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April 28, 2026 DAS Member Mtg

Captain Karl Burnside of Thumbs Up Charter Services shared his knowledge of Saginaw Bay Walleye fishing during our April membership meeting. His "About Saginaw Bay" topic covered the "inner bay and the outer bay", Best time of year for Walleye, safety topics, terminal tackle, water temperatures, and several bay area identification terms (the corner, the slot, the steeples, the firecracker) to help you find your best locations by time of year. A useful and entertaining presentation.

Please Note: Next DAS Membership Mtg (May 26) moves to River Bends Park 5700 22 Mile Rd. Shelby Twp. for the DAS summer schedule.

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Detroit Area Steelheaders May 26 Member Mtg

Chip Cartwright of Wolverine Tackle (Silver Streak)
Lake Erie Walleye

Chip Cartwright is a renowned Great Lakes fishing expert, owner of Wolverine Tackle, and manufacturer of Silver Streak lures. While primarily a lure manufacturer and industry expert who tests products on the water, he is associated with high-level trolling for trout and salmon as well as walleye, particularly on Lake Michigan, Lake Ontario and Lake Erie.

River Bends Park, 5700 22 Mile Rd. Shelby Twp. 48317

NOTE: Start Time 7:00pm

Also, info on the next 2026 AOTY outing and the SOTY Schedule. Tackle Raffles, 50-50 Drawing and the Every Member Drawing.

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Another Great Sportsman Dinner!

The Detroit Area Steelheaders hosted another great dinner/fund raiser on March 7th. A fabulous meal was provided by the Century Banquet Center. Entertainment was provided by emcee Billy Hoffman. All had a good time! Lombardo's Taxidermy provided an excellent display. Michi-Gun supported our gun raffles. We had over 300 people attend. They participated in 14-gun raffles, 9 50/50 drawings, 2 meat coolers full of meat from Richmond Meats, an electric bike from Rick's Tire, a beautiful hand made quilt by member Sandy Elnick, and a charter fishing trip from Joel Piatek – Fish Headz Charters. Kris Case from Della's Maple Lane Florist donated all the beautiful center pieces.

We want to send out a special thank you to Carl and Kellie Ventimiglia and their entire family for all the planning, purchasing and work they did to make this dinner a success! Their efforts were truly appreciated! A thank you goes out to all of the board members and club members that helped set up, clean up, and orchestrate a great event! Thank you to all of the members that bought tickets and sold tickets to make this dinner possible.

The money collected from member's dues only covers a small percentage of the club's expenses. The Wild Game Dinner supports the rest of the club. Some of our expenses are hall rental and speakers for meetings, insurance, some of the expenses from Angler of the Year and Skipper of the Year outings, P.O. box, and website. We support youth fishing – Eastside Elites HS Fishing Club, River Day Fishing Derby, Camp Fish Tales, and Shelby Township Parks. Project Fish, Coalition to Protect Michigan Resources, and the DNR Fisheries receive our support. We also maintain a scholarship fund with Lake Superior State University and a local scholarship. Currently there are four schools active in our Salmon in the Classroom Program.

Again, Thank You to all of the volunteers and all that supported the Sportsman Dinner!

Jim Zanke, President

FELLOW DAS MEMBER,

Here's how you can do your part to help stop the Commercial Fishing bills HB5801 & HB5802 recently introduced in the State House.

First, If you don't know who your State Representative is go to:

<https://www.house.mi.gov/#findarepresentative> to find out who it is and where to e-mail him or her.

Second, Download and copy the text from my attached form letter/e-mail into a new e-mail from you and edit where needed(*your representatives name and your name*). Lastly e-mail off to your representative, *Pretty easy to do your Part!*

Dear State Representative (*your name here*),

I am a member of the Detroit Area Steelheaders, a non-profit fishing organization, and a concerned Michigan Angler. Our organization's mission is: "To Promote and Protect the Great Lakes Fishery". I do not believe HB 5801 & HB 5802 are in line with this mission.

