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January Membership Meeting

- **When:**
Tuesday, April 30, 2019 7:30pm
- **Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featured Speaker:**
Captain Hunter Engle—Best Chance Too
- **Other Happenings:**
 - Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings,
 - SOTY Tournaments
 - Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,
 - Every Member Drawing,
- **DAS On the web-**
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LMCAC Update

Happy Spring to All! Blaise Pewinski and myself attended the Lake Michigan Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting on April 16th at Jay's in Clare. The meeting was fairly uneventful, except for discussions on the Lake Trout change in Lake Michigan management unit MM4. The Lake Trout limit for 2019 has been reduced down to 1 Lake Trout. This was due to the fact that the total amount of fish taken last year was over the Tribal Decree Limit. The interesting fact about this is that the total allowable catch (TAC) includes 41% of released fish as well. They consider the mortality of released Lake Trout to be 41%, which goes against the allowed catch. While this would be believable for Lakers taken in the summer from depths below 100 feet, and of course warm water temperatures compounds the stress on these fish. The test results were challenged by several on the committee, questioning if it is truly that high. I will have to say that I too have a hard time believing the numbers. The biologists that were present said they would like to do a study to see for sure what the mortality rate really is.

All of this leads to the tribal consent decree and the importance of the 2020 negotiations. In fact, the current commercial fishery bill being worked on is under a gag order, and could not be discussed. Reasoning behind the gag order is that it would impact the upcoming tribal consent decree. We as a sporting group must stay focused, and support the interests of sportsman. It was stated that the Tribes do not have to negotiate. This of course is not likely, but needs to be understood in the big picture. We are fortunate to have a place at the table through the Michigan Charter Boat Association that allows our voice to be heard, without breaking the bank account. As things progress, we will keep the club up to date!
Captain Mark Williams

DAS WEBSTORE OPEN FOR ORDERS UNTIL MAY 15

We have reopened the DAS webstore for orders from now until May 15th. If you want to place an order for a performance t-shirt or, beanie hat, you'll need to do it online. Show your colors with this year's offerings. We'll post a link to the store on the Website homepage, our message board, and the Facebook page. Once the store closes; shirts will be printed, hats embroidered, and orders will be ready for pick-up at our May 28th membership meeting. This year shirts will be offered in both Long and Short Sleeved versions. They are printed front and back. These tee's are constructed from a cooling bird-s eye textured mesh, so it can handle the most epic fishing adventure and still look great. They feature 4-ounce 100% Polyester construction in a textured mesh fabric. The moisture wicking material is odor resistant and will release most stains. Long sleeve shirts will be \$21 each and short sleeve shirts \$19 each. We'll have unprinted samples to confirm sizing at the Algonac outing and the April membership meeting. **If you are interested in this year's shirt, order it now because they will not be available after the store closes.**

An embroidered stocking beanie will also be offered in either Blue and Black for only \$14. To place your order, **visit the store at www.freshhotshirts.com/steelheaders**





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The April meeting raffle will be hosted by our guest speaker, Hunter Engle



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HELP WANTED: Salmon in the Classroom, Spring 2019 Release Dates

Over 260 schools are participating in the Salmon in the Classroom program across Michigan this year. Participating schools receive fertilized eggs from the Michigan DNR, raise young smolts, then assist with planting them in local rivers and streams. The Detroit Area Steelheaders are very happy to sponsor five schools in the program. Our release dates for this spring are set, and we are looking forward to the fun and excited students. Releases are currently underway and should wrap up by mid May. These dates are: 1) April 24 with Kennedy Middle School, 2) April 26 with Wiley Elementary, 3) May 8 with Oakland Christian Schools, and 4) May 15 with Pine Knob Elementary. Our fifth school, Divine Child High School hasn't finalized a date at this time.

