



Free Issue

January 2022

At The American Legion Hall, Post # 170, 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, N. J.

Visit our revised Web page & try some of the new functions

www.swabc.org

President/ Writer/ Editor

John Toth

tothjohn@verizon.net



1st Vice President

Don Lohse



2nd Vice President

Jeff Schwarz



Membership Secretary.

Art Vrola

Art@ajvrola.com



Treasurer

Jim Galanaugh Jr.

Jgalan4962@aol.com

Assistant Treasurer

Charles Santoro

Boats62@aol.com



Assistant Writer/Editor

Fred Villanova



**Anthony
Carbone
with his 34.5
lb. 43 inch
Striper
Caught on a
private boat
the 1st week
in Nov. in
Ratitan Bay**

Stories & Events

Page 2 – Presidents Corner, January Meeting, Fish Derby End, Flea Market & New Board

Page 3 – Dues Policy, Club Charter Trips and Events

Page 4 – Compensation for Recreational Anglers? By John Toth

Page 5 – Big Fish Contest Rules & Affidavid

Page 6 – Sponsors, Boat Show Schedule, fish related Articles, Membership form

Good fishing, good friends.

That's what SWABC is all about

The Best Fishing Club in NJ

The regular meetings will be held every third Tuesday of the month, (except March) at 7:30 PM at the Legion Hall. A \$5 fee is required, for non-members. This entitles you to refreshments, snacks, and some new tricks about fishing and participation if you choose in our 50/50 and dark horse drawings. Welcome all; we hope you enjoy the evening.

Happy New Year!

President's Corner

As I begin writing this bulletin at the end of December 2021, the Omicron virus is raging and brings uncertainty to the beginning of this New Year in regard to our lives. Sadly, it has closed the Christmas Spectacular show at Radio City and some Broadway shows may close their doors temporarily until this virus winds down. At this point, nobody knows for sure where this virus is heading. Hopefully, this new virus strain will fade in a short time and we will get back to normal times without masks and shots.

Because of Omicron, the Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show did not take place on January 6 to the 9 but is postponed until August 11th to the 14th. This directly affects us since we have a booth at this show and sell our raffle tickets. The next show we are scheduled to attend is the NJ Boat Sale & Expo on February 17th-20th, and I have received communication from the show organizers that this show is still on. The Salt Water Expo is scheduled for March 18th-20th and it is also still on schedule. This show has a lot of vendors geared to the selling of tackle and equipment. Our club also has a booth at this show. In regard to our club, we will continue to have club meetings on a regular schedule unless our Governor again restricts gatherings.

During 2020, we had to cancel our Christmas/Hanukkah party because of COVID-19 and our Board hated to cancel it since we enjoy it so much. However, this time around we had our Christmas/Hanukkah party on December 21 and we had **87 club members and guests** at this party. There was a lot of food that our club members brought to it and our club purchased trays of penne with vodka sauce, eggplant rollatini, meatballs and garlic bread. Don Lohse could not keep track of who brought what food items to the party since many of you just placed your food on the tables. Normally, I give credit to members bringing specific food to this party but since I do not have a complete picture of the food trays, I will just say **THANK YOU** for your contributions to make our party enjoyable and a success!

This party did not happen by magic, but by hard work by our members who helped putting it together that included Don Lohse, Jeff Schwarz, Bill Goodsir and Nico in arranging our food tables, Chuck Santoro, Fred Villanova and myself arranging the tables and covering them with plastic, Gary Gusterson who stored the turkeys in his freezer and sold our 50/50 tickets, Steve Totten who made the turkey& ham cards and sold the spaces to win them, Rick Swarthe for selling the tickets for our Dark Horse prizes and other members who I have forgotten to mention. What would a Christmas party be without Keven Morgan banging his cowbells and yelling **HO, Ho**, and Bill Fish as Hannukah Harry helping Kevin giving out our holiday gifts. Lastly, I want to **THANK all of you members** who pitched in to clean up trash, clear the tables and put away

the chairs. Many hands make light work!

