# Introduce Yourself
Posted by ghoutteman - 2008/01/10 01:00

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I'll kick it off.

I'm Greg Houtteman and fish aboard Experience Outdoors a 1990 Tiara 3600 Open.

I started the process of creating the GL2S in 2002 and also launched Educated Angler (www.educatedangler.com) a couple years after that. These initiatives were born from my passion for the sport, fishery, and the hard-working competitors that put it on the line at each tournament.

I'd like to welcome you to GL2S and urge you to sign up and get involved. We are building GL2S to be a world-class competitive tournament series and to benefit everyone who has a passion for the sport. We want to hear from you - we want your feedback - we want your help - the bottom line is that we all need to work together to fight for what we deserve.

The first full season of GL2S will be launched during the 2009 (GL2S.09) season but we will be rolling out some exciting things in the 2008 (GL2S.08) season as well.

Introduce yourself here and tell us a little bit about yourself - you'll find many forums where you can post your questions, provide feedback and ideas, and get to know everyone involved.

Fish Hard - Have Fun!

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# Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by tigreen - 2008/01/11 10:39

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I'm Tom Greenberg, also of Team Experience Outdoors. I have been involved with GL2S and Educated Angler since day one. My background is in video production, and I will be in charge of the creative side of GL2S...filming, editing and producing GL2S.TV and GL2S Radio programming.

As you can probably imagine, capturing a tournament on video is a large and complicated undertaking, but we believe that we have all the elements in GL2S to make great, exciting television. We have a great fishery, diverse team personalities and dynamics, powerful boats, beautiful ports and scenery, extreme weather variations and of course, exciting fishing action.

GL2S is something that will benefit all salmon anglers...Pro and Am alike. We are leading the charge, but we can't do it alone...this is something that we all need to do together as a community, so get involved!

I'm looking forward to getting to know everyone and hearing any ideas you have to make GL2S and GL2S.TV as exciting as possible as we go forward.

Tom

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# Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by salmonhead - 2008/01/13 13:22

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I am Paul Kik
I have fished on Experience Outdoors as a teamate and currently run my charter boat Salmonhead. I started chartering in 2006 after the birth of my first child. I have been involoved with Educated Angler since late 2003 or early 2004 and have developed many life long friendships already, not to mention grown significantly in the fishing world with my friends. I am looking forward to the GL2S and all that it offers the angler and tournament fisherman.

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# Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by Double Down - 2008/01/14 22:39

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I am Tom Fox and fish on Double Down, a 21' Lund. Team Double Down will have it's third year in 2008 as a fishing

team.  We have fun winning or losing it's about being competitive and having fun.

When not fishing I work for MDOT as a Construction Inspector in the Grand Rapids area.

Good luck Greg and Tom and thanks for taking tourney fishing to a new level.  Team Double Down will support the GL2S any way we can.

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by baird - 2008/01/14 23:12

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Jeff Miller
Madsion WI

Wanna be great Great Lakes Fisherman, still working on that. Barring that just want to have a good time. Good luck Greg and Tom

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by live2fish - 2008/01/15 09:27

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Hello,
I am Brian Ceane, and fish on the team "Double Down".  As a team going into its third year, we are really excited. Fishing is not just fun for me and the team, it is our passion.  It is not about winning or losing, it is about doing what we love to do, and to do it with pride.  We have a blast before, during, and after every single tournament we enter.

I work at MDOT as a Construction Tech.  I enjoy my job, but it does conflict with fishing sometimes. So far I have found a way to make both work. It scares my wife sometimes when it becomes a conflict, because she is sure I will pick fishing.

We appreciate and support everything done for the sport we love.  If GL2S Needs anything from our team, just ask. We hope the best for this adventure, and will assist is any way we can.  Thanks again guys.

Brian

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by Little Dandy - 2008/01/19 06:20

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I'm Mike Curreri and found out about this site from Greg & Tom.  The last several years I've mostly been fun fishing over on the shallow Great Lake (Erie).  That said, I still make it over for Lake Michigan salmon fishing a few times a year with my boat or on friend's boats.  I have no real tourney experience, but if anyone is looking for "rod count" for pre-fishing or possibly an observer, I may be able to help.