The Michigan DNR, all Michigan Anglers through license fees and donations from organizations like ours have spent a tremendous amount of time and money restoring & maintaining this fantastic fishery resource, the Great Lakes.

To hand over a part or all of this to commercial fishing, which has absolutely no investment in this fishery is wrong and quite frankly criminal.

Please vote NO on both HB 5801 and HB 5802.

Sincerely, (*your name here*).

Thank you Dreamweaver Lures!

Every year the Detroit Area Steelheaders sponsor four classrooms for Salmon in the Classroom. They raise salmon from eggs to smolts, provided by the Michigan DNR. Raising the fish is only part of the experience. Every spring they release them into the Clinton River. The release is a morning long activity. Besides measuring and releasing the salmon, we teach basic casting skills – many have never handled a fishing rod before. Mud is taken from the banks to identify vertebrae living with in. They usually have a phys-ed period also. Their favorite activity is lure making! Here they take blank spoons and decorate them with various decals and stickers for them to keep. Dreamweaver Lures of Ludington has provided us with several hundred blanks each year for this activity. I would like to give a huge THANK YOU! To DREAMWEAVER for supporting us all these years. I hope that our members support Dreamweaver in return. Thank You!

Jim Zanke
President

Results Angler of the Year AuSable River April 18, 2026

AOTY AuSable River Outing (Steelhead) - Sat. Apr 18, 2026

Place	Angler's Name	Status	Entry Fee Paid	Big Fish Fee Paid	Tot Wgt (oz.)	Qty Fsh	Fish Pts	Largest Fish (lbs.)	Length Largest Fish (.in)	Tot Pts	Place
1	BOB PARADISE	M		\$10.00	11.10	1	5	11.10		16.10	1
2	JAMES ANDERSON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00		0	0	0.00		0.00	2
2	KADEN WAITE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00		0	0	0.00		0.00	2
2	LAURIE GAMBLIN	M	\$15.00	\$10.00		0	0	0.00		0.00	2
2	MERRICK FIELDS	M	\$15.00	\$10.00		0	0	0.00		0.00	2
2	RABIH ABDALLAH	M	\$15.00	\$10.00		0	0	0.00		0.00	2

Total Entry Fees		Total No. Anglers	
\$75.00		6	
Total Big Fish Fees			
\$60.00			
Angler	Largest Fish	Payout	
BOB PARADISE	11.10	\$30.00	
Angler	2nd Largest Fish	Payout	
#N/A	0.00	\$18.00	
Angler	3rd Largest Fish	Payout	
#N/A	0.00	\$12.00	

2026 BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PORT</u>	<u>START</u>	<u>PULL LINES</u>
May 2	ST JOSEPH	5:30	12:30
MAY 16-17	GRAND HAVEN (2 DAY TOURNAMENT)	5/16 DAY ONE 5:30	12:30
		5/17 DAY TWO 5:30	10:30
JUNE 14 (SUNDAY)	HARBOR BEACH	5:00	12:00
JULY 11	PENTWATER	5:00	12:00
JULY 25	LUDINGTON	5:30	12:30
AUGUST 8	MANISTEE	5:30	12:30
AUGUST 22	MANISTEE	6:00	1:00

NOTE: Our June 14 tournament at Harbor Beach is on a SUNDAY. Harbor Beach is having a Veterans Fishing event on Saturday, June 13. 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. **With the Veterans event going on the same weekend you are encouraged to make your slip reservation as early as possible to avoid being shut out. Take a Veteran fishing!**