We typically assemble students into groups which rotate through several planned activities. While one group assists with the release of the young salmon, students also get to experience activities designed to introduce them to fishing. To ensure each release runs smoothly, we need several volunteers to assist. I would be really happy if 3 or 5 Steelheaders could come by to help with the fun, 8:30 am to 11:00 am at Yates Park across from Yates Cider Mill on the dates above. Please give me a call if you would like to assist.

Along with our club members time and efforts, Dreamweaver Lures Co. donates lures and tape for the students to make killer lures for their parents. The lure making is just one of the challenges of the morning events. We would also like to announce that Independence Elementary of Clarkston will be joining our program this fall. Dennis Klenow, third grade teacher, will be running the program and we are looking forward to the student's excitement as the eggs begin to hatch.

Rodney Elnick

In Case You Missed It.....March Speaker, Chris Patterson

Our March guest speaker was Chris Patterson with the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources. Chris provided members with an overview of tribal fishing issues and the rights granted by historical treaties. The current treaty dates back to the eighteen hundreds. As an attorney representing the coalition, Chris shared an insider's perspective on how future negotiations might evolve when the current Consent Decree lapses in 2020. The DAS Board of Directors supports the coalition with direct financial donations, and indirect support through the Michigan Charter Boat Association. We will watch developments closely as Great Lakes sportfishing stands to be directly impacted by the terms of the next agreement.



Tips 'n Tricks.....Fishing for the Right of Way

An angler with many lines out encounters another boat while trolling. What to do? It's simple. Real simple.

If you browse a fishing forum, there's a good chance you'll read a post from someone who was trolling seven rods along with a pair of planer boards spanning 50 feet out from either side of their boat, and they're upset because other vessels, especially sailboats, didn't observe "the right of way" rules. In this case, everyone involved is wrong. Some anglers are convinced, because they're trolling all these lines 50-250 feet behind the boat, or using outriggers



that can span 100 feet across their course, that this entitles them to a right-of-way status because there is less maneuverability. Yes, there is less ability to correct a course but no, there isn't any privilege to being the stand-on vessel. Another problem with this idea is the other vessel in a crossing situation probably isn't aware the angler is trolling. So, here's how to handle trolling lines: Even though a boat has lines in the water and is underway, it has absolutely nothing to do with having the right of way over other vessels. In fact, the boat on starboard has the right of way when two vessels are crossing. The number of lines in the water has nothing to do with it.

If you're in a crossing situation with a boat that's trolling lines, slow down, let them pass, speed up and cross ahead of their direction without creating a large wake, or just put the engine in neutral and let them pass, allowing lines being pulled to clear your prop.

BoatUS Magazine electronics editor (and avid troller) Lenny Rudow suggests the following if a boat is about to pass over your lines while trolling: "If someone is about to cross over your lines, shift into neutral and allow your lures to sink, thus pulling your lines down and reducing the chance the other boat will snarl them. And if you have to shift into neutral to avoid running over someone else's lines, don't forget to reel in your own deep lines, so they don't fall to the bottom and become snagged." Rudow also notes that trolling depths vary from place to place; in the Great Lakes, they're in deeper water while on the ocean, they can be run along the surface.

A sailboat under sail and without engine power has the right of way over powerboats in its path. That said, sailors should be aware of boat traffic and, right of way or not, avoid creating a situation where contact with another vessel is possible. It's easier to tack than deal with insurance companies.

Similarly, if there is any concern you, or the other boat, may not have an understanding of the right-of-way rules, then the simple thing to do is make a big circle, allowing the boat in question (and its lines) to pass. Remember, the most important navigation rule is to avoid a collision with another boat at all costs. Time may be lost but both boats, and crew, will be safe.

By Bob Adriance

April's tip comes courtesy of our friends at Boat US.