We had a nice 50/50 prize of **\$220** and Mr. Nick Casamassimo was the lucky winner with a **HUGE** smile on his face when I handed him the envelope with the money in it! Nick won **\$157** in our last month's 50/50 drawing and he should start buying a lot of lottery tickets with that type of luck!

It was a memorable night with good fun had by all and nobody left hungry!

Speaker for our January 18th Meeting – Captain Kevin Fahey

Captain Fahey is a commercial fisherman for lobsters and he runs trips that include a day of fishing and a catch of lobsters for the four anglers on his boat. A number of our club members have gone with him and came home with a nice catch of fish and fresh lobsters. There have been pictures of these trips in our newsletters. Captain Fahey will talk about the lobster industry and he will also take bookings for trips on his boat the Curlew during 2022.

Big Fish Derby

The latest submission of affidavits to enter our club's Big Fish Derby is at our **January 18th, 2021, meeting**. (Affidavits can be downloaded at our club's web – www.swabc.org). After this January 18th meeting, **no more affidavits will be accepted**. Please return them to John Toth at our January 18th meeting or email your affidavits to John at (tothjohn@verizon.net) Also, check the listings in the Big Fish Derby to make sure your entries are correct.

Prizes for the winners of our Big Fish Derby will be given out at our Past President's Dinner that is scheduled for **March 15, 2022**, at the **Mountainside Inn in Clifton, NJ**. Place this date in your calendar and more information about this dinner will follow in our newsletters. This is our club meeting during March and it will **not** be held at our regular meeting place at the American legion Post in Rochelle Park.

Canceled

Club Flea Market

Member Craig Zincavage reported that he has had difficulty in getting enough vendors to make our Flea Market viable and recommended that it be canceled because of Omicron. Our Board has agreed to this cancelation and hopefully, we will be able to have it in 2023.

New Board Members for 2022

At our December 21 meeting, the current slate of officers was read and with no new nominations being made, Chuck Santoro, our club's secretary, cast the final vote to accept the nominations as presented at this meeting.

Welcome Aboard

Richard and Nancy Hobatuk
from Paramus joined our club

Club Charter Fishing Trips

During 2020 & 2021, our club had reduced fishing trips and events because of COVID-19. We are a fishing club and we do not want to have reduced trips & events during 2022 even though Omicron is disrupting a lot of our lives.

We are a fishing club and we need to fish and not just talk about it! The two new charter fishing trips on the Last lady begins our charter fishing trips for 2022 and more are planned by our Trip Captain, Carmen Bufardeci.

However, to increase the number of club charter trips, we are trying a new way to increase them. Our members can arrange charter trips as Trip Captains and ask our club members to join them. As Trip Captains, there are responsibilities as:

Providing the full name and address of the boat, targeted species for the trip, the fare including 20% tip, what will be provided by the boat such as rod & reel, collecting all fares including tips for mates 30 days before the trip, pay full fare like other club members, find out if fish will be pooled or anglers keep their catch.

If an angler decides not to go, that person is responsible for the fare, no refunds. Our club is not responsible for food or drinks, fares, tips or any money required for them. These procedures are in place so that the trips are successful and bring a good day of fishing for our members.

As these trips are arranged, they can be placed in our club newsletters. They can also be announced at our regular meetings for members to join them. John Toth writes our newsletters and he can be reached at (732) 656-02139 or at tothjohn@verizon.net.

Club Dues Policy & Purchase of Club's Raffle Tickets

Our club membership dues are **\$55 for an individual and \$60 for family membership. Included** in the dues are **two club raffle books** with a value of **\$20**. (Each book has ten tickets in it at a cost of \$1 for each ticket). Members can buy these raffle tickets for their own use to possibly win one of our raffle prizes or sell the tickets and keep the \$20 from selling their two raffle books.

