

## 2009 DAS Key Dates

Mar. 14	DAS Wild Game Dinner, Troy American Polish Cultural Center
Mar. 12-15	Spring Boating Show Rock Financial Showplace, Novi
Mar. 28	Pier, Surf & River Outing Manistee
Mar. 31	Membership Meeting Bass Pro Shop
Apr. 11	Clinton River Outing Dodge Park
Apr. 25	Boat Trolling Tournament Lexington
Apr. 28	Membership Meeting Guest Speaker - Dan Keating Bass Pro Shop

### March Swap Meet Cancelled

The **Annual Swap Meet** usually held at the March membership meeting is cancelled. This is because of logistical reasons at our new meeting location at Bass pro Shop.

We are trying to reschedule it for the May meeting in conjunction with our outdoor Boat Rigging demo. Watch for further details in next month's Fishin' Tales

#### Answers to Coast Guard Exam Questions:

1.B 2.A 3.B 4.C 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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MEETING NOTICE – PLEASE DO NOT DELAY

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# Fishin' Tales

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## March 2009 Meeting

The next Detroit Area Steelheaders, Inc. club meeting takes place on **Tuesday March 31, 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.

President Mark Williams will do a presentation on trolling basics, trolling direction, divers and lead core set-ups. Also, Bob Mitchell will share his knowledge on deep water trolling on Lake Michigan.

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)

**The Tournament Trolling Season is right around the corner. Why not get a crew together and participate in one or more of this year's upcoming events? See Bob Feisel or Bob Ksionzek at the next meeting.**



## Membership News

### New Memberships

Merv Champine  
Dennis Holoway

### New Lifetime Membership

Nathan Schwark

### Renewed Memberships

Dan Chisholm	Jay Labban
Mark Gazda	George Leonard
Stephen G. Genoff	Bruce Turnage
Ron Huey	Dwayne Welder

### Memberships Expiring This Month

Bob Brumer	Bob Ksionzek
Denny Davis	Jack T. Macfarlane
Robert Ewart	Lincoln McGhee
Jim Fitch	Keith Stafford
Richard Kittle	

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

## Did You Miss February's Meeting?

Club President Mark Williams opened the meeting promptly at 7:30 pm. Mark reminded 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.

Mark introduced Jim Fraser & Mike Rymar from the Blue Water Sportfishing Association, who had a presentation on their upcoming Blue Water

See **February's Meeting** on Page 2

YMCA Salmon Stakes tournament on Sat., April 25. This is a new name for the old 'River Crab' tournament. It's a great event with all of the proceeds this year going to the Blue Water YMCA in Port Huron. For \$10, you get in the tournament and are entered in the raffle, which features An Alaska Get-Away for Two first prize and more great prizes. There are prizes of \$500 each for the heaviest King, Coho, Steelhead, Brown, Lake Trout and Walleye plus \$300 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> heaviest Walleye and \$200 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> heaviest Walleye. In addition, there will be \$500 awarded to the 'Super Skipper' who turns in the heaviest total catch.

Jim informed us that for each \$10 ticket that the D.A.S. sold, they would give back to the club \$2.50. It's a win-win for everybody. Seeing that our Lexington tournament is that same day, it's a good idea to buy a ticket for the raffle, maybe win a prize there and if you catch a large fish, make a run down to the weigh-in and possibly win an additional \$500. See Bob Ksionzek at the March meeting for tickets or call him at 586-752-5545.

After the break, Mark turned the floor over to Joe Von Grabe for a presentation on Cut & Whole bait fishing. Joe covered the gamut on bait & tackle options, presentation options, rigs, bait preparation as well as some tips and tricks. Joe did an excellent job and I think he convinced a few more people on the value of 'Meat Fishin' Thanks, Joe!

The tackle raffles featured a half core rod & reel combo, a large boat net, a nice boat hook, a 5 spoon Moonshine lures package as well as 3 great bags of miscellaneous tackle. The 75/25 raffle 1st prize of \$75 cash was won by new member Merv Champine and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize of \$35 cash went to Tom Theida. Unfortunately, Ron Maschke, whose name was drawn in the 'Every Member' drawing, was not present to claim his \$100 prize.

