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August 2025

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This months message from Captain Joel Piatek, of Fish Headz Sports Fishing Charters was: Lake St. Clair (LSC) is among the **"Best Fisheries in the World"**. One of the largest fresh water basins in the world, LSC is home for a variety of predator fish that weekend anglers and professional seek. Captain Joel views the St. Clair River and the Detroit River as a part of the Lake St. Clair fishery because the water flow from Lake Huron to Lake Erie creates an amazing opportunity for Musky, Pike, Perch, and Walleye to thrive and grow.

We were able to witness his passion as he presented how, where, and when tips on catching sport fish on LSC.

Thank you Captain Joel.

Future Months:

August—DAS picnic and swap meet in the Park

September— Tackle Box Joey Elliott

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August 26 DAS Member Mtg

The annual Detroit Area Steelheaders member, summer, family picnic and swap meet is planned for August 26, 2025 at River Bends Park 5700 22 Mile Rd., Shelby. The Detroit Steelheaders BOD will provide the main entrée but members are requested to bring a dish to share. Additional information will be discussed during the July 29 DAS membership meeting at the Park. Hopefully this discussion to coordinate what dishes will be brought by members will prevent 14 tuna casseroles and 25 bag of chips. Please arrive early to stake out your swap meet table and to assist with set-up. Clean-up assistance afterwards is always appreciated.

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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”.

Date	Location	Event Organizer
September 13	Lake St Clair (Perch)	Gaspare 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

AOTY Lake St. Clair Perch September 13, 2025

AOTY Perch Outing

The 2025 AOTY Perch Outing is Saturday, September 13 at Harlen Ensign Boat Launch. Start time 7am and end at 2pm. Weigh in at 2:30pm. Lunch at Harlen Ensign parking lot. There is \$15 entry fee which includes lunch and an optional \$10 Big Fish fee. Best 5 perch by weight. Ties will be determined by length. Contact Gaspare Aragona (248) 330-1774 if you are attending at least 3 days prior to the outing to get a count for lunch.

Thanks, Gaspare.

**Big fish will be 50% of the entry money
for largest perch by weight.
2nd place will get 30%.
3rd will get 20% of the pot.**

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On Saturday July 26, Detroit Area Steelheaders held the SOTY Outing out of Pentwater for Salmon, Steelhead, and Lake Trout 🐟🐟. The early morning was dark with the exception of the trail of lights headed out of Pentwater Lake into Lake Michigan. Eight boats scattered, mostly going south as far down to Little Sable Point and a few going north. The wind was down, allowing the lake to stay calm with a bit of humidity and warmth as lines were set at 5:30am. For some the fish bite started not long after setting lines while other boats waited before getting their first bite. By 9am fish call, most of the boats had at least 1 fish in the box. The wind picked up just enough for a light breeze to keep cool and keep the flies from biting. By 11am fish call the boxes were starting to fill up with fish. Lines were pulled at 12:30pm. Weigh In and luncheon were held at the Pentwater Municipal Marina. 1st place went to Sloppy Joe with 84.10lbs. 2nd place went to Wonder with 77.65lbs. 3rd place went to Vickies Seacret with 73.30lbs. Big King went to Blue Star with 17.30lbs. Big Lake Trout went to Lake Buzzard with 11.35lbs. Big Steelhead went to Moonshot with 8.85lbs. A big thank you to Dave Deronge for hosting the outing with an amazing lunch of lasagna, salad, potatoes & ham, and garlic buttered bread along with carrot cake, cinnamon roll cake, and German chocolate cake for desert. Thank you to all Detroit Area Steelheader Captains and Crew members for participating in what we all love to do best. Next SOTY Outing is August 9 out of Manistee. Fish On!! 🐟🐟



