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**Tuesday, July 25, 2023 Membership Meeting
River Bends Park (Recap)**

Dan O'Keefe of Michigan Sea Grant fame, brought the message "The Future is in Your Hands" as he explained the importance of collecting accurate data on the seasons catch. Sea Grant depends upon the local fishermen to record and pass along accurate data that will be used by State and Federal officials to gauge the health of the fishery and determine future creel limits. Accurate data will go a long way to assist officials in their goal to keep the Great Lakes Great. More info at: MichiganSeaGrant.org/GLAD

**August 29, 2023 Membership Meeting
7:00 PM at River Bends Park**

I'm really disappointed to have to miss this August meeting. Club and board member James Anderson is our keynote speaker as he takes members through techniques for shore fishing Wall-eye on local rivers. I have fished the Detroit River with James and he has a lot to offer, listen carefully! The meeting is also our annual summer pot-luck and a swap meet is included. The club will provide the meat but bring a dish to share.

Remaining 2023 AOTY Event Schedule

Date	Location	Port Captain/Coordinator
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

Remaining 2023 SOTY Event Schedule

Remaining 2023 Boat Trolling tournaments:

DATE	PORT	PORT CAPTAIN	TIMES
AUGUST 12	FRANKFORT	NATE CASE	6 AM – 1 PM

Remaining DAS Member Meeting Dates and Locations

Meeting Date	Time	Location	Speaker
August 29, 2023	7:00	River Bends Park	J. Anderson
September 26, 2023	7:30	Club 54	John Bergsma
October 31, 2023	7:30	Club 54	Jay Wesley
November 28, 2023	7:30	Club 54	Randy Tarrian
December 19, 2023	7:30	Club 54 Annual Mtg	Elections, celebration Salmon Clause

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Presque Isle Standings													7/8/2023		
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	# of Fish Weights	Catch by Species & Weight					Best 5 Total	Best 5 Total Pt	Best 4 Total	Deduction Code	Points Deducte	Total Points	Place
1	Lake Buzzard	Fred Chartier	5	L 10.65	L 8.75	L 7.70	L 7.00	L 6.90	41.00	66.00	34.10	NONE	0.00	66.00	1
2	Wonder	Joe Delisi	5	L 9.25	L 8.95	L 7.95	L 7.55	L 7.05	40.75	65.75	33.70	NONE	0.00	65.75	2
3	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	5	K 9.15	L 8.10	L 7.65	L 7.35	L 6.75	39.00	64.00	32.25	NONE	0.00	64.00	3
4	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	5	K 8.10	S 7.30	L 6.95	L 4.95	L 4.05	31.35	56.35	27.30	NONE	0.00	56.35	4
5	Miss Adventure	Allen Devoll	5	L 8.65	L 6.90	K 5.85	L 5.35	L 3.75	30.50	55.50	26.75	NONE	0.00	55.50	5
6	Split-Shot	Gary Gross	5	L 8.75	L 7.75	L 5.55	L 4.05	L 3.35	29.45	54.45	26.10	NONE	0.00	54.45	6
7	Equalizer	Nathan Case	5	K 8.05	L 6.35	L 4.75	L 4.10	L 4.05	27.30	52.30	23.25	NONE	0.00	52.30	7
-	Two Hearted	Jason Snyder	5	L 12.80	L 7.00	L 6.85	L 6.75	L 6.50	39.90	64.90	33.40	G	-64.90	0.00	-

L A R G E S T	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught	8 Total Boats
	Sea Hag	Salmon	9.15		
	Sea Hag	Pool Salmon	9.15	\$80	
	Sea Hag	King	9.15	6	
	Sea Hag	Pool King	9.15		
	Two Hearted	Coho	6.40	8	
	Two Hearted	Pool Coho	6.40		
	Two Hearted	Lake Trout	12.80	65	
	Two Hearted	Pool LT	12.80	\$40	
	Vicki's Seacret	Steelhead	7.30	7	
	Vicki's Seacret	Pool Steelhead	7.30	\$40	
		Brown	0.00	0	
	Sea Hag	Atlantic	3.65	3	
	Sea Hag	Pool Atlantic	3.65		
	Lake Buzzard	Pink	1.85	1	
Lake Buzzard	Pool Pink	1.85			
	Total		90		

Deduction Code LEGEND	
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On July 8th the DAS boat trollers came back to North East Lake Huron. The fishing was even better than last year or the skippers used what they learned last year and brought out their 'A' game. 8 boats competed and caught Lakers, Kings, Coho, Steelhead, Pinks and Atlantic. Now that's a diverse fishery, a few boats released as many as they brought to the scale.