This membership policy was adopted by the club's Board to have an ongoing revenue stream to cover the club's expenses relating to insurance fees, hall rentals, speaker fees, postage, refreshments for our meetings and other expenses. Please make your membership check out to **SWABC** and mail it to:

**Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County
American Legion Post # 170
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, NJ 07622**

Note: Club membership dues are payable now. After our club's February 15th meeting, members who have not paid their dues will have their membership dropped from our membership list and will no longer receive our newsletter by email or snail mail.

Events & Fishing Trips for 2022

February 17-20 – New Jersey Boat Sale & Expo – NJ Convention & Expo Center (our club has a booth at it)

March 15 – Club's past President's Dinner at the Mountainside Inn in Clifton

March 18 – 20 – Saltwater fishing Expo – NJ Convention & Expo Center (our club has a booth at it)

May 22 – Club Charter Fishing Trip on the **Last Lady from Neptune – sea bass**

May 23 – Club Charter on the **Bad Dog** (Massachusetts for winter flounder –Dennis Stewart – Trip Captain 6 pack on the Bad Dog - Ron Stewart - Trip Captain. (8 winter flounder can be kept with a 12-inch minimum)

Bad Dog web –<http://baddogfishingcape.cod.com>
Ron Stewart – (267) 241-9603 or ronstewart72@aol.com

June 11 – **Club Charter Fishing Trip on the**

Last Lady from Neptune – sea bass

The Last Lady holds 15 anglers comfortably and that is the maximum number we will use for this charter. The Last Lady is docked at the Sunset Restaurant 302 South Concourse Avenue Neptune, NJ.

The Last Lady sails at 6:00 a.m. and the **fish will be pooled**. Do not bring coolers on the boat for fish, only for food & drink. Fare is \$120 including tip for mate.

Trip Captain is Carmen Bufardeci and payment for the May 22nd trip is due by April 22nd. Carmen can be reached at (973) 214-4247.

John Farrell with a 13.8 lbs. Fluke



Let's catch more of them in 2022!

Compensation for Recreational Anglers?

By John Toth

A number of windmills to be placed off New Jersey's coast will be located on prime fishing areas that commercial fishermen use to harvest scallops, squid and other varieties of fish. Accordingly, commercial anglers are expected to be compensated for the loss of revenue they normally derive from these prime fishing grounds. At the very first meeting I attended that was hosted by the US Fish & Wildlife Department in 2019, commercial fishermen were very angry on learning that windmills would be placed on prime fishing locations, but they were assured that they would be fairly compensated for their revenue loss.

What about possible compensation for recreational anglers? This was the subject of a December 7, 2021, meeting with the title: Bureau of Energy Management (BOEM) Fisheries Mitigation Fishing Workshop - Guidance for Mitigating Commercial and Recreational losses from Offshore Wind Energy Development. This ZOOM meeting was hosted by BOEM. Its representative, Brian Hooker, led the discussion. The following are some of the points that were raised at this two-hour meeting.

BOEM wants input from recreational anglers so that it can develop clear guidelines for possible compensation.

What issues may be appropriate for any mitigation?

Mitigation may be done on a regional or even a national basis as windmills are going to be placed along our eastern coast.

One of the issues raised for mitigation was the electromagnetic effects caused by windmill cables that would affect the migration of fish and damage recreational fishing.

When the windmills will be under construction, fishing by them at a certain perimeter will be prohibited for safety reasons. Although this construction will be temporary, can this temporary loss of fishing access be a claim for compensation?

When construction of the windmills is completed, anglers will have to travel around them to reach their desired fishing grounds and use more fuel to do it. Can they be compensated for the increased mileage and related fuel costs to do this?

Better coordination is needed between recreational anglers and windmill developers on issues related to possible compensation due to the placement of windmills off our coast. BOEM will try to broker better lines of communication between these two groups.

It was not clear at this meeting where the funds would come from for this compensation and who would administer it.

Next steps:

BOEM will gather all the input it has received at this meeting and others that were held with recreational anglers and develop a draft Guidance Document by spring of 2022

that will outline what issues can be considered for compensation for recreational anglers and the process that needs to be followed for this compensation. This draft Guidance Document will be reviewed by recreational anglers for comment.