St. Joe Standings

5/2/2026

Place	Boat Name	Skipper	Status	# of Fish Weigh	Catch by Species & Weight					Best 5 Total	Best 5 Total Pt	Best 4 Total	Deduction Code	Points Deducte	Total Points	Place
1	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	M	5	L 14.05	L 11.10	L 8.75	L 5.45	C 2.85	42.20	67.20	39.35	NONE	0.00	67.20	1
2	Miss Adventure	Allen Devoll	M	5	K 11.65	L 7.85	K 7.00	S 6.50	L 5.45	38.45	63.45	33.00	NONE	0.00	63.45	2
3	Lake Buzzard	Fred Chartier	M	5	L 13.60	L 8.20	L 7.05	L 4.90	C 2.75	36.50	61.50	33.75	NONE	0.00	61.50	3
4	Wonder	Joe Delisi	M	5	L 9.80	L 7.60	L 6.30	L 4.50	L 4.05	32.25	57.25	28.20	NONE	0.00	57.25	4
5	Down Under	Dave Deronge	M	4	K 10.50	L 7.10	S 2.80	S 2.70	-----	23.10	43.10	23.10	NONE	0.00	43.10	5
6	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	M	2	K 11.90	K 11.55	-----	-----	-----	23.45	33.45	23.45	NONE	0.00	33.45	6
20	Float-On	Chris Posa	G	3	L 7.00	S 5.35	L 2.25	-----	-----	14.60	29.60	14.60	G	29.60	-0.05	20

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Boat Name	Species	Wgt.	Number Caught	
Hardtop & Tails	Salmon	11.90		
Hardtop & Tails	Pool Salmon	11.90		\$70
Hardtop & Tails	King	11.90	5	
Hardtop & Tails	Pool King	11.90		
Vicki's Seacret	Coho	2.85	5	
Vicki's Seacret	Pool Coho	2.85		
Vicki's Seacret	Lake Trout	14.05	23	
Vicki's Seacret	Pool LT	14.05		\$35
Miss Adventure	Steelhead	6.50	4	
Miss Adventure	Pool Steelhead	6.50		\$35
	Brown	0.00	0	
	Atlantic	0.00	0	
	Pool Atlantic	0.00		
	Pink	0.00	0	
	Pool Pink	0.00		
	Total		37	

Deduction Code LEGEND

FARC	= Failure to Answer Role Call
LTWI	= Late To Weigh-In
UCC	= Unauthorized Crew Chg.
DQ	= Disqualified
G	= Guest
LTWI	= Late To Weigh-In

Pg 8 Results Angler of the Year Algonac Walleye May 2, 2026

AOTY Algonac SCR Outing (Walleye) - Sat. May 2, 2026

Place	Angler's Name	Status	Entry Fee Paid	Big Fish Fee Paid	Tot Wgt (oz.)	Qty Fsh	Fish Pts	Largest Fish (lbs.)	Length Largest Fish (.in)	Tot Pts	Place
1	MIKE PARADISE JR	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	13.38	5	25	5.95		38.38	1
2	ROB PINSKEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	11.75	5	25	2.56		36.75	2
3	JACOB BENSON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	9.32	5	25	2.02		34.32	3
4	ART RING	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	8.93	5	25	3.00		33.93	4
5	ANDREW STOCKTON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	8.15	5	25	1.85		33.15	5
6	JON MARTENS	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	7.50	5	25	1.82		32.50	6
7	MARK WYRICK	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	7.14	5	25	2.04		32.14	7
8	JASON GILLIAM	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	6.77	5	25	1.26		31.77	8
9	MARK PARADISE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	7.73	4	20	2.78		27.73	9
10	GASPARE ARAGONA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	6.85	4	20	1.99		26.85	10
11	DANIEL CHISHOLM	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	5.46	4	20	1.44		25.46	11
12	MIKE PARADISE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	5.25	4	20	1.58		25.25	12
13	RABIH ABDALLAH	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	4.85	3	15	2.00		19.85	13
14	BOB PARADISE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	4.38	3	15	0.00		19.38	14
15	JAMES ANDERSON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	4.18	3	15	1.57		19.18	15
16	BOB KSIONZEK	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	3.55	2	10	2.04		13.55	16
17	ANNA KULPA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	2.84	2	10	1.72		12.84	17
18	TODD RIDLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	2.75	2	10	1.48		12.75	18
19	NATE CASE JR	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	2.62	2	10	1.48		12.62	19
20	LAURIE GAMBLIN	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	2.32	2	10	1.36		12.32	20
21	SHAWN PARADISE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	2.65	1	5	2.65		7.65	21
22	ANDREW WEISHAAR	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	2.08	1	5	2.08		7.08	22
23	TOM THIEDA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	1.73	1	5	1.73		6.73	23
24	NATE CASE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	1.65	1	5	1.65		6.65	24
25	MAX PARADISE	Y		\$10.00	1.41	1	5	1.41		6.41	25
26	ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	M		\$10.00	1.02	1	5	1.02		6.02	26
31	AARON WHITTEN	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	31
31	HASSAN BEYDOUN	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	31
31	RENEE WEISHAAR	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	31
31	ROGER PARADISE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	31
31		-					0	0.00		0.00	31
-	TOM LEARNER	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	9.01	5	25	2.49		0.00	-
-	ED BRAGA	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	6.43	4	20	1.95		0.00	-
-	ERIC SMICHT	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	5.46	3	15	2.12		0.00	-
-	CARLOS REYES	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	2.61	1	5	2.61		0.00	-
-	JEFF MAZUR	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	-
-	SAAD ALI	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	-
-	THOMAS RING	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00	0	0	0.00		0.00	-

