

## 2009 DAS Key Dates

Feb. 14	Ice Fishing Outing – Metro Beach (Call Jerry Zabel for details)
Feb.14-15	DNR Free Fishing Weekend
Feb. 24	Membership Meeting BASS Pro Shop, Auburn Hills
Feb. 26 – Mar. 1	Outdoor RAMA Rock Financial Showplace, Novi
Mar. 7	River Outing, Lower Huron River (Call Jerry Zabel for details)
Mar.10	BOD Meeting
Mar. 14	DAS Wild Game Dinner, Troy American Polish Cultural Center
Mar. 12-15	Spring Boating Show Rock Financial Showplace, Novi



Answers to Coast Guard Exam Questions:  
1.D 2.C 3.D 4.A 5.A

### 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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# Fishin' Tales

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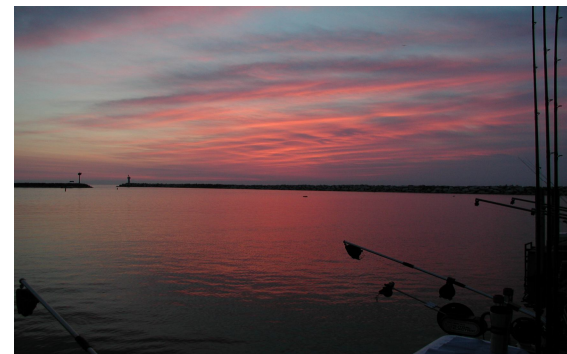
## February 2009 Meeting

The next Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. club meeting takes place on **Tuesday February 24, 2009 at 7:30 pm at our new meeting location upstairs inside Bass Pro Shop at the Great Lakes Crossing Mall, I-75 & Baldwin Rd.** Our meetings are always open to the public. Please bring a friend.

Jim Fraser from The Blue Water Sportfishing Association will be there to present an update on this year's Salmon Stakes. Also, Doug Karakas will have a presentation on Spring River fishing.

At our new location, the Club will provide pop, water, coffee and snacks at no additional charge. In addition, all DAS members will receive a 10% discount in the Bass Pro Store the evening of the meeting. Because the location is in a retail location, there will be No Alcohol or No Smoking Allowed.

Of course, there will also be the usual tackle raffles, 75/25 raffle and Every Member drawing. Up to date club information can also be found on the DAS web site at: [www.detroitsteelheaders.org](http://www.detroitsteelheaders.org)



Had enough Cold & Snow? Is Cabin Fever getting to you?  
Have no fear. Better days are near!

## Membership News

### Welcome to Our New Memberships

Antonio Cosby  
Andy Willetts

### Renewed Memberships

Nicholas Amicone R. Bruce Haywood  
James Bell Mike Lehto

### Memberships Expiring This or Last Month

Gaspare Aragona Michael Lolli  
Ralph H. Boland Bruce Turnage  
Fred Hunt Rick Vandermeiden  
Mark Gazda Tim Waidelich  
Stephen Genoff Dwayne Welder  
Ron Huey

Note: As a reminder, for every new member you refer to the Club, your membership will be extended 6 months.

## Did You Miss January's Meeting?

New Club President Mark Williams opened the meeting at our new meeting location in the archery range upstairs at Bass Pro Shop in Auburn Hills promptly at 7:30 pm. A good turnout of 59 members and guests were on hand to check out the new location. Mark immediately informed everyone that the meetings would have to be held in a very timely manner while Bass Pro Shop has their winter closing time of 9:00 pm in effect. Once they return to their Spring & Summer Hours and close at 10:00pm we would have more time available.

See *January's Meeting* on Page 2

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

MEETING NOTICE – PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

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«Renew\_Date»  
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«M\_2nd\_Address\_Line»  
«City», «ST» «ZIP»  
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Mark also informed every one about the Bass Pro Shop 10% discount certificates available to all members attending the day of the meeting. He went on to introduce Bob Mitchell as the new Vice-President as well as Joe VonGrabe returning as Secretary and Steve Hamilton returning as Treasurer. Mark, also, introduced Dan Chisholm as the newest member of the Board of Directors.

Our featured guest speaker on ice fishing was unable to make it, so Mark turned the floor over to Member Al Weichert for an impromptu presentation on some of the ice fishing techniques he has used over the years. Al did a great job with a little help from Member Bob Paradise. We really appreciate them being put on the spot. Thanks Al & Bob. As the meeting went on, Jerry Zabel & Doug Karakas held a clinic at the rear of the room on building simple, cheap throw able life saving devices made from gallon jugs, rope & a washer. Material was provided by the club to make 24 of the throwables. Thanks to Jerry and Doug!