BOEM will develop the final Guidance Document by summer of 2022

My thoughts on this meeting:

From what I heard at this meeting; I think that recreational anglers (unlike commercial anglers) will not receive much if any substantial compensation from revenue loss due to installation of windmills. For example, there is a concern about the windmill cables affecting fish migration because of their electromagnetic effects. However, how do you prove that the cables are the direct cause of this revenue loss? A counter argument could be that the weather has caused this loss or that it is a cyclical event that has fishing in an up and down fashion. Any claim for revenue loss caused by windmills has to have clear documentation to back up the claim of revenue loss and this may prove to be difficult to do. It is not enough to say fishing is off because of the windmills. How much is it off and what proof is available to justify the claim.

I may be wrong in my assessment of this ZOOM meeting about possible compensation for recreational anglers, but I did not receive the input I was expecting from this meeting on what anglers can possibly claim for compensation due to revenue loss from the windmills.

SWABC Fund Raising Raffle

Before our raffle tickets can be printed, they need to have a special number (RL) printed on them that is issued by our state to certify that our raffle is legitimate. Since our raffle is being held in Rochelle Park, we also need to obtain certification by local officials for our raffle. Due to this bureaucratic process and the lack of staff both local and state with vacations and Omicron, we have been delayed in receiving the required RL certification and that is why the delay in our having our raffle tickets printed. Chuck Santoro has been working on raffle ticket program and he is trying his best to get our tickets printed.

The drawing of raffle tickets will be held on **May 17th** at our regularly scheduled club meeting

1. **Charter Fishing Trip on the Fins on Feathers Charters - \$700 value (125 Concord Ave., Gratuity not included)**
2. **JW Night Ranger Rod, Daiwa Saltiga Reel - \$550 value**
3. **JW Nexus Rod, Daiwa, Lexus Reel - \$410 value**
4. **Galaxy Tab A7- \$335 value**
5. **Fishing Trip – 2 Tickets for the Party Boat “Fisherman”- \$200 value**
6. **Gift Certificate – Jigging World, 174 Rt.17, Rochelle Park, NJ 07667 - \$100 value**
7. **Gift Certificate – Jigging World, 174 Rt 17, Rochelle Park, NJ – 07667- \$100 value**

2021 BIG FISH OF THE YEAR DERBY Rules

1. Fish have to be in season to be entered.
2. The fish can be caught anywhere, not in just New Jersey's waters.
3. The fish entered has to be verified by the boat captain or another club member or at an official weigh station. A picture of the fish is a much-preferred way to verify an entry into the Big Fish contest done by a cell phone or a regular camera. A club member can win more than one Big Fish contest prize.
4. Dues card number must be on the submitted application (Dues number can be obtained from our Membership Secretary)
5. Affidavits must be received within 30 days after the fish is caught. Entries for fish caught after 12/15 of a given year must be received by January 15th of the following year.

| FISH | SPECIES | MIN. WEIGHT | ENTRY WEIGHT | ANGLER |
|---|--------------|-------------|-------------------|------------------|
|  | BLACKFISH | 4 | 10 lbs. 10 oz. | Bill Fish |
|  | BLUEFISH | 12 | 13.8 lbs. | Jim Catanzaro |
|  | COD FISH | 10 | 11 lbs. 8 oz. | Arnie Ulrich |
|  | FLOUNDER | 1.5 lbs. | 2.9 lbs. | Bill Fish |
|  | FLUKE | 4 | 13.8 lbs. | John Farrell |
|  | LING | 2 | | |
|  | POLLOCK | 10 | 21 lbs. 2 oz. | Jon Campbell |
|  | PORGY | 1.5 lbs. | 2.75 lbs. | John Farrell |
|  | SEA BASS | 2 | 5.25 lbs. | Dominic Catalano |
|  | STRIPED BASS | 12 | 37 lbs. | Hector Chacon |
|  | WEAKFISH | 2 | | |

Any member submitting a false affidavit will be disqualified from entering the contest during the year. If disqualified twice, the member will be expelled from the club.



