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April 2025

# "Fishin Tales" III



## March 25, 2025 Membership Meeting

### Hunter Engle Lake Michigan Spring Salmon Charter

The Best Chance is a 30 foot Sea Ray Weekender Rigged up to our specifications. Our Technology is Humminbird's autopilot, GPS mapping, digital color fishfinders, Radar, Cannon Optimum downriggers. We also run Fish Hawk for speed and temp, Shimano's Talora rods, and Tekota reels. We only use the best equipment to better your fishing experience. The boat is equipped with a stand-up head for your convenience and privacy. The Best Chance is a Coast Guard licensed and DNR inspected vessel. It was designed for comfort and has been used as a charter boat for many years. We are proud of our boat's appearance and the cleansing of them all. Our goal is to help make the best experience for your trip on Lake Michigan whether you are a first-time fisherman or a seasoned angler.

DAS Member Meetings are held on the last Tuesday each month and attendance is the best way to keep in touch with what is going on with DAS. Meetings begin at 7 PM.

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

NAME		DATE	
ADDRESS			
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## April 29 DAS Member Mtg

### On April 29: Aaron Switzer (DNR head of Fish hatchery Production)

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations. For more information about the DNR, please visit [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr). Questions? Call 517-284-6367. Attend the April DAS member meeting and hear what the head of the DNR Fish Hatchery Production has to say.

### Future Months:

**On May 27: Bob Mitchell (Long time DAS member and Charter Boat Captain)**

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On Saturday March 8, 2025 the Detroit Area Steelheaders held their 25th annual Sportsman Dinner at the Century Banquet Center in Sterling Hts. Attendees enjoyed a dinner of Venison chili, Buffalo hot dogs, a jambalaya of frog leg, turtle, and crayfish along with Elk and cherry pirogi. Whole roasted wild boar, gator sausage, and Buffalo spiedini were also available.

MC Billy Hoffman kept everyone entertained during dinner and the main event where there were gun raffles, table raffles, meat coolers, fishing charters, 50:50 drawings, and more. Everyone had a good time and many went home with valuable raffle prizes.

A special thank you shout out to our event sponsors who helped make this event successful:

Paradise Jigs (Mike Paradise), Roger Hinchcliff (Lamiglas rods), Kristyne Carian Case (Della's Maple Lane Florist), Joel Piatek (Fish Headz Sport Fishing Charters), Ultimate Salmon Derby (Sponsor)

Rick's Tire (E-Scout Bike), Alexandra Elnick (quilt donation), Kathy Mikros (quilt donation)

John Lombardo (Taxidermy Display).









### AOTY Manistee River Outing (Steelhead) - Sat. Mar 22, 2025

Place	L Ra	Angler's Name	Status	Entry Fee Paid	Big Fish Fee Paid	Fish Wgt (oz.)	Length Fish (in.)	Tot Pts	Place
1	1	NATE CASE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	14.64		14.64	1
2	2	LAURIE GAMBLIN	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	9.52		9.52	2
3	3	ROGER PARADISE	M		\$10.00	8.74		8.74	3
4	4	GASPARE ARAGONA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	7.76		7.76	4
5	5	MARK WYRICK	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	7.46		7.46	5
6	6	BEN LEE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	6.98		6.98	6
7	7	CURTIS WILLIAMS	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	6.72		6.72	7
8	8	RABIH ABDALLAH	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	6.62		6.62	8
9	9	BOB PARADISE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	6.15		6.15	9
10	11	ANNA KULPA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	5.52		5.52	10
10	11	JAMES ANDERSON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	5.52		5.52	10
12	13	NATE CASE JR	Y		\$10.00	0.00		0.00	12
12	13	BLAISE PEWINSKI	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0.00	12
12	13	HASSAN BEYDOUN	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0.00	12
12	13	J.C. HODGE III	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0.00	12
12	13	KAREN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0.00	12
12	13	KARI ZOELLNER	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0.00	12
12	13	KEN LEE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0.00	12
12	13	KEVIN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0.00	12
12	13	KRISTYNE CASE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0.00	12
12	13	MERRICK FIELDS	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0.00	12
12	13	PETE MASTRANGEL	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0.00	12
12	13	ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0.00	12
-	10	BILLY ROER	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	5.81		0.00	-
-	13	DAN WHITMILL	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0.00	-

