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2008 DAS Key Dates

Dec.23 – Christmas Membership Meeting (Skipper of the Year awards, Big Fish Awards, the Joe Bizotski award and a special appearance from Salmon Clause)

2009 DAS Key Dates

Jan. 8 -11 – Ultimate Fishing Show
Rock Financial Show Place

Jan. 13 – BOD meeting

Jan. 27 – Membership Meeting

Feb. 10 – BOD Meeting

Feb. 24 – Membership Meeting

Mar. 14 – DAS Wild Game Dinner

Help Wanted:

Certified Public Accountant:

In order to obtain our Charitable Gaming License, the State of Michigan requires that we have an annual independent financial oversight audit by a Certified Public Accountant. If you are a CPA who would be willing to work with the club, please contact Steve Hamilton or Jason Adam.

Web Developer:

If you are an experienced Web Developer who is interested in donating some time and helping the club make some improvements to the DAS website, please contact Jason Adam.

Answers to Coast Guard Exam Questions:

1.A 2.D 3.C 4.C 5.C

Check Your Label

Did you know that your mailing label includes the date your membership expires? The month and year your membership expires is below your name. If it's marked yellow, your membership may be close to expiring. Don't be disqualified from a tournament because you forgot to re-up. Regular memberships are still \$25, Senior \$10 and Lifetime \$150.

See Tom Moores at the regular meeting or send your check to:

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

MEETING NOTICE – PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

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December Meeting

The next Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. club meeting takes place on **Tuesday, December 23, 2008** at 7:30 P.M. in the hall at 6177 Chicago Rd. (east of Mound Rd., North of 13 Mile Rd.)Warren, Michigan. Our meetings are always open to the public. Please bring a friend.

The December membership meeting will feature presentation of the Skipper of the Year awards, the Joe Bizotski award and a very special appearance from non other than Salmon Clause.

Of course, there will be the usual tackle and other raffles. Up to date club information can also be found on the DAS web site at:

www.detroitsteelheaders.org



A Group of Homeless People?

No, from left to right, it's Bob Paradise, Bill Stachnik, Dan Whitmill - kneeling, Dave Even, Jerry Zabel, Doug Karakas, Bob Feisel, Tom Theida & Dave Stachnik enjoying themselves at last month's Manistee River outing.

Membership News

Memberships Expiring This Month

Chris Bronner
R. Bruce Hayward
Jay Labban
Scott Obarzanek
Dave Stachnik

Renewed Memberships

Richard J. Bielski

New Membership

Galen Hull

As a reminder, for every new member you refer to the Club, your membership will be extended 6 months. Tom Gorguze has referred 2 members in the last 2 months and his membership has been extended a full year.

January Ice Fishing Outing

There will be an ice fishing outing next month either at Metro and/or Mitchell Bay (Canada), but the postings will be on the DAS Club Newsletter online. Dates are to be determined, depending on how much safe ice there is, so keep your ears open and check-in at the online bulletin regularly. You can call me at 248-495-5914 for the latest information.

For the Jan. 2009 gen. mtg., we are planning on building "Life-Lines", throw-able life saving devices (compact) for your boat, on the ice or anywhere near the water they can be used. Materials are being furnished free to club members (up to 24 paid members) by your Board of Directors. All you have to do is show up & put them together.

Jerry Zabel

River, Surf & Pier Director

Wishing you & yours

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

& A HAPPY NEW YEAR!



By now, we all know who is getting the Skipper of the Year award. But, one of the lucky Skippers pictured above will win the coveted Joe Bizotski award. You'll have to show up at the Dec. 23 Christmas meeting to find out whom.



Upcoming Director Elections

There are five Board of Director members whose terms are expiring at the end of this year. Elections will be held at the December 23 General Membership meeting. The five individuals running for those 3 year positions are as follows:

Dan Chisholm – A member since 2005. Dan has participated in the Boat Trolling Tournaments. He is willing to help on the Board wherever needed.

Tom Gorguze – A member since 2002 and a director since 2005. Tom has been a very active participant in the Boat Trolling tournaments. He has also been involved with the Wild Game Dinners and shows.

Steve Hamilton – A member since 1975, a director since 1978 and a past President. Steve has been the Club's Treasurer for the last 12 years. He also has been involved with the Wild Game Dinner, membership, river tournaments, shows, political issues and donations

Bob Mitchell – A member since 1979, a director since 1982 and a past President as well as winner of many Skipper of the Year awards. Bob also was the Fishin' Tales editor for many years. Recently he has been involved with the Wild Game Dinner and the Coalition as well as donations, shows and political issues.

