



# "Fishin Tales" III

DAS monthly membership meetings are held on the last Tuesday of each month.

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DAS Anglers

December. 2025  
Caseville



November 25, 2025 DAS Member Mtg

Ethan Baker, chairman of the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission (GLFC) presented the work the GLFC does to support the regions \$5.1 billion fishery. Our magnificent Great Lakes are a shared resource with surrounding States and our Canadian neighbor. What's at stake is 35,000 jobs that contribute to the backbone of local communities.

Prior to establishing the GLFC there was no coordinated governance of this precious resource. Each State and Country worked on it's own and did their best without much communication or coordination. Since its establishment, the Great Lakes Fishery Commission has been a leader in promoting and facilitating Great Lakes science and its use in fishery management decision making. The commission coordinates, conducts, and communicates science.

DAS Member meetings also include recent tournament and outing reports along with Tackle Raffle, 50:50 raffles, and comradery. Join us!

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

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☐ **Renewal - \$35 Yearly**
☐ **Senior (65 & over)- \$20 Yearly**
☐ **Address Change only**

Date of Birth

☐ **Special Event Rate (New Members Only)- \$20**

NAME		DATE of Application	
ADDRESS			
CITY, STATE, ZIP		HOME PHONE	CELL PHONE
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## Detroit Area Steelheaders Annual Meeting

The December year end meeting is our official Annual meeting and awards celebration. Skipper of the Year, Angler of the Year, Big Fish awards for various species, Member of the Year, Board Member of the Year, and the very important election of officers to steer the club over the next year.

December is also the club's Christmas celebration where Salmon Clause arrives and distributes gifts to DAS members children. It is a party atmosphere and fun for all. The adults may not receive gifts but they are not left out in the cold. We hold 50:50 raffles and pass out door prizes where members can win hams, turkeys, and adult beverage prizes like beer, wine, and liquor.

It's a great year end celebration where everything the DAS club stands for is highlighted and celebrated.

Wishing you and yours a pleasant Holiday season and a healthy, happy year ahead.

DAS Board of Directors.

Thank you Kelly Ventimiglia for your thoughtful service caring for the club members children with gifts and care.

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Awards

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Photography, Raffles

## AOTY Caseville RSP Outing (Lake Trout) - Sat. Dec 6, 2025

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
MAX PARADISE	Y		\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
ROME HOLDEN JR	Y		\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
AARON CRIST	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
ANNA KULPA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
BLAISE PEWINSKI	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
BOB PARADISE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
DREW DOTSON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
GASPAR ARAGONA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
JAMES ANDERSON	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
KADEN WAITE	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
KYLE COVIAK	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
LAURIE GAMBLIN	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
LIZ KULPA	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
MERRICK FIELDS	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
NICK JONES	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
RABIH ABDALLAH	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
ROB PINSKEY	M		\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
ROD ELNICK	M	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
ANGELO BATTISTI	G	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
BRANDON BRYANT	G	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
LANA	G	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00
THOMAS JESSUP	G	\$15.00	\$10.00			0	0.00		0.00

