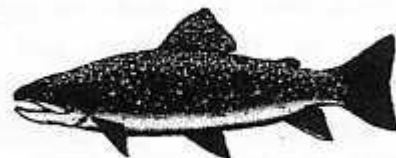


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President's Message

The search is over; Scott Lewis a new member this year has volunteered to be the editor of the "Downrigger". I have fished with Scott several times this year and know him to be a competent, straightforward individual. Lets all welcome him to this new responsibility. I hope we can all be prompt with our messages, news, comments and tournament reports.

At the last membership meeting we had the boat show where members brought their inland and great lake boats to the meeting and told a little bit about their boats. It was like a "show and tell"; and everyone had a good time. I would think Warren and Martha Newsted's boat was the hit of the night. He has revamped and added onto his boat quite a bit and when he goes to Florida for the winter it must be a sight to behold. He pulls his truck behind their motor home with this 18 to 19-foot aluminum boat and trailer mounted on rails above his truck. He had a photograph of this rig as he travels to Florida on display, and it was quite impressive.

We had a hot-dog roast with chips at the membership meeting, I'm sorry to say we were caught a little unawares as to the turnout and unfortunately didn't have enough hot-dogs for seconds. We'll plan a little better next time. I'm sure glad I had a PBJ at home before the meeting.

We've had some more tournaments since the last message. The tournament for Harbor Beach for July 12 & 13, as you may be aware, was canceled due to not having anyone step forward as a sponsor. The tournament at Harbor Beach for July 19th & 20th was shortened to just the 19th due to some inclement weather on the 20th. We had 5 boats; I was invited to fish with Glen Appel and his son Robert. Everyone seemed to catch fish, however the salmon were in short supply. Tom and Marlene Ott had the weigh in and a picnic type lunch get-together at their cottage at Forest Bay that was very nice.

I fished the August 2nd & 3rd Ludington tournament in my boat "The Last One" my crew consisted of Ryan Nims and Scott Lewis; we had a great time. When you get as old and rickety as I seem to have become it sure is nice to have young, knowledgeable, energetic fellow mates on board. There were 4 boats in this tournament and most everyone caught some fish. "The Last One" took a 2nd place king salmon on Saturday and a 1st and 2nd place king on Sunday. I owe it all to Ryan for his rigging and to Scott for his enthusiasm and landing the 1st place king on Sunday. We caught a total of 8 king salmon for the weekend. It was very nice.

There has been another tournament at Ludington, which was a big disappointment for Tom and Jean Goodhew, the sponsors. They had spent the week up there and when it came time for the tournament on Saturday August 9th, there were only 2 boats participating; theirs and Geoff White's. It's very unfortunate that we couldn't have had a better turnout; Tom and Jean put considerable time into this not to mention considerable monies in launch and slip fees only to see such a small turnout. What's doubly unfortunate it was a beautiful weekend, and everyone caught lots of fish.

The 1st tournament at Arcadia/Frankfort was unfortunately the weekend of the memorable power outage, and many of the boats and crews stayed back at home. The 2nd tournament at Arcadia/Frankfort was shortened to one day due to inclement weather on Sunday the 24th.

I don't have any particular knowledge on who placed in the tournaments, but I hope that some of the sponsors will be sending in some of the results soon.

I don't know where we are going as a club, but without better turnouts at the tournaments and outings we are going to be losing sponsors and members who are willing to make these types of commitments. This has been discussed at your Board Meetings; and frankly the Board is at a loss for ideas as how to stimulate interest. We are looking for the membership to come up with ideas on what they would like from their club. No idea is too simple or silly that it won't be listened to. We need and are begging for your input.

In addition, remember you don't have to be a Board member to attend Board meetings. Please feel free to come out to a Board meeting and express your ideas. You will be listened to.

As always, safe and sane boating and fishing, Bill Purves

ITALIAN WALLEYE

1 1/2 Lbs. Walleye fillets dried with paper towel; 26oz. Italian style tomato sauce; 2 T Chopped parsley;

1 1/2 t Italian Seasoning; 1 t Dried basil; 1 t Dried oregano; 1/2 t Lawry's seasoned pepper salt; 1/3C Parmesan cheese; 8 oz. Italian blend cheese; 8 oz. Mozzarella cheese; 8 oz. Mushrooms, fresh sliced

Place Walleye fillets into a greased 13" x 9" baking dish. Combine tomato sauce and all seasonings plus the parmesan

cheese. Pour over the fillets. Bake uncovered for 15 minutes at 350 degrees. Sprinkle with Mozzarella and Italian blend

cheese. Bake another 10 to 12 minutes, or until fish flakes with a fork. Serve with wild rice, Italian bread and wine.

