



# Fishin' Tales II

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## September Membership Meeting

- **When:**  
Tuesday, September 25, 2018 7:30pm
- **Where:**  
American Polish Cultural Center  
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Speaker:**
- **Other Happenings:**
  - Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings,
  - Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,
  - Every Member Drawing,
- **DAS On the web-**  
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## The 2018 SOTY is Bobby's Toy....by a Country Mile



This year fishing has been exceptional, no doubt about it. Not necessarily the numbers of fish we like to see, but the size was definitely up. This spring we saw lots of big fish, and it never really let up. Steelheader clubs such as ours teach sportsman how to catch salmon, and tournaments are a natural progression as we hone our skills. Our Skipper of the Year (SOTY) series allows us to recognize our successful fishing friends. If you want to do well fishing tournaments, you better be on fish.

One of our DAS skippers never had a problem locating fish this season. That was Bob Jones and the crew from Bobby's Toy. Bob is a fixture at our trolling tournaments. Rarely missing an event. Bob's regular crew consists of Todd Ridley, Rodney Elnick, and Bob Ksionzek. They have fished together for years and are consistently in the hunt.

This year the SOTY was determined by everyone's five best finishes. The Bobby's Toy crew hit the ground running, winning their first two tournaments in Lexington, and St. Joseph. Bob fished all eight skipper of the year events and managed four first place finishes along the way.

After his St. Joe win, it looked like he might have taken his eyes off the prize with a sixth-place finish at Grand Haven. It turns out Bob was only catching his breath, winning the next tournament in Harbor Beach. Then he followed up with third and second place finishes at Holland and Ludington respectively. After closing out the year with a win in Rogers City, it became clear that Bob enjoyed a very special year. Congratulations to Bob Jones on his second SOTY title in the last three years.

### Skipper of the Year Standings 2018

	Boat Name	Skipper Name	FINAL								Best 5			
			Lexington	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Holland	Ludington	Manistee	Rogers City	Total Points	Best 6	Best 7	Best 8
1	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	1	1	6	1	3	2	10	1	6	9	15	25
2	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	75	5	1	2	1	4	7	2	10	15	22	97
3	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	2	3	3	3	75	75	75	3	14	89	164	239
4	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguza	3	7	75	75	2	75	3	6	21	96	171	246
5	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	50	6	4	75	75	75	5	4	69	144	219	294
6	Moonshot	Brad Walton	75	75	75	75	4	5	4	75	163	238	313	388
7	Lake Buzzard IV	Fred Chartier	75	75	2	75	75	3	50	75	206	280	355	430
8	Fish the F On	Brett Mauk	75	75	75	75	0	50	8	75	208	283	358	433
9	Channing	Dan Chisholm	50	4	5	75	75	75	75	75	209	284	359	434
10	Just Wastin' Time	Don Jasmin	75	75	75	75	75	50	11	7	218	293	368	443
11	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	75	75	75	75	75	1	6	75	232	307	382	457
12	Jawbreaker	Gabe McDougall	75	75	75	75	75	75	1	75	301	376	451	526
13	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	75	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	302	377	452	527
14	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	75	75	75	75	75	75	2	75	302	377	452	527
15	Trapshooter	Ken Cione	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	5	305	380	455	530
16	The Office	James Lorenzetti	75	75	75	75	75	75	9	75	309	384	459	534
17	Angel Cru	Jose Angeles	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	60	350	425	500	575
18	Diana's Den	Denis Harper	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	500	575



	No. of Boats	Number Caught								Total For Year
		Lexington	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Holland	Ludington	Manistee	Rogers City	
	Kings	0	31	36	0	4	13	29	1	113
	Cohos	1	1	19	0	7	0	0	0	28
	Lake Trout	3	14	0	24	8	4	11	24	64
	Steelhead	0	1	2	0	7	2	0	1	12
	Browns	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Atlantics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Pinks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Totals	4	47	57	24	27	19	40	26	218

Largest Fish of the Year			
Species	Wgt. (lbs.)	Boat Name	Port
King	24.80	The Office	Manistee
Coho	7.30	Fish The F On	Holland
Lake Trout	14.35	Just Wastin' Time	Ludington
Steelhead	14.65	Lake Buzzard IV	Grand Haven
Brown	4.10	Bobby's Toy	Holland
Atlantic	0.00		
Pink	0.00		



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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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## SAVE THE DATE

This year's Wild Game Dinner fundraiser will be **Saturday, March 2nd, 2019**. The format will stay the same and it will be at American Polish Cultural Hall in Troy, MI. Ticket prices will remain \$60. If you would like to reserve a table for ten, please contact Bob Jones for tickets.