Big Salmon went to Team "Sea Hag" with a 9.15 lbs. King. Big Laker went to Capt. Jason from "Two Hearted" with 12.8 lbs. and Big Steelie went to Team "Vicki's Seacret" with 7.3 lbs.

Every boat had 5 fish for weigh in. And the Top 3 spots went to "Sea Hag" at 3rd, Team "Wonder" with 2nd and Team "Lake Buzzard" edging out 1st place by .25 lb over "Wonder". Nice job Fred and all who participated!

I hope we all had fun and hope we return to this little Gem on Lake Huron next July.

Tight lines
Team "Sea Hag"



Pg 5 July 22, 2023 SOTY Manistee

Manistee Standings											7/22/2023				
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	# of Fish Weigh	Catch by Species & Weight					Best 5 Total Wt	Best 5 Total Pt	Best 4 Total Wt	Deduction Code	Points Deducte	Total Points	Place
1	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	5	K 20.70	K 12.25	K 12.00	S 9.10	K 8.60	62.65	87.65	54.05	NONE	0.00	87.65	1
2	Equalizer	Nathan Case	2	K 23.85	K 18.90	-----	-----	-----	42.75	52.75	42.75	NONE	0.00	52.75	2
3	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	2	K 18.10	K 10.75	-----	-----	-----	28.85	38.85	28.85	NONE	0.00	38.85	3
4	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	2	K 17.40	S 4.90	-----	-----	-----	22.30	32.30	22.30	NONE	0.00	32.30	4
5	Moonshot	Brad Walton	2	K 16.25	L 4.25	-----	-----	-----	20.50	30.50	20.50	NONE	0.00	30.50	5
6	Lake Buzzard	Fred Chartier	2	K 11.20	K 5.70	-----	-----	-----	16.90	26.90	16.90	NONE	0.00	26.90	6
7	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	1	S 6.65	-----	-----	-----	-----	6.65	11.65	6.65	NONE	0.00	11.65	7
8	Rangy Lil	Mike Mioduszewski	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	8
9	Wonder	Joe Delisi	0	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	0.00	0.00	0.00	NONE	0.00	1.00	9

Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught	
L A R G E S T	Equalizer	Salmon	23.85	
	Equalizer	Pool Salmon	23.85	\$90
	Equalizer	King	23.85	14
	Equalizer	Pool King	23.85	
	Sloppy Joe	Coho	5.55	1
	Sloppy Joe	Pool Coho	5.55	
	Sloppy Joe	Lake Trout	6.05	2
	Sloppy Joe	Pool LT	6.05	\$45
	Sloppy Joe	Steelhead	9.10	3
	Sloppy Joe	Pool Steelhead	9.10	\$45
	Brown	0.00	0	
	Atlantic	0.00	0	
	Pool Atlantic	0.00		
	Pink	0.00	0	
	Pool Pink	0.00		
	Total		20	

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On Saturday July 22, Detroit Area Steelheaders had their Skipper Outing in Manistee fishing for All Salmon, Steelhead, and Lake Trout species. It was a beautiful cloudy morning with light wind, the air a bit cool and humid as the boats raced away from port and into the waters of Lake Michigan. As everyone reached their fishing spot of choice lines began to drop into the water. There were many boats fishing North and South of Manistee and some went as far south as Ludington. The bite was good that morning but seemed that some boats had a hard time capitalizing due to short bites. By 1st fish call most boats had a couple of fish, and by 2nd fish call only 1 or 2 boats gained more fish. Throughout the day the wind started to pickup slowly and the sun started to come out. Lines were pulled at 1pm. 1st place went to Sloppy Joe with 87.65lbs., 2nd place Equalizer with 52.75lbs., 3rd place Almost Paradise with 38.85lbs. Biggest King Salmon went to Equalizer with 23.85lbs, biggest Steelhead went to Sloppy Joe with 9.1lbs, and biggest Lake Trout went to Sloppy Joe with 6.05lbs. Big thank you to Diane Gorguze and Debbie Paradise for arranging an amazing lunch of fried chicken, broasted potatoes, coleslaw from the Painted Lady and some vanilla and chocolate cake from Costco. Thank you to all DAS captains and crew members for participating and making memories doing what we all love to do Next Skipper Outing is on August 5th out of Ludington. Hope to see you all there!! FISH ON