WALLEYE TOURNAMENTS LAKE ERIE

We had our Lake Erie Walleye Tournament at Toledo Beach Marina again this year. Except for a small misunderstanding on Saturday, Marshall Gill and Toledo Beach Marina did a superb job of providing club members with usage of facilities, including slips for overnighters at no charge. Yes, that's right! For the last three years we've had this privilege, and we owe them a great big thank you.

Saturday was a pleasant day with plenty of sun, warmth and about a one foot chop. But, with the storms the previous week, the fish were a little uncooperative. We had four boats on Saturday with 12 fisher people.

The end results on Saturday were:

1st Place:	Mark Morris 3.7 Lbs
2nd Place:	Bill Anglebrandt 2.15 Lbs Glen Uhl 2.15 Lbs
3rd Place:	Matt Chamberlain 2.10 Lbs

Sunday, we returned for another shot at those tasty Walleye. Sunday proved to be even hotter and flatter on the lake. Again, the fish had their snouts turned the other way. We had only three boats on Sunday with eleven fisher people. Fish Dinner had the program figured out on this day and brought in the most fish but not all the bigger ones.

The end results on Sunday were:

1st Place:	Matt Chamberlain 3.15 Lbs
2nd Place:	Ryan Nims 2.15 Lbs
3rd Place:	Scott Lewis 2.0 Lbs

Thanks again to all that attended the tournament and thanks again to Toledo Beach Marina and Marshall Gill for all their support.

JUNE 28, 2003

With a few determined anglers, we returned to Lake Erie and Toledo Beach Marina on this Saturday to see if we could be whooped again by Mother Nature and the fish. Lake Erie stood up to its notorious reputation and greeted us all with 2 1/2 to 3 foot waves which made the going a little rough to say the least. But, those of us that showed up were determined.

Sadly, only two boats showed on Saturday, but it showed that large numbers aren't always victorious. It took a little while to get going, but the fish were conquered on this day. Fish Dinner returned with a load of 24 fish and Hawg Slayer returned with a load of 12 fish. The fish were more cooperative

this time around and hit a variety of presentations. Some fish came on spoons, some on body baits (Hot-n-Tots), and some even on crawlers. We just couldn't lose. Mark Morris picked up the biggest fish of the three days at 6.5

Lbs. What a fun time we had. The end results were:

1st Place: Mark Morris 6.5 Lbs
 2nd Place: Matt Chamberlain 2.4 Lbs
 3rd Place: Matt Chamberlain 2.3 Lbs

Thanks again to all that attended.

Geoff White

Harbor Beach—July 19,2003

My God, five thirty am is early!! It is hard to believe that any self respecting fish would be up that early. However, not only were the fish up, but fisherman were up as well. The captains were meeting over coffee and sweets to get all the particulars on the days activities. With the plans made—good wishes were exchanged and the fishing started.

Participants:

<u>Boat</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Crew Members</u>
My Way	Bill Anglebrandt	Lynn Anglebrandt,
Mark Morris		
Southern Comfort	Dan Schellhase	Bob Huber
Daddy's Toy	Glenn Appel	Robert Appel, Bill
Purves		
Hawg Slayer	Geoff White	Mary Kay White
Line Hauler	Tom Goodhew	Jean Goodhew
Sweet Season	Tom Ott	Marlene Ott

The fishing was slow and tough- a combination that often leads to radio chatter. The ones with fish in the box immediately became experts and the ones wanting became questioning students. How deep? How far down? Mainline or Dipsey. What color? Etcetera and etcetera. You have heard it all before. The best part was the weather. It was excellent and even contained a breeze to keep the bugs away. As the morning progressed. The radio reports contained information that indicated that every boat in the tournament had at least one fish in the box. It seems as though Mark Morris catches Walleye where ever he goes because he caught a Walleye while Salmon fishing. When it was time to pull lines, everybody was ready to come in.