Jerry Zabel – A member since 1984 and a director since 2007. Jerry has been very active in river fishing and is the current River, Surf & Pier Tournament chairman.

Board of Directors

Jason Adam – President <i>Publicity, Speakers & Education, Website</i>	248-755-3345
Mark Williams – Vice-President <i>Boat Trolling Chairman</i>	810-395-8789
Joe Von Grabe – Secretary <i>Wild Game Dinner Tickets, Special People</i>	586-293-7688
Steve Hamilton – Treasurer <i>Coalition, Donations & Appropriations</i>	313-881-3871
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Bob Feisel <i>Raffles, Photography</i>	248-357-1089
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Tom Gorguze <i>Shows Assistant</i>	248-544-0958
Bob Jones <i>Raffles Assistant</i>	248-486-5049
Doug Karakas <i>Special People, River, Pier, Surf Assistant</i>	248-545-1181
Bob Ksionzek <i>Newsletter Editor & Boat Trolling Assistant</i>	586-752-5545
Bob Mitchell <i>Newsletter Contributions, Publicity, Wild Game Dinner, Coalition</i>	248-828-8034
Tom Moores <i>Membership, Wild Game Dinner</i>	248-634-5789
Chris Nytko <i>Cooler of Cheer, Photography</i>	586-786-0288
Dwayne Welder <i>Trophies, Raffle Assistant</i>	586-757-1194
Jerry Zabel <i>River, Pier, Surf Chairman & Special People</i>	248-350-8024

From the U.S Coast Guard Captain's Exam Database (Answers can be found on the last page of the newsletter)

NAVIGATION

Question 1. When displayed under a single-span fixed bridge, red lights indicate _____:

- A. the channel boundaries
- B. that vessels must stop
- C. the bridge is about to open
- D. that traffic is approaching from the other side

Question 2. For navigational purposes, each great circle on the Earth has a length of _____:

- A. 3,600 miles
- B. 5,400 miles
- C. 12,500 miles
- D. 21,600 miles

Question 3. When using a buoy as an aid to navigation which of the following should be considered?:

- A. the buoy should be considered to always be in the charted location.
- B. if the light is flashing, the buoy should be considered to be in the charted location.
- C. the buoy may not be in the charted position.
- D. the buoy should be considered to be in the charted position if it has been freshly painted.

Question 4. When you are steering on a pair of range lights and find the upper light is above the lower light you should _____:

- A. come left
- B. come right
- C. continue on the present course
- D. wait until the lights are no longer in a vertical line

Question 5. What is the length of a nautical mile?:

- A. 1,800 meters
- B. 2,000 yards
- C. 6,076 feet
- D. 5,280 feet

Salmon Chowder

(Reprinted from Allrecipes.com)



Prep Time – 15 Mins.
Cook Time – 30 Mins.
Ready In – 45 Mins

SERVINGS: 8

INGREDIENTS:

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 2 cups diced potatoes
- 2 carrots, diced
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon dried dill weed
- 32 oz. of cooked salmon fillets
- 1 (12 fluid ounce) can evaporated milk
- 1 (15 ounce) can creamed corn
- 1/2 pound Cheddar cheese, shredded

Directions

1. Melt butter in a large pot over medium heat. Sauté onion, celery and garlic powder until onions are tender. Stir in potatoes, carrots, broth, salt, pepper and dill. Bring to a boil and reduce heat. Cover and simmer 20 minutes.
2. Stir in salmon, evaporated milk, corn, and cheese. Cook until heated through.

Wild Game Dinner

The Detroit Area Steelheaders proudly announce the date for the 9th Annual Wild Game Dinner on Saturday, March 14, 2009. It is once again being held at the Polish Cultural Center, 2975 E. Maple Road in Troy, Michigan. As usual, it will feature many delicious Wild Game dishes and the fantastic fishing, hunting and outdoor equipment raffles. Beer & pop are included, plus there will be a complete cash bar.

Tickets are \$50 per person. As a special incentive, if you buy a table full of tickets, which is 10 tickets for \$500, you will receive \$100 worth of raffle tickets. Tickets are available at the upcoming monthly meetings or contact Joe Von Grabe 586-293-7688. This is the Club's largest fund raiser so be sure to plan on attending.