Status Legend: M=Member Y=Youth Member(Under 18) G=Guest

## TIE BREAKERS

Place - Largest Fish      Largest Fish - Length Largest Fish

## Total Entry Fees

\$285.00

## Total No. Anglers

22

## Total Big Fish Fees

\$220.00

## Angler

## Largest Fish

## Payout

ANNA KULPA

0.00

\$110.00

## Angler

## 2nd Largest Fish

## Payout

BRANDON BRYANT

0.00

\$66.00

## Angler

## 3rd Largest Fish

## Payout

ANGELO BATTISTI

0.00

\$44.00



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 26, 2025	Algonac St. Clair River Sat. May 3, 2025	St. Clair Boat Harbor Sat. May 24, 2025	Port Austin Sun. July 13, 2025	Lake St. Clair Sat. Sep 13, 2025	Manistee River Sat. Sep 27, 2025	Oscoda AuSable River Sat. Oct 11, 2025	Manistee RSP I Sat. Oct 25, 2025	Manistee RSP II Sat. Nov 1, 2025	Cassville RSP Sat. Dec. 6, 2025	Best 15	Best 6	Place
Y	MAX PARADISE	1	75	75	75	1	3	1	75	7	50	3	1	5	50	7	10	1
M	BOB PARADISE	9	4	4	9	3	1	19	75	1	50	1	50	3	50	9	13	2
M	KEVIN LONGLEY	4	10	1	50	4	22	16	2	14	50	50	50	1	75	12	22	3
M	RABIH ABDALLAH	14	50	75	8	50	7	2	75	21	1	2	50	50	50	20	34	4
M	MARK WYRICK	7	9	75	5	50	16	3	4	16	3	50	50	50	75	22	31	5
M	ROB PINSKEY	3	7	75	75	75	4	10	3	6	75	75	75	75	50	23	33	6
M	JAMES ANDERSON	75	6	50	10	2	6	17	75	3	50	50	50	75	50	27	44	7
M	KAREN LONGLEY	8	14	2	50	5	50	21	1	20	50	50	50	50	75	30	50	8
M	GASPARE ARAGONA	11	1	50	4	50	75	28	75	12	50	50	75	2	50	30	58	8
M	ANNA KULPA	13	8	75	10	50	8	18	5	50	50	4	75	75	50	35	48	10
M	DANIEL CHISHOLM	5	5	50	75	75	20	26	75	15	75	50	75	75	75	71	121	11
M	CURTIS WILLIAMS	12	50	75	7	75	23	29	75	2	50	75	50	75	75	73	123	12
M	MARK PARADISE	2	3	75	75	75	2	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	88	163	13
M	MIKE PARADISE	6	75	3	75	75	50	24	75	13	75	75	75	75	75	96	171	14
M	BLAISE PEWINSKI	75	75	75	50	75	11	5	75	5	75	75	75	75	50	121	196	15
M	LAURIE GAMBLIN	75	50	50	2	50	75	15	75	75	50	50	50	50	50	167	217	16
M	TOM GORGUZE	75	75	75	75	75	12	8	75	9	75	75	75	75	75	179	254	17
M	BILL HOFFMAN	75	75	75	75	75	13	13	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	183	258	18
M	ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	75	75	75	50	50	50	12	75	23	50	75	50	50	75	185	235	19
M	BOB KSIONZEK	75	75	75	75	75	14	20	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	190	265	20
M	NATE CASE	75	75	75	1	75	18	31	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	200	275	21
M	DAN TITUS	75	75	75	75	75	17	25	75	17	75	75	75	75	75	209	284	22
M	JON MARTENS	75	75	75	75	75	21	27	75	25	75	75	75	75	75	223	298	23
M	ROGER PARADISE	75	75	75	3	75	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	233	308	24
M	TODD RIDLEY	75	75	75	75	75	9	75	8	75	75	75	75	75	75	242	317	25
M	TOM THIEDA	75	50	75	75	75	50	50	75	22	75	75	75	75	75	247	322	26
M	BOB JONES	75	75	75	75	75	75	14	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	248	323	27
M	MERRICK FIELDS	75	50	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	50	50	50	50	50	250	300	28
M	LIZ KULPA	50	75	75	75	50	50	75	75	75	50	75	75	50	50	250	300	28
M	GEORGE SCHNEIDER	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	50	4	75	254	329	31
M	DON JASMAN	75	50	75	75	75	50	34	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	259	334	32
M	MARK PIASECKI	10	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	260	335	33
M	BRAD WALTON	75	15	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	50	75	265	340	35
M	PAUL GJELDUM	75	75	75	75	75	75	30	75	18	75	75	75	75	75	273	348	36
M	KADEN WAITE	75	50	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	50	50	250	325	28
M	DAN WHITMILL	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	50	50	75	275	350	37
M	FRED CHARTIER	75	75	50	75	75	75	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	282	357	38
M	ART RING	75	50	75	75	75	10	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	285	360	39
Y	NATE CASE JR	75	75	75	50	75	50	35	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	285	360	39
M	AARON WHITTEN	75	75	75	75	75	50	11	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	286	361	41
M	DREW DOTSON	75	12	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	50	262	337	34
M	ANDREW STOCKTON	75	75	75	75	75	15	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	290	365	42
Y	CHRIS VENTIMIGLIA	75	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	302	377	44
M	TROY STEWART	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	2	75	75	75	75	302	377	44
#N/A	HOLDEN ROME	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	375	450	76
M	MARK EICKHOLDT	75	75	75	75	75	75	4	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	304	379	46
M	BEN LEE	75	75	75	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	306	381	47
M	TANISHA MILLER	75	75	50	75	75	75	32	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	307	382	48
M	JEFF MORACZEWSKI	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	8	75	75	75	75	75	308	383	49
M	SHAWN PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	75	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	309	384	50
M	RENEE WEISHAAR	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	10	75	75	75	75	75	310	385	51
M	ALLEN DEVOLL	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	11	75	75	75	75	75	311	386	52
M	MARCUS ENGLISH	75	11	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	311	386	52
M	CARL VENTIMIGLIA SR	75	13	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	313	388	54
M	CHERYL JASMAN	75	75	75	75	75	19	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	319	394	55
M	MARK CARLSON	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	19	75	75	75	75	75	319	394	55
Y	LUKE PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	75	22	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	322	397	57
M	KYLE COVIK	75	75	75	75	75	75	23	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	298	373	43
M	TIM NOBLE	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	24	75	75	75	75	75	324	399	58
M	GARY GROSS	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	325	400	59
M	HASSAN BEYDOUN	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	325	400	59
M	ROBERT RING	75	50	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	400	59
M	RICH JANIS	75	75	75	75	75	75	33	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	333	408	62
M	DAVE DERONGE	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	63
M	GEORGE GODDARD	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	350	425	63
M	J.C. HODGE III	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	63
M	JACKIE SMALLWOOD	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	63
M	KARI ZOELLNER	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	63
M	KEN LEE	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	63
M	KRISTYNE CASE	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	63
M	PETE MASTRANGEL	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	63
M	TOM BLYTHE	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	425	63
M	BOB FEISEL	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	350	425	63
M	AARON CRIST	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	350	425	63
M	ROD ELNICK	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	350	425	63
M	NICK JONES	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	350	425	63