The Lake St. Clair Report

The annual Lake Committee Meetings were hosted by the Great Lakes Fishery Commission this past March in Ypsilanti, MI. The initial report is focused on the Lake Erie Basin and includes Lake St. Clair. Highlights on the status of the fishery in Lake St. Clair were taken from the report. The Lake St. Clair Fisheries Research Station conducts research and assessments on fish populations of Lake Erie, the St. Clair-Detroit River System, and Saginaw Bay. Results of this work are instrumental in the management decisions affecting these waters. The station works closely with fisheries managers in the MDNR's Lake Erie Management Unit, and also collaborate with state and federal partner agencies, local governments, organizations, academic institutions, and stakeholder groups. Federal Sport Fish Restoration (SFR) Program dollars provide funding for most of the station's activities. The SFR funding is possible through taxes on the purchase of fishing equipment, motorboat and small engine fuels, import duties, and interest.



Sport Fishery Summary In 2018

The MDNR conducted a creel survey of the American waters of Lake St. Clair. Non-charter recreational anglers spent 411,416 hours fishing Lake St. Clair; down from 540,779 hours in 2017. Bass fisherman account for 58% of the fishing effort on Lake St. Clair. Non-charter recreational anglers harvested a total of 87,865 fish, down from 137,511 fish in 2017. Walleye made up 52% of the total harvest in 2018.

For the St. Clair and Detroit River System, charter boat anglers reported a harvest of 29,271 fish of all species. Walleye accounted for 79% of total charter harvest in 2018. Charter boat captains reported a total of 2,198 excursions on the St. Clair-Detroit River System a 9% increase from 2017, continuing a trend of increased charter activity since 2012.

Yellow Perch and Walleye

A total of 16,670 Yellow Perch were harvested by recreational anglers in 2018. Both harvest and total catch rate were down compared to 66,946 Perch in 2017. Anglers targeting Yellow Perch accounted for only 5% of total fishing effort.



Charter anglers harvested a total of 4,043 Yellow Perch in the American waters the St. Clair-Detroit River System, up slightly from 2017. Total charter catch rates of Yellow Perch were also up slightly to 0.09 fish per hour, but still well below the long-term average of 0.45 fish per hour. Targeted charter Yellow Perch harvest rates were 3.01 fish per hour, nearly six times higher than for non-charter anglers.

Yellow Perch harvest by recreational anglers was dominated by age 4 and age 5 fish, which together accounted for 77% of the total harvest. The average length of yellow perch harvested in the sport fishery in 2018 was 8.65 inches

Walleye were the most commonly harvested species in the American waters of Lake St. Clair by non-charter recreational anglers during 2018, accounting for 51% of the total harvest. A total of 45,351 Walleye were harvested, yielding a total harvest rate of 0.11 fish/hr, up slightly from 2017.

Charter anglers harvested a total of 23,179 Walleye from the American waters of the St. Clair- Detroit River system, up 46% from 2017. Targeted charter catch rate of Walleye was 0.92 fish per hour, just under twice the rate of non-charter anglers fishing Lake St. Clair.

The age composition of harvested Walleye was dominated by age 3 and age 4, which together accounted for 89% of the harvest. The average length of Walleye harvested in the sport fishery in 2018 was 16.95inches.



Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass

More master angler Smallmouth Bass were awarded in Lake St. Clair in 2018 than any previous year. 145,491 Smallmouth Bass and 27,453 Largemouth Bass were captured and released by non-charter anglers compared with 3,695 Smallmouth and 370 Largemouth harvested on Lake St. Clair in 2018. Total capture rate of legal sized fish was 0.43 fish per hour, and total harvest rate was 0.01 fish per hour

For charters targeting Smallmouth Bass in the St. Clair-Detroit River System 14,600 fish were captured and released, while 657 fish were harvested resulting in a total release rate of about 96%. Targeted Smallmouth Bass catch rates were 1.46 fish per hour, about 2.5 times higher than non-charter anglers fishing Lake St. Clair.

Statistics from the Master Angler program indicate that Lake St. Clair is one of the premier waterbodies in the state for trophy Smallmouth Bass. With 43 entries in the Master Angler program in 2018, Lake St Clair represented 31% of the total entries statewide. The next highest waterbody had 8 total entries and that was the adjoining St. Clair River. This represents the highest number of Master Angler Entries ever entered for Lake St. Clair. The continued strong representation of Lake St. Clair Smallmouth Bass in the statewide Master Angler program is likely a reflection of an abundance of trophy-size Smallmouth Bass in the lake, a high degree of angler effort targeting the species, and widespread practice of catch-and-release among Smallmouth Bass anglers.

