



Fishin' Tales

PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE GREAT LAKES SPORTFISHERY FOR OVER 35 YEARS

October Meeting

- When:**
Tuesday, October 25, 2011
7:30pm
- Where:**
American Polish Cultural Center
Northwest corner,
15 Mile Rd. & Dequindre
- Featured :**
River Guide Doug Samsal -
Techniques in the Big Manistee
- Other Happenings:**
Surf outing report, Fishing re-
ports, Tackle raffles, 75-25
Drawing & more
- Up-To-Date Information on
the DAS website at:**
www.detroitsteelheaders.com

Volume XXXVI, Issue X October 2011

About Our Featured Guest Speaker for October

Welcome! My name is Doug Samsal, A little about myself. My mother, a full blooded Canadian and being raised on Lake Of The Woods, Kenora Ontario, gave me a lifetime incentive for fishing Musky, Bass, Walleye and Pike. In 1977, I purchased a cabin near the Big Manistee River at Wellston, Michigan and began absorbing all the details on how to catch the mighty Steelhead. Entering and winning many fishing tournaments, I soon became a licensed river guide. My interests grew into Lake Michigan and Lake Erie but the WORLD CLASS Musky, Smallmouth Bass and Walleye combo drew me to Lake St



Clair, St Clair and Detroit River. Fishing is my life and I enjoy sharing my many years of experience with others. I've been featured on many TV shows such as In-Fisherman with Steve Quinn, Fishing 411 with Mark Romanack, Michigan Out Of Doors with Kelly Gotch and Jenny Olsen are my most recent. I also was featured in Bass Masters Magazine and many local publications. In the winter months I am a accomplished seminar speaker at many sports shows in Michigan. I have also been given the nick name of Bass Pro Shops (Preferred Guide) at Auburn Hills Bass Pro Shop.

Inside this issue:

September Meeting (Cont'd from Pg. 1)	2
Singing Bridge Surf Tournament	2
Big Manistee Outing	2
Membership News	2
Membership Application	2
Board Of Directors Listing	2
Board of Director Elections	3
Great Lakes Alewives Healthy	3
Master Angler Requirements	3
Comparison of Like Tournaments 2010 & 2011	3
Upcoming Key Dates	4

Did You Miss the September Meeting?

With 40 members in attendance, President Bob Jones opened the meeting at 7:40pm. He immediately turned over the floor to River, Surf & Pier Chairman Jerry Zabel for a Surf fishing how-to. Jerry brought up Mark Stosiak on Surf Fishing set-up and techniques. With favorite rod & reel in hand, Mark showed us what he does to fish the surf and provided some great tips to save the neophytes in our crowd lots of trouble. Mark then gave the floor back to Jerry, who provided additional info. on the equipment and the gear that is needed. Thanks to Mark and Jerry for a very nice job!

Our Prez then introduced the featured guest speaker Ray Dubiel from Michigan Marine Gear. Ray had plenty of useful information on winterization and provided numerous great tips on what to do for various motor and drive types. He also talked on the ef-

facts of what the proposed E-15 fuel changes would mean for all boaters. Thanks to Ray for a great presentation! Be sure and see Ray for your boat winterization needs as well as all your marine engine and drive repairs.

After the break, Mr. Jones expressed his concern how important it was that members step up and consider being on the Club Board of Directors. We need fresh ideas to keep this the great organization it has always been. (See Election Chairman Dan Chisholm's article on Page 3)

Bob then gave the floor to Tournament Co-chairman Bob Ksionzek for reports on the boat trolling season's last two tournaments at Manistee. Bob presented the results from

See Meeting on Pg. 2

Meeting from Pg. 1

both Manistee tournaments as well as passed out the name plaques to the Top Five finishers. Bob summed up the 2011 Trolling Tournament season as being a success. Even though it started out a little rough in St. Joe and Grand Haven, Ludington II and both Manistee tournaments had good results and surprisingly some bigger fish were caught.

Bob Jones then took some fishing reports from the floor. Even though a lot of attentions are turning to hunting, there is still pretty good fishing going on all around the state.

The meeting finished up with the usual great tackle raffles as well as the 75/25 drawings. Jeff Bustos had the winning ticket for 1st prize and took home \$76. The 2nd prize of \$38 went to Carl Ventimiglia. And finally in the Every Member drawing, Dave Roehr was not in attendance to claim the \$100. The meeting came to a close at 9:27pm.