SALT WATER ANGLERS OF BERGEN COUNTY FISHING CONTEST AFFIDAVIT



ANGLERS NAME: _____

Date submitted with picture: _____

I certify that the following statements are true and that all contest rules were complied with and the witness actually witnessed the weighing and the measuring of the fish.

Caught from: ___ Boat ___ Surf - Date: _____

Name of Boat: _____

Port: _____

Where caught: _____

Signature of Angler _____

SPECIES

LBS.

OZS

Witnessed by: _____

1. _____

Address: _____

2. _____

Phone No. _____

3. _____

Captain Art Pein
Katie James Sport Fishing
 201.696.7592
 KatieJamesFish@aol.com
 www.KatieJamesSportFishing.com

INS on FEATHERS CHARTERS Inc.
Six Man Charter and Open Boat Trips
Captain Frank Tenore Jr.
 On this boat fishing is not a job, it is a craft!
 (973) 763-2876
 Leonardo State Marina
 Leonardo, NJ 07037
 www.EinsonFeathers.com EinsonFeathers@msn.com

REEL FUN
 Sportfishing LLC
 •Yearly Fishing Contest
 •Friendly Mates
 •Departure by Tides
 •Sailing April - November
 •St. Croix Rods / Penn Reels
 •Fish Cleaned & Iced
 •Private Restroom
 •Fast & Dry Ride
 •All USCG Safety Equipment
 •All Tackle Supplied
 Call Capt. John Kolas 908-421-4761
 www.ReelFunSportfishing.com

Mako Shark Ban to Start in 2022

A ban on fishing for North Atlantic mako sharks will start in June 2022 and extend into 2023. This includes mako sharks unintentionally caught on commercial outfits. They must be released even if the mako is already dead. This decision was handed down by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas or ICCAT, which manages mako sharks and has said that this fish is overfished. Three years ago, an emergency measure was adopted by ICCAT to increase the size limit in the recreational sector from 54 to 83 inches in an effort to reduce catches. Local shark tournament organizers began then to pivot favoring tuna and thresher sharks. The Greater point Charter Boat Association changed the name of the popular Manasquan River-based shark tournament Mako Mania to Tuna Mania. (Dan Radel, Asbury Park Press, December 14, 2021).

NJ Boat Show Sale & Expo at NJ Convention & Expo Center - February 17-20- Volunteer Schedule

Thursday February 17 — Set Up JT, John Piazza, Steve Totten
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.- Tom Bornemann
Friday (February 18th) 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – John Toth
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Saturday (February 19th) 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m
2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Sunday (February 20th) 10:00 am to 1:30 p.m. - John Piazza, Steve Totten
1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - John Toth

Sharks are Bloodthirsty? That’s Not How They See Things

Young white sharks have less than stellar eyesight and are also likely color-blind rendering the ocean in shades of gray. So, you can hardly blame a young white shark for seeing an appetizing seal or human on a surf board and start chomping. For decades, scientists have floated the theory of “mistaken identity” to explain unprovoked shark bites on humans, which are rare. A paper in the Journal of the Royal Society Interface puts the theory to test. Based on their simulation of how a juvenile white shark sees the world, they found no meaningful difference between a plump seal, a person paddling on their own supporting the theory that sometimes, sharks make mistakes. White sharks, along with bull sharks and tiger sharks are responsible for most injuries and fatal bites on humans. The most frequent biters appear to be juveniles, being 8 to 10 feet long. But white sharks usually release a person after the first bite, which may suggest that they do not hunt humans as prey. To avoid being attacked by sharks, humans should swim in calm, clear waters and away from seals and other prey. (The New York Times, November 2, 202)

Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County
#1 Salt Water Fishing Club

Enclose a check in the amount of \$60 for a one-year membership, into New Jersey’s #1 Salt Water Fishing Club
 Mail To: **American Legion Hall Post # 170, 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, N.J. 07622**

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____