Northern Pike and Muskellunge

Non-charter anglers released 6,131 Northern Pike, and 1,208 legal sized Muskellunge from Michigan waters of Lake St. Clair in 2018. Releases of Northern Pike and Muskellunge were both down slightly from 2017. A total of 347 Northern Pike were reported harvested in 2018, up from 200 fish reported in 2017. No Muskellunge were reported harvested to creel agents. However, 2018 was the first year of mandatory harvest reporting of Muskellunge in the State of Michigan, which resulted in five Muskellunge being registered as harvested from Lake St. Clair in 2018. Anglers are reminded to report harvested Muskellunge within 24 hours by visiting www.michigan.gov/registerfish or calling 1-844-345-3474.

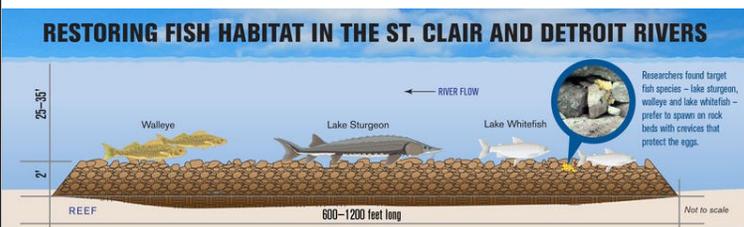
Lake St. Clair continued

There has been a general decline in entries since the peak in 2001. We suspect this is largely a reflection of waning interest in submitting Master Angler entries for Muskellunge less than 50 inches in length, which has become a local benchmark for "trophy" status for Muskellunge from the St. Clair-Detroit River System. By all accounts, the Muskellunge population continues to provide excellent fishing opportunities.



Lake Sturgeon

A total of 151 Lake Sturgeon were collected during assessment surveys on Lake St. Clair and the St. Clair River in 2018. Captured Lake Sturgeon averaged 42.1 inches in total length, with a range from 22.0 inches to 71.2



inches. A total of 122 Lake Sturgeon were caught in the St. Clair River during the annual setline survey in June, while 29 fish were caught with trawls in Lake St. Clair during August

A total of 3,340 Lake Sturgeon have been tagged and released in the St. Clair River and Lake St. Clair since 1996.

To date, 825 tagged Lake Sturgeon have been recaptured with survey gear or reported by fishermen. Sport anglers have reported 260 recoveries, most from the North Channel of the St. Clair River.

Forage fish community

Recent declines of shiner species in our spring and fall trawling continued. We captured 27 Spottail Shiners per hectare, down from 55 per hectare last year and well below the long term mean. Rainbow Smelt at 106 per hectare were the most common forage sized fish captured during spring trawls. During our fall trawl survey Spottail Shiner improved to 79 per hectare, and Trout-Perch at 31 per hectare trawled were the most common forage species captured.

Brook Silversides were the most frequently captured forage sized fish during our fall nearshore electrofishing survey, though this value was down slightly from. Other key forage species captured included Emerald Shiners, Spottail Shiners, and Mimic Shiners. While still a new survey, the nearshore electrofishing survey provides important additional insight into the lakes forage fish community, which can in time be compared to our traditional trawl surveys to provide a more complete picture of the status and trends of Lake St. Clair forage species and their potential availability to sportfish.

Commercial Fishery Summary

No state regulated commercial fishery exists in the Michigan waters of the St. Clair River or Lake St. Clair.

