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## July Membership Meeting

- **When:** Tuesday, July 30, 2019 7:30pm
- **Where:** American Polish Cultural Center NW corner, 15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- **Featuring** Captain Tom Curtis—Lk. St. Clair Guide
- **Other Happenings:**
  - Upcoming Angler of the Year Outings,
  - SOTY Tournaments
  - Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Raffle,
  - Every Member Drawing,
- **DAS On the web-** [www.detroitsteelheaders.com](http://www.detroitsteelheaders.com) Post to the message board and check out the entire site.

## Steelheaders Returning to Lake Ontario by Bob Ksionzek

After a few years absence, the Detroit Area Steelheaders are returning to Olcott, NY for a SOTY Boat Trolling tournament on Saturday, August 10, 2019. This Lake Ontario port can produce both good numbers and good quality of Chinook salmon. Last summer the fishing here was nothing short of fantastic and we're hoping to find it similar for this year's tournament.

For those who may think this trip is too long of a drive, it's really about the same as going to Manistee. The shortest distance to Olcott is via the Blue Water Bridge through Ontario. However, this does require either a passport or Michigan Enhanced Drivers license. You should also review the New York State fishing regulations and will need to purchase a New York non-Resident fishing license. There is a link to this website on the DAS website SOTY Tournament page under the Olcott tournament..

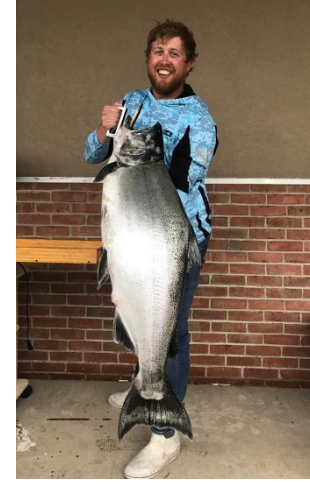
You can get a 1-day or 7-day non-resident fishing license or even an annual if you wish. This is my understanding on possession limits. You are allowed one daily limit per person. You may possess an additional 2 days limits providing those fish are processed. Processed is any canned, smoked or frozen fish. The skins must be on all fillets for identification purposes. Make sure you understand the New York fishing regulations and possession limits before returning home. Should you be questioned at the border crossings, there should be no issues if everyone in the vehicle possesses a valid New York fishing license.

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## The Stars Align for the Fish of a Lifetime



Kaden Phelps was looking forward to fishing the 2019 Ludington Offshore Classic fishing tournament, but the recently licensed Captain wasn't successful getting his regular fishing buddies to sign up and fish this year's tournament as a pro. Rather than totally miss the action all together, Kaden decided he would be an observer for one of the pro teams.

At the Captains Meeting Kaden was assigned to be an observer aboard My Tyme. The boat is owned by Bill Dodrill and based out of Michigan City Indiana. It was last years defending champ and was captained by Carl 'Fuzzy Bear' Stopczynski. As luck would have it, Kaden was in the right place at the right time when a 400' Copper pulling a meat rig started screaming. Captain Carl grabbed the rod from the holder and handed it off to Kaden, letting his young observer reel one in. What captain Carl didn't know at the time was that fish would end up being the largest fish caught during the tournament. At 37.35 pounds it was also the largest Chinook that Kaden has ever caught.

A total of eight boats weighed fish over 30 pounds at the two-day event. Southerly winds proceeding the tournament brought the big fish into the area. We'll find out if they stayed in the area and waited for our DAS boats to get a shot at them in Manistee.





# Detroit Area Steelheaders

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## NEW MEMBER

**MARK EICKHOLDT**



This spring your Detroit Area Steelheaders donated a fish scale to the city of Manistee for use at their public fish cleaning station. We presented the scale to DPW Manager Jeff Mikula. Jeff had the sturdy mounting bracket fabricated and hung on the block structure. The scale is accurate to 40 pounds. Several years ago the city updated the fish cleaning facility. The modern station provides all the features big lake fisherman might want. The scale is nice compliment to a great facility.



