



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

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January. 2026

“Fishin Tales” III



December 16, 2025 Annual DAS Member Mtg

Thank you to Anna Kulpa for the following report:

“On Tuesday December 16, Detroit Area Steelheaders celebrated our anglers with awards to the best Skipper and Anglers of 2025 along with our annual Christmas Party. Salmon Claus and Mrs. Claus made an appearance to pass out gifts to all the girls and boys. Door prizes and 50/50 tickets were raffled to the lucky members whose numbers were drawn.

Thank you to all members and families who made this night another unforgettable evening to spend time together and making memories during this Christmas season.”

December 16 was also the clubs annual meeting and election of BOD Officers. Dana Jones is officially elected as our newest board member and undoubtedly will continue the exceptional work she has been doing as our treasurer. Jim Zanke, Rob Pinskey, and Dan Chisholm were re-elected for a new term.

Mike Lolli was recognized as our 2025 Member of the Year and Dan Chisholm was selected as 2025 Director of the Year. A huge thank you to Virginia Williams for all her good work as she departs the BOD. Thanks for all you have accomplished Virginia!

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

Date of Birth

NAME	DATE of Application	
ADDRESS		
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Detroit Area Steelheaders January 27 Member Mtg

37722 Van Dyke Ave.
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27, 2026

NOTE: Start Time 7:00pm

Guest Speaker -Tackle Box Joey

"Tackle Box Joey" refers to **Joey Elliott**, a passionate angler and USCG Certified Captain from Michigan known for his fishing expertise, competitive wins (like BASS and TBF State Championships), and engaging social media presence where he shares fishing tips, including applying the 80/20 rule to finding bass. He's an ambassador for fishing tackle, often showcasing his gear and insights online, focusing on effective lures and techniques rather than just having a lot of stuff. He'll be talking about ***Pan Fish Tactics thru the Ice***.

Don't miss it! Should be a pretty good presentation!

Also, Tickets for the 2026 Sportsmans Dinner will be available, Info on the next 2026 AOTY outing as well as the 2026 SOTY Schedule.
Tackle Raffles, 50/50 Drawing plus the Every Member Present Drawing

Skipper of the Year Standings 2025

	Boat Name	Skipper Name	FINAL							Best 4	Best 5
			St. Joe	Ludington	Harbor Beach	Presque Isle	Pentwater	Manistee	Frankfort	Total Points	Total Points
1	Wonder	Joe Delisi	4	3	2	6	2	75	1	8	12
1	Vicki's Seacret	Bob Feisel	1	1	7	5	3	75	3	8	13
3	Sloppy Joe	Joe Von Grabe	6	75	4	3	1	75	75	14	89
4	Moonshot	Brad Walton	75	4	3	75	6	75	2	15	90
5	Down Under	Dave Deronge	2	75	6	4	8	75	75	20	95
5	Miss Adventure	Allen Devoll	5	75	8	2	5	75	75	20	95
7	Lake Buzzard	Fred Chartier	75	75	1	1	4	75	50	56	131
8	Blue Star	Stan Bilek	50	2	5	75	7	75	75	64	139
9	Hardtop & Tails	Jim Zanke	3	75	75	75	75	75	75	228	303
10	Split-shot	Gary Gross	75	75	75	7	75	75	75	232	307
11	Silent Majority	Jason Sherrill	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	275	350

Number Caught	St. Joe	Ludington	Harbor Beach	Presque Isle	Pentwater	Manistee	Frankfort	Total For Year
	No. of Boats	8	4	8	7	8	0	39
	Kings	15	2	0	1	27	0	54
	Cohos	10	0	5	1	7	0	23
	Lake Trout	1	2	21	52	2	0	78
	Steelhead	1	0	1	1	10	0	14
	Browns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Atlantics	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Pinks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Totals	27	4	28	55	46	0	170



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	17.30	Blue Star	Pentwater
Coho	6.45	Moonshot	Pentwater
Lake Trout	21.45	Blue Star	Ludington
Steelhead	8.85	Moonshot	Pentwater
Brown	0.00		
Atlantic	3.90	Wonder	Harbor Beach
Pink	0.00		

2025 DAS AOTY Final Results

2025 Angler of the Year(AOTY) Overall Standings

TODAY:

12/08/25

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	Algoma 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 1, 2025	Caseville RSP Sat. Dec. 6, 2025	Best 5	Best 6	Place
1	Y	MAX PARADISE	1	75	75	75	1	3	1	75	7	50	3	1	5	50	7	10	1
2	M	BOB PARADISE	9	4	4	9	3	1	19	75	1	50	1	50	3	50	9	13	2
3	M	KEVIN LONGLEY	4	10	1	50	4	22	16	2	14	50	50	50	1	75	12	22	3
4	M	RABIH ABDALLAH	14	50	75	8	50	7	2	75	21	1	2	50	50	50	20	34	4
5	M	MARK WYRICK	7	9	75	5	50	16	3	4	16	3	50	50	50	75	22	31	5
6	M	ROB PINSKEY	3	7	75	75	75	4	10	3	6	75	75	75	75	50	23	33	6
7	M	JAMES ANDERSON	75	6	50	10	2	6	17	75	3	50	50	50	75	50	27	44	7
8	M	KAREN LONGLEY	8	14	2	50	5	50	21	1	20	50	50	50	50	75	30	50	8
8	M	GASPARE ARAGONA	11	1	50	4	50	75	28	75	12	50	50	75	2	50	30	58	8
10	M	ANNA KULPA	13	8	75	10	50	8	18	5	50	50	4	75	75	50	35	48	10
11	M	DANIEL CHISHOLM	5	5	50	75	75	20	26	75	15	75	50	75	75	75	71	121	11
12	M	CURTIS WILLIAMS	12	50	75	7	75	23	29	75	2	50	75	50	75	75	73	123	12
13	M	MARK PARADISE	2	3	75	75	75	2	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	88	163	13
14	M	MIKE PARADISE	6	75	3	75	75	50	24	75	13	75	75	75	75	75	96	171	14
15	M	BLAISE PEWINSKI	75	75	75	50	75	11	5	75	5	75	75	75	75	50	121	196	15
16	M	LAURIE GAMBLIN	75	50	50	2	50	75	15	75	75	50	50	50	50	50	167	217	16
17	M	TOM GORGUZE	75	75	75	75	75	12	8	75	9	75	75	75	75	75	179	254	17
18	M	BILL HOFFMAN	75	75	75	75	75	13	13	7	75	75	75	75	75	75	183	258	18
19	M	ZBIGNIEW PIOTROW	75	75	75	50	50	50	12	75	23	50	75	50	50	75	185	235	19
20	M	BOB KSIONZEK	75	75	75	75	75	14	20	6	75	75	75	75	75	75	190	265	20
21	M	NATE CASE	75	75	75	1	75	18	31	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	200	275	21
22	M	DAN TITUS	75	75	75	75	75	17	25	75	17	75	75	75	75	75	209	284	22
23	M	JON MARTENS	75	75	75	75	75	21	27	75	25	75	75	75	75	75	223	298	23
24	M	ROGER PARADISE	75	75	75	3	75	5	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	233	308	24
25	M	TODD RIDLEY	75	75	75	75	75	9	75	8	75	75	75	75	75	75	242	317	25
26	M	TOM THIEDA	75	50	75	75	75	50	50	75	22	75	75	75	75	75	247	322	26
27	M	BOB JONES	75	75	75	75	75	75	14	9	75	75	75	75	75	75	248	323	27
28	M	MERRICK FIELDS	75	50	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	50	50	50	50	50	250	300	28
28	M	LIZ KULPA	50	75	75	75	50	50	75	75	75	50	75	75	50	50	250	300	28
31	M	GEORGE SCHNEIDER	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	50	4	75	254	329	31
32	M	DON JASMAN	75	50	75	75	75	50	34	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	259	334	32
33	M	MARK PIASECKI	10	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	260	335	33
35	M	BRAD WALTON	75	15	75	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	75	75	50	75	265	340	35
36	M	PAUL GJELDUM	75	75	75	75	75	75	30	75	18	75	75	75	75	75	273	348	36
28	M	KADEN WAITE	75	50	75	75	50	75	75	75	75	75	75	50	50	250	325	28	

