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January 2025

# "Fishin Tales" III



A huge DAS thank you to Tom and Lisa Evens (Mr. and Mrs. Salmon Clause) as they greet the DAS Members Children.

## December 17, 2025 Annual Membership Meeting

The DAS end of year annual meeting was a combination of :

### Business Meeting:

Elect officers to serve a three year term on the BOD

Thank those BOD members who are stepping down

Award the 2024 "Skipper of the Year"

Award the 2024 "Angler of the Year"

Award 2024 "Member of the Year"

Award 2024 "Director of the Year"

Recognize and award "big fish" winners during 2024

And

### Celebration:

Celebrate the Holiday Season with fellowship and gifts for members children given out by Mr. & Mrs. Salmon Clause (Tom and Lisa Evens).

**DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS, INC.**

P.O. Box 297, Sterling Heights, MI. 48311-297

- ☐ **New Member - \$35 Yearly**
☐ **Renewal - \$35 Yearly**
- ☐ **Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly**
☐ **Address Change only**
- ☐ **Special Event Rate (New Members Only)- \$20**

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## January 17, 2025 Member Meeting

This is just my opinion, but from my experience, some of our best meeting speakers are DAS club members who share their knowledge and expertise with our membership. That being said, we start out 2025 with long time club member Blaise Pewinski offering his tactics on ice fishing and ice safety.

We enjoy a lot of really good fishing men and women in this club and it will be a pleasure to hear one of our own. Don't miss this meeting, it will be good.

DAS Member meetings are held on the last Tuesday each month and attendance is the best way to keep in touch with what's going on with DAS. Meetings begin at 7 PM and for the winter we are at Club 54, 37722 Van Dyke in Sterling Hts.

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**Mark Wyrick**

Raffles

**PAUL GJELDUM**

Awards

**Anna Kulpa**

Photography, Raffles

Member of the Year: Karen Longley  
Karen was a popular choice of the Board of Directors for her enthusiastic effort and Participation during Club events.



Director of the Year: Kevin Longley  
Selection of Director of the year is the Club Presidents prerogative. Kevins work as the Club Social/Media Director has greatly Enhanced DAS.



Skipper of the Year: First Place  
Joe Delisi - Wonder  
Three first place finishes and one second Place finish for a well earned Skipper of the Year Award.



Angler of the Year: First Place  
Bob Paradise  
Bob is always a contender and his hard work paid off again this year for another Angler of the Year Award.



## **Skipper-of-the Year Awards**

Second Place - Allen Devoll - Miss Adventure



Third Place - Joe Von Grabe - Sloppy Joe



## **Angler-of-the-Year Awards**

Second Place - Rabih Abdalla



Third Place - Gaspare Aragona





**Big Fish Skipper of the Year:**

King Salmon: Tom Gorguze  
Bad Dog - 23.9# - Manistee



Coho: Joe Von Grabe  
Sloppy Joe - 11.5# - Ludington



Lake Trout: Joe Delisi  
Wonder - 17.8# - Pentwater



Steelhead: Joe Von Grabe  
Sloppy Joe - 9.2# - Ludington



**Big Fish Angler of the Year:**

Salmon: Bob Paradise  
25.3# - Manistee



Steelhead: Andrew Stockton  
10.29# - Manistee



Lake Trout: Bob Paradise  
10.06# - Caseville



Walleye: Dan Titus  
4.98# - Algonac



Please welcome the four members named below as they were elected to serve three year terms on the Detroit Area Steelheaders (DAS) Board of Directors (BOD). Their new term will begin January one 2025. During the first 2025 BOD meeting (January 14), the BOD members will elect who will serve as Club Officers (President, vice-President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary). The DAS BOD does not serve in a vacuum, we need your input to function properly. Let your voice be heard.