AOTY BIG FISH		Today's Date: 12/8/25	
Species	Wgt. (lbs.)*	Caught By	Event
Salmon	17.45	MAX PARADISE	Au Sable River 10/11/25
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

## 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)

75

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

24



# March 7, 2026

Century Banquet Center  
33204 Maple Lane,  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Hosted by

## 26th Annual Sportsman's Dinner



### DELICIOUS WILD GAME FARE

*Doors open at 5pm, Dinner served at 6pm*

### MULTIPLE RAFFLES & PRIZES

*Raffle tickets available from \$1 to \$20*

50/50's, Guns, Hundreds of Sportsman table items, Meat cooler,  
Fishing charters, and other Special items to be raffled!

### MC: BILLY HOFFMAN

*Two time Best Selling Outdoors Author, DadBod Comedy Tour Headliner,  
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### TICKETS \$85

*Includes Dinner and Full Open Bar*

*More details at*

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*Tickets can be purchased via email*

**[ccvent@gmail.com](mailto:ccvent@gmail.com)**

*No tickets will be sold at the door on the day of event.*

*Gun Raffles Provided by*



*Our annual fundraiser helps our non-profit corporation's continuous support to  
**protect and promote our Great Lakes Sport Fishery**, including the  
Michigan Salmon in the Classroom program that helps local schools raise, learn from  
and release young Chinook Salmon in Michigan waterways.*

*To learn more about the Detroit Area Steelheaders Annual Sportsman's Dinner event, as well as  
donor and sponsorship opportunities, please email [ccvent@gmail.com](mailto:ccvent@gmail.com)*

## **PG 6      DAS Sportsmans Dinner Reminder**

The sportsman dinner advertised on the previous page is our annual DAS “MAJOR FUNDRAISER”. Everything we do depends upon the success of this dinner because it funds the majority of our clubs operation. Please do your part as a member to solicit friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, and anyone else you can think of to purchase a ticket. It is an amazing event and all who participate have a great time.

## **Detroit Area Steelheaders SOTY Schedule 2026**

### **2026 BOAT TROLLING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>PORT</u></b>	<b><u>START</u></b>	<b><u>PULL LINES</u></b>
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. Take a Veteran fishing!**

## Detroit Steelheaders 2026 Meeting Dates and Locations

January 13	BOD	
January 27	General Member Meeting	Club 54
February 10	BOD	
February 24	General Member Meeting	Club 54
<b><u>March 7</u></b>	<b><u>Sportsman's Dinner Fundraiser</u></b>	
March 17	BOD	
March 31	General Member Meeting	Club 54
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
<b><u>August 2026</u></b>	<b><u>No Board Meeting</u></b>	
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
<b><u>December 1</u></b>	<b><u>BOD</u></b>	
<b><u>December 15</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Meeting and Celebration</u></b>	<b><u>Club 54</u></b>



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



## Ultimate Fishing Show:

Detroit Area Steelheaders will have a booth again this year. DAS President Jim Zanke will be soliciting members during our membership meetings to staff our booth. Please consider giving up some time to assist in this valuable membership drive opportunity. New-at-the-Show memberships will be \$25 for the first year and will return to normal \$35/year memberships thereafter. At-the-show memberships also receive a new hat or towel + decal/patch.

January 8-11, 2026

Michigan's largest pure-fishing show. This show is all about fishing tackle, fishing trips, fishing boats and features: Lake Ultimate, Trout Pond, Hawg Trough, Seminar Stages, Fish Fry and more. The show appeals to anglers of all ages with all levels of experience. Detroit is the largest freshwater fishing market in the U.S....and now it has the Ultimate Fishing Show in the best suburban expo center!

Visit [UltimateFishingShow.com](http://UltimateFishingShow.com) for Show Dates, Times & Schedule

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## DAS Outing Registration Courtesy

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. 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. This lets the port captain know everyone is accounted for and makes the job easier.

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## Upcoming Dates

Jan 8-11	Ultimate Fishing Show
Jan 13	BOD
Jan 27	DAS Member Meeting
Feb 10	BOD
Feb 24	DAS Member Meeting
Mar 7	Sportsman Dinner

**“Eternity’s a terrible thought. I mean, where’s it going to end?”**