#### Total Entry Fees

\$345.00

#### Total No. Anglers

25

#### Total Big Fish Fees

\$250.00

#### Angler

NATE CASE

#### Largest Fish

14.64

#### Payout

\$125.00

#### Angler

LAURIE GAMBLIN

#### 2nd Largest Fish

9.52

#### Payout

\$75.00

#### Angler

ROGER PARADISE

#### 3rd Largest Fish

8.74

#### Payout

\$50.00

On Saturday March 22 the Detroit Area Steelheaders and Metro-West Steelheaders held their AOTY Spring Steelhead Fish Off Outing on the Manistee River. Steelheaders could fish the pier, beach, Manistee River, and its watersheds. Fishing lines hit the water at 6am. The dark morning with temperatures of 19deg and gusts of wind from the south east made it bitterly cold for fishing. Most Detroit Steelheaders fished by the dam on the north and south side of the river, while a few were on a drift boat down river. Metro-West Steelheaders fished suicide bend and down River. The wind and gusts were too strong to fish the pier and beach that day. The early morning was slow but soon enough the bite was on! On the south side, Roger Paradise landed the first fish and soon enough, other Detroit Steelheaders on that side were hooking into fish. Roger was on fire and kept the fish coming in, but Nathan Case Sr. finally hooked into one that put up a pretty good fight of 10 min or so. The fight was well worth the fish and Nathan's fish was going to be hard to beat. Throughout the day Steelheaders were catching fish with some snow flurries as the winds calmed down and weather warmed up to a high of 27deg. Towards the end of the outing most Steelheaders had their fish and were off the river. On the north side there were a few Steelheaders left and 2 left on the south side. In the last 20 minutes Mark Wyrick hooked up again and was lucky enough to land his fish before the end of the outing. Fishing ended at 3pm and weigh in and dinner was at 4pm and held at Batckes Manistee River Lodge. Metro-West Steelheaders and Detroit Area Steelheaders gathered for the weigh in. First place and Big Fish went to Nathan Case Sr at 14.64lbs. 2nd place and 2nd Big Fish went to Laurie Gamblin at 9.52lbs. 3rd place and 3rd Big Fish went to Roger Paradise at 8.74lbs. Most Detroit Area Steelheaders had a fish to weigh in for a total of 91.44lbs for the club. Metro-West Steelheaders came in with a total of 32.38lbs for the weigh in. Once again the Spring Steelhead Fish Off title goes to the Detroit Area Steelheaders. A big thank you to Roger and Maria Paradise for hosting the outing and providing a wonderful and warm meal of brisket, broasted potatoes, coleslaw, chili, hotdogs, a snack tray, and an assortment of cookies. Thank you to Kristyne Case for some wonderful cookies from Crumble Cookie. Thank you to all Detroit Area Steelheaders and Metro-West Steelheaders for participating in doing what we all love to do best. It was a wonderful Spring fish off, one of the best the Steelheaders have seen in a while. See you all at the next AOTY Outing in Oscoda on the Au Sable River on Saturday April 26. FISH ON!!