Angler	Largest Fish	Payout
MIKE PARADISE JR	5.95	\$185.00

Angler	2nd Largest Fish	Payout
ART RING	3.00	\$111.00

Angler	3rd Largest Fish	Payout
MARK PARADISE	2.78	\$74.00

Anna Kulpa's Report:

On Saturday May 2 the Detroit Area Steelheaders held the AOTY Outing in Algonac on the St. Clair River for 5 Best Walleye 🐟 🦈 34 anglers headed for the river by boat or casting along the river at their favorite spot. Start time was 6am and the morning was a bit cold and breezy at about 36deg. Anglers fished anywhere south of the Algonac boat launch to as far north as St. Clair. Fishing was tough since the temperature dropped and fisherman and fisherwomen on boats had to keep moving to find any type of action. Some anglers found spots where at least a fish or two were caught on a drift and kept working that drift, while others kept searching. Some fisherman found their limit while others struggled. Most fished by jigging and some tried bottom bouncing. The sun came out a few times through the clouds making it warmer and nicer for a day of fishing. Lines were pulled at 12pm and weigh in was held at 1pm at the Clay Township Splash Pad. 1st place went to Mike Paradise Jr. with 13.38lbs, 2nd place went to Rob Pinskey with 11.75lbs, and 3rd place went to Jacob Benson with 9.32lbs. 1st place Big Fish went to Mike Paradise Jr. with 5.95lb, 2nd place Big Fish went to Art Ring with 3.00lbs, and 3rd place Big Fish went to Mark Paradise with 2.78lbs. A big thank you to Zbigniew Piotrow (Ziggy) for hosting the outing and providing a wonderful luncheon of Jets Pizza, wings, breadsticks, salad, and dessert of cookies, muffins, and mini cinnamon rolls. Thank you to all DAS members for participating and making memories doing what we all love doing best 🦈 🐟 See you all at the next outing on Saturday May 30 at St. Clair on the St. Clair River for 5 Best Walleye!! Fish On!!



