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## March 28, 2023 Membership Meeting—Club 54 (Recap)

Thank goodness for knowledgeable and experienced club members who can step up when when the clubs scheduled speaker has an emergency. Club member Joe von Grabe stepped up with very little notice and gave members a demonstration on big lake salmon trolling on his boat "Sloppy Joe". Joe demonstrated several different techniques and shared some tips and tricks from his experiences on the Great Lakes. Thanks for stepping-up Joe.

## Monday, April 24, 2023 Membership Meeting 7:30 PM at Club 54

Our scheduled April speaker is Kurtis Nofz of tournament winning "Lucky Sevens" fame. (734) 325-7084.



DAS monthly membership meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month.

Get the Latest Event Updates Online

You can still check us out:  
On the Interweb

[www.detroitsteelheaders.com](http://www.detroitsteelheaders.com)  
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## 2023 Detroit Area Steelheaders Angler of the Year Event Schedule

Date	Location	Port Captain/Coordinator
April 22, 2023	AuSable River (Steelhead)	Gary Gross
May 13, 2023	St. Clair River Algonac (Walleye)	Tom Gorguze
June 10, 2023	St. Clair River St. Clair Harbor (Walleye)	Rob Pinsky
June 10/11, 2023*	Auburn Hills Kids Outing *This will not be scored as an Angler outing. It is a separate event.	
July 15, 2023	Au Gres (Walleye)	Gary Gross
September 9, 2023	Lake St. Clair Harley Ensign Ramp (Perch)	Gaspere Aragona
September 30, 2023	Manistee River (Steelhead/Salmon)	J. Anderson/L.Gamblin
October 14, 2023	AuSable River (Steelhead/Salmon)	Gary Gross
October 28, 2023	Manistee River/Pier/Beach (Steelhead)	M. Wyrick/A. Kulpa
November 4, 2023	Manistee River/Pier/Surf (Steelhead)	Bob Paradise
December 9, 2023	Caseville River (Lake Trout)	Rob Pinsky

Due to rising costs, entry into any Angler of the Year (AOTY) event costs a mandatory \$15/person to register and cover the cost of the shore lunch during the weigh-in. The event port-captain orders the lunch, based upon the number of registrations. Therefore, members who have registered for the event are required to attend the weigh-in and pay the registration fee, even if you do not have a catch to weigh-in.

There is also an **optional** \$10/person fee to enter the big fish competition. All State and local rules apply. All perch outings include an 8 inch minimum requirement to qualify at weigh-in.

**\*Youth Anglers:**

The DAS Board of Directors approved anglers under 18 YOA to fish all events free of charge, with all results going toward Angler of the Year, and also boat trolling tournaments. Review the DAS web site for additional information.

**\* New Information**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly             | <input type="checkbox"/> Address Change only   |                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Event Rate (New Members Only)- \$20 |  |                    |

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



**Fishing information:**

Detroit Steelheader anglers will compete for Angler of the Year points on the AuSable River, Saturday, April 22. Start fishing at 6:00 am, pull lines at 1:00 pm. Weigh-in at 1:30 pm. Weigh-in at AuSable River Store.

Gary Gross is port captain for this event. Contact Gary (586) 291 –1290), to register or with questions

\$15 per person to register and optional \$10 big fish pool.

**Lodging information:**

The **Northern Traveler Motel** in Oscoda, Mi is \$69.00 per night ( two others places are \$128.00 per night ) one room, two beds.

The Northern Traveler Motel opens the last week of May. But it will open just for us. We need to have enough people to reserve at least four rooms to make it financially feasible to open.

13 of the 15 rooms have been remodeled.

The address and phone number is **5493 N US 23 , 989-739-9261**. Call after the 10th of April. Send me a text if you or your group want to stay there. **Gary Gross 586-291-1290**.

I will send them the number of people that they can expect. Also, let me know if you want to get into the big fish contest.