2025 Angler of the Year(AOTY) Overall Standings																	TODAY:	03/25/25
Place	STATUS	ENTRANT'S NAME	Metro Beach Sat. Jan 11, 2025	Selfridge Ramp Sat. Jan 25, 2025	Saginaw Bay Sat. Feb 15, 2025	Manistee Challenge Sat. Mar 22, 2025	Oscoda AuSable River Sat. Apr 19, 2025	Algonac St. Clair River Sat. May 3, 2025	St. Clair Boat Harbor Sat. May 24, 2025	Au Gres Sat. July 12, 2025	Lake St. Clair Sat. Sept 13, 2025	Manistee River Sat. Sept 27, 2025	Oscoda AuSable River Sat. Oct 11, 2025	Manistee RSP I Sat. Oct 25, 2025	Manistee RSP II Sat. Nov 2, 2025	Cassville RSP Sat. Dec. 6, 2025	Best 5	Place
1	M	BOB PARADISE	9	4	4	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	101	1
2	M	KEVIN LONGLEY	4	10	1	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	140	2
3	M	GASPARE ARAGONA	11	1	50	4	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	141	3
4	M	KAREN LONGLEY	8	14	2	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	149	4
5	M	MARK WYRICK	7	9	75	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	171	5
6	M	ANNA KULPA	13	8	75	10	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	181	6
7	M	DANIEL CHISHOLM	5	5	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	210	7
8	M	JAMES ANDERSON	75	6	50	10	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	216	8
9	M	CURTIS WILLIAMS	12	50	75	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	219	9
10	M	RABIH ABDALLAH	14	50	75	8	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	222	10
11	M	MARK PARADISE	2	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	230	11
12	M	MIKE PARADISE	6	75	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	234	12
13	M	ROB PINSKEY	3	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	235	13
14	M	LAURIE GAMBLIN	75	50	50	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	252	14
15	M	MARK PIASECKI	10	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	285	15
16	Y	MAX PARADISE	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	301	16
16	M	NATE CASE	75	75	75	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	301	16
18	Y	CHRIS VENTIMIGLIA	75	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	302	18
19	M	ROGER PARADISE	75	75	75	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	303	19
20	M	BEN LEE	75	75	75	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	306	20
21	M	MARCUS ENGLISH	75	11	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	311	21
22	M	DREW DOTSON	75	12	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	312	22
23	M	CARL VENTIMIGLIA SR	75	13	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	313	23
24	M	BRAD WALTON	75	15	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	315	24
25	M	MERRICK FIELDS	75	50	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	25
26	M	ART RING	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	26
26	M	BLAISE PEWINSKI	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	26
26	M	DAVE DERONGE	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	26
26	M	DON JASMAN	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	26
26	M	FRED CHARTIER	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	26
26	M	HASSAN BEYDOUN	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	26
26	M	J.C. HODGE III	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	26
26	M	JACKIE SMALLWOOD	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	26
26	M	KADEN WAITE	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	26
26	M	KARI ZOELLNER	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	26
26	M	KEN LEE	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	26
26	M	KRISTYNE CASE	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	26
26	M	LIZ KULPA	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	26
26	Y	NATE CASE JR	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	26
26	M	PETE MASTRANGEL	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	26
26	M	TANISHA MILLER	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	26
26	M	TOM THIEDA	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	26
26	M	ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	26

## DETERMINING AOTY POINTS

- 1) PLACE AT EVENT
- 2) 50 = PARTICIPATED NO FISH
- 3) 75 = NO PARTICIPATION

NO. OF DIFFERENT ANGLERS  
(MEMBERS - SO FAR THIS YEAR)

43

NO. OF DIFFERENT ANGLERS  
(GUESTS - SO FAR THIS YEAR)

7

## AOTY BIG FISH

Today's Date: 3/25/25

Species	Wgt. (lbs.)*	Caught By	Event
Salmon	0.00	-	-
Steelhead	14.64	NATE CASE	Manistee River 03/22/25
Lake Trout	0.00	-	-
Walleye	4.63	KEVIN LONGLEY	Saginaw Bay 02/15/25
Perch	1.38	GASPARE ARAGONA	Selfridge Ramp 01/25/25

<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>
<b>April 26*</b>	<b>AuSable River (Steelhead)</b>	<b>Rahbih Abdalla</b>
<b>May 3</b>	<b>Algonac (Walleye)</b>	<b>Tom Gorguze</b>
<b>May 31*</b>	<b>St Clair River (Walleye)</b>	<b>Rob Pinskey</b>
<b>July 12</b>	<b>AuGres (Walleye)</b>	<b>Bob Ksionzek</b>
<b>September 13</b>	<b>Lake St Clair (Perch)</b>	<b>Gaspere Aragona</b>
<b>September 27</b>	<b>Manistee River (Salmon)</b>	<b>James Anderson / Lauri Gamblin</b>
<b>October 11</b>	<b>AuSable (Salmon)</b>	<b>Kevin and Karen Longley</b>
<b>October 25</b>	<b>Manistee (Steelhead)</b>	<b>Mark Wyrik and Anna Kulpa</b>
<b>November 2</b>	<b>Manistee (Steelhead)</b>	<b>Bob Paradise</b>
<b>December 6</b>	<b>Caseville (Lake Trout)</b>	<b>Rob Pinskey</b>