Singing Bridge Surf Tournament

Coming up this month on Sat. Oct 22nd is a Surf Tourney @ the "Singing Bridge" for Steelhead Trout. We are starting @ 1st light & fishing until noon. Weigh-in will be on the beach, & lunch afterwards. For more information, call Jerry Zabel @ 248-350-8024/248-495-5914 for any questions. Extra equipment is available if I have what you will need to borrow. See you all there!!!!

Big Manistee Outing Still On

I was informed by Metro-West River chairman Mark Platt that the annual Fall Fish-Off on the Big Manistee River with M-W is NOT LIKELY to happen this Nov. 5th. However, we can still have our own tourney as we have done in the past, along with a pot-luck dinner to boot!! Let me talk to some of the guys & see what I can come with. Please call Jerry Zabel @ 248-350-8024 for more info.



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOB JONES
President
WGD Tickets
734-751-1767

BOB FEISEL
Vice-President
Boat Trolling, Photography
248-357-1089

DAN CHISHOLM
Secretary
Raffles, Special People, Elections
586-530-9171

STEVE HAMILTON
Treasurer
Coalition, Donations
313-881-3871

JASON ADAM
Website, Wild Game Dinner
248-755-3345

TOM GORGUZE
Hats, Shirts & Jackets
Wild Game Dinner
248-343-8397

ED HOREN
Shows
586-574-2125

BOB KSIONZEK
Newsletter Editor, Boat Trolling, Photography
586-752-5545

ANTHONY LEWIS
River, Surf & Pier Fishing, Raffles
517-449-3036

TOM MOORES
Membership, Scholarship
Wild Game Dinner
248-634-5789

BLAISE PEWINSKI
Special People, Special Events
810-395-4774

MARK WILLIAMS
Speakers & Education
810-395-8789

JERRY ZABEL
River, Surf & Pier Fishing
248-350-8024

Membership News

New Lifetime Membership

James Mitchell

Renewed Memberships

Lou Bacsikin	Mike Lehto	Jim Zanke
John Krawczyk	Bruce Tufford	

Memberships Expired or Soon to be Expired

Mark & Colleen Bevans	Fred Hynick	Bill Stanley
Rod Elnick	Les Jump	John Tonz
Bob Feisel	Michael Kay	Ty Voigt
Tom Gorguze	Lynn Martin	Dan Whitmill
Ed Hill	John Meade	Nancy Wood

DETROIT AREA STEELHEADERS, INC.

Annual Membership Fee

New Member — \$25.00 Renewal — \$25.00 Lifetime \$ _____
 Senior Over 65 — \$10.00 Address Change

NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____ HOME PHONE _____ BUS. PHONE _____

BOAT NAME _____ E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Board of Directors Election

The Detroit Area Steelheaders board of directors is made up of people elected at the clubs annual meeting held each December. Directors are elected to three year terms and to provide for continuity the terms of one third of the board members expire each year. In a perfect world this setup not only provides continuity but also brings in new people each year. New people bring with them fresh ideas and enthusiasm ultimately making the club a better organization.

At the January board meeting following the election, the board selects the clubs four principal officers, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. After these four offices are filled annual Committee assignments are decided upon. Committee assignments are as follows: Wild Game Dinner (March 2012), Website, Trophies, Special People, Speakers & Education, Shows, Scholarships, River/Pier/Surf/Ice, Raffles, Publicity, Photography, Newsletter, Membership, Meeting P.A. System, Hats/Shirts/Jackets, Donations & Appropriations, Coalition, and Boat Trolling. Each board member has input into the committee or committees they will be assigned to. People must be satisfied that they can handle the assignment and have an interest in it. Keep in mind “many hands make light the work” so you will find some assignments have multiple members with one person in charge to coordinate things.

I have been a board member for two terms now and I am proud to tell you that the directors I have worked with are good, dedicated people who work hard to promote the interest of the club and its members. I trust each of them and would hate to lose any of them. However, we will be a better club when we start to bring in additional board members and add the enthusiasm and fresh perspective element. That’s the reason I have written this newsletter article: to take the mystery out of the clubs election process and urge members to participate more fully in club business by being involved on the board of directors. The board members are all volunteers who meet once a month, two weeks prior to the general membership meeting. The board meetings begin at 7 pm and dinner is provided.