2026 Angler of the Year(AOTY) Overall Standings

TODAY: 05/05/26

Place	STATUS	ENTRANT'S NAME	Metro Beach Perch Sat. Jan 24, 2026	Selfridge Ramp Perch Sat. Jan 31, 2026	Lexington SAM/SH Sat. Feb 21, 2026	Manistee Challenge SH Sat. Mar 28, 2026	AuSable River SH Sat. Apr 18, 2026	Algonac St Clair River Sat. May 2, 2026	St Clair Boat Harbor Sat. May 30, 2026	Port Austin Walleye Sun. July 25, 2026	Lake St Clair Perch Sat. Sept 12, 2026	Manistee River SAM Sat. Sept 26, 2026	AuSable River SAM/SH Sat. Oct 10, 2026	Manistee RSP I SH Sat. Oct 31, 2026	Manistee RSP II SH Sat. Nov 7, 2026	Cassville RSP LT Sat. Dec. 5, 2026	Best 5	Best 6	Place
1	M	BOB PARADISE	2	5	50	6	1	14	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	28	78	1
2	M	GASPARE ARAGONA	1	8	50	7	75	10	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	76	151	2
3	M	ROB PINSKEY	75	1	1	50	75	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	129	204	3
4	M	JAMES ANDERSON	50	9	75	8	50	15	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	132	207	4
5	Y	MAX PARADISE	3	6	50	75	75	25	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	159	234	5
6	M	RABIH ABDALLAH	50	50	50	5	50	13	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	168	218	6
7	M	DANIEL CHISHOLM	5	4	75	75	75	11	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	170	245	7
8	M	KEVIN LONGLEY	4	2	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	181	256	8
9	M	ART RING	75	75	2	50	75	4	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	206	281	9
10	M	NATE CASE JR	75	75	50	1	75	19	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	220	295	10
11	M	ANDREW WEISHAAR	75	75	3	50	75	22	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	225	300	11
12	M	KAREN LONGLEY	50	3	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	228	303	12
13	M	RENEE WEISHAAR	75	50	50	4	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	229	304	13
14	M	CURTIS WILLIAMS	50	12	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	237	312	14
15	M	MIKE PARADISE	75	7	75	75	75	12	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	244	319	15
16	M	DREW DOTSON	50	10	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	260	335	16
17	M	LAURIE GAMBLIN	75	75	75	50	50	20	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	270	345	17
18	M	NATE CASE	75	75	50	50	75	24	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	274	349	18
19	M	ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	50	50	75	75	75	26	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	276	351	19
19	M	MIKE PARADISE JR	75	50	75	75	75	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	276	351	19
21	M	ROGER PARADISE	75	75	75	2	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	277	352	21
22	M	ANDREW STOCKTON	75	75	75	50	75	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	280	355	22
23	M	MARK WYRICK	75	75	75	50	75	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	282	357	23
24	M	PAUL SCHEUERMAN	75	11	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	286	361	24
25	M	ANNA KULPA	75	75	75	50	75	17	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	292	367	25
26	M	MERRICK FIELDS	75	50	75	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	300	375	26
27	M	KRISTYNE CASE	75	75	75	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	303	378	27
27	M	JACOB BENSON	75	75	75	75	75	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	303	378	27
29	M	JON MARTENS	75	75	75	75	75	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	306	381	29
30	M	JASON GILLIAM	75	75	75	75	75	8	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	308	383	30
31	M	MARK PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	309	384	31
32	M	BOB KSIONZEK	75	75	75	75	75	16	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	316	391	32
33	M	TODD RIDLEY	75	75	75	75	75	18	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	318	393	33
34	M	SHAWN PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	21	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	321	396	34
35	M	TOM THIEDA	75	75	75	75	75	23	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	323	398	35
36	M	HASSAN BEYDOUN	75	75	75	50	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	400	36
37	M	ERIC WEIDMAN	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	37
37	M	JEFF MORACZEWSKI	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	37
37	M	KADEN WAITE	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	37
37	M	KYLE COVIK	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	37
37	M	MARK PIASECKI	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	37
37	M	AARON WHITTEN	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	37

AOTY BIG FISH			
Today's Date: 5/5/26			
Species	Wgt. (lbs.)*	Caught By	Event
Salmon	4.68	ANDREW WEISHAAR	Lexington SAM/SH Sat. Feb 21, 2026
Steelhead	11.10	BOB PARADISE	AuSable River SH Sat. Apr 18, 2026
Lake Trout	0.00	-	-
Walleye	5.95	MIKE PARADISE JR	Algonac St Clair River Sat. May 2, 2026
Perch	0.69	MAX PARADISE	Selfridge Ramp Perch Sat. Jan 31, 2026

2026 AOTY St Clair Walleye Outing

This event will be held on **May 30, 2026** at the:
St. Clair Boat Harbor, 902 S. 2nd. Street, St. Clair, Mi. 48079
Phone: 810-329-4125 stclairboatharbor.com

They do rent slips if anyone would like to overnight.
To enter, simply TEXT me, **Rob Pinsky at (810)543-3191 by 4:00 pm.**
Thursday May 28, 2026 so I can finalize the food for the lunch.