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### Skipper of the Year Standings 2019

7/17/19

Best 3

Boat Name	Skipper Name	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Ludington	Manistee	Olcott NY	Rogers City	Total Points	Best 6	Best 7	Best 8
1 Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	6	5	3	2	75	75	75	10	90	165	240
2 Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	3	1	50	6	75	75	75	10	135	210	285
3 Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	4	2	75	4	75	75	75	10	160	235	310
4 Moonshot	Brad Walton	75	4	1	7	75	75	75	12	162	237	312
5 Channing	Dan Chisholm	6	3	75	75	75	75	75	84	234	309	384
6 Lake Buzzard IV	Fred Chartier	75	50	75	1	75	75	75	126	276	351	426
7 Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	50	75	2	75	75	75	75	127	277	352	427
8 Fish the F On	Brett Mauk	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	151	301	376	451
9 Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	152	302	377	452
10 Limitless	Mark Paradise	75	75	75	2	75	75	75	152	302	377	452
11 Just Wastin' Time	Don Jasman	75	75	4	75	75	75	75	154	304	379	454
12 Starfire	Jason Sherrill	75	75	75	5	75	75	75	155	305	380	455



**NOTE:**  
BEST 6 SCORES WILL DETERMINE  
SOTY AT SEASON'S END. OFFICIAL  
1st TIE BREAKER IS BEST 6  
SCORES. CURRENT STANDINGS  
ARE SORTED AS SUCH.

Number Caught	No. of Boats	St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Ludington	Manistee	Olcott NY	Rogers City	Total For Year
		Kings	4	6	1	4	0	0	0
Cohos	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Lake Trout	14	4	10	16	0	0	0	44	
Steelhead	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	
Browns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Atlantics	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Pinks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>62</b>	

Largest Fish of the Year			
Species	Wgt. (lbs.)	Boat Name	Port
King	20.40	Channing	Grand Haven
Coho	2.25	Fish the F On	St. Joe
Lake Trout	15.45	Moonshot	Harbor Beach
Steelhead	5.25	Moonshot	Harbor Beach
Brown	0.00		
Atlantic	0.00		
Pink	0.00		

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- Outing & Tournament Special— \$20** Membership Application
- New Member - \$35 Yearly                       Renewal - \$35 Yearly
- Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly                 Address Change only
- Junior (under 16) - \$20 Yearly (Electronic Newsletter)                      Amt. Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

NAME		DATE
ADDRESS		
CITY, STATE, ZIP		HOME PHONE
		CELL PHONE
BOAT NAME		E-MAIL ADDRESS

**August Speaker is Lake St Clair Charter Captain Tom Curtis**

Captain Tom Curtis runs a 27-foot SportCraft on Lake St. Clair from Anglers Pointe. He has over 25 years' experience following the fish around the lake. He knows the seasonal hot spots and proven methods that have worked for generations.



Whether it's fishing with night-crawler harnesses, spot-tail minnows, or muskie baits, he knows where the fish are biting, and the right baits to get limits. Captain Tom says "There is nothing I love more than watching kids with their first big fish!" in addition to limit catches, he's known for his great patience, and loves to teach kids how to fish.

Whenever he's fishing, everyone on board helps out, from baiting lines and running the trolling motor to netting fish. His goal is to assist customers in filling the boat with their daily limits. In the fall Tom sets his sights on perch and is a popular waterfowl guide.

**\$150 1st Place Prize for Olcott and Rogers City tournaments!!**

To stimulate more participation, and give the trolling tournaments a kick in the you know what, the Board of Directors has approved \$150 Cash 1st place prizes for the Olcott and Rogers City tournaments. These are the last two trolling tournaments of the season, and both these ports are known for producing large fish. A little prize money is just one more reason to participate.

We visit Olcott on Saturday, August 10, and Rogers City on Saturday, August 24. Entry fees for those tournaments remain a very affordable \$20 per boat. If you haven't done very well so far this season and figured your chance at winning the Skipper of the Year was slim, a little prize money is a great reason to participate in these events. Why would you pass up a chance to win \$150? We hope on seeing all member skippers at both of these tournaments.

NO EXCUSES! :)

Bob Ksionzek  
Co-Tournament Director

**Sebewaing Outing Results**

The Sebewaing Angler Outing was not one of our best outings as far as turnout is concerned. Thirteen anglers competed out of five boats. The good news is we had really good weather and everyone caught fish.

Pre-fishing on Friday was a little dicey because there were storm cells on the Bay one after another. However, all of them were tracking North so it was fishable. Channing got out for a couple of hours on Friday but when I heard a rumble of thunder we pulled lines immediately and headed in with only one Walleye kept and several farm animal throwbacks.