Ludington Standings												8/5/2023				
Place	Boat Name	Skipper	# of Fish	Weight	Catch by Species & Weight					Best 5 Total Wt	Best 5 Total Pt	Best 4 Total Wt	Deduction Code	Points Deducted	Total Points	Place
1	Equalizer	Nathan Case	5	K 23.05	K 15.45	K 10.15	K 8.20	K 6.85	63.70	88.70	56.85	NONE	0.00	88.70	1	
2	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	5	K 18.75	K 15.50	K 14.35	S 10.45	C 4.05	63.10	88.10	59.05	NONE	0.00	88.10	2	
3	Moonshot	Brad Walton	4	K 25.70	K 24.35	K 8.30	S 7.50	-----	65.85	85.85	65.85	NONE	0.00	85.85	3	
4	Lake Buzzard	Fred Chartier	5	K 17.60	K 16.50	S 6.45	S 3.10	S 2.75	46.40	71.40	43.65	NONE	0.00	71.40	4	
5	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	3	K 27.60	K 8.35	K 7.00	-----	-----	42.95	57.95	42.95	NONE	0.00	57.95	5	
6	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	4	K 17.85	K 6.70	K 6.65	K 5.80	-----	37.00	57.00	37.00	NONE	0.00	57.00	6	
7	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	4	K 19.75	C 5.90	C 5.25	L 3.40	-----	34.30	54.30	34.30	NONE	0.00	54.30	7	
8	Miss Adventure	Allen Devoll	2	K 17.45	K 12.20	-----	-----	-----	29.65	39.65	29.65	NONE	0.00	39.65	8	
9	Blue Star	Stan Bilek	2	K 15.20	K 7.15	-----	-----	-----	22.35	32.35	22.35	NONE	0.00	32.35	9	
10	Old Like Me	Dave Deronge	3	S 8.70	S 4.30	S 3.05	-----	-----	16.05	31.05	16.05	NONE	0.00	31.05	10	
11	Wonder	Joe Delisi	2	K 13.15	K 6.80	-----	-----	-----	19.95	29.95	19.95	NONE	0.00	29.95	11	
12	No Name	Marc Traver	1	K 21.75	-----	-----	-----	-----	21.75	26.75	21.75	NONE	0.00	26.75	12	

L A R G E S T	Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught	Total Boats
	Vicki's Seacret	Salmon	27.60		
	Vicki's Seacret	Pool Salmon	27.60	\$120	
	Vicki's Seacret	King	27.60	28	
	Vicki's Seacret	Pool King	27.60		
	Sloppy Joe	Coho	5.90	4	
	Sloppy Joe	Pool Coho	5.90		
	Sloppy Joe	Lake Trout	3.40	1	
	Sloppy Joe	Pool LT	3.40	\$60	
	Bad Dog	Steelhead	10.45	8	
Bad Dog	Pool Steelhead	10.45	\$60		
	Brown	0.00	0		
	Atlantic	0.00	0		
	Pool Atlantic	0.00			
	Pink	0.00	0		
	Pool Pink	0.00			
	Total		41		

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On Saturday August 5th, Detroit Area Steelheaders had their SOTY Outing in Ludington for all Salmon, Steelhead, and Lake Trout Species. The morning was dark and cloudy with quite a chill for an August morning. The winds were picking up slowly but had calmed down quite a bit from the day before, causing for quite a bumpy ride. As the boats left port they scattered in all direction. Some went straight out while others went north of Sable Point and others went south of Ludington. Many DAS members caught fish early in the morning. As soon as lines went down the fish started biting. A low diver was getting set and before I knew it my line took off racing away. Feeling the excitement of the sound of a line taking off. By first fish call most boats had 2 to 4 fish, a few had 0 to 1 fish and 1 or 2 boats had 5 fish. Throughout the day the sun started to come out and the wind calmed down a bit. By 2nd fish call the fish count did not change much. After 2nd fish call more fish were picked up by the boats that had 0 to 2 fish and the stakes were definitely changing. Weigh In was held at the Municipal City Marina. 1st place went to Equalizer at 88.70lbs, 2nd place went to Bad Dog 88.10lbs, 3rd place went to Moonshot at 85.85lbs. Biggest Salmon/King went to Vickies Secret 27.6lbs, Biggest Steelhead went to Bad Dog at 10.45lbs, and Biggest Lake Trout went to Sloppy Joe at 3.4lbs. Big thank you to Fred Chartier for hosting the outing and providing an amazing lunch from Q's BBQ of pulled pork, smoked chicken, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, and some wonderful homemade cakes. Thank you to all captains and their crew members for participating in doing what we love to do and making memories See u all at the next and final SOTY Outing on Saturday August 12 in Frankfort!! Fish On.