For boat entry: Include the captain's name and phone number first,
followed by all other anglers' names (first and last) on board.

Entry fees are \$15.00 per person, which includes the lunch
plus Big fish pool is an additional \$10.00 .

You may opt out of big fish if you choose

but everyone on board will either be IN or opt OUT.

Be sure to let me know in your entry text if you are opting out
or you will be considered IN and required to pay the big fish pool fee.

If you are fishing from shore, just text your name
and say that you want to participate.

The entry fees will be the same.

The ramp does get backed up and
you may be waiting a while to pull your boat out.

Have somebody get your fish cooler in line as soon as you can!

Weigh-in and picnic will be at the second Pavilion
S. of the marina office (same place as past years events).

This is an individual event for AOTY (Angler Of The Year).
YOU MUST KEEP EACH PERSON'S FISH SEPERATE AND IDENTIFIED.

We will strictly follow the DNR 15" minimum size rule.

The limit is 6 fish per person, but we will count
your best 5 fish by weight plus 5 points per fish.

Any ties will be determined by length of fish.

Boundaries are the St. Clair River only from the
Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron down to where the
North, Middle and South Channels enter Lake St. Clair.
Canadian waters are included. Of course, be sure to have a
Canadian License and follow all Canadian fishing regulations.

You can start fishing at **6:00 am**. You must pull lines by **12:00 noon**.

COOLERS MUST BE IN LINE BY 1:30 pm.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED APPROX. AT 1:00pm

*BE SURE TO ALLOW ENOUGH TIME OR MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
TO DROP OFF YOUR COOLERS AND HAVE THEM IN LINE ON TIME.*

WHEN: Saturday May 16, 2026 || Sunday May 17, 2026

WHERE: Municipal Marina

616-847-3478 or <https://grandhaven.org/how-do-i/learn-about/marina-boat-launch/>

TOURNAMENT START: 5:30 a.m. Both Days

(Honor System Start – Roll Call will be taken by Port Captain within 1 hour after start)

FISH CALLS: Channel 72

9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sat. || 8:30 a.m. Sun.

PULL LINES: 12:30 p.m. Sat. || 10:30 a.m. Sun

WEIGH-IN(Must be In Line By) 1:30 p.m. Sat. || 11:30 a.m. Sun.

Municipal Marina (Exact location T.B.D.)

Luncheon will be provided courtesy of Port Captain

PORT CAPTAIN: Jim Zanke (Hardtop & Tails) 586-489-2041 Cell

TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR: Bob Feisel (Vicki's Seacret) 248-765-2504 Cell

ENTRY FEE: **\$15 per person** Entry Forms available at: [DAS SOTY Entry Form](#)

BIG FISH POOL(Optional): \$20 (Each Day)

\$10 towards BIG SALMON – Largest Salmon takes all

\$5 towards BIG STEELHEAD - Largest Steelhead takes all

\$5 towards BIG LAKE TROUT - Largest Lake Trout takes all

REMINDERS: MI DNR Lake Trout- Size 15" minimum, Creel 3.

DAS Rules Minimum size for entry for all species is 19"

You must call (channel 72), the Port Captain or Tournament Director when you return to port at the end of the tournament.

Also, you must call if you return to port at any time during the tournament or return to the water.