On Saturday morning the weather was just about perfect and everyone got out on time. Most of us started with night-crawler harnesses on bottom bouncers but other methods were used as well. Finding the Walleye and staying on them was the plan. Those who did that came in with the best catch.

By noon the wind started to pick up noticeably and several of us headed for port. Those who waited a while ended up with a wet bumpy ride in but it never got to where it was dangerous as long as you were back in by 1 pm. Biggest fish contest was won by Brad Walton with a 2.6 LB Walleye good for \$65.

Best four walleye by total weight:

- |                          |                          |                       |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Fred Chartier (8.85#) | 2. Brad Walton (8.4#)    | 3. Mark Wyrick (7.3#) |
| 4. Del Tanner (7.1#)     | 5. Steve Johnston (6.5#) | 6. Anna Kulpa (5.1#)  |



**Olcott Continued**

As far as the fishing goes, there are a couple of very useful websites that you should checkout: <https://www.lakeontariounited.com/fishing-hunting/> & <http://www.olcottfishing.com/>. You can find a lot of information about Olcott and Western Lake Ontario fishing. Look over these websites to get a better understanding of fishing this area. Talk to some charter boat captains once you arrive in Olcott. They can provide some great information. Of course, talk to your fellow DAS members.

The Town of Newfane Marina in Olcott will be our headquarters for this event. Be sure to make your reservations by calling (716) 778-5462. Dockage is \$1.25 per foot per night. Launch fee is \$8.00. Sleeping on your boat is no problem, however sleeping in vehicles in the parking lot is discouraged. Check out: <http://www.olcott-newfane.com/> for accommodations, restaurants and other information about the Olcott-Newfane area.

This tournament should be an out of the ordinary experience and should make for a great road trip. It will give our skippers and crews a chance to explore a new area and should be a good time. Again, there are links to all the websites mentioned above on our DAS website SOTY Tournaments page under the Olcott tournament. We are hoping to have a good turnout to make this a successful event. For more information, you can call me at 586-531-9198.

# Ludington Tournament Results

By the sounds of it we were a week early for Ludington this year. The captains opted to try an earlier schedule this year for Ludington and Manistee based on the results of the last few years. The Bobby's Toy crew arrived Thursday evening to stiff North winds which often cools the waters significantly at the point. Our plan of attack was to fish South on Friday.

The Friday pre-fish ended up being a lake trout fest, as the kings were nowhere to be found but we did manage a nice box of Lakers with the biggest coming in at fourteen or so pounds. The action was slow but steady with hooking up approx. once an hour. The seas were calm, the skies were clear, all in all a beautiful day on the water.

Every time I looked at the marine forecast it seemed to worsen. The week previous told of clear skies, light winds and seas of a foot or less. Saturday did not quite pan out that was as we were greeted with two to three foot waves and a steady southwest breeze.

At the 5:00 AM captains meeting spirits were high and all were anxious to wet a line. There were some new faces as well as the familiar; Hard Top & Tails, Lake Buzzard, Moonshot, Vicki's Seacret and of course Bobby's Toy. Two new boats came, Limitless which was crewed by Bob Paradise fishing on his son Mark's boat. Then there was another new boat, Starfire captained by Jason Scherrill. Tom G, Mr. Hospitality, and captain of the famous Bad Dog fishing team, crewed with Starfire. Seven boats total and all anted up their twenty dollars for the big fish pool.

The first fish call confirmed the fishing that we were experiencing on the Bobby's Toy as only four boats had fish. Bobby's Toy, Hard Top & Tails, Lake Buzzard and Limitless all had one fish at the 9:00 AM fish call. And the fish on Bobby's Toy barely qualified for the club minimum nineteen inch size limit. Moonshot, Vicki's Seacret and Starfire were still looking for the fish.

The 11:00 AM fish call showed a little change with two boats improving their catches to three fish and one improved by one, but Bobby's Toy was still on one and the three boats with no fish were still looking. The good news was the seas had calmed down to a nice one foot chop.

At 11:36 the Bobby's Toy crew were awakened by a dipsey rod that looked like it might have a fish on it. This was always obvious as we were banging the bottom with the wire diver rod to stir up the Lakers. Todd pulled the rod out of the holder and said it was fish on as he felt some head shake on the rod. After an epic five minuet battle we final boated the almost eight pound Laker; not a record breaker but at least a respectable fish. The rod was reset and no sooner did it start hitting bottom, it was fish on again. This time the pull and rod action was more significant signaling a nice fish was on the business end of the line. Todd once again was the first to the rod! Rod let Todd know that the reputation of Bobby's Toy was on the line here, no pressure, just be sure not to let this one go.