It seems that each boat had washed all the baits they had aboard. The weigh-in reflected how tough the fishing really was because there were only 13

fish weighed-in. Last year, there were 57 fish weighed-in. What a difference a year makes.

Results:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Species</u>	<u>Angler</u>
<u>Boat</u>			
1st	6 lb. 12oz	Lake Trout	Robert Appel
Daddy's Toy			
2nd	4 lb. 12oz.	Lake Trout	Mary Kay White
Hawg Slayer			
3rd	4 lb. 7oz.	Lake Trout	Bob Huber
Southern Comfort			
1st	8 lb. 15oz	King Salmon	Dan Schellhase
Southern Comfort			
2nd	7 lb. 3 oz.	King Salmon	Tom Goodhew
Line Hauler			
3rd	4 lb. 8 oz.	King Salmon	Mary Kay White
Hawg Slayer			
1st	51b. 0 oz.	Steelhead	Dan Schellhase
Southern Comfort			

The luncheon was served at the Ott's cottage, which was enjoyed by all. The presentation of the certificates followed conversation that relived the moments of action and the hours of washing baits. The mystery fish was a five pound Lake Trout—closest was Mary Kay White. Sunday's tournament was cancelled, by a vote of captains, due to threatening weather.

Thanks to all who attended. Chairpersons, Tom and Marlene Ott

LUDINGTON TOURNAMENT

Once again, on August 2 & 3, 2003, our club members returned to the Ludington area for a two day tournament. This year, we went to Harbor View Marina, and what a place this was. It was definitely a huge step up from the other marinas we have stayed at in the past. We had nice floating docks, an air conditioned clubhouse that we could use if so desired, and even a beautiful pool with Jacuzzi.

Saturday was a nice day on the lake, but the fishing was on the slow side to say the least. With water temps on the warm side, the fishing was a little

frustrating. A few innovative anglers did manage to find some fish that were willing to bite. The tournament was called about 12:30 because of a persistent thunderstorm that was threatening but couldn't be determined which direction it was traveling. Saturday's results were:

KING SALMON

1st Place:	JeanGoodhew	Line Hauler	22 lbs
2nd Place:	BillPurves	The Last One	19.8 lbs
3rd Place:	TomGoodhew	Line Hauler	18.15 lbs

LAKE TROUT

1st Place:	Dick Hickson	My Princess	5.4 lbs
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Sunday morning, we all met again at 5 a.m. At 5:30, we postponed the start time until 7:a.m. due to a thunderstorm and a torrential downpour. After the storm, the lake settled down, and we proceeded to go fishing.

Again, we did a lot of fishing but not much catching. Although things were a little slow, we all had a good time with a lot of laughs and some great friends to share our stories with, both on the water and on the shore

Sunday's results were:

KING SALMON

1st Place:	Scott Lewis	The Last One	20.8 lbs
2nd Place:	RyanNims	The Last One	18.14 lbs
3rd Place:	Dick Hickson	My Princess	14 lbs

I would like to thank all of those who attended this event and hope to see you all again next year.

Port Chairpersons: Geoff White and Mark Morris

ARCADIA TOURNAMENT **AUGUST 16 & 17 2003**

SATURDAY PARTICIPANTS:

ADVENTURE II	Walt & Pat Van Conant, Codi Mattinson
FISH'N AGAIN	Dave & Carolyn Burtch, Cathy Bemman, Bill Dawson
HOG SLAYER	Geoff & Gregg White, Randy Sturgill

JOLLY F. ROBERT MY PRINCESS Delia Fisher	Bob & Kathy Hazlett, Lucky Pete, Harry Day Robert, Amanda & Anthony Karagosian, George &
REEL ADVENTURE	Steve & Alan Bruford, Greg Elliott
REEL-LEASE ME	Jerry & Mark Rank, John Galbraith, Tim Roache
SCOOTER TOO	Bill & Barb Weishaar
SEA RUNNER Pat Helfferich	Warren & Marti Newsted, Glen & Maxine Nelsey, Al &
TEDDY BEAR II Conner Ross,	Larry & Judy Ross, Brad & Anne Ross, Sydney &
Mancini	Larry Eastman, Ron & Nileen Robbins, Greg

We had another good year at the Arcadia tournament. We could not have ordered any better weather or water conditions. It was fun watching our group arriving and unloading their boats in anticipation of a good fishing trip. Our captains' meeting was. at 6:00a.m. The coffee and donuts were a big hit and after some good conversation, the OCSA' catch their prizes. After setting lines at 6:30 a.m., it wasn't long until we were hearing about fish being caught. The water temperatures were good, and we were happy to know there was some action going on.