Bob Ksionzek

DAS Website Administrator

DAS Membership Chairman

Harbor Beach 2026

June 14th , The Detroit Area Steelheaders fish out of the port of Harbor Beach. Again this year, our tournament will be held on a Sunday. This is to allow our skippers to participate in the Veterans outing sponsored by the Thumb Area Steelheaders. Last year, every one of our skippers that fished the DAS tournament also fished in the Veterans outing. This year the Veterans outing is scheduled for Saturday June 13 th .

This weekend coincides with Michigan's free fishing weekend.

For the Veterans outing, Captains are provided one night's slip, up to \$100 gas, ice, and a t-shirt. The Vets are also given gifts. A hot lunch is provided for all. If you are interested in participating in the Veterans outing, contact Kevin at 989-550-9227 to register or volunteer to captain. You can provide your own veteran(s) or Kevin can assign them to you.

You can no longer reserve a slip at the Harbor Beach Municipal Marina on the Michigan DNR website. You need to contact the Marina directly at 989-479-9707 or during the off season, leave a message for the Harbor Master, (Lisa Kozfkay at 989-479-3363. Make sure you let the marina know if you plan on fishing the Veterans outing.

To finish with the top boats in this tournament you'll probably 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 in this area 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 24".

Wire line dipseys run close to bottom also work well.

In recent years, the Steelhead and Coho fisheries have been improving in lower Lake Huron so you may want to run free sliders and some lead core or copper lines with the appropriate hardware. Using Spin Doctors instead of dodgers will allow you to troll a little faster and also target multi-species. Areas to fish are usually anywhere from 60 - 120 fow, (depending on water temps), either north, south or straight out from the Harbor.

We no longer have Skippers Meetings. You need to register online on the DAS website, preferable at least three days before tournament day. 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 on channel 72. We'll have a roll call about an hour after tournament start to confirm which boats are on the water. Pull lines by 12:00 p.m. with the weigh-in at 1:00 p.m. either at the Pavilion across from the fish cleaning station, (if available), or at the Municipal Marina. Lunch will be provided at the weigh-in. 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

The Pine Knob salmon-in-the-classroom release was held on April 24, 2026 at the Riverside Park in Auburn Hills. Approximately 70 fifth-grade students from Pine Knob elementary school released around ninety fingerling salmon into the Clinton River. The Pine Knob educators go all-out for this event and make it a fun learning experience for the kids. Our Detroit Area Steelheader investment of time and money in this program is well spent by working with these schools to expose the children to outdoor activities that could provide huge dividends in their future. A special shout-out goes to our DAS SIC coordinators Jim Zanke and Kevin Longley for their efforts in this very useful program and all of our DAS members who support it.



Sat May 2, 2026,, Algonac Walleye, North Channel DNR Ramp, 6 am-12 pm, Best 5 Walleye by wt

Event Co-Ordinator: TBD Weigh-in Clay Twp Park

Sat May 30, 2026, St. Clair River Walleye, St Clair River boat harbor 5:30 am-12 pm Best 5 by weight

Event Co-Ordinator: Rob Pinsky 810 543 3191

Sat July 25, 2026 Port Austin Walleye Lake Huron 6 am—12 pm Best 5 Walleye by weight

Event Co-Ordinator: Bob Ksionzek 586 531 9198 Weigh-in Veterans Waterfront Park

Sat Sept 12, 2026 Lake St. Clair Perch Selfridge DNR Ramp 7 am-1 pm Best 5 by length (min 8")

Event Co-Ordinator: Gaspare Aragona 248-330 1774 Tie breaker best weight

Sat Sept 26, 2026, Manistee Salmon, Tippy Dam, 6:30 am-12:30 pm, Best 3 Salmon by weight

Event Co-Ordinators: James Anderson 313 330 3686 and Laurie Gamblin 810 730 2373

Sat Nov 7, 2026, Manistee Steelhead, Pier and River, 6 am-12 pm, Best 3 Steelhead by weight

Event Co-Ordinator: TBD Weigh –in First St Lions Pavillion (Pier Rules)

Sat December 5, 2026, Caseville Lake Trout, Caseville Pier 7 am-1 pm Best 1 by weight