Skipper of the Year Standings 2023										FINAL										Best 4	
Boat Name		Skipper Name		St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Presque Isle	Manistee	Ludington	Frankfort	Total Points										
1	Equalizer	Nathan Case	4	2	7	7	2	1	1	6											
2	Wonder	Joe Delisi	3	1	2	2	50	11	4	8											
3	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	6	3	4	75	1	7	2	10											
4	Lake Buzzard	Fred Chartier	7	5	1	1	6	4	6	11											
5	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	5	6	5	4	7	5	3	17											
6	Miss Adventure	Allen Devoll	2	8	3	5	75	8	75	18											
7	Moonshot	Brad Walton	75	75	75	75	5	3	5	88											
8	Bad Dog	Tom Gorguze	75	75	75	75	4	2	75	156											
9	Sea Hag	Blaise Pewinski	75	75	75	3	75	6	75	159											
10	Rangy Lil	Mike Mioduszewski	75	7	50	75	50	75	75	182											
11	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	50	9	75	75	75	75	75	209											
12	Kingfish	Scott Campbell	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	226											
13	Almost Paradise	Bob Paradise	75	75	75	75	3	75	75	228											
14	Silent Majority	Jason Sherrill	75	4	75	75	75	75	75	229											
15	Blue Horizon	Paul Gjeldum	75	75	6	75	75	75	75	231											
16	Blue Star	Stan Bilek	75	75	75	75	75	9	75	234											
17	Old Like Me	Dave Deronge	75	75	75	75	75	10	75	235											
18	No Name	Marc Traver	75	75	75	75	75	12	75	237											

		St. Joe	Grand Haven	Harbor Beach	Presque Isle	Manistee	Ludington	Frankfort	Total For Year
Number Caught	No. of Boats	8	9	8	8	9	12	6	60
	Kings	11	52	1	6	14	28	18	130
	Cohos	0	2	3	8	1	4	8	26
	Lake Trout	9	2	29	65	2	1	1	109
	Steelhead	1	0	6	7	3	8	3	28
	Browns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Atlantics	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	6
	Pinks	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Totals	21	56	42	90	20	41	30	300

LARGEST FISH OF THE YEAR				
Species	WGT. (lbs.)	Boat Name		Port
King	27.60	Vicki's Seacret		Ludington
Coho	6.40	Two Hearted	*	Presque Isle
Coho	6.30	Sloppy Joe		Frankfort
Lake Trout	12.80	Two Hearted	*	Presque Isle
Lake Trout	10.95	Wonder		Harbor Beach
Steelhead	10.45	Bad Dog		Ludington
Brown	0.00			
Atlantic	3.90	Vicki's Seacret		Harbor Beach
Pink	1.85	Lake Buzzard		Presque Isle



NOTE: BEST 4 SCORES WILL DETERMINE SOTY AT SEASON'S END. OFFICIAL 1st TIE BREAKER IS BEST 5 SCORES.