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## Introduce Yourself
Posted by 4K Flies - 2008/01/24 20:46

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My name is Keith Shisler.
I am known on many sites as chinookeith
My boat is named 4K Flies, after my trolling fly company.
Will fish as many tournaments as time and money allow.
Excellent idea!

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by Knot Normal - 2008/01/24 22:27

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My name is Todd Smith,  Been fishing for the past 5 years for fun however looking to get more involved in fishing tournaments this coming year.  I am based out of North Shore Marina and have a 66' Ocean Super sport.  How lucky can a man be when his family likes the sport fish over other boat styles.

Will look forward to getting additional information and open to taking on riders and crew for some of the events.

Look for us trying not to hit things on Grand River, " Knot Normal "

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by wild at heart - 2008/01/30 15:47

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My name is Kevin Lacey and I fish with my twin boys on a 23' cuddy named Wild at Heart out of Port Sheldon and Holland. This will be our 4 year of tournment fishing. We placed in the $$$ for the first time last year and are looking to get in a few more events this year. Fishing is a passion with all 3 of us. Like what I see so far on this site, just don't forget the amateurs.

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by Playin_Hooky - 2008/01/31 10:15

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My name is Chuck Nelson, on the boards I am known as C_Nelson or Playin_Hooky depending on the site.  My boat name is Playin Hooky.  I have been fishing trout and salmon for over 30 years and fishing tournaments for the fun of it for many years.  A few years I took the tournaments seriously and was part of the Plug Tug Too crew that won the Manitowoc Super Tournament in 1991.  I was firstmate on that boat and have had my captains license since '92.  I fished the Manitowoc Super Tournament in 2007 as an amateur with a friend on his boat and have been asked to fish the pro side this year.  I also fished the first ever Bob Uecker tournament in Racine with my charter.

I sold my charter (Playin Hooky) many years ago and now fish out of a small boat and like to go head to head with the big boats.  I am hoping to fish a few more tournaments this year including Manitowoc, Racine and possibly Sturgeon Bay.  I would love to get to the Michigan side and fish some of the tournaments over there.

Ever think of doing any tournaments at night?  LOL  I LOVE night fishing.

Chuck

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by Treblemaker - 2008/02/01 10:28

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Great to be on board and thanks for the welcome Greg.  I think this is a great idea and will do whatever we can to help make this a success.  If you need anything let us know.

My name is Tim and I also fish on the amateur Team Double Down.  We are in our third year and have really enjoy the Tournament Trail.  I am also an outdoor writer, and avid walleye fisherman as you can see by my avatar.

Again I think this is a great idea and will be great for the sport.

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by BFG - 2008/02/01 11:13

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My name is Clark Allen...aka "BFG" on the message boards.  I am currently part of the Educated Angler Field Staff.  While I do not fish tournaments for the most part, I do travel extensively around the Great Lakes every year pursuing salmon, walleye, and whatever else will hit.  I've made great friends through Educated Angler, and I am excited to see that Greg, Tom, et al. are starting to realize their dreams with this venture.

Best of luck guys...I'm pulling for you.

BFG

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## Re:Introduce Yourself

Posted by mrymar - 2008/02/01 14:43

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Hello,

My name is Mike Rymar.  I fish mostly with my Father on his 25' Searay.

I like to fish, fish, and fish.

I started out recreationally fishing when I was a kid.  Fishing ponds around my house, going out for walleyes in the St. Clair River with my family, and usually 1-2 week salmon trip in August to Ludington.  We joined the BWSA (club like the Steelheaders) in the early 90's.  There we were introduced into salmon tournament fishing as we would compete for braggin' rights in our small club events.  Then we started fishing in one large salmon tournament, the Blue Water Classic.  With our smaller club tournaments and the Blue Water Classic, we had quite a salmon schedule on our hands.