**AOTY: Manistee River—DAS vs Metro West Fish-Off  
March 25, 2023—Results**

The Detroit steelheaders dominated once again at the Manistee river water shed fish off. Detroit steelheaders had 14 members show up with only 6 members catching fish, Metro west did not weigh a fish. The luncheon after the event was really good, Laurie Gamblin took 6th place, 5th place was Nate Case, 4th place was Robbie Abdallah, 3rd place was James Andersen, 2nd place went to Joe Baker, and 1st place went to Roger Paradise. The weather was nasty on Saturday with 6 inches of blowing snow and 26 degrees.











**AOTY Manistee Challenge Outing (Steelhead) - Sat. Mar 25, 2023**

	Angler's Name	Entry Fee	Big Fish	Qty Fsh	Fish Pts	Heavies	Tot P	Place
1	ROGER PARADISE	\$15.00	\$10.00	1	5	13.36	18.36	1
2	JOE BAKER	\$15.00	\$10.00	1	5	12.62	17.62	2
3	JAMES ANDERSON	\$15.00	\$10.00	1	5	12.53	17.53	3
4	RABIH ABDALLAH	\$15.00	\$10.00	1	5	11.85	16.85	4
5	NATE CASE	\$15.00	\$10.00	1	5	11.02	16.02	5
6	LAURIE GAMBLIN	\$15.00	\$10.00	1	5	8.96	13.96	6
7	LUCAS MAIANI	\$0.00	\$10.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7	MARK WYRICK	\$15.00	\$10.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7	ANNA KULPA	\$15.00	\$10.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7	CURTIS WILLIAMS	\$15.00	\$0.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7	KYLE COVIK	\$15.00	\$10.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7	NATE CASE JR	\$0.00	\$10.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7	KEVIN LONGLEY	\$15.00	\$10.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7	GASPARE ARAGONA	\$15.00	\$10.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	7
7	BOB PARADISE	\$15.00	\$10.00	0	0	0.00	0.00	7

Total Entry Fees	Total No. Anglers
\$195.00	15

Total Big Fish Fees
\$140.00

Angler	Heaviest Fish	Payout
ROGER PARADISE	13.36	\$70.00

Angler	2nd Heaviest Fish	Payout
JOE BAKER	12.62	\$42.00

Angler	3rd Heaviest Fish	Payout
JAMES ANDERSON	12.53	\$28.00



## Pg 7 2023 SKIPPER OF THE YEAR (SOTY) BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENTS

There will be 7 Boat Trolling tournaments this year:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PORT</u>	<u>PORT CAPTAIN</u>	<u>TIMES</u>
MAY 6	ST JOE	JOE DELISI	6 AM – 1 PM
MAY 20-21	GRAND HAVEN	JIM ZANKE	6 AM – 1 PM (Saturday) 6 AM – 11 AM (Sunday)
JUNE 3	HARBOR BEACH	JOE VON GRABE	5:30 AM – 1 PM
JULY 8	PRESQUE ISLE	BLAISE PEWINSKI	5:30 AM - 1 PM
JULY 22	MANISTEE	SCOTT CAMPBELL	6 AM – 1 PM
AUGUST 5	LUDINGTON	FRED CHARTIER	6 AM – 1 PM
AUGUST 12	FRANKFORT	NATE CASE	6 AM – 1 PM

A Skipper's best 4 tournament scores will count towards the Skipper of the Year Award. The entry fee will be \$15 per person. The optional Big Fish bet remains at \$20 / boat and is divided into 3 separate pools: Big Salmon for \$10 per boat, Big Steelhead for \$5 per boat, and Big Lake Trout for \$5 per boat. All 3 pools must be entered to participate. Tournament entry fees and Big Fish bets will be collected at the weigh-in and lunch will be provided at the weigh-in.

There are no Skipper's meetings prior to the tournament. Skippers should register at least 3 days prior to the tournament. Entry forms are available on the DAS website: [detroitsteelheaders.com/2023-entry-form](http://detroitsteelheaders.com/2023-entry-form).