James Anderson

Bob Ksionzek

Nate Case

Allen Devoll (new term) Welcome Allen

### **Angler-of-the-Year Metropolitan Beach January 11, 2025**

#### **Ice or no ice**

**The first 2025 AOTY Lake St Clair Perch Outing**

**Saturday, January 11**

**Metropolitan Beach**

**Start time is 7 am and pull lines at 12pm.**

**Weigh in at 1:00pm.**

**Shore lunch in the parking lot.**

**There is \$15 entry fee which includes lunch plus an optional \$10 Big Fish fee.**

**Best 5 perch by weight. Ties will be determined by length.**

**If you are attending, Bob Paradise needs to know  
at least 3 days prior to outing to get an accurate count for lunch.**

**To register, text Bob Paradise (586) 457-4073.**

**Text your name, phone number, and the name of the event.**

**You are in \$10 big fish pool unless you opt out so if you do not wish to compete in the optional "big fish" pool, text that you are opting "out".**

**Bob Paradise**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PORT</u>	<u>PORT CAPTAIN</u>	<u>START TIME</u>
APRIL 26-27	ST JOSEPH (2 DAY )	JOE DELISI	6:30
MAY 17-18	LUDINGTON (2 DAY)	ALLEN DEVOLL	6:00
JUNE 8 (SUNDAY)	HARBOR BEACH	JOE VON GRABE	5:30
JUNE 28	PRESQUE ISLE	BLAISE PEWINSKI	5:30
JULY 26	PENTWATER	DAVE DERONGE	6:00
AUGUST 9	MANISTEE	NATE CASE	6:00
SEPTEMBER 6	FRANKFORT	BOB FEISEL	6:30

**\*\*\*The June 8 tournament at Harbor Beach is on a Sunday. Harbor Beach is having a Veterans Fishing event on Saturday, June 7. DAS captains are welcome and encouraged to participate in the Veterans Fishing event (participation is optional). Participants can receive a free boat slip for Friday night. Take a Veteran fishing!**

**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/2025-entry-form](http://detroitsteelheaders.com/2025-entry-form) Tournament rules are posted on the DAS website: [detroitsteelheaders.com/2025-schedule](http://detroitsteelheaders.com/2025-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!**



Details like port identification, time of start/stop, weigh-in location, official rules including number of fish, weight, length and other information will be determined as the outing approaches. Keep in touch and use this as a “save-the-date”.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Event Organizer</b>
January 11	Metro-Beach (Perch)	TBD
January 25	Selfridge DNR Ramp (Perch)	Gaspere Aragona
February 15	Saginaw Bay (Walleye)	TBD
March 22	Manistee (Steelhead)	Roger Paradise
April 19	AuSable River (Steelhead)	Rahbih Abdalla
May 3	Algonac (Walleye)	Tom Gorguze
May 24	St Clair River (Walleye)	Rob Pinskey
July 12	AuGres (Walleye)	Bob Ksionzek
September 13	Lake St Clair (Perch)	Gaspere Aragona
September 27	Manistee River (Salmon)	James Anderson / Lauri Gamblin
October 11	AuSable (Salmon)	Kevin and Karen Longley
October 25	Manistee (Steelhead)	Mark Wyrik and Anna Kulpa
November 2	Manistee (Steelhead)	Bob Paradise
December 6	Caseville (Lake Trout)	Rob Pinskey

Jan 14	7 PM	BOD	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
Jan 28	7 PM	Member Mtg	Club 54	37722 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Hts
Feb 11	7 PM	BOD	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
Feb 25	7 PM	Member Mtg	Club 54	37722 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Hts
Mar 11	7 PM	BOD	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
Mar 25	7 PM	Member Mtg	Club 54	37722 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Hts
Apr 15	7 PM	BOD	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
Apr 29	7 PM	Member Mtg	Club 54	37722 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Hts
May 13	7 PM	BOD	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
May 27	7 PM	Member Mtg	River Bends Pk	5700 22 Mile Rd, Shelby
June 10	7 PM	BOD	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
June 24	7 PM	Member Mtg	River Bends Pk	5700 22 Mile Rd, Shelby
July 15	7 PM	BOD	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
July 29	7 PM	Member Mtg	River Bends Pk	5700 22 Mile Rd, Shelby

