

"Fishin Tales" III



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DAS Anglers



March 31, 2026 DAS Member Mtg

Ken Clark, Charter Captain of Fishmas Charters, addressed his Walleye fishing seasons on the Detroit and St. Clair rivers. Walleye jigging techniques, trolling, favored baits, when to use vertebrates or invertebrates (changeover from minnows to worms), and bait rigging ideas were highlighted. Ken and his crew had been on the Detroit River that morning and did quite well using his favorite set-up for jigging walleye. It's a set-up he uses frequently and has much success with. Copper colors with long stinger hooks do the trick on most days on the river.

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We would like to thank the Companies to the right for their generous donation to our monthly DAS Tackle Raffle.

Sincerely DAS, Board of Directors



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Detroit Area Steelheaders April 28 Member Mtg*Guest Speaker:****Capt. Karl Burnside******Thumbs Up Charter Service****Captain Karl is licensed by the United States Coast Guard.**As a fishing Captain, he is a member of the Michigan Charter Boat Association, and serves as their President.**He will have a presentation on Walleye Fishing in Saginaw Bay.*

Club 54—37722 Van Dyke Ave.

Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

NOTE: Start Time 7:00pmAlso, info on the next 2026 AOTY outing and the SOTY Schedule.
Tackle Raffles, 50-50 Drawing and the Every Member Drawing.



Our favorite DAS commentator and photographer, Ann Kulpa Writes:

26th Annual Detroit Area Steelheaders Sportsman Dinner 🐟🐟 thank you to all Detroit Area Steelheaders who once again made our fundraiser and dinner possible, to all who made donations, and friends and families who attended to make this yet another successful night of memories 🐟🐟



Pg 4 DAS AOTY Saturday March 28, 2026, Manistee Steelhead

On Saturday March 28, Detroit Area Steelheaders and Metro-West Steelheaders held their Spring Steelhead Fish Off on the Manistee River 🎣🐟 Fishing started time was 6am and anglers could fish anywhere on the Manistee River including the river, beach, and pier. The morning gave way to freshy fallen snow over the night. The air was crisp and cold at about 19F with a dark clear sky full of stars. Fishermen and women were scattered throughout the river, but most fished between the dam and suicide bend on both north and south sides of the river. Many spots were taken up by anglers along the river side since the fishing was pretty good the week before when the weather warmed up. Unfortunately since the temperature dropped, the fishing had slowed down quite a bit. Not many fish were being caught, flies, beads, wigglers, spawn, and wax worms were all being used to bottom bounce or float fish. As the day went on, more fisherman and women showed up to the riverbanks in hopes of catching the one. The wind came up a bit as well as the temperature but there was still quite a chill in the air. Some anglers fished in the same location all day while others moved around chasing fish. Gaspare Aragona fished by the boat launch near the dam and had two wonderful fisherman that fished with him and helped him with his tangles and netting his fish. What wonderful sportsmanship 🐟🎣 Fishing ended at 2pm and weigh-in and luncheon were held at Batcke's Manistee River Lodge at 4pm. 1st place and Big Fish went to Nate Case Jr. at 9.25lbs, 2nd place and 2nd Big Fish went to Roger Paradise at 9.15lbs, 3rd place and 3rd Big Fish went to Krystine Case at 8.2lbs. "Posted by Anna Kulpa"

The Spring Steelhead Fish-Off went to the Detroit Area Steelheaders once again 🎣🐟 A Big Thank You to Roger and Maria Paradise for hosting the outing and providing a wonderful luncheon of bris-ket, brats, oven broasted potatoes, coleslaw, chili, apple and cherry pie, and mini cupcakes. Thank you to all Detroit Area Steelheaders and Metro-West Steelheaders for participating and for making memories doing what we all love doing best. Next AOTY Outing is at Oscoda on the Au Sable River on April 18, see you all there! Fish On! 🐟🎣 "Posted by Anna Kulpa"



Pg 5 Angler of the Year Saturday March 28 Manistee Steelhead Results

Place	Angler's Name	Status	Entry Fee Paid	Big Fish Fee Paid	Fish Wgt (oz.)	Qty Fsh	Fish Pts	Largest Fish (lbs.)	Tot Pts	Place
1	NATE CASE JR	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	9.25	1	5	9.25	9.25	1
2	ROGER PARADISE	M		\$10.00	9.15	1	5	9.15	9.15	2
3	KRISTYNE CASE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	8.20	1	5	8.20	8.20	3
4	RENEE WEISHAAR	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	7.64	1	5	7.64	7.64	4
5	RABIH ABDALLAH	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	7.35	1	5	7.35	7.35	5
6	BOB PARADISE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	7.27	1	5	7.27	7.27	6
7	GASPARE ARAGONA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	6.75	1	5	6.75	6.75	7
8	JAMES ANDERSON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	4.97	1	5	4.97	4.97	8
9	ANDREW STOCKTON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0	0.00	0.00	9
9	ANDREW WEISHAAR	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0	0.00	0.00	9
9	ANNA KULPA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0	0.00	0.00	9
9	ART RING	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0	0.00	0.00	9
9	CURTIS WILLIAMS	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0	0.00	0.00	9
9	DREW DOTSON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0	0.00	0.00	9
9	ERIC WEIDMAN	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0	0.00	0.00	9
9	HASSAN BEYDOUN	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0	0.00	0.00	9
9	KAREN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0	0.00	0.00	9
9	KEVIN LONGLEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0	0.00	0.00	9
9	LAURIE GAMBLIN	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0	0.00	0.00	9
9	MARK WYRICK	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0	0.00	0.00	9
9	MERRICK FIELDS	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0	0.00	0.00	9
9	NATE CASE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0	0.00	0.00	9
9	ROB PINSKEY	M	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0	0.00	0.00	9
-	BILLY GREER	G	\$15.00	\$10.00	0.00		0	0.00	0.00	-