Around 2001 or 2002, we began to consistently finish in the top 3 places of our smaller club events.  So in 2003, we added another larger tournament to our schedule to our schedule, the Sarnia Bay tournament of Champs.  We placed 2nd in this event to Rawhide.  In doing so, we became great fishing friends with the Rawhide team.

2004 was my first time fishing the large Lake Michigan tournaments.  We fished the Am division at Grand Haven and took 5th against ~95 boats.  Then I fished on Rawhide for the Manistee Bud and Ludington offshore.  We did very well weight wise in the tournaments, but learned that you needed to fill your tags at all cost.

2006 we added a Lake Ontario tournament to our Schedule, the $12,000 Tightline Shootout.

And last year we kind of took a break from a salmon schedule and fished several of the Muskie tournaments in my back yard.

I have never won a big event, so I am still chasin for one of those big cardboard checks for my basement.

I am a lifetime member to the Detroit Steelheaders.  I am also a member to the BWSA (past president, still a board bember), IGFA, MOMC, and the National Freshwater Hall of Fame.  I have dabbled a bit into line class records, currently holding two.

I still try to keep fishing fun.  I try to take new people out on the water every year.  I really like to catch large fish like salmon, muskie, and sturgeon.

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## Re:Introduce Yourself

Posted by Broadcast - 2008/02/02 15:46

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Hi,

Name is Jeff. Eastsider. Grew up fishing bass & walleye in Lake St. Clair. Changed to Salmon about 10 years ago. Fished Huron mostly till the lake crashed, then moved over to Ludington. Love the port, love the place. Run a 33' Wellcraft Coastal. Fish a few tourney's, would love to fish more. Still walleye on the eastside. Detroit River And St. Clair River.

Looking forward to the site. Good luck.

Jeff
Broadcast

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# Re:Introduce Yourself

Posted by Fixin To Fish - 2008/02/12 23:14

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First of all, Let me Introduce myself. My name is Matt Speyer, I am a 20 year old sophomore at Western Michigan University where I am studying Aeronautical Engineering. I am also a part of The Fishing Club of Western Michigan University, where I am currently in charge of the club's website. http://www.rso.wmich.edu/anglers/ Our club is responsible for hosting and organizing the largest collegiate steelhead tournaments in the Midwest.

I discovered "offshore salmon & trout fishing" 4-5 years ago when my older brother(who fished a lot more than I did, because I was a computer junkie) thought It would be an interesting sport to try, because of all of his greatly superior muskellunge trolling experience, and because he was living in Holland where he was attending Hope College. To make a long story short, my first trip was in a 14' rowboat in 250 FOW off of Holland. We were out there for about 20 minutes after a two hour boat ride to get to that depth with a 7HP engine before a storm came in.

Things we lacked:
-Rain gear
-Compass
-GPS
-radio

The next week we bought a bigger boat("Fixin' to Fish"-A 20' 1971 Starcraft V-200), and ever since that day nearly 5 years ago my brother and I have put our blood, sweat, and tears into that boat. It started with;
-one downrigger,
-3 rod holders,
-10 or so spoons,
-An ancient fish finder,
-Some modified bass rods with larger reels.

We have come a long way in 5 years. The boat has remained pretty much the same, except:
-The seats were removed
-It has seen 5 different rigger configurations
-Gained an additional 52 rod holders
-Depth raider
-Hundreds of additional spoons, flies and attractors
-2 gimbal bearing replacements
-And we put in a new engine that was purchased of eBay

We competed in our first tournament trail event 3 years ago, which was the 2005 Waypoint/Tower Marine tournament in Saugatuck. That tournament definitely put us in our place, and we realized how much more competitive we needed to be, and how much more learning we would need to do. Since that first tournament, I have been a part of 7 other tournament trail events, 5 of which were in 2007. I have fished the tournament on pro boats, observed the tournament on pro boats, and competed on my own boat in the armature division. I feel like I have had quite the exposure to tournaments, and how each tournaments format varies quite differently from port to port. Most recently the tournaments have been going much much better for us, but we still manage to make bad choices when it comes to 333. Unfortunately, my brother is moving down to Florida for a year to attend the Marine Mechanics Institute. Even though this is a good move on his part, I know that I will not be competing in as many tournaments as I wish/hope to compete in.