2025 Angler of the Year(AOTY) Overall Standings

TODAY: 07/14/25

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 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. 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	Caseville RSP Sat. Dec 6, 2025	Best 5	Place
1	M	BOB PARADISE	9	4	4	9	3	1	19	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	21	1
1	M	KEVIN LONGLEY	4	10	1	50	4	22	16	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	21	1
3	M	ROB PINSKEY	3	7	75	75	75	4	10	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	27	3
4	M	MARK WYRICK	7	9	75	5	50	16	3	4	75	75	75	75	75	75	28	4
5	M	KAREN LONGLEY	8	14	2	50	5	50	21	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	30	5
6	M	JAMES ANDERSON	75	6	50	10	2	6	17	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	41	6
7	M	ANNA KULPA	13	8	75	10	50	8	18	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	44	7
8	M	RABIH ABDALLAH	14	50	75	8	50	7	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	81	8
8	Y	MAX PARADISE	1	75	75	75	1	3	1	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	81	8
10	M	MARK PARADISE	2	3	75	75	75	2	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	88	10
11	M	GASPARE ARAGONA	11	1	50	4	50	75	28	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	94	11
12	M	DANIEL CHISHOLM	5	5	50	75	75	20	26	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	106	12
13	M	CURTIS WILLIAMS	12	50	75	7	75	23	29	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	121	13
14	M	MIKE PARADISE	6	75	3	75	75	50	24	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	158	14
15	M	LAURIE GAMBLIN	75	50	50	2	50	75	15	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	167	15
16	M	BILL HOFFMAN	75	75	75	75	75	13	13	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	183	16
17	M	BOB KSIONZEK	75	75	75	75	75	14	20	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	190	17
18	M	NATE CASE	75	75	75	1	75	18	31	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	200	18
19	M	BLAISE PEWINSKI	75	75	75	50	75	11	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	216	19
20	M	ROGER PARADISE	75	75	75	3	75	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	233	20
21	M	ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	75	75	75	50	50	50	12	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	237	21
22	M	TODD RIDLEY	75	75	75	75	75	9	75	8	75	75	75	75	75	75	242	22
23	M	TOM GORGUZE	75	75	75	75	75	12	8	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	245	23
24	M	BOB JONES	75	75	75	75	75	75	14	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	248	24
25	M	DAN TITUS	75	75	75	75	75	17	25	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	267	25
26	M	JON MARTENS	75	75	75	75	75	21	27	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	273	26
27	M	FRED CHARTIER	75	75	50	75	75	75	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	282	27
28	M	DON JASMAN	75	50	75	75	75	50	34	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	284	28
29	M	ART RING	75	50	75	75	75	10	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	285	29
29	M	MARK PIASECKI	10	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	285	29
29	Y	NATE CASE JR	75	75	75	50	75	50	35	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	285	29
32	M	AARON WHITTEN	75	75	75	75	75	50	11	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	286	32
33	M	LIZ KULPA	50	75	75	75	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	300	33
33	M	TOM THIEDA	75	50	75	75	75	50	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	300	33
35	Y	CHRIS VENTIMIGLIA	75	2	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	302	35
36	M	MARK EICKHOLDT	75	75	75	75	75	75	4	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	304	36
37	M	BEN LEE	75	75	75	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	306	37
38	M	TANISHA MILLER	75	75	50	75	75	75	32	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	307	38
39	M	SHAWN PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	75	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	309	39
40	M	MARCUS ENGLISH	75	11	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	311	40
41	M	DREW DOTSON	75	12	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	312	41
42	M	CARL VENTIMIGLIA SR	75	13	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	313	42
43	M	ANDREW STOCKTON	75	75	75	75	75	15	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	315	43
43	M	BRAD WALTON	75	15	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	315	43
45	M	CHERYL JASMAN	75	75	75	75	75	19	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	319	45
46	Y	LUKE PARADISE	75	75	75	75	75	75	22	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	322	46
47	M	KYLE COVIAK	75	75	75	75	75	75	23	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	323	47
48	M	KADEN WAITE	75	50	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	48
48	M	MERRICK FIELDS	75	50	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	48
48	M	ROBERT RING	75	50	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	325	48
51	M	PAUL GJELDUM	75	75	75	75	75	75	30	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	330	51
52	M	RICH JANIS	75	75	75	75	75	75	33	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	333	52
53	M	DAVE DERONGE	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	53
53	M	GARY GROSS	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	53
53	M	HASSAN BEYDOUN	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	53
53	M	J.C. HODGE III	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	53
53	M	JACKIE SMALLWOOD	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	53
53	M	KARI ZOELLNER	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	53
53	M	KEN LEE	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	53
53	M	KRISTYNE CASE	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	53
53	M	PETE MASTRANGEL	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	53
53	M	TOM BLYTHE	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	350	53

