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## Manistee Tournament Results

Thursday morning, I headed to Manistee with Don Mikros hoping we might be able to land a 30 pounder over the next few days, and the marine forecast might be wrong. There was four to six-foot seas when we arrived, and we decided to wait until the evening in hopes the lake would calm down. When we cleared the pier heads around 6:30PM, the lake was still bumpy. Don said, "Let's do it." We busted through the waves getting beat up along the way and set lines in 180' of water, working back in. When we got into 90' the 300 copper went off and we landed a 12lb King. That was it for the night. We tried around the pier heads and up the river for a bit, but no luck.



Bob Paradise invited us to fish with him Friday, so we left Bob's place a little after 5AM. The lake had laid down quite a bit. We had on 4 or 5 fish early, but the fish would not stay hooked up. Even though we did not land any fish, it was a real pleasure to fish on the Almost Paradise. Thanks for inviting us Bob.

On Tournament Day nine boats showed up and we set lines in 75'. At 6AM, we set up in 130' and lost our first two fish on a wire dippy. Then we landed a nice king off the rigger 70' down, followed by another king off the same wire dippy 150 back. Almost Paradise had three fish at the 9AM fish call, followed by Vicki's Seacret, Sea Hag and Blue Horizon all with two. Wonder, Equalizer, and HardTop & Tails all had one. Limitless and Randy Lil were still looking for their first fish. At the 11AM fish call Almost Paradise, Vicki's Seacret, and Blue Horizon all had three fish. Wonder, Equalizer and Sea Hag had two fish. Hard-Top & Tails had one. Limitless and Randy Lil still waiting to land their first fish.

The Tournament ended at 1PM, and the weigh in was 2:30PM at the Lion Park shelters. Blue Horizon finished in 1<sup>st</sup> place, followed by Vicki's Seacret in 2<sup>nd</sup>, Almost Paradise 3<sup>rd</sup>, Equalizer 4<sup>th</sup> (and also won \$90 for a 25.55lb King), Wonder 5<sup>th</sup> place, Sea Hag 6<sup>th</sup> place (winning \$45 for big Lake Trout), 7<sup>th</sup> place HardTop & Tails, 8<sup>th</sup> place Randy Lil and 9<sup>th</sup> place was Limitless (winning \$45 for big Steelhead). Don Mikros took care of ordering a luncheon for everyone with Baked Chicken, a cheesy broccoli & rice casserole, salad, rolls, cookies and assorted drinks. A big thank you to big Don for providing a great lunch and being my crew.

Manistee Standings 9/22/2020											
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	Fishermen	Catch by Species & Weight	Spool 1 Total Wgt	Spool 2 Total Wgt	Species Code	Points	Total Points	Total Wgt	Place
1	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	4	K 21.80 K 18.80 K 9.95 C 8.30	58.85	78.85	NONE	0.00	78.85	1	1
2	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Paradise	3	K 21.85 K 20.25 K 18.15	80.20	75.20	NONE	0.00	75.20	2	2
3	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	3	K 24.90 K 17.55 K 13.70	55.75	70.75	NONE	0.00	70.75	3	3
4	Equalizer	Nathan Case	3	K 25.55 K 18.13 C 5.50	49.20	64.20	NONE	0.00	64.20	4	4
5	Wonder	Joe Dells	2	K 24.75 K 5.90	30.25	40.25	NONE	0.00	40.25	5	5
6	Sea Hag	Blaise Parnowski	2	K 18.30 L 9.49	27.80	37.80	NONE	0.00	37.80	6	6
7	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	1	K 30.70	20.70	25.70	NONE	0.00	25.70	7	7
8	Randy Lil	Mike Moduzewski	1	K 19.85	19.85	24.85	NONE	0.00	24.85	8	8
9	Limitless	Mark Paradise	1	S 4.10	4.10	9.10	NONE	0.00	9.10	9	9

  

Boat Name	Species	Wgt	Number Caught	Pool Share
LARGEST	Equalizer	Salmon	25.55	
	Equalizer	Pool Salmon	25.55	\$90
	Equalizer	King	25.55	16
	Equalizer	Pool King	25.55	
	Blue Horizon	Coho	8.30	2
	Blue Horizon	Pool Coho	8.30	
	Sea Hag	Lake Trout	9.49	1
	Sea Hag	Pool LT	9.49	
	Limitless	Steelhead	4.10	1
	Limitless	Pool Steelhead	4.10	
	Brown	0.00	0	
	Atlantic	0.00	0	
	Pool Atlantic	0.00		
	Pink	0.00		
	Pool Pink	0.00		
	Total		20	

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For me, the highlight of the tournament was talking with the young Equalizer crew at the weigh in. Based on their smiles and excitement, I am thinking these young men are going to bring the competition to us in the future.