This past summer I found myself working on multiple charter boats in Grand Haven as a first mate. I really enjoyed the experience and can't wait to do it again next summer. During that time I met and worked for some captains that definitely "know their stuff". Luckily for me most of the captains would always put me in charge of picking the bait for the day. I appreciated their gesture, and it really helped me advance my skills. None of these captains currently fish tournaments, but that was mainly for personal reasons.

I feel that reason I have such a passion for this style of fishing so much is because I believe that it is much more of a thinking-man's sport. It is very analytical and is mostly composed of grunt work., similar to the type of problem-solving situations I deal with in class.

Here is my general statement for offshore anglers,

Every day requires a different formula to solve the problem. As anglers, We solve that formula on a daily basis. Those that are the best at quickly figuring out the formula are usually the best anglers.

Now I have not mastered my skill of finding the daily formula, but I do feel that I am 5th grader reading on a 9th grade level. However, that is just a personal opinion.

Yes this is fairly long introduction, but I found it necessary before I post my responses to your question you will have in how tournaments should be run in the future and how the future of tournament fishing will be executed. I feel that my background in the sport is much different than most, and thus I will probably give input that will differ from a majority of other's input.

I really want to become serious member of this organization, and would love to help in any way I could. It is about time that type of tournament fishing be looked upon with as much prestige as the major bass, walleye, shark, and marlin tournaments found elsewhere.

Matt Speyer
Byron Center, MI
Fishing Club of WMU-Webmaster
Fixin' To Fish

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by Broadcast - 2008/02/13 05:48

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Welcome Matt!

Broadcast

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by Three Bucks - 2008/02/13 10:56

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My name is Bruce Buchanan. I have been fishing salmon for over 22 years. I have had two boats over the years, a 25' Chris Craft Lanser and a 30' CC TSF. I fish out of Arcadia Michigan. I have been tournament fishing for almost 20 years, first as a crew member aboard the Sandpipper out of Onekama, later on my own boat. Our best finish was 2nd, we are still looking for that first win, maybe this will be the year. If GL2S takes off like I think it will I might have get serious and try the pro side. My son, who worked as a First Mate for nine years, tells me that I everything the pros have, but only one of each. I guess I will have to stock up and go for it.

I posted a link to this site on a couple of other fishing related sites. I only found the site by accident when I checked out the Tournament Trail banquet info page. I think that the word will get out once the season starts.

Bruce

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by medic - 2008/02/13 14:05

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Hello,
My name is Bill Brock and I currently fish out of a 22 ft Trophy Sportfisherman. We fish out of Manistee primarily but do trailer to other ports chasing the fish!!
Last year was our first year fishing the pro side of the tournament trail and although we didn't do so well, many lessons were learned and I'm looking forward to 2008!!
See you on the trail, boys!!
Best of luck Greg and Tom!! This should be the kick in the pants that our fishery needs!!

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by Edge - 2008/02/13 21:28

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6 years ago I caught my first King Salmon in front of GH piers out of a 14ft Alum. boat with a 15 horse tiller on a homemade downrigger made out of an old bicycle wheel. The biggest fish I had ever caught hit a no4 Chrome Red head J plug. I was instantly hooked along with the three members of my crew that day. Comming from a 14 ft boat borrowed boat from my dad and 3 garage sale no name rods and reels with possibly a dozen total baits it has been a long journey. I have logged over 400 days on the water since. Fished countless ports from MI City to Ludington. Competed in countless tournaments (even won a few) and met some amazing people. Fishing the Great Lakes is truely a lifestyle and one I wouldnt trade for any other "hobbie" out there.
Two weeks ago the three people on that small boat from three years ago succesfuly obtianed their captains licences. Our obssetion has now come full circle. Paired with a 31 Chris Craft and a 28 Slickcraft we now fish out of Grand Haven and Muskegon. Finnaly this season we will be part time charter captains.
Good luck Greg and Tom we are behind you 100% you are the best "Guys for the job" to take us to the next level. Mabey a pic. of the boat somewhere on the site and ill show ya all the new hotties from last season!! HA HA lol.:laugh:

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by darthpiglet - 2008/02/14 16:46

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Fellow Fisherman,

Hellow all, my name is Jim Frazer and my boat name is also called DOUBLE DOWN (from the East Side). So I will just go by the handle of "darthpiglet". I fish mostly from my 24' Offshore Grady White but like to hop on anyone elses ride when I get the chance. Mrymar is a close friend and has been gracious enough to have me aboard the Fishigan on several of their tournament trails. I've been a fisherman all my life and have competively fished the last 10 years. I fish Lake Huron, Lake Michigan, Lake Ontario, Lake Erie and Lake St. Clair. My home base is located in Port Huron which allows for convenient travel across to Canada and expressways.

I am a current Board Member for the Blue Water Sportfishing Assc.(BWSFA) and am  Committee Chairman for the 2008 Blue Water YMCA Salmon Stakes Tournament. Hope to see some of you drifters at our event on April 26, 2008.

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by karma - 2008/02/17 15:40

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Hi my name is Brian Mahlendorf Im known as "Karma" on the boards. I'be been fishing Lake Michigan for over 20 years. I fished many tournaments in the last few years and plan on fishing many more this year as a part of the crew of the Rood Dawg team and Team Untouchables.

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by Flat Rate - 2008/02/17 22:12

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Whoo Haah , this is great.

Hi guys , my name is Rick Balabon and I am the current President of the Michigan Steelhead and Salmon Fishermans Association and have been for the past 4 years. I am also proud to say I am a crewmember of Team Experience Outdoors and have known Greg and Tom for a few years now.We have had a lot of great fishing times together and have even won a couple of 333 events over the past couple years , I think we have all learned some things from each other since we started fishing together.  I can still remember my first meeting with Greg and his idea of a salmon series ( GL2S ) and already had most of the plans either written down or running through in his head.He never let the dream die and was patient enough to make it work.

I have my own boat that I run out of Sengs Marina in Mansitee Michigan called "Flat Rate" and also go by the same name on most of the web sites.I have been fishing the great lakes for about 20 years now both as a sport fisherman and also as a mate on a charter boat, but been fishing for trout, salmon and other fish my whole life.I love the feeling at the start of a tournament , the time when the hair on the back of your neck stands up as to count down winds down and the

boats all throttle up and we "GO".The look on some ones face that has never been hooked up with a big king as they wonder what they have gotten themselves in to. The excitment of a rocketing steelhead coming out of the water 200 feet behind the boat and not knowing what rod he is on yet. The feeling of the morning sun just peaking over the dunes along the lake shore , the calming effect of the water and the sound of the reel screaming on the first fish of the morning. This is the stuff I cherrish and live for and I hope GL2S can bring the same type enjoyment to others in the future. I also hope and believe that GL2S can bring a whole new side to Tournament Salmon fishing and also bring about a change in some of our life styles in that we may be able to fish a lot more often and make a nice living doing it.I have met so many great people fishing tournaments and being a "Steelheader" over the past couple of decades that I couldn't imagine not ever fishing in my life and I try to expose fishing to as many people as I can. I do have a motto that fits GL2S and it is " The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary". Hope to see all of you this year.

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## Re:Introduce Yourself

Posted by Into The Outdoors - 2008/02/21 16:28

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My name is Ryan Koepke and I fish out of Michigan City, Indiana.  I am co-host of a Radio show called "Into the Outdoors" with my brother Craig.  We were born and raised on the lake and fish it every chance we get.  We are both looking forward to a good Salmon Series getting going on the lake and it getting the publicity that it should!