I urge you to become more involved in the operation of the club. If you have any questions contact me. I must know by December 1, so I can place you on this year’s ballot. Dan Chisholm, 586-530-9171 or dan.chisholm223@gmail.com

Great Lakes Alewives Healthy

(Reprinted from the September Great Lakes Basin Report)

Lake Michigan coho and Chinook salmon apparently have lots to eat and the alewives they eat are apparently healthy. Tests have shown that the alewives that washed up by the millions on shore this summer did not have the VHS virus. The die-off was then, presumably, natural and the large die-off on the beaches suggests even more baitfish are alive and kicking in the big lake ⇨

Michigan DNR Master Angler Requirements		
Species	Min. Length	Min. Weight
Chinook	47"	27 lbs.-0 ozs.
Coho	32"	12 lbs.-0 ozs.
Steelhead	34"	17 lbs.-0 ozs.
Brown Trout	33"	16 lbs.-0 ozs.
Lake Trout	34"	18 lbs.-0 ozs.
Pink Salmon	21"	3 lbs.-0 ozs.
Atlantic Salmon	33"	12 lbs.-0 ozs.

Comparison of Like Tournaments in 2010 & 2011																	
Date	Tournament	No. of Boats	Total No. Fish	1st Place Boat	Numbers of Each Species Caught						Largest Fish	Boat	Total No. Weighed-in	Numbers by weight (of those weighed-in)			
					Kings	Cohos	Steelhead	Browns	Lake trout	Under 10 lbs				10-15 Lbs	16-20lbs	Over 20lbs	
5/1/2010	St. Joe	8	90	Almost Paradise	75	12	0	0	3	15.20	Bobby's Toy	57	39	18	0	0	
4/30/2011	St. Joe	11	13	Vicki's Seacret	10	0	0	0	3	14.40	Hardtop & Tails	13	10	3	0	0	
5/22/2010	5/23/2010	Grand Haven	13	143	Miss Dipsey	117	3	9	0	14	15.75	Sloppy Joe	129	116	13	0	0
5/21/2011	5/22/2011	Grand Haven	12	41	Almost Paradise	32	0	8	0	1	14.50	Almost Paradise	41	33	8	0	0
6/26/2010	Pentwater	6	19	Sloppy Joe	11	1	3	0	7	16.10	Bobby's Toy	19	16	3	0	0	
7/9/2011	Pentwater	7	22	Bad Dog	10	3	2	0	7	12.95	Vicki's Seacret	22	20	2	0	0	
8/7/2010	Ladies Day	7	19	Almost Paradise	17	1	1	0	0	15.80	Almost Paradise	19	9	10	0	0	
8/6/2011	Ladies Day	6	23	Sea Hag	18	3	1	0	1	17.10	Bad Dog	23	9	11	3	0	
8/14/2010	8/15/2010	Ludington II	8	47	Almost Paradise	41	4	1	0	1	19.00	Bobby's Toy	45	18	24	3	0
8/13/2011	Ludington II	8	56	Bad Dog	38	12	1	0	5	26.35	Bobby's Toy	52	24	15	11	2	
7/10/2010	Manistee I	10	46	Almost Paradise	31	1	2	2	10	17.35	Almost Paradise	46	31	13	2	0	
8/27/2011	Manistee I	9	49	Almost Paradise	38	11	0	0	0	22.00	Almost Paradise	39	10	19	6	4	
8/28/2010	Manistee II	11	43	Almost Paradise	38	5	0	0	0	15.20	Almost Paradise	43	22	21	0	0	
9/10/2011	Manistee II	9	58	Almost Paradise	42	2	10	0	4	18.30	Almost Paradise	53	38	10	5	0	
											Bobby's Toy						

Upcoming 2011 DAS Key Dates

October 22, 2011	Surf Fishing Outing Singing Bridge, Lake Huron
October 25, 2011 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
November 5, 2011	Club Outing Manistee River, Lake, Surf & Pier
November 8, 2011 7:00pm	B.O.D. Meeting American Polish Cultural Center
November 29, 2011 7:30pm	Membership Meeting American Polish Cultural Center

ROBERT M. JONES
315 EAGLE WAY
S LYON, MI 48178

Membership expires: 412

Non-Profit
 Org.
 Place Stamp
 Here

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED
MEETING NOTICE—PLEASE DO NOT DELAY
 PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE
 GREAT LAKES SPORTFISHERY FOR
 OVER 35 YEARS

Detroit Area Steelheaders
P.O. Box 1255
Sterling Hgts, MI 48311-1255