**No August BOD Meeting**

Aug 26	7 PM	Member Mtg	River Bends Pk	5700 22 Mile Rd, Shelby
Sept 16	7 PM	BOD	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
Sept 30	7 PM	Member Mtg	Club 54	37722 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Hts
Oct 14	7 PM	BOD	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
Oct 28	7 PM	Member Mtg	Club 54	37722 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Hts
Nov 11	7 PM	BOD (Vet D)	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
Nov 25	7 PM	Member Mtg	Club 54	37722 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Hts
Dec 2	7 PM	BOD	Rogers Roost	33626 Schoenherr Rd, Sterling Hts
Dec 16	7 PM	Annual Mtg	Club 54	37722 Van Dyke Ave, Sterling Hts



# 25TH ANNUAL SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

Saturday March 8th, 2025 - Doors @5 Dinner @6

\$85 / Ticket includes Wild Game Dinner and Full Open Bar.

Email: [Cvvent@gmail.com](mailto:Cvvent@gmail.com) for Advanced Tickets.

Gun Raffles, Table Raffles, Meat Coolers,  
Fishing Charters, 50/50 and MORE!

MC: Billy Hoffman - DadBod Comedy Tour Headliner and Host of the Michigan BowHunters Podcast.

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**The Ultimate Fishing Show 2025:**

Once again we will be participating in the Ultimate Fishing Show at the Suburban Collection Showplace Novi. Show dates are Thursday January 9 through Sunday January 12. This is our opportune time to showcase our club and to attract new members! Last year we signed up 16 new members. It takes about 22 Steelheaders to man the booth over the four-day event. We will be passing around the sign-up sheet during the next few General Member Meetings. Please do your part! Volunteering includes free show admission so if you're going to the show anyway, why not help support your club. Thanks, Jim Zanke.

**DAS Sportsman Dinner (Wild Game Dinner):**

March 8, 2025 returning to Century Banquet Center. This is the Detroit Area Steelheaders primary fund raising event each year. Your support is critical for the financial support of DAS.

Without a successful Sportsman's dinner, DAS cannot make donations in support of Great Lakes initiatives, local community kids fishing derbies, Salmon in the Classroom, scholarships, or run a successful club. We need your support!



This salmon salad is very quick to make with canned pink salmon, green onions, celery, mayonnaise, lemon juice, and dill. Delicious on a bed of lettuce, on an avocado half, or eaten as a sandwich on focaccia bread.

**Prep Time:** 5 minutes      **Total Time:** 5 Minutes

**Ingredients:**

- 2 (6 ounce) cans pink salmon, drained
- ½ cup finely sliced green onions
- ½ cup finely chopped celery
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- ¾ teaspoon lemon juice
- ¾ teaspoon dried dill or to taste
- ¾ teaspoon seasoned salt or to taste



**Directions:**

1. Combine salmon, green onions, celery, mayonnaise, and lemon juice in a bowl until well combined; season with dill and salt to taste.

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## Upcoming Dates

AOTY Outing January 11 Metro Beach, Perch

DAS BOD January 14, 2025

DAS Member Mtg January 28, 2025

Ultimate Fishing Show January 9-12, 2025

DAS Sportsman's Dinner March 8, 2025

**While looking in her mirror, Harriet was feeling sad one morning because some wrinkles and age spots were very obvious. Looking for some support from Harrold so she would feel better about her appearance, Harriet called out to Harrold and asked him to tell her something good about herself that would make her feel better. Harrold, not being the sharpest knife in the drawer, thought about it for a moment and said "well Harriet, your eye sight is very good".**

**Harold should be released from the hospital next week.**