We were happy to have our five year old grandson, Codi, fishing with us for the weekend. He got right into that fishing thing. Between watching the lines, learning to read a compass, watching the radar screen and the depth finder, he was a very busy boy. He only had time for a 45 minute nap. The nap came after the fish were caught.

The tournament ended at 1:00 p.m., and everyone headed for the Eastman Resort where Where weigh-in was completed and a lovely lunch was served to a very hungry group. Everyone enjoyed the baked spaghetti casserole, corn on the cob, salad and desert
Hmmm Good!!! Thank you Jan and Larry.

PLACEMENTS: SATURDAY TOTAL FISH: 34

Place Boat	Weight	Species Captain	Angler
1st II	6# Larry Ross	Lake Trout	Larry Eastman Teddy Bear

1st Too	20# 15 oz. Bill Weishaar	King	Bill Weishaar	Scooter
2nd Slayer	20# 6 oz. Geoff White	King	Randy Sturgil	Hog
3rd Slayer	20# Geoff White	King	Gregg White	Hog
1st Runner	8# Warren Newsted	Steelhead	Al Helfferich	Sea
2nd Robert	6# 12 oz. Robert Hazlett	Steelhead	Kathy Hazelett	Jolly F.
1st II	10# Larry Ross	Coho	Larry Eastman	Teddy Bear
1st II	7# 8 oz. Walt Van Conant	Coho	Codi Mattison	Adventure

PARTICIPANTS: SUNDAY

ADVENTURE II	Walt & Pat Van Conant, Codi Mattinson
FISH'N AGAIN Dawson	Dave & Caroline Burtich, Cathy Bemman, Bill
HOG SLAYER	Geoff & Gregg White, Randy Sturgill
MY PRINCESS Fisher	Robert, Amanda & Anthony Karagosian, George
REEL ADVENTURE	Steve & Alan Bruford
SCOOTER TOO	Bill, Barb, Daniel, & Bill Sr. Weishaar
MY WAY	Bill & Lynn Anglebrandt

PLACEMENTS SUNDAY:

Total Fish: 19

Place Boat	Weight Captain	Specie	Angler	
1st Slayer	3# 12oz Geoff White	Lake Trout	Randy Storgil	Hog
1st Slayer	19# 14oz. Geoff White	King	Geoff White	Hog
2nd	17# 16 oz.	King	Codi Mattison	Adventure

II	W. VanConant			
3rd	17#	King	Bill Weishaar	Scooter
II	Bill Weishaar			
1st	7# 80z.	Coho	Anthony Karogosian	My
Princess	R. Karagosian			

Sunday was another good day, and we were happy to see Bill and Lynn Anglebrandt join us. The power problems down state caused some problems, so they were delayed coming up. Our thoughts and prayers are with Clem and Iris Luchtel as they deal with Clem's health problems. We sure missed their smiling faces at the tournament. We wish them both the strength to overcome this major obstacle in their lives. Our hearts are with them.

The weigh-in Sunday was at the Arcadia Marina. It was another great day on the water. Walt and I spent the rest of the week overseeing construction on our new home overlooking the water and looked forward to the following weekend for the second tournament. Thank you for joining us at Arcadia, and we look forward to seeing you again. Happy fishing!!! Walt and Pat Van Conant

Congratulations “Hog Slayer” Captain Geoff White “2003 Captain of the Year”

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| 1. | Geoff White -----“Hog Slayer” | 25 pts. |
| 2. | Tom Goodhew -----“Line Hauler” | 19 pts. |
| 3. | Steve Loehr -----“Fish Dinner” | 15 pts. |
| | There were 6 boats tied for 4 th place with | 7 pts. |

- Bill Anglebrandt -----“My Way”
- Steve Bruford -----“Reel Adventure”
- Robert Karagosian-----“My Princess”
- Bill Purves -----“The Last One”
- Dan Schellhase -----“Southern Comfort”
- Bill Weishaar -----“Scooter II”
10. Larry Ross -----“Teddy Bear III” 6 pts.
- There were 2 boats tied for 11th place with 5 pts
- Walt Van Conant ----- “Adventure II”
- Jerry Rank -----“Peppermint Patty”
- There were 3 boats tied for 13th place with 3 pts.
- Glenn Appel -----“Daddy’s Toy”
- Dave Burtch ----- ---“ Fish’n Again
- Warren Newstead -----“Sea Runner”
16. Robert Hazlett -----“Jolly F. Robert” 2 pts.
17. Harry Day -----“Dun Workin’ Too” 1 pt.

