



Southwest Michigan Steelheaders

A Chapter of the Michigan Steelhead & Salmon Fishermen's Association

St. Joseph, Michigan



April 2009

Letter from the President,

Thank you Mark Chmura of Pier Pressure Fishing Charters for taking the time to share your wealth of information regarding Deep Water Fishing on Lake Michigan. We had a great turn-out for the seminar and the information passed along enhanced the knowledge of those attending.

Net Pens need to go in the water on April 13th. We are looking for help. The fish will be here later during the week of April 13th. If you can help, we can use it! Give me a call for more information 269-208-6777.

The S.W. Michigan Steelheaders Summer Challenge is May 8th & 9th this year. We need help on Wednesday to set-up, Thursday evening at the captains meeting, Friday and Saturday for the weigh-in and Saturday for awards and clean-up. This is a BIG EVENT and we need a lot of help. Call Theresa 269-208-0404 if you can help.



*Charlie Broadhurst, President
S.W. Michigan Steelheaders*

- happy easter -

April 2009 Membership Meeting

Thursday April 9, 2009

VFW Club Post #1137 * 2616 E. Napier * Benton Harbor
Social Hour begins at 6:00 PM * Meeting begins at 7:00 PM

Guest Speaker

Rich Landerson

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Our Condolences go to the family of Dave Carmody of the Battle Creek Steelheaders who passed away March 28, 2009

To all my steelheader friends, I just want to say how proud I am that so many of you were in attendance of Dave Carmody's funeral. It was a very moving , and tough time for all of us. The friendship and comfort given by everyone has had a tremendous healing effect for Janet and I. Although Ray Kalis is dealing with medical issues of his own along with his wives, he still made the 2 1/2 hr drive each way to be with us today. My heartfelt thanks go out to Ray, and also to Dave Bunch. We all know how hard it is for you to spend much time on your feet, not to mention all that you have been through. A true friend in deed. I also have read the guest book for those who have come to visit at the funeral home, or have signed-up on line. I appreciate everyones thoughtfull entries into the " memories/ Thoughts" portion of the website. <http://www.lifestorynet.com/memories/46745/> If you didn't make it to the funeral or the visitation for whatever reason, please do myself, the steelheaders, and the Carmody family a favor and at least sign-in on the guestbook. It only takes a minute or two. Thanks. Dave was a good man, if you read some about him on the website you will find out some things that you may have never knew, I know I didn't. The dedication and commitment that he showed to his country, family, and even us steelheaders, should not go un noticed. Dave never, ever bragged about his medals or comendations for his service to his country, and rarely even spoke about the war, or what happened there. He continued to serve his country till his dying day. His comitment to our club, is second to none, the tourney events that he participated in and many times did the cooking, or tabulation of numbers, clean-up and other tasks. As a prepered captain for the trip swap, he had many folks ask to fish on his boat, and as far as I can remember he has made every xmas party and usually had a huge part in the cooking or organization of the event. Let's show our respect and support to his family by making sure that they know we care. Please take the time to sign the guestbook, and perhaps even write some thoughtfull message, or share a great memory.

Thanks. Capt Dan Johnson
BC Steelheaders, Vice- President.

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STEELHEADERS

**2009 SW MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS
SUMMER CHALLENGE
- OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM -**

**TOURNAMENT DATES
FRI MAY 8th & SAT MAY 9th
ST. JOSEPH, MICHIGAN**

Captain's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Boat Name _____ Boat Length _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	Pro Entry - \$450 if paid on or before May 1 / \$500 after May 1 until 7 PM May 7
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amateur Entry - \$200 if paid on or before May 1 / \$250 after May 1 until 7 PM May 7
<input type="checkbox"/>	Big Fish Contest - \$20 (separate divisions for pro & amateur, register by 7 PM May 7)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Second Chance Tournament - \$100 Pro / \$50 Amateur (register by 3 PM May 8)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Big Boys Pot - \$300 (pro only, register by 7 PM May 7)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Southwest Michigan Steelheaders MSSFA Membership - \$35 (see note below)