The Future of Fishing

I'll admit it, I'm a voyeur or sorts. I have a habit of speeding up or slowing down when I see a nice fishing boat being trailered on the highway. Something inside me makes me want to check it out. I was driving through New Baltimore on my way to Algonac last weekend. Out of the corner of my eye, I caught a couple rigs in a parking lot. I couldn't resist the temptation; it was pure instinct. Traffic was light. I made a quick right at the first street. Then I caught another break. There were no cars in the alley, so I used it to head back about a block and a half. I got there just as these fishermen were walking out of the store with some crawlers and a couple Faygo's. "Are you guys heading out, or just getting back" I asked? "We're on our way out" he said from behind a big grin. I was Immediately struck that this kid likes fishing as much as I do. "Where are you fishing?" "Just at the end of this block" the other replied. I confessed I spotted their rigs from the road and doubled back to check 'em out. They were just as eager to talk bikes, as they were willing to share their honey hole. My mind drifted off to a sign a buddy hangs in his Algonac workshop. It reads, Boys that grow up hunting and fishing, don't mug old ladies. It was a holiday and they didn't have school, so why not fish? This was a chance encounter yielding a glimpse into the future, and the past. It reminded me about growing up. I would meet buddies at the neighborhood pond after school. It also provided a window to the future. As stewards of our natural resources, we are committed to protecting and promoting recreational fishing. If you wonder who will take the reins after we're gone? It might have been these two. I fret about kids these days. I know too many who are glued to video screens. It was good to see a couple young guys looking forward to fishing on their day off. I was impressed.



Manistee River Outing Results

Bob Paradise

Our 2019 fish-off against the Metro Steelheaders was a great success. We had 15 DAS members show up for some early season action. The weather was perfect to kick off the river fishing season. The fishing started out with James Anderson hooking the first fish. The action below the dam was hot. It seemed like someone had a fish on about every five minutes. Beads and flie seemed to be the ticket. I casted all morning with fresh spawn and Wigglers and didn't hook up on a single fish. At 2:00PM I switched over to beads and had two hook ups in the next hour.



Everyone met at Traks Bar in Brethren for the weigh in. Gaspare Aragona took first place with two fish. He was followed by Roger Paradise, Robbie Abdalla, and James Anderson who all weighed two each. Steve Pruitt and Bob Paradise both weighed one fish. Despite having ten fish to weigh, it wasn't enough to hold off the Adam Trenz's Metro West Anglers. DAS weighed 10 fish for 68 pounds. Metro West's fish totaled just over 116 pounds. The Big fish money went to Chris Omer of the Metro West Club with his 16.3 pound Stealie. Congratulations to the Metro West Club. They have held the traveling trophy three years running. After weighing fish we took both groups inside for dinner and drinks. Thanks to Peggy the proprietor at Traks for



2019 ST. JOSEPH TOURNAMENT

WHEN: Saturday May 4, 2019
 WHERE: West Basin Marina
 SKIPPERS MEETING: 5:30 a.m.
 TOURNAMENT START: 6:30 a.m.
 FISH CALLS: Channel 729:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
 PULL LINES: 1:30 p.m. WEIGH-IN: 2:30 p.m. (must be in line by) West Basin Marina
 PORT CAPTAIN: Brett Mauk(Fish the F On) 269-317-5802 Cell
 TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS: Bob Feisel (Vicki's Seacret) 248-765-2504 Cell
 Bob Ksionzek (Last Dime) 586-531-9198 Cell

REMINDERS: Lake Trout-Size 15" minimum, Creel 3. You must call (channel 72), the Port Captain or Tournament Director when you return to port at the end of the tournament. Also, you must call if you return to port at any time during the tournament or return to the water.