**Congratulations Mark
Morris**

“2003 Angler of the Year”

1. Mark Morris ----- 22 pts.
2. Kassandra Nims----- 13 pts.
3. Mitchell Nims ----- 11 pts.
4. Ron Robbins ----- 7 pts.
5. Steve Loehr ----- 7 pts.
6. Trevin Nims ----- 4 pts.
7. Jeff Loehr ----- 3 pts.
8. Derek Brown -----1 pt.

CHRISTMAS DINNER GATHERING

Just thinking ahead so everyone can mark their calendars for our **Pot Luck Christmas Party**. Warren and Marti Newsted have offered to have us all at their home this year. Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 6th. Arrival time: 6:00 P.M. Dinner time: 7:00 P.M.**

We will have a gift exchange for anyone who wishes to participate. Bring a \$5.00 gift wrapped and marked for guy or gal. This is a voluntary fun thing to add a little excitement to our evening. Those who bring a gift will receive a gift.

Soft drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring your own bottle if you prefer. The Newsted's have requested an **RSVP by November 26th**. Please respond by that date for the headcount. Call Marti Newsted 248-625-3762
Bring a dish to pass and join us for an evening of fun, laughs, food and friendship.

Newsted's House is located at 5250 Marvin Rd. South off Maybe Rd. about a mile East of Dixie Hwy.

Largemouth Bass Virus Facts (LMBV)

WHAT WE KNOW

- The virus was first labeled by two Auburn professionals of fish pathology after a fish kill on Santee-Cooper Reservoir in South Carolina in 1995.
- Lake Weir in Florida was the first lake where the virus was documented, though it wasn't determined through a tissue sample until 2001.
- Healthy bass can carry the virus without evidence of the disease. Stress is a possible factor in causing the virus to become a disease.
- The disease has been documented only in largemouth bass over 12 inches, but has been found in other sunfish and ornamental guppies.
- It is not a health concern for humans.
- The disease usually occurs in warm weather months.
- The virus has been found in 17 states, including the Southeast, plus Texas, Oklahoma, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Arkansas.
- Largemouth bass kills have been documented in at least 24 locations in at least 11 states.
- It appears to affect the swim bladder, causing bass to lose equilibrium and their capability to maintain buoyancy.
- Bass killed by the virus usually appear normal, though dissection sometimes reveals an over-inflated, reddened swim bladder that can have a yellowish substance.
- More largemouth bass are killed annually by other diseases and angler harvest than by LMBV. It is one of more than 100 naturally occurring viruses that affect fish.
- No evidence presently exists that LMBV has caused a long-term problem on any fishery or that it will have a long-term impact.

WHAT WE DON'T KNOW

- What triggers the virus to suddenly turn into a deadly disease.
- How the virus is spread from lake to lake.
- The impact on fishing success and growth rates.
- How long it has existed in the United States.
- Where it originated.
- How to cure or prevent the virus.

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- Home Depot
- Radio Shack
- Sears
- Target
- Wal-Mart

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Thanks for your continued concern:

Bill Purves OCSA

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SEASON'S GREETINGS

Calendar of events

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| October 15 | Membership Meeting at DPNC 7:30 pm Tournament Summary |
| November 12 | Combined Board and Membership meeting 7:00 pm DPNC |
| December 6 | Christmas Dinner- Pot Luck- see ad inside |
| January 14 | Board Meeting at DPNC 7:00 pm |

January 21 **Membership Meeting at DPNC 7:30 pm**

Tournament News too Late for the Sept/Oct Downrigger

Arcadia Tournament

Saturday – Aug 23rd & Sunday – Aug 24th

The Diehard crew arrived in Arcadia late Thursday evening with big hopes for the weekend ahead. Friday morning, after a hearty “Joann’s Restaurant” breakfast, we scouted out the marina and the Point Arcadia development. It looked like the “usual suspects” were there: My Way with Capt Bill and Lynn Anglebrandt, Adventure II with Capt Walt and Pat Van Conant, Scooter II with Capt Bill and Barb Weishaar and Fish’N Again with Capt Dave and Carolyn Burtch, all carryovers from the previous weekend of OCSA fishing.