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

AOTY BIG FISH

Today's Date: 12/8/25

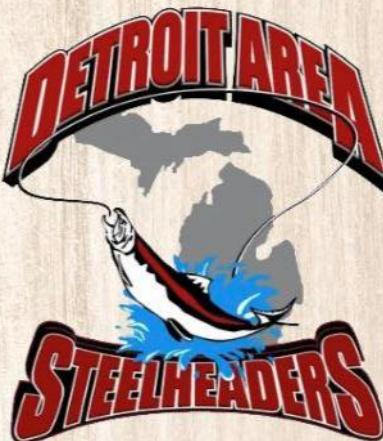
Species	Wgt. (lbs.)*	Caught By	Event
Salmon	17.45	MAX PARADISE	Au Sable River 10/11/25
Steelhead	14.64	NATE CASE	Manistee River 03/22/25
Lake Trout	0.00	-	-
Walleye	4.63	KEVIN LONGLEY	Saginaw Bay 02/15/25
Perch	1.38	GASPARE ARAGONA	Selfridge Ramp 01/25/25

March 7, 2026

26th Annual Sportsman's Dinner

Century Banquet Center
33204 Maple Lane,
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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 cvcent@gmail.com

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

<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. Take a Veteran fishing!

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Saturday January 17, 2026	lake St. Clair Perch	Metro beach	7 am—1 pm	Best 5 Perch by length (min 8")
<u>Event Co-Ordinator: TBD</u>				<u>Tie breaker best weight</u>
Saturday January 31, 2026	lake St. Clair Perch	Selfridge DNR Ramp	7 am—1 pm	Best 5 Perch by length (min 8")
<u>Event Co-Ordinator: Gaspare Aragona 248-330 1774</u>				<u>Tie breaker best weight</u>
Saturday February 21, 2026	Saginaw bay walleye	Bay City State Park	7 am—1 pm	Best 5 Walleye by weight
<u>Event Co-Ordinator: Kevin and Karent Longley 248 240 7576</u>				
Saturday March 28, 2026	Manistee Steelhead Fish-Off	Tippy Dam	6 am—12 pm	Best 1 Steelhead by weight
<u>Event Co-Ordinator: Roger Paradise 586 354 1121</u>				
Saturday April 18, 2026	AuSable Steelhead	Tippy Dam	6 am—12 pm	Best 3 Steelhead by weight
<u>Event Co-Ordinator: TBD</u>				<u>Tie breaker best weight</u>
Saturday May 2, 2026	Algonac Walleye	North Channel DNR Ramp	6 am—12 pm	Best 5 Walleye by weight
<u>Event Co-Ordinator: TBD</u>				<u>Weigh-in Clay Twp Park</u>
Saturday May 30, 2026	St. Clair River Walleye	St Clair River boat harbor	5:30 am—12 pm	Best 5 Walleye by weight
<u>Event Co-Ordinator: Rob Pinskey 810 543 3191</u>				
Saturday July 25, 2026	Port Austin Walleye	Lake Huron	6 am—12 pm	Best 5 Walleye by weight
<u>Event Co-Ordinator: Bob Ksionzek 586 531 9198</u>				<u>Weigh-in Veterans Waterfront Park</u>
Saturday September 12, 2026	lake St. Clair Perch	Selfridge DNR Ramp	7 am—1 pm	Best 5 Perch by length (min 8")
<u>Event Co-Ordinator: Gaspare Aragona 248-330 1774</u>				<u>Tie breaker best weight</u>
Saturday September 26, 2026	Manistee Steelhead	Tippy Dam	6:30 am—12:30 pm	Best 3 Steelhead by weight
<u>Event Co-Ordinators: James Anderson 313 330 3686 and Laurie Gamblin 810 730 2373</u>				
Saturday November 7, 2026	Manistee Steelhead	Pier and River	6 am—12 pm	Best 3 Steelhead by weight
<u>Event Co-Ordinator: TBD</u>				<u>Weigh -in First St Lions Pavillion (Pier Rules)</u>
Saturday December 5, 2026	Caseville Lake Trout	Caseville Pier	7 am—1 pm	Best 1 Lake Trout by weight
<u>Event Co-Ordinator: TBD</u>				<u>Weigh-In Caseville Resort and Marina Clubhouse</u>

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
<u>March 7</u>	<u>Sportsman's Dinner Fundraiser</u>	
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
<u>August 2026</u>	<u>No Board Meeting</u>	
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. 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 13	BOD
Jan 17	LSC Perch
Jan 27	DAS Member Meeting
Jan 31	LSC Perch
Feb 10	BOD
Feb 21	Sag Bay Walleye
Feb 24	DAS Member Meeting
Mar 7	Sportsman Dinner

Me: "My wife served me a tossed salad last night."
Friend: "How far did you toss it?"
Me: "It's probably still in the air."