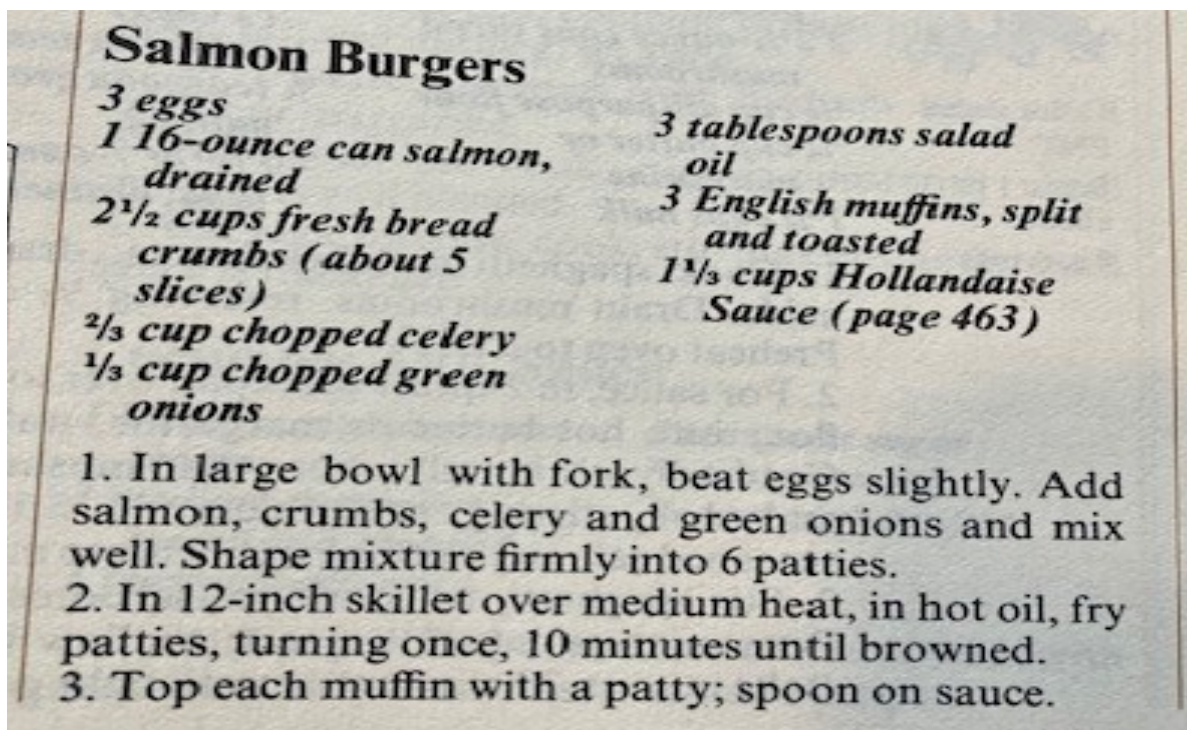
IN "LARGEST FISH OF THE YEAR" BELOW, * INDICATES GUEST BOAT (NON-MEMBER) AND NO PLAQUE WILL BE GIVEN.

Congratulations to Nate Case & his crew on the "Equalizer" for the 2023

DAS Skipper of the Year (SOTY) Honor!

Award Presentations will be at the Annual Meeting/Christmas Party in Dec. at Club 54.

Change of Pace - Salmon Burgers



The meeting was held at Jay's sporting good in Clare, with a variety of topics to be covered. We started with the walleye survey of the Saginaw bay, it shows that the current population of the bay of 2 year old and older is estimated at 10.5 million walleye. That's a number they would like to see come down drastically. The problem is the recreational angler is only catching 200,000 fish annually. At that rate we will never get control of the walleye population. Let alone help the perch population get back to a sustainable number. It will never happen at this rate.

The DNR has no plan for perch at this time. Other than let the walleye feed on them. In years past they have closed spawning seasons so that a species would not get caught while trying to spawn. Let me know your thoughts on this subject so I can present it at the October meeting.

On another note the DNR is building 3 new spawning reefs for more walleyes in the bay area. These will be at the mouth of the Kawkawlin river and 2 on the Dow stretch of the Titabuwasi River.

Law enforcement rules were explained on the Ausable River to let people know all guide boats from the dam to the mouth need to be charter licensed.

Coho salmon plants were the big talk on lake Huron. Plants increases are expected to be 200,000 spring smolts and as many as 300,000 fall fingerling for this year.

No consent decree info has been let out as of now.

Let me know your thoughts on any of these items of interest.

Tight lines and be safe, Blaise Pewinski

DAS Logo Merchandise

2023 DAS Logo Merchandise has been ordered and delivered during the July member meeting at River Bends Park. Thanks to our merchandise director Virginia Williams.

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MEETING NOTICE—PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

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Membership Expires:



Upcoming Dates

	No August Board of Directors Mtg
August 29	Membership Mtg River Bends Park (7:00 pm)
September 9	AOTY LSC Perch (Harley Ensign Ramp)
September 30	AOTY Manistee River Steelhead/Salmon

Nothing is impossible.
The word itself says, "I'm possible"!

"Audrey Hepburn"