Capt Geoff and Mary Kay White were expected later Friday with their new Hawg Slayer, a 25’ Striper. The Fish Dinner II and Reel Adventure with their salty crews were also expected on Friday afternoon. A special pursuit helicopter was sent out early Friday to track the Fish Dinner crew on their way up but no reports had been heard by noon. Steve Bruford and the Reel Adventure crew were expected by 5 PM in the latest Ford-mobile with the engine revving and all wheels smoking. In Arcadia, the Bruford’s new timber-frame home seems near completion and on-schedule (Hopefully, Steve’s recent Ford F-150 project is in a similar state.). Finally, the local boats which usually troll these waters (Beulah: Jerry & Judy Rank; Honor: Bob & Kathy Hazelett, Harry Day, Benzonia: Larry & Jan Eastman) haven’t yet been heard from but they have a way of showing up at the last minute or checking in on the water.

For this tournament, the Diehard has taken on a new Florida-based crewmember (and old OCSAer), Dave Greshem, who has been wandering around Michigan for much of the summer honing his fishing skills on various boats. Dave is supposed to be especially good at running multiple fishing rigs as he did in year’s past on his charter boat, Tackle Buster. For this reason, he should work out well with the “seven rod” Diehard strategy. As a footnote, Dave replaces a former Diehard crewmember (Tom Ott) who now prefers to spend his retirement time near Harbor Beach jumping from rock to rock in the shallows of Lake Huron with an ultra-light spinning rig looking for Smallmouth Bass (a fitting activity for one who used to dodge budget questions in a similar fashion for Oakland County).

Walt and Pat Van Conant are very busy this summer in Arcadia with a new house under way in the Point Arcadia development two lots from Steve Bruford’s place. For the tournament, they planned to stick with their usual approach and eliminate any extraneous crew members, preferring to trust themselves, their skills and their auto-pilot to bring the big Lake Michigan salmon to their boat. The autopilot also gives Pat a little nap time between bouts of angling action.

Saturday, Aug 23rd Crews and Catches
8 Boats & 24 Anglers 33 King Salmon, 1 Lake Trout

Adventure II	Capt Walt & Pat Van Conant	5 King Salmon
Diehard	Capt Ed & Elise Matusko, Dave Greshem	4 King Salmon
Fish Dinner II	Capt Steve & Jeff Loehr, Leroy Brown	1 King Salmon
Fish'N Again	Capt Dave & Carolyn Burtch, Cathy, Bill Dawson	1 Lake Trout
Hawg Slayer	Capt Geoff & Mary Kay White	5 King Salmon
My Way	Capt Bill & Lynn Anglebrandt, Jim (JJ) Johnson	3 King Salmon
Reel Adventure	Capt Steve & Michael Bruford, Ken & Ryan Ritter	6 King Salmon
Scooter II	Capt Bill & Barb Weishaar, Vaughn Augsburg	9 King Salmon

The Captain's Meeting went well with donuts and coffee in excess of needs. Elise Matusko signed up those in attendance. Nothing was heard from the Beulah or Honor OCSA contingencies. As usual, plenty of friendly challenges and comments were passed back and forth amongst the crews and captains before everyone headed down to the docks to begin the day's fishing.

Some ran North and some ran South but the best fishing was right out from the channel mouth in the depths of seventy foot or more. Those who had probes found temperature breaks around sixty feet deep. Many of the fish were taken down there and below, with the Hootchie Mama and Horsefly combo being very popular. Dodgers and flies also landed a few. Some fish came on spoons, with the magnum sizes doing the job.