Individuals purchasing complete tables that are paid for in January will receive \$100 worth of raffle tickets. This is our only fundraiser. We need the help of all members to ensure its success.

## September Speaker

Paul Stewart

Our September speaker is Paul Stewart from Manistee Michigan. Paul is proprietor of the Lakeshore Motel and an avid River, Pier, and Surf fisherman. He is very knowledgeable in the Manistee River watershed, and will discuss its many angling opportunities at our September membership meeting.

Paul is also host of the Manistee Cup Steelhead tournament. Each fall Detroit Area, Metro West, Traverse City Steelheaders compete for the Cup, and also bragging rights for the annual inter club competition. Each Spring Paul also hosts a Brown Trout tournament. These events are open to the public and have modest entry fees to cover awards and meals. If you enjoy river, surf, or pier salmon fishing you will enjoy Paul's presentation.



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## Membership Application

- ☐ New Member - \$35 Yearly ☐ Renewal - \$35 Yearly  
☐ Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly ☐ Address Change only  
☐ Junior (under 16) - \$20 Yearly (Electronic Newsletter)

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# Detroit Steelheaders Return to Rogers City



On August 25<sup>th</sup> our DAS skippers wrapped up the 2018 trolling season in Rogers City. It had been a number of years since the club visited this port. While salmon plants have been curtailed in southern Lake Huron, Northern Lake Huron appears to be making a resurgence. The water is cool and clean with unique bottom structure that holds fish. The DNR still operates a weir in the nearby Swan River and the lure of returning salmon proved irresistible for eight of our skippers and their crews.

In Rogers City you don't have to travel very far once you leave the break wall to be on fish. The bottom begins to drop off not far from shore. Swan Bay is several miles south of the harbor and attracts a good number of boats. If you want to avoid the crowd, 40 Mile Pointe and Hammond Bay are ten miles or so to the north. Presque Isle is the next port south of town and Swan Bay.

The marina and facilities are superb. The boat launch and fish cleaning station are immediately adjacent to the modern marina which features floating docks, a chandlery, laundry, and fuel. The city maintains a park next to the marina, complete with an outdoor pavilion that hosted a brass band Saturday evening. The friendly staff assigned our club boats on the same pier, and they even moved picnic tables for us under the pavilion to ensure we stayed dry while we picnicked at the weigh-in. A big blow midweek had scattered fish and made catching a challenge.

Rogers City Standings 8/25/2018												
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	# of Fish Weighed	Catch by Species & Weight						Best 5 Total Wgt.	Best 5 Total Pts.	Deduction Code
1	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	5	K 15.75	L 13.05	L 7.65	L 6.85	L 5.05		48.35	73.35	NONE
2	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	5	L 12.55	L 7.70	L 7.55	L 7.00	L 5.00		39.80	64.80	NONE
3	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	5	L 8.90	S 8.20	L 7.60	L 7.45	L 6.20		38.35	63.35	NONE
4	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	5	L 12.90	L 7.85	L 6.30	L 5.90	L 4.25		37.20	62.20	NONE
5	Trapshooter	Ken Cione	2	L 6.95	L 4.90					11.85	21.85	NONE
6	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	1	L 6.80						6.80	11.80	NONE
7	Just Wastin' Time	Don Jasmin	1	L 3.20						3.20	8.20	NONE
-	Angel Cru	Jose Angeles	0							0.00	0.00	NONE
-	-	-	0							0.00	0.00	NONE
-	-	-	0							0.00	0.00	NONE
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-	-	-	0							0.00	0.00	NONE
-	-	-	0							0.00	0.00	NONE
-	-	-	0							0.00	0.00	NONE

Several boats that arrived early were able to locate fish nearby, on Friday. Most of our boats weighed fish, but the kings had moved out and proved elusive on Saturday.

Three hours into a wet fishing period, we suspended fishing while waiting for nearby thunderstorms to pass. We made it back to the marina just in the nick of time as the nearby thunder and lightning was quite intense. After a two hour break, we headed back out at 11:00AM and fished until 1:00PM. We managed to stay dry during the final two-hour fishing period and headed to the band pavilion for a baked chicken dinner and the weigh-in. It turned out that it wasn't done raining just yet. When we started putting fish on the scale the rain started falling again, and grew more intense as the day progressed. Seven boats weighed fish, and boats that fished on Sunday, managed to get some nice kings.