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)

62

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

14

AOTY BIG FISH

Today's Date: 7/14/25

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

The 2025 Skipper of the year tournament in Frankfort will have a huge effect on the overall 2025 SOTY standings. The Manistee tournament scheduled for August 9 could not take place safely because of two straight days of bad weather including small craft warnings. There is one SOTY tournament left to take place in 2025 on September 6 in Frankfort. That leaves three skippers left in the race who could become 2025 DAS Skipper of the Year. Bob Feisel leads the competition with 10 points, Joe Delise follows him with 11 points, and Joe Von Grabe is third with 14 total points. The Frankfort tournament could make a huge difference in the overall standings. It would be difficult to conjure up a better end of season scenario to SOTY.

Detroit Area Steelheaders Meeting Schedule 2025

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

Skipper of the Year Standings 2025

7/3/25

Best 3

	Boat Name	Skipper Name	St. Joe	Ludington	Harbor Beach	Presque Isle	Pentwater	Ludington	Frankfort	Total Points
1	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	1	1	7	5	75	75	75	7
2	Wonder	Joe Delisi	4	3	2	6	75	75	75	9
3	Down Under	Dave Deronge	2	75	6	4	75	75	75	12
4	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	6	75	4	3	75	75	75	13
5	Miss Adventure	Allen Devoll	5	75	8	2	75	75	75	15
6	Blue Star	Stan Bilek	50	2	5	75	75	75	75	57
7	Lake Buzzard	Fred Chartier	75	75	1	1	75	75	75	77
8	Moonshot	Brad Walton	75	4	3	75	75	75	75	82
9	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	153
10	Split-shot	Gary Gross	75	75	75	7	75	75	75	157
11	Silent Majority	Jason Sherrill	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	200

Number Caught		St. Joe	Ludington	Harbor Beach	Presque Isle	Pentwater	Manistee	Frankfort	Total For Year
	No. of Boats	8	4	8	7	0	0	0	27
	Kings	15	2	0	1	0	0	0	18
	Cohos	10	0	5	1	0	0	0	16
	Lake Trout	1	2	21	52	0	0	0	76
	Steelhead	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	3
	Browns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Atlantics	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
	Pinks	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
	Totals	27	4	29	56	0	0	0	116



NOTE: BEST
4 SCORES WILL DETERMINE SOTY AT SEASON'S END. OFFICIAL
1st TIE BREAKER IS BEST 5 SCORES. OFFICIAL 2nd TIE
BREAKER IS BEST 6 SCORES.

SOTY LARGEST FISH OF THE YEAR

Species	WGT. (lbs.)	Boat Name	Port
King	13.20	Down Under	St. Joe
Coho	5.70	Silent Majority	St. Joe
Lake Trout	21.45	Blue Star	Ludington
Steelhead	6.35	Split-shot	Presque Isle
Brown	0.00		
Atlantic	3.90	Wonder	Harbor Beach
Pink	0.00		

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PORT</u>	<u>PORT CAPTAIN</u>	<u>START TIME</u>
SEPTEMBER 6	FRANKFORT	BOB FEISEL	6:30

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 Tournament rules are posted on the DAS website: 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!

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Upcoming Dates

No August BOD Meeting
August 26 Member Meeting River Bends Park
September 6 SOTY Frankfort
September 13 AOTY Lake St Clair

**Life is what happens to you while you're busy
making other plans.**