Notes:

- All entries for the Main Tournament must be received NO LATER than 7:00 PM on May 7, 2009.
- Registration will be at Pier 33 Showroom (Anchors Way) May 9, 2009 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The Captain's Meeting will immediately follow at 7:00 PM ... ALL CAPTAINS MUST ATTEND.
- All Captains must be a member of a MSSFA (Michigan Salmon & Steelhead Fisherman's Association) affiliated club. Proof of membership required at Captain's Meeting.
- Licensed charter captains must enter the Pro Division even if participating as crew; non-charter captains and crews are welcome to enter the Pro Division.
- Make all checks payable to: SW Michigan Steelheaders Summer Challenge.
- All payments made after May 1, 2009 MUST be in the form of CASH.
- There are no provisions for the return of entry fees, unless a written request for such a fee is received by the Tournament Director at least 7 days prior to the kick off of the tournament. If tournament is canceled due to weather conditions all entries minus 10% will be refunded. Three (3) cumulative hours of fishing between Friday & Saturday constitute a complete tournament.
- A complete set of the official rules are listed in a separate document found on the web at <http://www.fishthesummerchallenge.com>.

My signature below indicates that my crew and myself agree to the following: All reasonable precautions will be taken by the tournament committee to protect persons and property during the tournament. Neither the committee, judges, officers, directors or sponsors can or will be responsible for the safety of persons, for accident, injury, theft, damage by fire, vandalism or any other cause for loss to a contestants property or person. Participants understand and agree to hold harmless the aforementioned groups and individuals from liability or damage as may be incurred from participation in the tournament.

Captain's Signature

Date

MAIL ENTRY FORMS TO:
SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN STEELHEADERS C/O THERESA BROADHURST
5605 PAW PAW LAKE RD. / COLOMA, MI 49038



**2009
OFF SHORE
TACKLE
CHALLENGE**



- OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM -

**PARTICIPATING PORTS
MICHIGAN CITY - ST. JOSEPH - SOUTH HAVEN
GRAND HAVEN - HOLLAND - SAUGATUCK**

Captain's Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Boat Name _____

<input type="checkbox"/>	Pro Entry - \$500 (for first three ports you fish)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amateur Entry - \$250 (for first three ports you fish)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pro Re-buy - \$250 per additional port (up to three)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Amateur Re-buy - \$125 per additional port (up to three)

Rules:

- Prize Money: \$5000 to 1st place pro and \$2500 to 1st place amateur (if 20 boats enter per division)
- Register at Captain's Meeting at participating tournaments or by mail. All entries must be received prior to the close of the Captain's Meeting for your first port to qualify.
- Total score determined by the sum of points earned in first three tournaments fished. Top tournament finisher earns 100 points, 2nd best earns 99, 3rd best 98, and so on. Participant with the highest total score wins.
- Re-buys – You may purchase a re-buy after your first three scores are determined. If higher, the re-buy score will replace your lowest score. You may purchase up to three re-buys, however they must be purchased at the Captain's Meeting of each additional tournament and may only be applied at that tournament.
- All local tournament rules apply.
- Make all checks payable to: Off Shore Tackle Challenge

My signature below indicates that my crew and myself agree to the following: All reasonable precautions will be taken by the tournament committees to protect persons and property during the tournaments. Neither the committee, judges, officers, directors or sponsors can or will be responsible for the safety of persons, for accident, injury, theft, damage by fire, vandalism or any other cause for loss to a contestants property or person. Participants understand and agree to hold harmless the aforementioned groups and individuals from liability or damage as may be incurred from participation in the tournament.

Captain's Signature

Date

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E-Mail Address: _____

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Send payments to:
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P.O. Box 575 * St. Joseph, MI 49085

You may also hand deliver your payment to any S.W. Michigan Steelhead Board Member or bring payment to the next Membership Meeting or event.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (March 10, 2009)

Contacts: Gary Whelan 517-373-1280 or Mary Dettloff 517-335-3014

DNR Will Continue Limited Walleye Production in 2009

The Department of Natural Resources will continue limited production of walleye fry for the 2009 season as a precaution against spreading viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) into inland waters, fisheries officials announced today.