2019 Grand Haven 2 Day Tournament

WHEN: Saturday, May 18, 2019 & Sunday, May 19, 2019
 WHERE: Municipal Marina
 SKIPPERS MEETING: 5:00 AM (no skippers meeting on Sunday)
 TOURNAMENT START: 6:00 AM
 FISH CALLS SATURDAY: Channel 72 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
 FISH CALLS SUNDAY: Channel 72 9:00 AM Sunday PULL LINES: 1:00 AM Saturday, 11:00 AM Sunday WEIGH-IN: 2:00 PM, Saturday, 12:00 PM Sunday (must be in line by) At the Municipal Marina
 PORT CAPTAIN: Dan Chisholm (Channing) 586-530-9171 Cell
 TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS: Bob Feisel (Vicki's Seacret) 248-765-2504
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REMINDERS: Lake Trout-Size 15" minimum, Creel 3. You must call (channel 72), the Port Captain or Tournament Director when you return to port at the end of the tournament. Also, you must call if you return to port at any time during the tournament or return to the water.

Ausable River Report



Our club members traveled to Oscoda Michigan to fish for steelhead April 13th in the Ausable River. The outing was a great success. Waters between the Foote Dam and Lake Huron were open for this event. Water levels were up and clarity was good for the 19 guys, and one lady that fished. Although only five steelhead were caught, we had a number of fish on that managed to get away.

After meeting at the Ausable River store for bait and local fishing reports, we headed out for a 6:00 AM start. The owner was kind enough to open up at 5:00 AM for us. Most fisherman worked the waters near the dam using spawn, beads, and flies. The Foote Dam access area has been recently improved. From the adjacent parking area new steps, a ramp, and three separate overlooks, make this area handicap accessible. Most the river access points are only ten minutes from town.

The weather was brisk and windy, but the guys didn't care. It

was a great day to fish. The weigh-in was held back at the Ausable River Store near town. The five fish that made it to the scales weighed between one to six pounds. Mark Wyrick's two fish were good enough to earn a first place finish in our Angler of the Year competition. Gaspare Aragona had the big fish prize and second place. Steve Prout finished in third place, and Bob Paradise locked up fourth place points.

After the weigh-in we all went to Wiltse's Brew and Restaurant for a nice lunch of pulled pork, baked beans, and coleslaw. Thanks to Gary Gross for organizing a great event.



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DAS members qualify for reduced membership and Towing services. Basic membership is available to DAS members for only \$15 and covers the first \$50 of tow or roadside assistance. If you are interested BOAT US member benefits call their membership desk at 800 395-2628 with our **DAS Group# GA27508**. Several different levels of service are available.

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Chef's Table**Algonac Cheesy Potatoes**

Guest Chef, Don Mikros

1 (30 ounce) package Hash Brown Potatoes (Thawed)
 10.5 ounce can condensed cream of chicken soup
 8oz cups sour cream
 4oz milk
 1 teaspoon salt
 1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
 1T Garlic Powder
 2 cups shredded Cheddar cheese
 1/2 cup parmesan cheese
 1/3 cup chopped Vidalia onions
 2 cups crushed Cheddar potato chip
 1/4 cup butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Coat 13x9 baking dish with nonstick cooking spray.

In a large bowl, whisk together soup, sour cream, milk, garlic pwd, salt and pepper. Stir in cheese, onion, hash browns and butter until well mixed. Spoon evenly into greased baking dish.

Sprinkle Potato chips evenly on top of hash brown mixture.

Bake covered for 60 minutes, or until hot and bubbly. Allow to rest for 5 minutes before serving

**Algonac Outing And Fish Fry****This Saturday April 27****What: ALGONAC WALLEYE OUTING & FISH FRY**

A fun morning fishing on the St. Clair River, followed by Weigh-in and fish fry at Tom and Diann Gorguze's Algonac cottage. DAS members can count their results towards 2019 AOTY scores. Best five walleyes by weight. Guests are welcome. Entry is \$10 per person and includes \$5 towards Big fish pool.

When: Saturday, April 27th

The captains meeting will be held 5:30 AM at the North Channel DNR launch (across from the Kroger). After a brief meeting, boats can hit the river. Fishing starts at 6:00AM and concludes at 11:00 AM. You may launch beforehand. Coolers must be in line at the weigh-in by 12:30 PM. Fish Fry 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

Where: NORTH CHANNEL DNR RAMP

The DNR Ramp is located at 2635 Pointe Tremble Rd, Algonac, MI 48001
 It is located roughly 18 miles north of the 23 Mile Road (exit #243) on I-94.
 Weigh-in and fish fry location is 2815 Pointe Tremble.