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## Re:Introduce Yourself

Posted by WaterHazard2 - 2008/02/22 10:07

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Hello Lake Michigan Anglers, My name is Jack Smith and i have been fishing lake michigan for many years out of the port of Ludington. I got into tournament fishing a few years back and regularly fish about 3 to 4 tournaments a year.  I fish on many different boats in the course of a year and I hope to see the GL2S make a strong showing and promote such a outstanding sport as salmon fishing is!  Good luck to everyone and hope to see you on the water and at the tourneys!!

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## Re:Introduce Yourself

Posted by dragginballz - 2008/02/25 16:22

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Hi my name is Jon Neumann with the boat draggin ballz. Have not fished any tourneys with my own boat ( an 18' wooden dorry boat)  but hope to do so this season.  I fish mainly out of charlevoix but would like to expand that this season also.  Any insight on any other ports would definitely be helpful.

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## Re:Introduce Yourself

Posted by Spoon Fed - 2008/02/27 19:17

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Hi, my name is Eric Howard, and my father and i started fishing the tournaments 4 yrs ago. We started out in a 18' Starcraft center console, until one day in Ludington dad and I got caught in some weather (about 8 footers)  Dad said when we got back to the dock that he would never do that again in that boat so we upgraded to a 26' Pursuit, named Spoon Fed. We have been fishing the AM side, and were talking about jumping to Pro. We usually fish four tournaments a year. I can honestly say that I have met alot of great people and made some close friendships over the years. I think this is the future of our tournament series, and cant wait to be a part of it!

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## Re:Introduce Yourself

Posted by TRULEE - 2008/02/28 11:53

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Hey, Fellas-

I see a few of my fishing buddies already posting on here.  My name is Andrew Ross and I fish out of Grand Haven on an

old 27' Tiara, TRULEE.  I do fish several tourneys each year, and look forward to the 2008 trail.

Best wishes to Greg and Tom, this is the kind of exposure we need to increase paticipation and pay-outs.  Good Luck to all.

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by medic - 2008/02/28 15:00

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Hey Andrew...Glad to see you made it over here!! I'll be getting ahold of you soon. We need to talk..
Bill

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by Black Pearrrl - 2008/02/29 10:06

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Hey Guys,
I'm Gary Schupp fishing out of the Frankfort Port. 'About my third year of seriously doing the king thing. I've learned somuch from forums I decided I'd register with GL2. 'Not really doing the tourney thing even though there's a good one out of Frankfort....I'm interested in the shows and seminars also...where's that schedule posted on this site.
Thanks, Gare

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by Phat Phish - 2008/03/01 14:15

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Hello.  My name is Eli Crotzer and my boat is Phat Phish.  I was first introduced to Great Lakes salmon & trout fishing about 10 year ago.  From the first time I went out on Lake Michigan I was hooked on the sport.  After my intoduction I would go out maybe two or three times each summer.  In early 2005 I bought my current boat, which is a 19.5 foot Starcraft Fishmaster 196.  That first season was truly a learning experience!!  The following two seasons brought steady improvement in the results achieved and Phat Phish ended the 2007 season with 42 consecutive trips with fish in the box!!  This is probably a reflection of a fair amount of luck, but I would like to think that perhaps some skills have been developed after gaining more and more experience over the last three seasons. ;)

Last year was the first year of doing tournaments.  In spite of good intentions to enter several tournaments my three year old Mercury motor gave me chronic problems last year that prevented the team from entering many of the tournaments.  Hopefully everything is now fixed and 2008 will provide the opportunity to enter substantially all of the North Division contests.  Of the two events that were entered, we experienced three disappointing days and one good day.  Obviously not a recipe for successin the tournaments!!

Although I have visited several of the sites that many of you also frequent, this is the first time I have ever registered with a site or posted.  I don't anticipate having a lot of free time to post so you won't see me here that often, though I will try to provide tournament highlights/lowlights after each event this summer.  I was compelled to register and post here because for several years now I have shared the vision that Greg and Tom have for this sport.  The excitement of Great Lakes salmon fishing makes bass and other fishing seem relatively boring.  If GL2S is done right, this will be THE most popular fishing tournament series in North America ten years from now.  Still a long way to go, but GL2S is a big step in the right direction.  Keep up the good work guys!

