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April 26 Membership Meeting Recap

Our featured speaker for the April 26, 2022 Membership Meeting in Club 54 was Captain Ed Rutherford from Trout Scout Charters. Ed did a masterful job of leading the members through the recent history of Great Lakes Salmon fishing while at the same time offering tips on how successful charter boat captains consistently attain acceptable catches on the Great Lakes. Thank you Ed, for an enjoyable evening.

May 31, 2022 Membership Meeting at Club 54

We are pleased to announce the May member meeting speaker will be Tony Radjovich, President of the Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources (CPMR). Tony is also a Charter Captain of Reeling Leeland Charters.

Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources Mission Statement

The CPMR is serious about protecting sport fishing on the Great Lakes, its tributaries, inland lakes, and waterways. Our mission is to work with the US Government, Tribes, and the State of Michigan as an "Amicus Curiae" in the Federal court case governing Tribal fishing rights in the 1836 Treaty areas. DAS has a serious interest in this topic. Come out and listen.

Results, AuSable River Angler of the Year Outing April 23

James Anderson was the first place winner, good for one AOTY point, with his two Steelhead (9.16# and 8.45#). John Neef earned two AOTY points with his two Steelhead (10.91# and 6.07#). Big fish award went to John Neef with his 10.91# Steelhead while James Anderson took big fish second and third with his 9.16# and 8.45# Steelhead. A total of twelve DAS anglers competed on what started out with a rainy day but turned out to be pretty pleasant overall. The weigh-in was completed with a shore lunch enjoyed by all at the AuSable Inn.

May 7, 2022 AOTY Algonac Walleye Outing and Fish Fry

The bite is on! Join us for a fun morning fishing on the St. Clair River, followed by a weigh-in and fish fry at Tom and Diann Gorguze's Algonac cottage. DAS members can count their results towards AOTY scores. Best five walleyes by weight. Guests are welcome. Entry is \$10 per person for the outing, and \$10 more to participate in the Big Fish pool. The big fish pool is optional and will pay three spots. If you fish in a boat and want to enter the big fish contest, everyone in the boat must be entered in the big fish side bet.

When: This Saturday, May 7th

Fishing starts at 6:00AM and concludes at 1:00PM. You may launch beforehand.

Coolers must be in line at the weigh-in by 1:30 PM. Fish Fry is 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

Where: NORTH CHANNEL DNR RAMP

All boats must start from the North Channel ramp. The DNR Ramp is located at 2635 Pointe Tremble Rd, Algonac, MI 48001 (across from the Kroger). 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:

- Anglers, Next to the Fair Haven Ramp,
- Master Bait, behind the Sunoco Station (just after the Colony Tower),
- Minnich's (just north of town next to Snoopy's Bar).

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. Only Walleye can be weighed at the scales. **If you will be attending this event text Tom Gorguze by Thursday, May 7th.** If you have other questions, please call **Tom Gorguze at 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. Fish going into a shared cooler or live-well, must be marked to identify the owner.

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BOAT NAME	E-MAIL ADDRESS	

May 21/22 Skipper of the Year Grand Haven two day tournament

Grand Haven May 21st & 22nd

Grand Haven is the only two day tournament the Detroit Area Steelheaders have. The two-day tournament is accumulative, so if the fish don't cooperate on Saturday, Sunday affords a second chance. We fish Saturday 6am to 1pm and Sunday from 6am to 11am. Luncheon is served on Saturday only. There are two independent big fish pools, one for Saturday and one for Sunday. The Kings and Coho generally cooperate with good catches! Last year we had seven boats participate.

Grand Haven is an active small town with plenty of restaurants and lodging. Downtown offers some small restaurants and bars. Some chain restaurants are located outside the downtown area. There is a Meijer's on the south end of town. Our mid-May tournament usually coincides with a beachfront kite flying event held there, so it is recommended to reserve rooms early. Airbnb and Vrbo also offer houses to rent in the area. The municipal marina is one of the most up to date facilities. It features floating docks, cleaning station, and modern amenities, including Wi-Fi. Reservations are available on the Michigan DNR website.

We no longer have a 5am Captain's Meeting. **All registration is done online.** The Big Fish pool is a check box on the registration form and is voluntary. Both fees will be collected on Saturday. The registration form can be found at the DAS web site under the SOTY menu. Bob Ksionzek has made this incredibly easy to use. No downloading, just open the form, fill it out, and hit the submit button. **PLEASE REGISTER NO LATER THAN THE THURSDAY BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT.** The earlier, the better. This is not an iron clad contract; you can cancel by phone or email to the port captain or tournament director -Bob Feisel. From a personal perspective, early registration is not only courteous, but gives the port captain a more accurate number for lunch. This is very important to me, as I plan and buy the ingredients for a good , hot lunch ahead of time. Thanks.

