

## Traverse City Area Steelheaders: New Club; New Member; New Knowledge

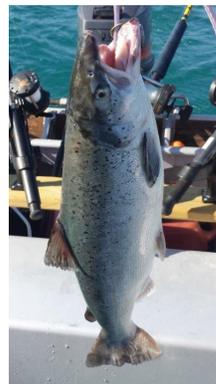
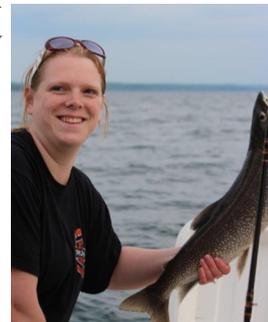
As a new member of the Traverse City Area Steel headers, I was looking forward to learning new things and becoming a better fisherman. My fishing buddy Brad and I were already in the process of piecing together our fishing gear, rods, reels and lures. We had even started to make his 14' aluminum boat into our own oasis away from home on the water, which was later to be named The Psychotic Yeti.

My wife Ashley and I starting attending meetings and having a great time when we were invited by Henry Nabors to join him and TCAS member Bill Frost on 'The Alternative' at Torch Lake for a mini fishing trip. We had a blast! Henry and Bill taught us the basics of fishing with down riggers; something I had done only before on a charter boat. It was Ashley's first time ever. On our trip out she also caught her fist ever lake trout and about an hour later I reeled in another laker, my first from Torch Lake. It was a great experience that we will both never forget, and the day I started my list of ever growing favorite tools for fishing. This trip had earned the Double Orange Crush a spot on the list since it was the spoon we caught both our fish on.

As time went by we attended more meetings and received fishing reports from other TCAS members on Torch Lake. After a few months, Brad and I were ready to put the newly obtained information, and new gear, into action.

During the course of our next few fishing trips we caught 3 Atlantic salmon and 5 Lake Trout out of Torch Lake, something in previous trips we were never able to come close to!

Brad has since joined TCAS and participated in his first tournament with me on Crystal Lake. With our new skills put to the test, having never fished the lake, we were able to catch one Coho on our own, and our second an hour later with help from the crew on the Lucky Charm. They kindly let us borrow a spin and glow, which we plucked from the water after they dropped it in the lake tied to a buoy. It was something in years past we would have never done on our own. I am looking forward to meeting new anglers, taking in all the new information and trying out new gear as we continue on this fishing adventure. Remember, small boats can catch salmon and trout!!



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