## DAS Discounts Available

**BOAT US** – ½ off on all memberships normally \$25 with discount \$12.50. Use group ID No. GA82750B

**Dunham's** – All D.A.S. members will have a 20% discount weekend on March 20, 21 & 22 at all Dunham's locations.

**Sherwin-Williams Paints** – 20% off all the time. Use #907851471 to receive discount

**Pro Fishing & Archery Center** – 10% off all the time. Located at 36257 Jefferson Ave Harrison Township MI 48045

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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.)

#### COMPASS PRINCIPLES

**Question 1.** Eight Points of a compass are equal to how many degrees?:

- A. 45
- B. 90
- C. 180
- D. 360

**Question 2.** The compass heading of a vessel differs from the true heading by\_\_\_\_\_:

- A. compass error
- B. variation
- C. magnetic dip
- D. deviation

**Question 3.** One point of a compass is equal to how many degrees?:

- A. 7.5
- B. 11.25
- C. 17.5
- D. 22.5

**Question 4.** The heading of a vessel is indicated by what part of the compass?:

- A. Card
- B. Needle
- C. Lubber's line
- D. Gimbals

**Question 5.** What is the basic principle of the magnetic compass?:

- A. Magnetic materials of the same polarity repel each other and those of opposite polarity attract.
- B. The Earth's magnetic lines of force are parallel to the surface of the Earth.
- C. Magnetic meridians connect points of equal magnetic variations.
- D. The compass needle(s) will, when properly compensated, lie parallel to the isogonic lines of the Earth.

### UPCOMING RIVER EVENTS

On Sat. Mar. 28th, there is a club outing for the Big Manistee River from Tippy Dam to Lake Michigan. There is a very good chance we will be able to have a fish-off with the guys from Metro-West, who have an outing for the same day & place. We hope to see a good turn out for this event. Weigh-in is scheduled at Fisherman's Headquarters in Wellston, MI. at 5:30 p.m. Don't let the season go by without wetting a line!!

There will be a river Outing on the Clinton River Saturday, April 11. It will be at Dodge Park across from Yates Cider Mill, Apr. 11th after 1st light until Noon. Weigh-in at the parking lot.

For more information, contact Jerry Zabel @ 248-350-8024/248-495-5914.

### LOWER HURON RIVER OUTING

We met at Kate's Cafe Saturday morning, March 7, for breakfast, Doug Karakas, Jay, Rick and I. The

rain held off long enough for Doug & co. to put three fresh run Steelies in his drift boat. I also saw a 10 lb. Steelhead that was caught that morning off the bank. Fishing is sporadic due to high & sometimes dirty water, but the fish are in there. Now is the time to get out and look for that spring run fish!!

**Jerry Zabel**  
Pier, Surf & Rivers Chairman

### SPECIAL PEOPLE

The Special People outing is a go as planned on Saturday, June 13. Toledo Beach Marina is very enthusiastic about our returning to their facility this year and has extended a welcome to us again!! Free slips & launching are being supplied to all the captains taking the "Special People" out, and the tent will be located in the same place as in the past. Volunteers are needed to take out the kids, and help out around the meeting place. Please, contact Jerry Zabel to sign up/ask questions etc. @ 248-350-8024/248-495-5914c.

### 2009 Boat Trolling Schedule

- 04/25/09 - Lexington  
(Dan Chisholm, Port Captain)
- 05/2/09 – St. Joseph  
(Tom Gorguze, Port Captain)
- 05/16/09 - Grand Haven (2-day)  
05/17/09 (Bob Feisel, Port Captain)
- 06/06/09 - Port Austin  
(Blaise Pewinski, Port Captain)
- 06/13/09 - Special People  
(Jerry Zabel, 248-350-8024)
- 07/11/09 - Pentwater, Team Doubles (333)  
(Bob Jones, Port Captain)
- 08/01/09 - Ludington Ladies Day  
(Mark Williams, Port Captain)
- 08/08/09 - Ludington II (2-Day) (333)  
08/09/09 (Jody Robinson, Port Captain)
- 08/22/09 - Manistee II (333)  
(Bob Paradise, Port Captain)
- 09/12/09 – Grand Haven II  
(Dave Linder, Port Captain)