We pulled lines around 12:30 as we wanted to get back to port a little earlier to set up the luncheon as I was port captain. We called the tournament at 1:00PM just as we were entering the pier heads. Todd stayed on the boat checking all the boats in as they arrived. One boat did not report-Starfire, which was a new captain and was reminded at the luncheon that all boats must report as this is a safety issue.

There was a wedding? Going on at the Municipal Marina picnic area pavilion so a new location had to be found. The pavilion at Harbor View Marina was available, so I dropped off Rod with the coolers and tubs to set up while I went to Subway to pick up lunch.

The Subway lunch seemed to be well received as we had a variety of six inch subs and wraps along with good selection of Subway cookies and Better Maid Chips. We had few guest as some of the participants brought additional family with them to Ludington as this is such a family friendly town. Bob Fiesel also invited two students from the MSU fisheries program to lunch as well. The students where there to collect the stomachs of the fish that we caught for latter study to better determine the eating habits of the fish in Lake Michigan. Sounds interesting.

We also had another guest, Mr. Dennis Eade, president of the Michigan Steelheaders. He was there to solicit fish donations for a dinner he was hosting for state political officials for awareness of the fish programs of the Great Lakes. Rod Elnick couldn't get rid of our lake trout fast enough as he was very excited about feeding the elected officials lake trout as only two salmon were weighed in.

The good news at the weigh in is that all boats ended up catching fish. Much like our day, fish were caught latter in the day by all as the final results differed greatly from the 11:00AM fish call. Bob Fiesel had two of his grandsons fishing with him, the youngest landed his first fish, a 17# King! Hopefully Bob will have a new fishing partner for life! Everyone congratulated the young man and grandpa couldn't have been prouder, it was a great Detroit Area Steelheaders moment for all.

Two kings were caught, the 17# on Vicki's Seacret and a 20# on the

Ludington Standings 7/13/2019														
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	# of Fish Weighed	Catch by Species & Weight				Best 5 Total Wgt.	Best 5 Total Pts.	Disqualification Code	Points Deducted	Total Points	Place	
1	Lake Buzzard IV	Fred Chartier	5	K 13.10	L 12.85	L 10.70	L 3.60	L 3.20	43.45	68.45	NONE	0.00	68.45	1
2	Bobby's Toy	Bob Jones	3	L 13.85	L 6.90	L 1.90	-----	-----	22.65	37.65	NONE	0.00	37.65	2
2	Limitless	Mark Paradise	3	L 8.15	L 7.55	K 6.95	-----	-----	22.65	37.65	NONE	0.00	37.65	2
4	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	4	L 7.80	L 3.05	L 2.85	L 2.60	-----	16.30	36.30	NONE	0.00	36.30	4
6	Starfire	Jason Sherrill	2	K 19.55	L 6.70	-----	-----	-----	26.25	36.25	NONE	0.00	36.25	6
6	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Fiesel	1	K 17.40	-----	-----	-----	-----	17.40	22.40	NONE	0.00	22.40	6
7	Moonshot	Brad Walton	1	L 6.80	-----	-----	-----	-----	6.80	11.80	NONE	0.00	11.80	7

L A R G E S T	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught	7 Total Boats	
	Starfire	Salmon	0.00	0		
	Starfire	Pool Salmon	19.55	1		\$70
	Starfire	King	19.55	4		
	Starfire	Pool King	19.55	0		
		Coho	0.00	0		
		Pool Coho	0.00	0		
	Bobby's Toy	Lake Trout	13.85	16		
	Bobby's Toy	Pool LT	13.85	1		\$35
		Steelhead	0.00	0		
Lake Buzzard IV	Pool Steelhead	0.00	1	\$35		
	Brown	0.00	0			
	Atlantic	0.00	0			
	Pool Atlantic	0.00	0			
	Pink	0.00	0			
	Pool Pink	0.00	0			
	<b>Total</b>		<b>20</b>			

Disqualification Code LEGEND	
LTSM	= Late To Skipper's Mtg.
LTM	= Late To Weigh-in
1NFC	= No Answer 1 Fish Call
2NFC	= No Answer 2 Fish Calls
UCC	= Unauthorized Crew Chg.
DD	= Disqualified

Starfire, which was good for seventy dollars on the big fish pool.