"We still don't have all the information we'd like on VHS," said Gary Whelan, DNR fish production manager. "We'd rather be cautious than risk being a vector for spreading this disease."

VHS has been found in various parts of the Great Lakes and connecting waterways, which is where the best walleye broodstock sources are located.

Fisheries staffers will take eggs and milt from walleyes in the Muskegon River and Little Bay de Noc. The Saginaw Bay/Tittabawassee strain will not be used again this year. Only the Thompson State Fish

Hatchery will be used to incubate eggs as it maintains a separate facility that will prevent the spread of potential VHS into steelhead-rearing facilities should infection occur. In addition, fisheries staffers will evaluate the feasibility of rearing additional walleye at private and tribal facilities.

Walleye egg-take will be spaced out over several weeks to maximize production, which will still be limited to six million fry if the outside facilities are not used. Fry spend only three to five days at the hatchery before being transferred to off-site rearing ponds which require a large amount of DNR effort. Many external walleye rearing ponds exist throughout the state, but only those that are non-drainable will be used for rearing in 2009.

Currently, there is no proven method for disinfecting walleye eggs. All adult brood stock will be tested for VHS, as will samples of walleye fry and fingerlings before they are stocked. Fingerlings will be stocked only in inland lakes in 2009 that have no inlets or outlets or into lakes with direct connections to the Great Lakes. No fingerlings will be stocked in the Lake Superior watershed. Thus, the program will be the same as was used in 2008, but is much expanded from 2007 when DNR did not raise any walleye statewide.

"If we can develop an effective method of disinfecting walleye eggs, we can increase production in the future," Whelan said. "In the meantime, we'd prefer to err on the side of caution rather than risk spreading VHS to new waters."

For more detailed information on this subject, the public should visit the Fisheries Division second of the DNR's Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing. The DNR is committed to the conservation, protection, management, use and enjoyment of the state's natural resources for current and future generations.

*THE FISH ARE COMING
NET PENS
NEED TO BE PUT IN THE
WATER!*

*Looking for people to help with net pens on Monday, April 13, 2009
(subject to change).*

*If you are available to help
call Charlie 269-208-6777 for more details.*

The fish are scheduled to be delivered the week of April 13th.

*S.W. Michigan Steelheaders
Summer Challenge
May 8th & 9th*

We Need Help on the following days:

Set-up Wednesday May 6th in the early evening.

Captains meeting Thursday May 7th in the evening.

Weigh-in Friday & Saturday May 8th & 9th.

If you can help we can sure use it.

*Call Theresa 269-208-0404 and get your name on
the list of helpers. THERE IS A LOT TO DO AND
WE NEED A LOT OF HELP!*

Calendar of Events 2009

all events subject to change

April 2009

9th - Membership Meeting VFW, Napier Avenue Benton Harbor 7:00 PM (social hour 6:00 PM)

May 2009

2nd - 3rd - Hoosier Coho Club Classic - Michigan City, Indiana

8th - 9th - S.W. Michigan Steelheaders Summer Challenge Tournament - St. Joseph, Michigan

14th - Membership Meeting VFW, Napier Avenue Benton Harbor 7:00 PM (social hour 6:00 PM)

15th - 17th - South Haven Big Jon Pro/Am - South Haven, Michigan

29th - 31st - Huntington's Grand Haven Offshore Challenge - Grand Haven, Michigan

June 2009

26th - 28th - MCSFA Budweiser Pro/Am - Manistee, Michigan

TO ADD AN EVENT

CONTACT THERESA BROADHURST, NEWSLETTER EDITOR
269-208-0404 or e-mail Theresa: theresabroadhurst@gmail.com

Get signed up for the Summer Challenge tournament
Entry form on line or at your local tackle shops
B.J. Sports, Broadlow's Fishin' Hole & Tackle Haven



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