Eli

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by Reel Turner - 2008/03/03 10:44

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Hi my name is Mark Turner.  I started fishing tournaments four years ago in South Haven and have been hooked ever since.  I fished on a 28' Baja called "Shades" the last four years in the Pro division, but will be switching teams and back

to the amature dvision this year.  I will be fishing out of a 24' Thompson called "Catch 22" in St. Joe and possibly out of my boat in the new small boat division in South Haven called the "Reel Turner".

I try to fish as many local and club tournaments throughout the year as possible.  I have three young boys that will be joining my team as soon as they are old enough to take the beating the weather can dish out.  I am excited to see this heading in a new direction and can't wait to hit the water!

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by TRDPILOT - 2008/03/03 23:42

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Hey Fellas!

My name is Randy Foreman and I am proud to say I am a member of Team Reel Deal. I have been fishing the great lakes for almost 10 years now, 8 of which were competitively with TRD. I excited to see you guys back at the docks this summer.

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by SeaBucks - 2008/03/04 12:52

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Chris Buckley  aka SeaBucks  We fish out of Milwaukee on my 19' Thompson.

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by 1 MAINIAC - 2008/03/23 15:40

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Hi my name is James Main I fish as 1 Mainiac ( old CB handle ) born and rasied in MI I have fished the Muskegon river since I was big enough to walk and carry a pole. I have fished Salmon and Great lakes fish for close to 40 years from a varity of boats many years in my uncles 14ft Starcraft w a 10hp Merc and also in our 25ft Carter out of Grand Haven and many other boats with friends and family. Left Mi from 97 to 05 but I am back and fishing is again high on my list. In 06 I traded for a old 18ft Starcraft hull on a trailer and started rigging it for Salmon it is in my back yard right now but most likely will be sold this spring to offset the cost of my new boat a 1989 267 Quest. Which I will begin rigging as soon as weather breaks and I get it home from storage. I really wanted to fish in Pro class this season but to be honest budget is about shot so I am going to try and fish a few AM tourneys and see how it goes. My true passion is evening fishing for Salmon partly because I still work full time and go out after work and I like to sleep in on the weekends and avoid the hassle at the launch. So I will have to sharpen my morning fishing habits to be competitive but I am ok with that. I sure miss the 30 to 40 pounders we used to catch though nothing compare to it hour long battles with the reel smoking. I hope to see a few of you at Onekama in May and hope every one has a safe and fun season. Tight Lines

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by brokenspoon fishing - 2008/04/03 20:37

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Hi my name is Dave Harrington. I have been fishing / boating since I could walk, but just for the last 4 years have had the Salmon bug bad!! I started fishing with my friend in NY four years ago and entered various tournaments ever since. I have had success in the tournaments I entered, placing well. The game is totally different out here in Michigan though as the fish are bigger in NY and they are generally more predictable. So I am just trying my best and having fun. I hope to fish tournaments for a living in the future along with eventually running a charter service! I fish out of a 25' Thompson, recently upgrading from my 21' Celebrity which is conviently for sale now. Hope to see you all on the water!!!  Fish Hard!

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by 1 MAINIAC - 2008/04/19 23:04

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QUICK UPDATE BROUGHT THE NEW BOAT HOME LAST NIGHT. SPENT THE MORNING MEASUREING AND LOCATING WHERE THINGS WILL FIT AND MOST OF THE AFTERNOON CHASING DOWN STAINLESS BOLTS AND HARDWARE TO MOUNT EVERYTHING WITH. THERE GOES MY LUNCH MONEY FOR THE NEXT FEW WEEKS ENDED THE DAY WITH THE STARBOARD SIDE NEARLY DONE AND THE PORT SIDE LAYED OUT SO HOPE TO FINISH MOUNTING THE PORT SIDE IN THE MORNING AND START RUNNING WIRES FOR THE RIGGERS. HOPE TO BE FISHING NEXT WEEKEND AND SEE HOW SHE BEHAVES IN THE WATER WITH LINES BEHIND HER.