Jim Zanke – port captain – Grand Haven

2022 TROLLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PORT</u>	<u>START TIME</u>	<u>PORT CAPTAIN</u>
APRIL 30	ST JOSEPH	6:30	JOE DELISI
MAY 21-22	GRAND HA-	6:00	JIM ZANKE
JUNE 4	PENTWATER	5:30	PAUL GJELDUM
JUNE 18	HARBOR	5:30	JOE VON GRABE
JULY 9	PRESQUE ISLE	5:30	BLAISE PEWINSKI
JULY 23	MANISTEE	6:00	NATHAN CASE
JULY 30	LUDINGTON	6:00	FRED CHARTIER
AUGUST 13	FRANKFORT	6:00	TOM GORGUZE

June 18, 2022 Skipper of the Year Tournament Harbor Beach

Harbor Beach

June 18th the Detroit Area Steelheaders fleet will be fishing out of Harbor Beach. To finish with the top boats in this tournament you'll need to target Lake Trout.

The traditional method of targeting the bigger Lake Trout is to go low and slow. The normal tactic for this is to station a crew member at each corner and constantly adjust the downrigger depths to tap the bottom. You don't want to drag bottom, especially further north toward Port Austin as the shale bottom tends to snag cannon balls. It's always a good idea to have a set of wire cutters handy in case you get hung up. On the riggers, try Spin-N-Glos behind cow bells or a dodger. My favorite setup is a Chartreuse and Lime Spin-n-Glo with white wings behind a Tin Can dodger. Lead length should be about one and a half times the dodger length or about 22". Wire line dipseys run close to bottom also work well.

At our March membership meeting, guest speaker Captain Paul Nienaltowski of Team Mermaid Fishing Charters out of Port Austin talked about the improving Steelhead and Coho fishery in lower Lake Huron. He also mentioned that more recently the Lake Trout can be caught using magnum sized spoons about five feet off of the bottom trolling at speeds around 3 mph. He also runs free sliders to target Steelhead and Cohos. At last year's tournament, there were several Cohos weighed in.

Two years ago, many Pink Salmon were caught and with their two-year life cycle, they should be around this time as well. Although they won't be big enough to count towards your tournament results, they are known to be great table fare. Check your lines often as you could be dragging one without knowing. I always say, "You can't catch a big fish if there's already a little one on your line". Areas to fish are anywhere from 60 - 120 fow either north, south or straight out from the Harbor. My experience has been at this time of the year, the better fishing will be north of the harbor. With the 20 mile radius from pier heads limit, you could fish all the way north off of Light House Park or east of Grindstone City. Last year the best fishing seemed to be off of Port Hope which is about 7 miles north.

We no longer have Skippers Meetings. You need to register online on the DAS website. You can leave the pier heads at any time with the tournament start on the honor system. Setting lines at 5:30 a.m. with fish calls at 9:00 and 11:00. We'll have a roll call about an hour after tournament start to confirm which boats are on the water. Pull lines by 12:30 p.m. with the weigh-in at 1:30 p.m. at the Municipal Marina. The minimum size for Lake Trout is 15 inches with a creel limit of 3. Hope to see you there. Good Luck.

Joe von Grabe
"Sloppy Joe"
586-945-4334

Excerpt from page four of the April 2022 Great Lakes Basin Report**DNR asks anglers to report tagged walleye**

The Michigan DNR will jaw tag 3,000 walleye across multiple Saginaw Bay tributary rivers. As the DNR adds more tagged walleye to Michigan waters, anglers are asked to report tagged fish to assist data collection efforts. Anyone catching a tagged fish is asked to report the following information using the tag return form at Michigan.gov/EyesInTheField:

- Species.
- Length.
- Weight (if known).
- Tag location (where tag was attached).
- Identification number (the larger of the two sets of numbers).
- Tag return address (for example MICH DNR MM-1).
- Capture date and location. In the notes box of the form, please list time of capture and sex of fish (if known). Each tag is stamped with a unique identifying number. Once a fish has been successfully reported, the angler will receive a letter detailing the fish's history. "The information reported is essential to measuring the health of the population and is critical data for planning the future management decisions needed to protect and enhance this important fishery," said David Fielder, PhD, research biologist out of the DNR's Alpena Fisheries Research Station. "Besides ensuring the walleye fishery remains sustainable, we also annually estimate the population size with the aid of these tag reports." The DNR has tagged more than 100,000 walleye in the Saginaw Bay area since 1981. Jaw tagging is part of a long-term research project to monitor survival and harvest rates and to learn about walleye movement. About 10% of the tags include a \$100 reward for reporting. To be eligible for a reward, photos are required of the flattened tag. Anglers can keep or release the fish. If anglers are not interested in a reward, please do not remove the tag before releasing the fish. Tagging occurs each spring on the Tittabawassee River and other Saginaw Bay tributaries during the walleye spawning run. Walleye are collected with electrofishing boats that temporarily stun the fish to allow fisheries biologists and technicians to collect vital statistics, tag the fish and release them back into the river after the fish have recovered. After spawning, walleye migrate back into Saginaw Bay and a large number migrate out of the bay into Lake Huron. The fish that migrate out of the bay have been found ranging to the Straits of Mackinac to the north and Lake Erie to the south. The second study will take place in Saginaw Bay this year in which 150 walleye will be implanted with acoustic transmitters that allow researchers to track the fish and learn more about their movement. Those walleye will have belly tags and will also include a \$100 reward for the return of the transmitter. To learn more about marked and tagged fish, visit Michigan.gov/TaggedFish ².