**Note that there are two date changes made to avoid Holidays.**

**April 19 AuSable is now April 26**

**May 24 Walleye is now May 31**

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

**Change of Pace: Maple Syrup Smoked Coho**

**50/50 teriyaki sauce - soy sauce**

Brine the coho fully submerged overnight up to 12 hours in the fridge. Remove from the wet brine and pat dry with paper towels, do not rinse with water. Place in front of a fan, in the fridge or cool area for at least 2 hours. These were smoked at 170 for between 4 and 5 hours until the internal temps were 155, I like mine a little more well done than 145. Brush with maple syrup when you pull the fish out of the smoker and cool the fish before vacuum sealing.



## **Pg 11 SOTY Outing "Save the Date" April 26-27, 2025 St. Joseph (Two-Day)**

**Saturday April 26/27, 2025. West Basin Marina, St Joseph, MI. Register before 7 pm of the Wednesday prior to the tournament (preferably sooner) on-line at [www.DetroitSteelheaders.com](http://www.DetroitSteelheaders.com) (2025 SOTY) (SOTY Entry Form) or contact tournament director Bob Feisel (248-765-2504). The entry fee, which includes lunch, is \$15/person. The optional Big Fish bet is also \$20/boat. Fees will be collected at the weigh-in. Tournament start on Saturday is @ 6:30 am. Monitor Channel 72 for announcement of start. Fish calls @ 9:00 and 11:30 (Channel 72). Pull lines @ 1:30 pm. Be in line at the weigh-in by 2:00 pm. On Sunday, tournament start is @ 6:30, fish call at 9:00, pull lines at 11:30, be in weigh-in line by 12:00. Scores from both days will be added together to determine overall placement for the event. Tournament director Joe is planning a chicken dinner from Harding's Market for lunch.**

**The St Joseph area is known for early season Coho and Lake Trout, but Kings can also be plentiful. The water temperature will be cold from top to bottom. Try to find some warmer water. Some captains will fish close to shore in 25-60 feet of water, or run 10 miles south to the warm water discharge from the Cook nuclear power plant. Sometimes the weather conditions will stir up the lake bottom sediments, causing the shallow water to get chalky. When this happens you might do better in deeper water. The early spring fish fight like heck, so be prepared for battles all the way to your boat! CAUTION: Spring rains can cause flooding in the St Joseph river and wash logs, picnic tables, trees, and other debris downstream and into Lake Michigan. Be on the alert, and if you see a hazard use your radio to warn the other captains.**

## **AOTY Outing "Save the Date" AuSable River(Steelhead) April 26, 2025**

**The DAS outing is on Saturday, April 26th. Starting time is 6:00 am till 12:00 pm weigh-in at the AuSable River Store located at 680 West River Rd., Oscoda, MI. 48750. Lunch will be held at the AuSable Inn Restaurant. If you need to make a reservation, call (989) 739-8822 Oscoda Lake Side Motel located at 4270 US-23 Hwy, AuSable Twp. MI. 48750, ask for Mary tell her you are fishing with Rabih Abdallah from the Detroit Steelheaders and she will give you a good rate (\$79 for a room with two full size beds or one king size bed). This outing will be counted for only Steelhead fish (three allowed). We will have a voluntary \$10 big fish contest that pays three places, 50% payout for 1st big fish, 30% payout for second big fish, and 20% payout for third big fish. Registration for the outing and lunch is \$15/person plus the \$10 big fish pool. You must opt out of the big fish pool before the start of the outing or you are automatically "in" big fish pool. You can fish anywhere in the AuSable River from the river mouth all the way to Foot Dam. Hope to see a lot of members up there. If you need more information or any kind of help you can contact Rabih Abdallah on (313) 412-9111.**