Event Co-Ordinator: TBD Weigh-In Caseville Resort and Marina Clubhouse

All Meetings Start Time is 7:00 PM

May 12	BOD
May 26	General Member Meeting River Bends Park
June 16	BOD
June 30	General Member Meeting River Bends Park
July 14	BOD
July 28	General Member Meeting River Bends Park

August 2026**No Board Meeting**

August 25	General Member Meeting River Bends Park
September 15	BOD
September 29	General Member Meeting Club 54
October 13	BOD
October 27	General Member Meeting Club 54
November 10	BOD
November 24	General Member Meeting Club 54
<u>December 1</u>	<u>BOD</u>
<u>December 15</u>	<u>Annual Meeting and Celebration</u> <u>Club 54</u>

Wearing DAS Apparel is a great way to identify our membership with the club, show our pride in our organization, advertise the organization and increase membership. DAS Apparel can be purchased in 2 ways as outlined below. I encourage everyone to purchase your DAS Apparel ASAP to represent our great club!

I. DAS Pop Up Store: Available Items:

Sweatshirts - \$25.00 -T Shirts \$20.00-Caps \$20.00-Winter Beanies \$20.00-Clip on Towels \$20.00

1. **BASS PRO SHOP: Go to - Basspro.com**
2. **Scroll to the bottom of the home page until you see "RESOURCES" click "BUSINESS SALES"**
3. **Click "VIEW PRODUCTS"**
4. **Select the item that you want to buy and record the SKU number**
5. **Select the DAS Logo that you want placed on the item.**
6. **Call the Bass Pro Business Order Line at (417) 873-5818 or 800-243-6626, option #1 and place your order.**

Monday-Friday 7:00 AM- 6:00 PM CST

Reference the DAS Account Number to ensure you receive your discount

DAS Account Number 118597741

Summary: to place your order you will need:

SKU Number, Your Size, The Logo Number, The DAS Acct #

DAS Approved Logo Numbers

Left Side Chest heat transfer logo - 30046893

Back of shirt heat transfer logo - 30046892

Back of shirt/jacket embroidery logo – 30046891

There is a lot of work that goes into planning and executing any DAS Club outing. It starts with the board of directors laying out the annual plan and passing the plan down to the appropriate committee to turn the plan into action. The Skipper of the Year Committee and the Angler of the Year Committee set up meetings where schedules are decided upon regarding what ports we should visit and what dates are good for each port. It can get complicated and prior year results are considered before a schedule is decided upon.

Once a schedule is published (SOTY-AOTY) a whole new plan must be made up where port captains for each port are solicited. This is the part I want to bring to the attention of membership because we all need to do our part to help this club be all we can be. As John Wooden said, "Nothing happens until we all make it happen. The port captain basically runs the outing. Outing registration, fee collection, start/stop times, fish calls, weather boats, member safety, post event weigh-in, record keeping, pictures, and shore lunch all fall to the port captain. The point I'm trying to make is, its not an easy job.

Fortunately, the port captains we have are up to the task and we are glad to have them. But members can make their job easier. Register as early as possible for any event. The port captain has a budget and needs to know how many people need to be fed. Arrangements must be made with the food vendor in advance. If you must cancel, do it as early as possible. Don't make the port captain seek you out for payment. If you have registered, attend the weigh-in. Catch or no catch. At the least, communicate with the port captain to settle registration/big-fish payment. In the event you can not attend the weigh-in, the event registration fee must still be paid. This lets the port captain know everyone is accounted for and makes the job easier.

Detroit Area Steelheaders
P.O. Box 297
Sterling Heights, MI. 48311-297

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Membership Expires:



Upcoming Dates

May 12	DAS Board of Directors
May 16-17	SOTY Grand Haven
May 26	DAS Member Meeting
May 30	AOTY Walleye St Clair
June 9	DAS Board of Directors
June 14	SOTY Harbor Beach

William Arthur Ward, who coined many inspirational maxims, said, “A true friend knows your weaknesses but shows you your strengths”.