TIGHT LINES

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## Re:Introduce Yourself

Posted by Wingnut - 2008/05/12 21:06

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Hello everybody! Sorry I'm late for such a momentous endeavor. My name is James Athey aka Wingnut from Team Experience Outdoors. I've been fishing all of my life and I see no reason to stop, especially with the exciting things that GL2S will be bringing to Great Lakes sportfishing tournaments. This is what we've been waiting for, let there be no doubt. Having witnessed first hand the character, passion and commitment that Greg, Tom and Jen have for our sport as well as for the people that take part, I know that they will not only meet but exceed their goal in making the GL2S successful in bringing the prestige that our sport is long overdue! I'd like to let them know that they can count on me for whatever is necessary in making it happen, not only on the boat on tournament day but all year long in whatever capacity my help is needed. I look forward to what the future holds and would be honored to help bring it about.

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## Re:Introduce Yourself

Posted by Rawhide - 2008/05/22 18:49

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Hello all, I am Jason Fletcher from Port Huron. I Captain "Rawhide" a 3800 Open Tiara. Our team has primarily fished the sunrise side for the last 15 years. This is our 8th season aboard the 38. We've had a great deal of tournament success in our home lake and not nearly as much success in limited attempts on the west side. With the cancellation of the Blue Water Classic and other events due to lack of participation we've moved to Lk Michigan for the entire 2008 season. We'll be fishing the Grand Haven Offshore next week and likely the Manistee Splash and/or Ludington. Otherwise the boat will be staying in Frankfort. I would like to fish more of the GL2S events but with two young boys at home I don't have nearly as much time to fish as I used to!! In any case I look forward to seeing everyone on the docks in Grand Haven.

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## Re:Introduce Yourself

Posted by ghoutteman - 2008/05/22 19:24

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Hey Fletch!  We missed you as our boat neighbor since you left Harborview - but we'll see ya in Grand Haven which is our new home port.

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## Re:Introduce Yourself

Posted by jman - 2008/05/28 11:10

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First I would like to Thank Tom & Greg for Introduceing This to the Tournaments. This is going to be VERY BIG.... JR. Metz here, Captain of Miss Shelby fishing team. (AM team)not much to look at but, a fishing machine. One day I'm going to Grow up and be a Pro team (lol)..You can stop laughing now Tom..No I think it should be every AM team Goal to start fishing on the pro side of the tournaments. My biggest problem is boat size. But this is what god gave me to fish with so I'm thankful for at least this..Well enough crying about me, have to go get ready for the grand haven tour. See Yah there...

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by Justtrollin - 2008/06/03 19:49

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Hello everyone,  My name is Jeff Frankhouser,  most site know me as Justtrollin,
I fish out of a 19 foot Glastron sport boat converted to fishery.  I fished my first tournament last weekends Grand Haven off shore challenge,  without the best results under team name Rig-R-Mortis,  sorry if anyone heard any foul language on the lake it was probably me losing fish.  Any way hope to fish more tournaments over time Get to know everyone better.

Good luck guys!

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## Re:Introduce Yourself
Posted by HotSpot - 2008/06/05 00:17

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I'm Brett Payne of Hot Spot Charters operated out of Grand Haven.  I've been fishing since I was old enough to hold a pole in my hand.  Until 2002 I had primarily fished for salmon, steelhead and browns in the rivers up and down the west Michigan shoreline. Then I purchased a 30' Baha boat and ordered as many Big Jon speedriggers and pole holders as it could hold.  (I keep telling my wife there is never such a thing as having too many rods.)

This is my sixth year of chartering and pro tournament fishing. I enjoy everything this sport has to offer, but moreso I enjoy watching customers land a big king, laker, or steelhead for the very first time.  When the day of fishing is done I head off to work at GM.  The days are long but when it comes to fishing its worth it!  In the off season, or more like the day after the boat is taken out of the water, I turn to deer hunting (bow and gun) then onto river fishing. In my spare, spare time I am a muscle car enthusiest currently working on the restoration of a 69 Camaro.

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