

## Captain Howard Vaas

I am a life long resident of Manistee and have been fishing since I was old enough to hold onto a fishing pole. I grew up on the Little Manistee River just a 1/2 mile downstream from the DNR harvest weir. My family has always considered the opening of trout season second only to Christmas on our list of major holidays. As a matter of fact, I made my first TV appearance at age 5 while a TV crew was filming the trout opener at my parent's home on the Little Manistee. My brother and I started salmon fishing on Lake Michigan with my Dad back in the early 70's. After college, I bought my own boat and began to hone my skills on Lake Michigan. After many years of successful "fun fishing", I discovered that what I enjoyed most about fishing was sharing it with others. It was this realization that led me to become a US Coast Guard Licensed Captain and open Happy-Go-Lucky Sportfishing Charters.