Angler	Largest Fish	Payout
NATE CASE JR	9.25	\$120.00

Angler	2nd Largest Fish	Payout
ROGER PARADISE	9.15	\$72.00

Angler	3rd Largest Fish	Payout
KRISTYNE CASE	8.20	\$48.00

2025 Angler of the Year (AOTY) Overall Standings																			
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	Caseville RSP LT Sat. Dec. 5, 2026	Best 5	Best 6	Place
1	M	BOB PARADISE	2	5	50	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	138	213	1
2	M	GASPARE ARAGONA	1	8	50	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	141	216	2
3	M	KEVIN LONGLEY	4	2	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	181	256	3
4	M	ROB PINSKEY	75	1	1	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	202	277	4
5	Y	MAX PARADISE	3	6	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	209	284	5
6	M	JAMES ANDERSON	50	9	75	8	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	217	292	6
7	M	KAREN LONGLEY	50	3	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	228	303	7
8	M	RABIH ABDALLAH	50	50	50	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	230	305	8
9	M	DANIEL CHISHOLM	5	4	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	234	309	9
10	M	CURTIS WILLIAMS	50	12	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	237	312	10
11	M	RENEE WEISHAAR	75	50	50	4	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	254	329	11
12	M	DREW DOTSON	50	10	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	260	335	12
13	M	NATE CASE JR	75	75	50	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	276	351	13
14	M	ART RING	75	75	2	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	277	352	14
15	M	ANDREW WEISHAAR	75	75	3	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	278	353	15
16	M	PAUL SCHEUERMAN	75	11	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	286	361	16
17	M	ROGER PARADISE	75	75	75	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	302	377	17
18	M	KRISTYNE CASE	75	75	75	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	303	378	18
19	M	MIKE PARADISE	75	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	307	382	19
20	M	MERRICK FIELDS	75	50	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	400	20
20	M	NATE CASE	75	75	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	400	20
20	M	ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	400	20
23	M	ANDREW STOCKTON	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	23
23	M	ANNA KULPA	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	23
23	M	ERIC WEIDMAN	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	23
23	M	HASSAN BEYDOUN	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	23
23	M	JEFF MORACZEWSKI	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	23
23	M	KYLE COVIK	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	23
23	M	LAURIE GAMBLIN	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	23
23	M	MARK PIASECKI	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	23
23	M	MARK WYRICK	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	23
23	M	MIKE PARADISE JR	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	23

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)
32
NO. OF DIFFERENT ANGLERS (GUESTS - SO FAR THIS YEAR)
2

AOTY BIG FISH			
Today's Date: 4/2/26			
Species	Wgt. (lbs.)*	Caught By	Event
Salmon	4.68	ANDREW WEISHAAR	Lexington SAM/SH Sat. Feb 21, 2026
Steelhead	9.25	NATE CASE JR	Manistee Challenge SH Sat. Mar 28, 2026
Lake Trout	0.00	-	-
Walleye	0.00	-	-
Perch	0.69	MAX PARADISE	Selfridge Ramp Perch Sat. Jan 31, 2026

Sat., April 18, 2026

Fishing 6:00am till 12:00pm

Best 3 Steelhead by Weight

Weigh-in 1:00pm at **AuSable River Store**

680 West River Rd. Oscoda, MI 48750

Lunch will follow the weigh-in and will be

held at the **AuSable Inn Restaurant**

600 S State St. AuSable Township, MI 48750

To participate, register with event

Co-Ordinator **Bob Paradise (586)457-4073**

Register early to enable Bob to plan for the shore-lunch.

Event fee \$15 includes shore lunch. \$10 optional big fish fee.

If you register for the event, you are automatically included in the big fish competition unless you opt-out of big fish during your registration.

Big Fish: There is a big fish payout to the three heaviest Steelhead

1st big fish is awarded 50% of the total pool,

2nd big fish 30% and 3rd big fish 20% payout.

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 his/her job that much easier.

Guests are welcome! (But not eligible for AOTY)

Guests can also join the DAS for \$25 at the event.

Choice of DAS Hat or Towel included.

There will be no merchandise at event. Must be picked up at a meeting.

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!

Saturday April 18, 2026, AuSable Steelhead River Dam Store, 6 am—12 pm, Best 3 Steelhead by wgt

Event Co-Ordinator: TBD Tie breaker best weight

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

April 14	BOD
April 28	General Member Meeting Club 54
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!

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5. **Select the DAS Logo that you want placed on the item.**
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DAS Approved Logo Numbers

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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.

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Membership Expires:



Upcoming Dates

- April 14 DAS Board of Directors
- April 18 AOTY AuSable
- April 28 DAS Member Meeting
- May 2 AOTY Walleye Algonac
- May 2 SOTY St Joe

Wendel Johnson was a Psychologist, actor, and proponent of General Semantics. He said, "always and never are two words you should always remember never to use".