**Register for the outing through the DAS web site under the AOTY web tab or text Rabih Abdallah (313) 412-9111 to join the outing. Indicate the outing date, your name, phone number, and in or out of big fish pool. Register by 4 pm Thursday, April 24 so Rabih knows how many people to plan for. Hope to see everybody there. Rabih.**

## **Pg12 SOTY Outing "Save the Date" May 17-18, 2025 Ludington (Two Day)**

The Detroit Area Steelheaders will be hosting a Skipper of the Year event in Ludington, MI. This will be a two-day event fishing both Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>. Entry is \$15 per person and covers the whole weekend. Lunch will be provided on Saturday and will be at the pavilion at Ludington Municipal Marina. If inclement weather prevents fishing on Saturday lunch will still be provided at 1pm. Tournament start, end and Weigh in times and details are below.

**TOURNAMENT START: 6:00 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.; 9:00 a.m. – Sun.**

**PULL LINES: 1:00 p.m. – Sat.; 11:00 a.m. – Sun.**

**WEIGH-IN:**

**2:00 p.m. (must be in line by) – Sat.**

**Luncheon will be provided courtesy of Port Captain at the Municipal Marina**

**12:00 p.m. (must be in line by) – Sun. at the Municipal Marina**

Scores from both days will be added together to determine overall placement for the event. There will be a big fish pool for both days. If you wish to enter the Big Fish Pool it is \$20 for each day. Pay-out Breakdown is below.

**\$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**

If you are planning to stay at the Municipal Marina, they open and start taking reservations on April 15 this year. Their number is 231-843-9611.

I will be in Ludington starting Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup> and hope to get a fishing report out on Whatsapp.

If you need anything or have any questions you can reach me on my cell (616) 460-0724.

**Tight Lines Everyone**

**Allen DeVoll**



**Greeting! We invite you to join us this spring for the 2025 Lake Huron Regional Fisheries Workshops. These spring fishery workshops are free, open to the public, and offer current research and information related to the status of Lake Huron fisheries.**

**Michigan Sea Grant and Michigan State University Extension – in partnership with the MI Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division, USGS Great Lakes Science Center, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Tribal, and local fishery organizations – annually offer these evening regional workshops to provide valuable information for anglers, charter captains, resource professionals, and community members.**

**Lake Huron: Open Water, April 8, 6-8pm EDT, Virtual via Zoom**

**Lake Huron: Saginaw Bay, April 22, 6-8pm EDT, Hybrid via Zoom and in-person at Saganing Tribal Center, Standish**

**Lake Huron: Les Cheneaux & St Marys River, April 29, 6-8pm EDT, Hybrid via Zoom and in-person at Clark Township Community Center, Cedarville**

**Statewide, Thursday, May 1, 12-2 p.m. EDT, Virtual via Zoom**

**Workshops are FREE and open to the public; however, pre-registration is REQUIRED for each workshop (especially to receive access/log-in details for the hybrid event).**

**[Find workshop details for entire 2025 series at:](#)**

**[Michiganseagrant.org/educational-programs/fisheries-workshops/](https://michiganseagrant.org/educational-programs/fisheries-workshops/)**

**Please contact Michigan Sea Grant, Brandon Schroeder ([schroe45@msu.edu](mailto:schroe45@msu.edu)) or Katelyn Brolick ([brolickk@msu.edu](mailto:brolickk@msu.edu)), with any questions regarding Lake Huron workshops.**

**Please pass along, promote and share with any and all who may be interested in participating; and we hope you will plan to join one or more of these educational online opportunities yourself!**

**Thank you, Brandon Schroeder, Meaghan Gass, Elliot Nelson**

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## Upcoming Dates

April 15—Board Meeting  
April 26—AOTY AuSable River  
April 26/27—SOTY St Joseph  
April 29—Member Meeting

**A lot of women say their husbands never listen to them.**

**I'm proud to say I have never heard that!**