Paul Gjeldum, Blue Horizon

## Join Us At the Tuesday, 29th Membership Meeting

**6:00 PM at the River Bends Park**  
**5700 22 Mile Rd, Shelby Charter Township**

Use the 22 Mile Road entrance between Ryan and Shelby Roads. We'll be at the pavilion towards the back, as you enter the park. As with all gatherings masks and social distancing will be observed.

Speaking will be Roger Hinchcliff. Roger always brings a passion for steelhead fishing that few can match. You won't want to miss this presentation. There will be a 50:50 and tackle raffle, along with the \$50 every member drawing.

***Please note the 6:00PM start time and new location. The September meeting will be held at the Maplevue Pavilion. It's at the far end of the parking lot.***



## Manistee River, Pier & Surf AOTY Outing

### Saturday September 26th

### Fishing 6:00 AM to 1:00 PM

### 2:00 PM Weigh In

\$10 Entry includes Big Fish and lunch. Weigh in at Traks Bar & Grill, 5073 North High Bridge Rd, Brethren, MI 49619 This is a Steelhead and Salmon event. Weigh three fish. All DNR Rules apply. Angler of the year points awarded for current members only. **Call James Anderson at (313) 330-3680 to enter, or if you have any questions.**

If you didn't attend the August meeting, you missed a great event. Thank you to Kelly and Carl Ventimiglia for hosting the first annual DAS family picnic in conjunction with the



meeting. Thank you also to guest speakers James Anderson and Laurie Gamblin for their river fishing presentation. We had approximately 50 people attend. Fred Chartier won \$140 from the 50/50 raffle. There was no Tackle Raffle or Every Member Drawing.

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### An Appeal from MUCC director

By now, most Michiganders know there is an election this November. What voters may not know is that the 2020 election will have a lasting impact on Michigan's natural lands and waterways for generations. That's because of a ballot proposal that would update and expand the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF). The MNRTF plays a key role in protecting our wildlife habitats, maintaining our public lands, and conserving land around our clean water sources. This November, voters will be asked if additional funding should go toward MNRTF projects – to conserve and improve Michigan's great outdoors for all of us to enjoy – without raising our taxes.

That's why we have joined a broad, bipartisan coalition to educate Michiganders about the MNRTF and encourage them to vote YES this November. The campaign is called Vote Yes for MI Water, Wildlife & Parks.

You can help, too.

Check out MIWaterWildlifeParks.com to learn more about the proposal, sign up to volunteer and take the pledge to vote yes. Also, check out a recent Michigan Out-of-Doors article highlighting the MNRTF.

You can also like and follow the campaign on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @VoteYESMI

We'll be following up with more news and resources about the Vote Yes for MI Water, Wildlife & Parks campaign soon, in the meantime be well & enjoy the rest of the summer!

Thank you,

Amy Trotter, Executive Director

### Sterling Perch Outing Results

We had a good turnout of 23 people for the perch outing. The day began with 2-3 foot rollers that made it very slow going at first. We fished the rough water until 11 o'clock, the lake flattened out a bit after that. Not many fish were being caught, so Bob Paradise and I started moving to find fish. Mike Paradise and Jay Gilliam told us there were a large number of boats to the south near the dumping grounds in 20ft of water. We moved there and we started catching fish one right after another, even some doubles. Bob had a little set up with a tiny silver feather which was doing

good. I was frustrated with my perch spread with red bead as it was not producing. I switched to a white bead perch spread and I was catching a lot of fish. We told Blaise and his crew and Tom Gorguze and his crew where we were and they came and caught fish too! Fishing lines were pulled at 1PM so we could back for the 2 o'clock weigh in.

Congratulations to Kurt Nofz for winning Big Fish and First Place in the tournament! Kurt generously donated half of his winnings to the Club. I want to thank everyone for participating. Hope to see you at the next outing on September 26 in Manistee!