LARGEST					8	Total Boats
Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught			
Bobby's Toy	Salmon	15.75				
Bobby's Toy	Pool Salmon	15.75		\$80		
Bobby's Toy	King	15.75	1			
Bobby's Toy	Pool King	15.75				
	Coho	0.00	0			
	Pool Coho	0.00				
Bobby's Toy	Lake Trout	13.05	24			
Bobby's Toy	Pool LT	13.05		\$40		
Blue Horizon	Steelhead	8.20	1			
Blue Horizon	Pool Steelhead	8.20		\$40		
	Brown	0.00	0			
	Atlantic	0.00	0			
	Pool Atlantic	0.00				
	Pink	0.00				
	Pool Pink	0.00	0			
	Total		26			

Deduction Code LEGEND	
LTSM	= Late To Skipper's Mtg.
LTVI	= Late To Weigh-In
1NFC	= No Answer 1 Fish Call
2NFC	= No Answer 2 Fish Calls
UCC	= Unauthorized Crew Chg.
DQ	= Disqualified





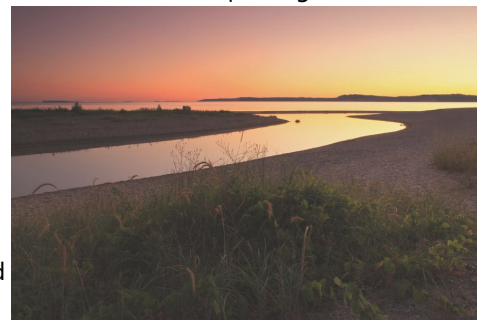
### Platte River Outing, October 6th



Next up for the DAS nomads is a fall fishing trip to the Platte River on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. The Platte eases into Lake Michigan adjacent to the majestic Sleeping Bear Dunes. The scenery is stunning along the sandy shores of Platte Bay. The mouth of the Platte river offers the unique opportunity to fish crystal clear waters for salmon and trout in the Bay, or the river itself. The fishing period is from 7:00AM to 1:00PM. Weigh-in will be at 1:30 in the parking lot near the river mouth.

A large paved parking lot near the beach is actually comprised of three parking lots. Two of these are National Park lots and one is the Lake Township lot. A National Park pass is required in two lots but there is no additional fee. At the Lake Township lot,

only a \$5 daily parking fee is required. The outing entry is \$10 per man (\$5 is for the big fish pool). Winner will be determined by combined weight of three salmon and trout. If you would like to participate please call Bob Paradise at (586) 457-4073 before the 7:00AM start.



### In Case you missed our August Meeting



What comes through when you meet Roger Hinchcliff is the passion he has for Steelhead fishing. He shares it with everyone. If you missed our August meeting, you missed a great presentation. Roger treated our members to an in depth look at an 'old school' technique, fishing spinnerbaits for steel. From identifying optimal conditions and strategies for locating fish in a river, the benefits of using scents, to the gear you need to hook 'em up, Roger knows his stuff. Fishing with spinners is an effective technique for locating fish and it doesn't require a huge investment in gear. In fact, homemade spinner lures can be assembled for a modest cost and will increase the pleasure of each fish you catch. On behalf of everyone present at our August meeting, thank you Roger.



### STERLING OUTING ZERO'S IN ON BIG PERCH

The Sterling State Park Perch Outing on Lake Erie was held Saturday, September 15th. We had seven boats and 21 participants.

Thanks to all our skippers below who made the trek to Lake Erie:

Big Mama (Don Mikros)

City Slicker (Jim Paehlig)

Hard Top and Tails (Jim Zanke)

Holden On (Gaspere Aragona)

Just Wasting Time (Don Jazman)

Sea Hag (Blaise Pewinski)

Vagabond Squire (Rick Coughlin)

The morning was not without its challenges. It was very foggy and GPS navigation was necessary to get to the fishing spots safely. We even observed a Blue Jay lost in the fog. He flew until he was exhausted and landed in the lake only to be greeted by a Seagull! Lines were pulled at 1pm and we all enjoyed a lunch of Brats, Sauerkraut, and fresh tomatoes from Bob Paradise's garden. Weigh in was at 2pm. I would like to thank Andrew Stockton for helping weigh the fish. A good time was had by all. See you all at next year's Sterling State Park outing!

Gaspere

Congratulations to our top finishers; 1st Place, Jim Pascals at 2.92 lbs., 2nd Place, Jim Zanke at 2.60 lbs., 3rd Place, Rich Janis at 2.54 lbs.

4th Place, Don Mikros at 2.50 lbs., 5th Place, Charlie Denning at 2.50 lbs.,\* 4th Place tie breaker was determined by the length of the fish caught.

