a fee of \$7.50 for up to a 21' boat. Dockage includes toilets, shower facilities and electric hookup. Fish cleaning area will be available at Offshore Marina. Because of the lack of parking at Offshore, please leave your boat at the Municipal Marina. If there are any questions, please contact Don Redmond, Capt. of the "Trena Dawn", at 469-8344 (After 5:00 p.m.)

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS WIN W.A.T.A.

The Wellston Area Tourist Association held its eighth annual Steelhead tournament on February 28, 1987. The boundaries for this "super" tournament were from below Tippy Dam down to the M-55 bridge. Surprisingly, very few fish were caught above the coffer dam! Most of the fishermen fished from boats either below the coffer to High Bridge or below Bear Creek to Rainbow Bend, where most of the fish were caught.

16 Detroit Area Steelheaders participated in this event, out of a total of 140 fishermen. Chapter honors and the revolving Chapter trophy went to the Detroit Chapter, turning in a total catch of 79 lbs. 5 oz. of steelhead. The largest single steelhead tipped the scales at over 12 lbs.

The fish were caught mostly on spawn bags or with plugs from drift or anchored boats. Many were taken on flies. Of special note, Doug Karakas took 2nd place for the largest male taken out of a boat. Other Detroit Area men who caught fish were: John Tymensky, Bob Allen, Joel Garinger, Ed Yankoski II, Greg Clifford and Jim Hardwick. In fact, Jim Hardwick's drift boat accounted for 5 steelhead. Nice catch, Jim!

The W.A.T.A. has set a precedent for awarding different trophies for both bank and boat fisherman i.e., creating divisions of male and female fish too. There were 1st, 2nd and 3rd place trophies for each of these divisions - add in the "traveling Chapter trophy - for a total of fifteen trophies.

DETROIT AREA W.A.T.A. RESULTS

BOAT FISHERMAN Joel Garinger-6# 15 oz. male, John Tymensky-6# 15 oz. female, 7# 12 oz. female, Ed Yankoski II-8# 15 oz. female, Greg Clifford 10# 8 oz. female, Doug Karakas-10# 12 oz. female, Bob Allen 7# 15 oz. female, 8# female, Jim Hardwick-7# 11 oz. female, 8# 9 oz female
Others participating: Myles Pianko, Gene Burbary, Mike Tymensky, Kevin Tymensky and Mark Clifford

BANK FISHERMAN Bob Kanas, Brian Weir, Ted Kemling and Lee Comstock

BETSIE RIVER TOURNAMENT - MARCH 21, 1987

The day dawned bright and clear at our tournament on the Betsie. The temperature was in the mid-twenties but there wasn't a cloud in the sky. Reports told of a lot of fish in the river but, tales of success varied. The only consistent report was LOTS of fisherman.

14 members turned out for the event. However, only 3 fish were weighed in. Jim Schmidt, fishing in his 1st tournament, won with a nice 7 lb. 7 oz. steelie. The 2 other anglers weighing in fish were Jerry Zabel and Mike Lehto.

This was Jim's first tournament and he just signed his membership at Outdoorama. A nice start in the Club and proof that you don't always have to be one of the "oldtimers" to win an event!

In truth, the performance of the Detroit Steelheaders was not up to par. Several of the "top guns" were unable to make the trip. Our success was not indicative of the fish available, as we saw a lot of fish caught. The Midland Steelheaders were also at the Betsie and they would have creamed us if we had scheduled a challenge.

As reported, the crowds on the river were unbelievable. Even those who ventured well down stream reported lots of company. On Saturday, not many fish were going over the dam, but Sunday saw temperatures climb to over sixty and I spent nearly an hour, just standing, watching fish attempt to negotiate the steps.

Thanks to everyone who showed up. This was the last river tournament for 86/87. Anyone who wants to help or has suggestions for next year should contact Mike Zelkowski, President, or one of the Directors.

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