Bait shops near Algonac:

Brian's Bait-Next to the Fair Haven Ramp,
 Master Bait-behind the Sunoco Station (just after the Colony Tower and St. Johns Marsh), Minnich's (just north of town next to Snoopy's Bar).
 Rec Gas is available at the Citco station next to the Sunoco. You don't need a big boat to fish the St. Clair River. In fact, you don't even need a boat. The St. Clair River also offers numerous locations to fish from the shore. This outing has evolved into a club favorite. Last year was a banner year for walleye in the St. Clair River, and the outlook remains good for the future. Vertical jigging is a favorite technique for early spring eyes. Use your trolling motor to correct for the wind and drift with the current. In addition to walleye there is a migrating population of Atlantic Salmon moving through the area this time of year. Locals target Atlantics 10' to 20' down near Decker's Landing. However only Walleye can be weighed at the scales. To stay in compliance with new trailer boat regulations, be certain to empty all boat drains, and remove any vegetation from your boat and trailers before leaving the ramp. If you would like to attend this event, or have questions, please contact **Tom Gorguze 248 343-8397**. If you are looking for a ride, or have room for an extra angler, let Tom know.
 Perch and Walleye donations from your winter catch are welcome.

Captain Hunter Engle, Best Chance Too**April Guest Speaker**

Hunter Engel from Best Chance Too Charters will be our featured guest speaker for the April membership meeting. Just in time for the first two SOTY Boat trolling Tournaments in St. Joe on May 4, and Grand Haven on May 18 & 19.

Captain Hunter is no stranger to Lake Michigan or the outdoors. He started fishing early in life with his father Dave on the Best Chance. Hunter spent many years fishing with Dave and Bill Bale in fishing tournaments and fishing charters. Acquiring his captains license at age 16 to run the local ferry boat for the city of Saugatuck. After Fishing for his uncle Bob, Bill, and Dave, he has now bought the original Best Chance and is running the boat to carry on the family tradition as a fisherman. Hunter is based out of Saugatuk, Michigan which is halfway between St. Joe and Grand Haven, and will have some great tips on fishing southern Lake Michigan. Don't miss it!



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2019 AOTY Leaderboard

Date	1/19/2019	2/4/2019	3/30/2019	4/13/2019	4/27/2019	6/15/2019	7/6/2019	9/14/2019	9/28/2019	10/26/19	11/2/2019	12/7/2019	
Member	Mitchell's Bay	Bay City Saginaw	Steelhead Challenge	Oscoda Ausable	Algonac Walleye	St. Clair River	Linwood Beach	Sterling State Park	Platte River	Big Tom	Lakeshore Motel	Caseville Lake Trout	Best 2
Gaspere Aragona	2	5	1	2									3
Bob Paradise	1	3	6	4									4
James Anderson	50	1	4	25									5
Steve Prout	50	50	5	3									8
Blaise Pewinski	4	6	50	25									10
Mark Wyrick	50	50	25	1									26
Rabih Abdallah	50	50	3	25									28
Tom Gorguze	5	25	25	25									30
Dan Chisholm	6	25	50	25									31

Upcoming 2019 DAS Key Dates

Sat April 27, 2019	Algonac Outing
Tue April 30, 2019	General Membership Meeting
Sat May 4, 2019	St Joe Tournament
Tue May 14, 2019	Board Of Directors Meeting
Sat May 18, 2019	Grand Haven Tournament
Tue May 28, 2019	General Membership Meeting

2019 March Membership Meeting Facts

<u>Attendance:</u>	56
<u>Featured Guest:</u>	Chris Patterson
<u>Featured Presentations:</u>	Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources
<u>50/50 Raffle Winner:</u>	\$140 Bob Feisel
<u>Every Member Draw:</u>	Mark Luff (not present)