Big Fish, \$105 Jim Zanke (11 5/8 inch)





## Detroit Area Steelheaders Represent on the Tournament Trail

### 1 Fish, the difference between winning and losing.

Many times, the difference between winning a tournament and losing a tournament is just "1 Fish". Whether it's the big fish you caught or the small fish you needed for your limit catch. Two weeks ago at the Monster Mania in Manistee I heard plenty of "1 Fish" stories. Whether it was the one that broke the line or flopped out of the net in the back of the boat.

I also witnessed some "1 Fish" stories. Bad Dog landed a 26lb king late in the morning on the 2nd day of the tournament. This "1 Fish" would give him a runaway victory in the Final 4 Championship and the Tournament Trail 333 Best overall Championship. Also, Almost Paradise was blessed with "1 Fish". In the final minutes of the second day after only catching 2 small lake trout all day they decided to try a Hail Mary at the pier heads. Even though other tournament anglers had been there all day they were lucky enough to land a 17lb king with time expiring. That "1 Fish" gave Almost Paradise 1st place in the Manistee Monster Mania Tournament. So sometimes that "1 Fish" makes it to the cooler and other times the swivel opens or the line breaks. Sometimes not keeping a 12" king is all that matters. Remember check your drags, sharpen your hooks, and lock your swivels because most tournaments are won and lost by "1 Fish". Just ask Tom and Bob.

Bad Dog. Monster Mania Big Fish, Side Bet Finals Champs, 333 Best Overall Champs.

Almost Paradise. Monster Mania Champs

Lake Buzzard. Side Bet Finals 2nd place, 333 Overall 7th place

Congratulations to all 333 Participants

Mark Paradise



## Bluewater Anglers Hatchery Report

*While the MDNR salmon plantings are limited to the northernmost regions of Lake Huron, Sarinia's Blue Water Anglers focus their efforts in the southern part of the lake. They operate a hatchery and make regular plants to southern Lake Huron. The following excerpt's are taken from their website.*

Summer is almost over and now the work begins again. Every year at this time the hatchery starts to get ready for the busy season ahead. We have all the Brown Trout (approx. 20,000) and Rainbow Trout (approx. 40,000) that were started earlier in the year in the hatchery. They have progressed nicely over the summer. They will need to be fin clipped, graded and some stocked out during the next couple of months.

Then it is time for the preparation for and collection of our quota of 110,000 Salmon eggs. We always go into this part of the season with very high expectations for a big run of Salmon at the Owen Sound Mill Dam. Some years it is great while others it just turns out to be a lot of hard work with little return. But we keep at it as this is our prized fish, we want Salmon.

In the next couple of months we need to: - pull and rebuild 3 of our well pumps, - clip the approximately 20,000 Brown Trout, - prepare all the Salmon egg collection equipment, - clean tanks for moving fish, - stock the 8,000 Rainbow Trout held over from spring.

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### 2018 Angler of the Year Leaderboard

Member's Name	St. Lukes 1/27/18	Bay City 2/10/18	Manistee River 3/24/18	Brown Trout 4/28/18	Walleye Algonac 5/12/18	St Clair Whipping 6/16/18	Linwood Walleye 7/7/18	Sterling St Park 9/15/18	Platte Betsie PM 10/6/18	Big Tom 10/27/18	Lake Shore 11/3/18	Caseville Lake Trout 12/8/18	Total Points
Jim Paehlig	4	0	0	0	5	3	0.5	5					17.5
Blaise Pewinski	5	4	0.5	0	0.5	2	2	0.5					14.5
Bob Paradise	0.5	3	0.5	0.5	0.5	5	0.5	0.5					11
Gaspere Aragona	0.5	5	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5					8
Don Jasman	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	5	0.5					6.5
Don Evan	0	0	0	5	0.5	0	0	0					5.5
Don Mikros	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0	0.5	1	2					5
Gabe MacDougall	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0					5
Fred Chartier	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	4	0					4.5
Jim Zanke	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	4					4.5

### Upcoming 2018 DAS Key Dates

Sat. Sept. 15, 2018      Sterling SOTY Perch Outing  
 Tues Sept. 25 2018      September General Meeting  
 Sat. Oct. 6, 2018      Platte River SOTY Steelhead  
 Tues Oct. 16, 2018      Board of Directors Meeting  
 Sat Oct. 28, 2018      Big Tom River Outing Ludington

### 2018 August Membership Meeting Facts

Attendance: 46  
Featured Guest: Roger Hinchcliff  
Featured Presentations: Steel on Spinners  
50/50 Raffle Winner: Mark Carlson \$93  
Every Member Draw: R. Lindberg Not Present