Tournament rules are posted on the DAS website: [detroitsteelheaders.com/2023-schedule](http://detroitsteelheaders.com/2023-schedule). For more information about our boat trolling tournaments contact Chairman Bob Feisel (248-765-2504).

We look forward to seeing you on the water!



## 2023 Angler of the Year(AOTY) Overall Standings

TODAY: 3/31/2023

Entrant's Name	1-21 ME	2-05 SF	3-11 LexS	3-25 MA	4-22 OSC	5-13 AL	6-10 SCF	7-15 Aug	9-09 LSC	9-30 MA	10-14 OS	10-28 M	11-04 M	12-09 C	Best 5	Place
1 KEVIN LONGLEY	3	2	1	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	131	1
2 BOB PARADISE	4	1	5	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	135	2
3 GASPARE ARAGONA	2	50	2	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	179	3
4 JAMES ANDERSON	7	50	75	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	210	4
5 MARK WYRICK	9	75	3	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	212	5
6 NATE CASE	75	50	50	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	255	6
7 LAURIE GAMBLIN	75	50	50	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	256	7
8 ANNA KULPA	50	50	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	275	8
9 DANIEL CHISHOLM	1	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	276	9
10 RABIH ABDALLAH	75	75	50	4	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	279	10
10 LUCAS MAIANI	75	75	4	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	279	10
12 SAMUEL ANDERSON	8	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	283	12
13 NATE CASE JR	75	50	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	300	13
14 ROGER PARADISE	75	75	75	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	301	14
15 JOE BAKER	75	75	75	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	302	15
16 TERRICK PATTERSON	75	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	303	16
17 ROB PINSKEY	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	305	17
18 MARK CARLSON	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	306	18
19 ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	50	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	19
19 CURTIS WILLIAMS	75	50	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	19
19 KYLE COVIAK	50	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	19
22 BLAISE PEWINSKI	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	22
22 BOB KSIONZEK	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	22
22 BRAD WALTON	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	22
22 DON JASMAN	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	22

## Detroit Area Steelheader Meeting Dates and Location

As a general rule all membership meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month. There are instances where a holiday may cause an adjustment for that month. Indoor meetings during cold months begin at 7:30 pm. Meetings in the River Bends Park\* will begin at 7:30 in May but will begin earlier as we must adjust for earlier nightfall.

Meeting Date	Time	Location	Speaker
<b>April 24, 2023***</b>	7:30	Club 54	Kurtis Nofz "Lucky Sevens"
May 30, 2023	7:30	River Bends Park, 22 Mil Rd Shelby Twp. MI.	National Weather Service (NWS) Richard Pollman
June 27, 2023	7:30	River Bends Park	TBD
July 25, 2023	7:30	River Bends Park	TBD
August 29, 2023	7:30	River Bends Park	James Anderson (shore walleye fishing) (Club Potluck Picnic and swap meet)
September 26, 2023	7:30	Club 54	TBD
October 31, 2023	7:30	Club 54	TBD
November 28, 2023	7:30	Club 54	TBD
December 19, 2023	7:30	Club 54 Annual Mtg	Elections, awards, celebration & Salmon Clause

**\*\*\*Alert: This one meeting has been moved to Monday night due to availability of Club 54**



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MEETING NOTICE—PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

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Membership Expires:



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## Upcoming Dates

- April 11 Board of Directors Mtg
- April 22 Ausable River
- April 24 Members Mtg Club 54 (Monday)**
- May 5 SOTY St Joe
- May 13 SOTY St. Clair River Walleye
- May 16 Board of Directors Mtg
- May 20 SOTY Grand Haven (two day)
- May 30 Members Mtg (River Bends Park)

**I had a pretty good childhood.  
My Dad used to stuff us in old tires  
and roll us down this great big hill**

**Those were Good Years!**