There were no other silver fish weighed as the rest were all Lake Trout. A couple of boats weighed in some nice Lake Trout but none nicer than the last fish of the day for Bobby's Toy and their impressive 13.85# Laker which was good for big lake trout and \$35.00 of the big fish pool.

There was no Steelhead caught, so a chip was drawn by placement on the fish call log, and of course our beloved Captain of the Lake Buzzard, Fred Chartier won the steelhead pool for \$35.00. Fred also on the tournament with a finish of six Lake Trout! They were one of the boats with three fish at the 11:00 fish call and managed to pull in another three fish by the end of the tournament. Lake Buzzard ran away with it and had almost twice as many points as the nearest boat, Bobby's Toy with their three fish catch and Hard Top and Tails with their four fish box which equaled Bobby's Toy catch to tie for second place. Starfire finished fourth, Vicki's Seacret fifth, and Brad Walton's Moonshot finished sixth.

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### Ludington Results



Some of the boats stuck around and fished Sunday morning. We were greeted with flat seas, warm temps and sunny skies. Bobby's Toy brought in their best fish of the 2019 season; a 21# bright silver king that hit a meat rig on a braid diver set 210 back on a 2 setting. All of our fish for the entire three days came on divers with the exception of a silver shipper that smacked a spoon on a three color lead core that was almost as big as he was. After the report from the Ludington Classic this past weekend, it sounds like we were a week early as there were nine fish weighed for big fish that went over thirty pounds with the biggest being 37.3#'s! There were 29 fish weighed that were over 25#'s! I am really looking forward to Manistee this weekend.  
 Bob Jones-Bobby's Toy



#### 2019 OLCOTT NY TOURNAMENT

**WHEN:** Saturday August 10, 2019  
**WHERE:** Olcott, New York

**SKIPPERS MTG:** 5:00AM Town of Newfane Marina  
**TOURNAMENT START:** 6:00AM  
**FISH CALLS:** Channel 72 9:00AM and noon  
**PULL LINES:** 2:00PM  
**WEIGH-IN:** 3:00PM (must be in line by) Pavilion at Town of Newfane Marina

**PORT CAPTAIN:**  
 Jim Zanke (Hardtop 'N Tails) 586-489-2041 Cell  
**TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:**  
 Bob Feisel (Vicki's Seacret) 248-765-2504 Cell  
 Bob Ksionzek (Last Dime) 586-531-9198 Cell

**REMINDERS:** Passport or Michigan Enhanced Driver's License required to drive thru Ontario, Canada. New York Fishing License required.  
**Please See NY State Fishing Regulations at:**  
[www.eregulations.com/newyork/fishing/great-lakes-tributary-regulations/](http://www.eregulations.com/newyork/fishing/great-lakes-tributary-regulations/)

**Creel Limit:**  
 Possession Limit: 1 Day Creel limit . Skins must remain on all filets for species identification for transport

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 ROGERS CITY TOURNAMENT

**WHEN:** Saturday August 24, 2018  
**WHERE:** Rogers City Marina

**SKIPPERS MTG:** 5:30AM Lakeside Park Pavillion across parking lot from boat launch  
**TOURNAMENT START:** 6:30AM  
**FISH CALLS:** Channel 72 9:30AM and 11:30AM  
**PULL LINES:** 1:30PM  
**WEIGH-IN:** 2:30PM (must be in line by) Band Shell Park next to Cleaning Station

**PORT CAPTAIN:**  
 Ken Cione (Trapshooter) 248-227-1601 Cell  
**TOURNAMENT DIRECTORS:**  
 Bob Feisel (Vicki's Seacret) 248-765-2504 Cell  
 Bob Ksionzek (Last Dime) 586-531-9198 Cell

**REMINDERS:** Lake Trout – 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.



#### JUNE SPEAKER'S EL-LIN Charters

Thank you to our June speakers, Captains Bob Mitchell and Dave Even from EL-LIN Charters, in Ludington, Michigan. The timing was perfect. We are grateful for having the two seasoned skippers make a great presentation at our June meeting. Bob and Dave are both lifetime DAS members. They learned their chops fishing our club tournaments. Both have



been Skipper's of the year, and continue to help our members be productive on the big lake. In addition to sharing some of their stealth tactics, they also pinpointed some of the fishing hot spots around Ludington. Their presentation was not only timely, but also well received by everyone present.