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#### Full results Below:

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|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Kurt Nofz       | 4. Brad Walton   | 7. Rob Pinskey     | 10. Ty Voight    | 13. Fred Chartier | 16. Tom Gorguze   |
| 2. Mike Janse      | 5. Mike Paradise | 8. Blaise Pewinski | 11. Dick Shirk   | 14. Chris Nytko   | 17. Cheryl Jasman |
| 3. Gaspere Aragona | 6. Bob Paradise  | 9. Nathon Cassy    | 12. Dan Chisholm | 15. Mitch Wiley   | 18. Mike Jordan   |



### CO's Want Everyone to Play Nice

The abundant amount of Chinook and coho salmon produced in the Betsie and Platte rivers every September – known as “fall fish runs” – draws anglers eager for this unique fishing opportunity in northwest Michigan. Unfortunately, the season also attracts illegal fishing activity and community disruption, and Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officers are working with local property and business owners to correct the situation. Conservation officers are conducting enhanced patrols to reduce the illegal fishing, camping and parking, trespassing, littering and loud and abusive behavior. “Local businesses and communities open their doors and welcome anglers every fall,” said Lt. Joe Molnar, the DNR's district law supervisor who oversees officers in northwest Michigan. “Many people treat the area and fishing resources with care and respect, but those who live and work in these communities are tired of those who continue to snag fish, litter and exhibit poor behavior.” Snagging is an illegal method of catching a fish using hooks, without the fish having taken the bait with its mouth. Read more on page 9 of the 2020 Fishing Guide. Last September, conservation officers worked more than 900 hours and made 3,875 contacts in 14 days patrolling the fall fish runs in northwest Michigan. “Snagging, littering and trespassing are the common violations we see during the fish runs,” Molnar said. “Landowners have gone above and beyond to clearly post their private property but continue to experience trespassers wandering their land to get to the next fishing spot – often leaving a trail of litter.”

Molnar encourages anglers to walk through state-managed public land to avoid trespassing. Protecting the river systems in northwest Michigan is essential for continued success in replenishing the Chinook and coho salmon populations. On Thursday, the Michigan Natural Resource Commission approved new regulations for the Betsie River Homestead Dam in Benzie County to prevent additional erosion, littering and unlawful activities. Anyone found guilty of illegally taking fish may be charged with a misdemeanor, lose their fishing license, serve jail time and face fines and costs. “At least four people served jail time for their unlawful activity during the fall 2019 fish runs,” said Sgt. Dan Bigger, who oversees the DNR's fish run patrols. For more on fall fishing opportunities and resources throughout the state, visit Michigan.gov/Fishing. Anyone who witnesses a natural resources crime or has information about such a crime is encouraged to call or text the DNR's Report All Poaching hotline at 800-292-7800. Tipsters can remain anonymous and may qualify for a cash reward. During 2019, more than \$9,700 was paid to people who provided tips that led to the arrest or conviction of poachers. Michigan conservation officers are fully commissioned state peace officers who provide natural resources protection, ensure recreational safety and protect citizens by providing general law enforcement duties and lifesaving operations in the communities they serve.

Learn more at Michigan.gov/ConservationOfficers.

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**SEPTEMBER 29TH**

# STEELHEAD

**Fishing Seminar**



**ROGER Hinchcliff**

Roger is an outdoor writer, Pro Staffer for many fishing companies, a blogger and runs the popular fishing page called "Steelhead Manifesto". Come join us as Roger will be discussing fishing techniques for steelhead. He is a great educator and his presentation promises to provide some great information for all skill levels for everyone to enjoy.

Join ME & The Detroit Steelheaders for a FREE Fishing Seminar  
This Event is OUTDOORS on Fall Steelhead Fishing  
River Bends Park 5700 22 Mile Rd. Shelby Charter Township, MI 48317  
Starts at 6:30 PM \* OPEN TO THE PUBLIC \* GIVEAWAYS \* FALL Tune Up

Memberships were extended three months to offset the time that club activities were suspended because of the Covid. Your new membership expiration date is printed above your address. Memberships should be current to post scores in the SOTY and AOTY events. After two months have passed, you will be removed from the mailing list. Please take a moment to check your expiration date and renew your membership.

Our October AOTY outing is the Big Tom Memorial on Halloween. This is a Steelhead tournament and this year it will be hosted by Captain Chuck's in Ludington. Bring a friend. New first time members who sign up at a AOTY event can take advantage of the \$20 new member rate.

**COVID 19 ANNOUNCEMENT**  
DAS activities are resuming with modifications to encourage social distancing, and promote safe practices. Face masks are suggested at gatherings, and we should practice good social distancing. We hope to see a good turnout as we emerge from the COVID-19 shutdown. It may be prudent for individuals with special health concerns to continue isolation. Please follow our website, message forums, and Facebook pages for more details on precautions, revised procedures, and event updates.

The September meeting will start 6 PM at the Maplevue pavilion at Riverbends Park in Shelby Twp. The Maplevue pavilion is towards the rear of the Riverbends parking lot. The park closes at dusk, and the early meeting time should allow us to wrap around sunset.