Now, on the Diehard, the stern was set up and run with efficiency and élan by our new crew member from the south, Dave Greshem. He had the rigger rods down plus slide-divers out the sides and a long line or two out back and up high. Everything was covered and Capt Ed and First Mate Elise had only to wait for the first rod to go off. When it did Dave graciously handed the rod over and we went to the fight. A good sized salmon was been hooked and running the line out and deep! Dave started to pull the extra lines while the fight went on. Somehow, during this process the fish caught up one of the slide diver lines so that it looked like two fish were on. Capt Ed took one rod and First Mate Elise took the other. The fish ran up and out, taking a downrigger line and then a long line. This was followed by the other slide diver and downrigger lines. We slowed the Diehard down as much as possible and worked the big salmon up the net. It was brought in with four other lines attached. The fish was put in the live well. Dave and Ed then began the business of unsnarling all this gear. It was quickly decided to cut everything apart and re-rig. This was done and soon we were trolling with all our rigs again. Whew! Lots of work to this trolling.

Fishing slowed as the morning closed out and the boats began coming in around noon. The Weigh In was held in the marina and most coolers were well-filled. Afterwards a lunch was held in the Point Arcadia clubhouse. Sloppy Joes, potato salad, chips, pop and beer were consumed in mass quantities followed by some chocolate chip and oreo cookies. Announcements of the winners were made and everyone headed back out to their boats or campers or cabins, talking about where they'd fish and what they'd troll next time. Thanks to Pat Van Conant, Dave Greshem, Bill and Lynn Anglebrandt for help.

Saturday Awards

King Salmon:

1 st Place	23 lbs 12 oz	Vaughn Augsburg	Scooter II, Capt Bill Weishaar
2nd Place	20 lbs 2 oz	Mary Kay White	Hawg Slayer, Capt Geoff White
3rd Place	19 lbs 3 oz	Michael Bruford	Reel Adventure, Capt Steve Bruford

Lake Trout:

1 st Place	8 lbs 3 oz	Bill Dawson	Fish'N Again, Capt Dave Burtch
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Sunday, Aug 24th Crews and Catches

7 Boats & 22 Anglers 4 King Salmon

Crews for Sunday, Aug 24th: 7 Boats & 22 Anglers

Diehard Capt Ed & Elise Matusko, Dave Greshem

Fish Dinner II Capt Steve & Jeff Loehr, Leroy Brown

Fish'N Again Capt Dave & Carolyn Burtch, Cathy, Bill Dawson

Hawg Slayer Capt Geoff & Mary Kay White

My Way Capt Bill & Lynn Anglebrandt, Jim (JJ) Johnson

Reel Adventure Capt Steve & Michael Bruford, Ken & Ryan Ritter

Scooter II Capt Bill & Barb Weishaar, Vaughn Augsburger

The Captain's Meeting went well with hot coffee and donuts for all. In no time Elise Matusko had everyone signed up while, around the marina, the guttural warm up sound of boat motors could be heard. Darkness still covered the harbor as the OCSA fishing boats' navigation lights moved toward the outlet to Lake Michigan. The Diehard crew quickly cleaned up from the Captain's Meeting and jumped into the van for the trip back to Mariner's Lane. The Diehard's engine was started and warmed for the morning's fishing.

From our soon-to-be home on the Port Arcadia channel we idled out across Arcadia Lake and into the Lake Michigan channel. The weather wasn't looking too good as the Diehard nodded and bobbed its way to the outer channel light. Other OCSAers were already out for a time and reported "Fish On" to all who were listening. The seas were rising as each minute went by. We approached thirty foot depths in the open water and the waves began showing a rip of white across their tops.

Bill Anglebrandt on the My Way called from further out requesting a decision due to the weather. We were now in three to four foot waves. In these conditions it would be very hard to fish into the waves and would take at least one hour hard running against the weather to get a twenty minute troll on the way back. Safe boating operation in this weather was also discussed. Before 8 AM the tournament was called off and a weigh in was requested directly upon landing at the Arcadia Marina. It is always better to be safe than sorry.

Sunday Awards

King Salmon:

1 st Place	19 lbs 13 oz	Michael Bruford	Reel Adventure, Capt Steve Bruford
2nd Place	9 lbs 2 oz	Leroy Brown	Fish Dinner II, Capt Steve Loehr
3rd Place	9 lbs 0 oz	Geoff White	Hawg Slayer, Capt Geoff White

Some of the OCSAers packed up shortly afterwards and headed for home downstate. Others were committed to further fishing out of this fine port and stayed through the next week. The weather did give some breaks to those who stayed and the fish cooperated, too. See you all at the next OCSA meeting or tournament.

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The End