After about a 15 minute break, Mark introduced the Boat Trolling Co-Chairmen, Bob Feisel and Bob Ksionzek. Mark also reviewed the upcoming Boat Trolling schedule, highlighting the new ports of Lexington (April 25) and Pentwater (July 11) as well as the new 2-day tournament being held in Ludington (August 8-9). He then went on to explain the new "333" format for the Pentwater, Ludington II and Manistee tournaments. This will be in addition to the Big Fish pool but for an undetermined amount a Skipper may enter his 3 largest fish caught at these 3 ports. For example, a skipper may choose to enter all 3 of his fish at the Pentwater tournament and not be allowed to enter any more from the Ludington II and Manistee tournaments or one from each of the three aforementioned events or wait till Manistee and select his 3 largest there. Any combination from any of those 3 tournaments but only the 3 largest will be totaled to decide the winner. This will take some strategizing and should add some more fun and excitement to the upcoming schedule.

Mark then turned the floor over to Bob Mitchell who attended the January Lake Michigan workshop held by Michigan SeaGrant in Ludington. Bob gave an excellent and thorough report on the topics that were discussed there and fielded questions from the membership. The tackle raffles featured some nice Ice Fishing rods & reels, fleece jackets & hats as well as bags of tackle. The 75/25 raffle 1st prize of \$90 cash was won by Jody Robinson and unfortunately, we didn't get the name of the person who won the 2nd Prize, a \$50 Gander Mountain Gift Card.

**GAME WARDEN SHORTS**  
(Reprinted from the North Woods Call)  
**Seeing a man and woman snagging on an Oceana County stream CO Troy VanGelderren, Oceana, snuck up on the pair and caught them in the act. The snagger, the male, disgustingly turned to the woman and said "Mom, you're a lousy lookout".**

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

**STABILITY**

**Question 1.** The distance between the waterline of a vessel and the main deck is called \_\_\_\_\_:

- A. draft
- B. freeboard
- C. buoyancy
- D. camber

**Question 2.** The maximum mean draft to which a vessel may be safely loaded is called \_\_\_\_\_:

- A. mean draft
- B. calculated draft
- C. deep draft
- D. load line draft

**Question 3.** Which action will affect the trim of a vessel?

- A. Moving high weights lower
- B. Adding weight at the tipping center
- C. Moving a weight forward
- D. All of the above

**Question 4.** The center of volume of the immersed portion of the hull is called the \_\_\_\_\_:

- A. center of buoyancy
- B. center of flotation
- C. center of gravity
- D. tipping center

**Question 5.** Buoyancy is a measure of the ship's \_\_\_\_\_:

- A. ability to float
- B. deadweight
- C. freeboard
- D. midships strength

**UPCOMING RIVER EVENTS**

Local river outing on the Lower Huron River, Sat. Mar. 7th in Flat Rock. We will meet up at the City Rec. Bldg around 8:00 A.M.

It's Steelhead time on the Big Manistee Pier, Surf and River Sat. Mar. 28th, weigh-in TBD. For more information on either event, contact Jerry Zabel @ 248-495-5914 or 248-350-8024.

**March Swap Meet**

The March regular member meeting will feature the **Annual Swap Meet** for members. If you have rods, reels, lures, or other tackle you don't need, turn it into cash at the meeting. If you need something, check out the tables. Show up early (doors open at 7:00 p.m.) for the best selection or to set up.

**2009 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sportsmen's Dinner**



The Detroit Area Steelheaders are very proud to present the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sportsmen's 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.

2009 Boat Trolling Schedule	
04/25/09 - Lexington	(Dan Chisholm, Port Captain)
05/2/09 - St. Joseph	(Jody Robinson, Port Captain)
05/16/09 - Grand Haven (2-day)	(Bob Feisel, Port Captain)
05/17/09	(Bob Feisel, Port Captain)
06/06/09 - Port Austin	(Blaise Pewinski, Port Captain)
06/13/09 - Special People	(Tentative)
07/11/09 - Pentwater, Team Doubles (333)	(Bob Jones, Port Captain)
08/01/09 - Ludington Ladies Day	(Joe Von Grabe, Port Captain)
08/08/09 - Ludington II (2-Day) (333)	(Tom Gorguze, Port Captain)
08/09/09	(Tom Gorguze, Port Captain)
08/22/09 - Manistee II (333)	(Bob Paradise, Port Captain)
09/12/09 - Grand Haven II	(Dave Linder, Port Captain)