Saslmon-in-the-Classroom (SIC) Update

DAS Salmon-in-the-Classroom ambassador Rodney Elnick reports that salmon releases are successful and ongoing. On Friday, April 22, (126) salmon were released by Oakland Christian at Riverside Park in Auburn Hills. That represents an 85% success rate. Following that, on April 29, (132) salmon were released by Pine Knob, also from Riverside Park in Auburn Hills. That represents an 87% success rate.

Coming attractions:

Independence Elementary plans on releasing their salmon on Monday, May 16 at Dodge Park.

The DNR lottery system has awarded Pine Knob, two, Lamprey for observation. They will receive the Lamprey on May 10 and the children will be able to observe the Lamprey in the same tank the salmon were raised in.

The picture below shows some of the Oakland Christian students displaying their skills at salmon spoon creation where they use their imagination to prepare salmon spoons that will attract strikes.



**WEBSTORE CLOSSES AT MIDNIGHT
MAY 11th**

If you would like to purchase any of the DAS logo gear items pictured, it must be ordered online. This year's garment selection includes a polo, hooded sweatshirt, cotton tee, jacket, and a performance long sleeve. Sample garments for sizing will be available at our April 26th meeting. **All items are only available for a limited time. Orders must be placed by midnight on May 11th.** Garments will be available for pick-up at the May 31st general membership meeting. Visit our webstore at:

<http://freshhotshirts.com/steelheaders>

Gildan - Heavy Cotton™ T-Shirt - 5000

\$19.00



Direct-to-garment printing
(ink printed into fabric, very light feel).

- 5.3 oz./yd² (US) 8.8 oz./L yd (CA), 100% cotton
- Antique colors & Sport Grey : 90/10 cotton/polyester
- Ash Grey: 99/1 cotton/polyester
- Safety Green: Compliant with ANSI / ISEA 107
- Classic fit
- 7/8" rib collar
- Taped neck and shoulders
- Double-needle sleeve and bottom hems
- Tear away label

Tultex - Unisex 50/50 Sport Polo - 400



\$20.00

left chest
screen print

- 6.7 oz./yd², 50/50 cotton/polyester
- Pique textured knit
- Contoured welt collar and cuffs
- Three buttons
- Banded sleeves
- Double needle bottom hem
- Tear away label
- USMCA certified

Paragon - Long Islander Performance Long Sleeve T-Shirt - 210



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screen print

\$22.00

- 3.5 oz./yd², 100% microfiber performance polyester
- Heather Grey is 4.7 oz
- Paragon Plus moisture management
- Anti-microbial & wrinkle resistant finish
- Raglan shoulder and inset sleeves
- UPF 50+ protection
- Tear away label

JERZEES - NuBlend® Hooded Sweatshirt - 996MR

left chest & full back screen print

\$30.00



- 8 oz./yd² (US), 13.3 oz./L yd (CA), pre-shrunk 50/50 cotton/polyester
- Oxford is 49/51 cotton/polyester
- NuBlend pill-resistant fleece
- High stitch density for a smooth printing canvas
- 2-ply hood with grommets and matching drawstring
- Double-needle stitched neck, armholes, and waistband
- Set-in sleeves
- Front pouch pocket
- Concealed seam on cuffs
- 1x1 ribbed cuffs and waistband with spandex
- Seamless body
- Quarter-turned



Colt

- 2.5 oz./yd², 100% nylon 2L Full Dull plain weave
- 100% polyester fine-mesh lining
- Omni-Tech™ coated waterproof/breathable; fully seam sealed
- Attached, adjustable storm hood
- Abrasion-resistant chin guard
- Zippered hand pockets
- Adjustable cuffs
- Adjustable drawcord hem
- Reflective detail
- Packable into hand pocket

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Membership Expires:



Upcoming Dates

- May 7 AOTY Algonac Walleye
- May 17 BOD Meeting
- May 21/22 SOTY Grand Haven
- May 31 Membership Meeting Club 54
- June 4 SOTY Pentwater
- June 11 AOTY St Clair River Walleye
- June 18 SOTY Harbor Beach

No quotes, quips or inspirational thoughts today. Maybe later.