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Good fishing, good friends. That's what SWABC is all about The Best Fishing Club in NJ

The regular meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, at 8:00P.M. The only meeting that is not held at the Legion Hall on Tuesday will be the night of the Past President Dinner. That month is March. A \$5 fee is required, for non-members, this entitles them to the 50/50 drawing, refreshments, snacks, and some new tricks about fishing. Welcome all; we hope you enjoy the evening.

President's Corner

Our club's September 19th membership meeting was really enjoyable and it was also very informative for anglers who like surf fishing.

Our speaker, Michael Sardinias, gave a power point presentation on surf fishing that covered techniques, lures, tides, gear to wear and just about everything you wanted to know about surf fishing. His presentation was very professional and well-received. How did I know it was well-received? When you have 72 members being quiet for almost an hour while somebody is talking, then you know this speaker is good!

We also had delicious bi-color corn brought to us by member Walter Amos for this meeting that was delicious! The best corn I had all summer! Thanks Walter! Our chef Nico made spare ribs that were out of this world with beans and salad. Great job Nico and our hats go off to you! Nico works hard to create good food for us, so please help him with cleaning up the kitchen when the meeting is over.

Our Fluke Tournament Director, Mark Capalbo and his lovely wife, Michelle, have worked very hard over 6 (six) years in managing and promoting our club's annual fluke tournament. This effort involves developing the regulations for it, sending tournament info to all anglers who may be interested in it, taking tournament applications and banners to its three ports, making numerous calls to anglers in it and other details not recorded here. All of this effort involves their personal time and their time is difficult to a price tag on it. In recognition of their service and devotion to promoting the interests of our club, a check for \$100 was given to Mark so that both he and Michelle can have a nice dinner at a restaurant of their choice. It is a gift given to Mark and Michelle to show our club's deep appreciation for all of the work they have done for the benefit our club.

Speaker for our October 17th Meeting – Captain Frank Tenore

Captain Frank loves to fish for blackfish, sea bass and all types of bottom dwellers. That is his specialty along with striped bass. Captain Frank will give a presentation on his techniques for catching these fish so that you can take home more of these tasty fish in your cooler.

Welcome Aboard!

We had two gentlemen join our September meeting:

Alex Kenny – Washington Township

Joe Ruggiero - Waldwick

Glad to have you on board and sign up for our upcoming fishing trips to better know our members

Speaker for our November 21st Meeting – Presentation on Mega Strike

Many anglers use an attractant to catch more fish and Bobby Uhrig will give a presentation on Mega Strike, the product his company makes, and why it will increase your ability to land more fish.

New SWABC Facebook Page!

Rob Callen and Matt Christensen have created a new Facebook page. It is now Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County NJ.

We are encouraging all of our members to go to this page and follow and like this new type of media. We are asking you to also share photos of your fishing experiences to keep a history of SWABC alive. This sight is user-friendly and we welcome members to upload any links to bring our club into a better informative club.

Matt had worked on this idea prior to the popularity of Facebook and Rob joined him bringing you his ideas. This sight is also looking for two other admins to publish their ideas and to also help monitor the sight to prevent unnecessary posts. If you would like to be an admin, please contact Matt or Rob.

We will publish all meeting dates and events, so please make this a part of your reading.

<https://m.facebook.com/Saltwater-Anglers-of-Bergen-County-NJ>; also for easy access to our new Facebook page, just go to our club's website (www.swabc.org) and just click on the new Facebook link on the Home page.



Striped Bass Bonus Program

The striped bass bonus program goes into effect on September 1st and this Bonus Tag can be used until December 31st. This Bonus tag allows anglers to catch one striped bass from **24 to less than 28 inches**. In addition to the Bonus Tag fish, one striper from **28 to 43 inches** and another one at **43 inches or greater** are permitted to be caught. The Bonus Tag fish **does not have to follow any order of catch** and it can be used even for the first striper caught. To apply for this Bonus Tag go to <http://njfishandwildlife.com/bonusbas.htm#apply>. You will also be required to fill out a form that you are not in arrears with child support and then mail it to Fish & Wildlife to get your tag. Don't waste your time doing this since the striped bass will be coming in during October/November.



Super Survivor

If a giant space rock crashes into our planet and kills almost all living things, one creature is sure to survive according to a new study. The earth's designated survivor is the tardigrade, a grub-like, microscopic eight-legged animal that live in water or land and in extreme pressure, high or low. They can be found everywhere on earth. It can withstand sizzling heat, freezing cold and high radiation. It can go 30 years without food! It can even survive being dried to a crisp! (New Post, July 18, 2017).

2017 Calendar of Events

There are a number of new fishing trips (**5 in total**) that have been added to our Calendar of Events

October 29th - (New) Sea Bass Trip on the Skylarker (\$90 inc. tip) Belmar (Craig Zincavage - trip captain)-(973) 234-9618.

November 16th – Charter trip for blackfish on the Fins on Feathers – John Piazza trip captain – 2 spots open – (201) 647-5350.

November 18th - Club Bus Charter Trip (sea bass, cod, ling) on the Black Hawk in Connecticut

November 24th (Friday after Thanksgiving) - (**New**) Black Fish on Break Even Charters in Belmar (\$95 inc. tip - 6 pack)

November 26th - (New) Charter trip for blackfish on the Skylarker sailing from Belmar - Craig Zincavage is the Trip Captain.

December 2nd - (New) Black Fish Charter Trip on Break Even Charters (\$95 inc. tip - (6 pack)

December 30th - (New) Off shore - 18 hours - Sea Bass trip (\$180 inc. tip)

Note: We are in the month of October and these trips are coming up fast. These are **CHARTER** trips and you will fish with club members and not be elbow to elbow like on open party boats. (You can keep up to **15** sea bass at 12 1/2 inches (minimum). **But Craig needs your deposit or pay it in full for these trips ASAP!** You can give him your deposit at our October's 17th meeting for his October 29th sea bass trip. You can email Craig at Zincman70@yahoo.com or call him at (973) 234-9618. Craig takes only a limited number of members and you will fish with members who know how to be courteous and be helpful with each other to have a nice day of fishing. Reserve your spot now so you can be on these upcoming trips. You can also book the charters with Craig for the trips that come up in November and December.

For you relatively new members, sign up for these trips to meet other members and enjoy fishing in good company! By going on these trips, you will also learn new techniques to catch fish from other members. This is what a fishing club is all about - catching fish and having fun while doing it!

Yellow Lobster Found!

A rare yellow lobster has made its debut at the New England Aquarium. This lobster was donated to the Boston aquarium by a Salem seafood company. This lobster will not be put on exhibit for about a month as it undergoes quarantine.

The aquarium says the incidence of yellow lobsters in the wild is estimated to be about **1 in 30 million!** (NY Post, September 2, 2017).

Proposal to Sell Striped Bass in New Jersey - by John Toth

Farm-raised fish is big business around the world as pressure on fish stocks increases due to more people turning to eating fish as a healthier food. A company, Pacifico Aquaculture, is interested in selling striped bass that are farm-raised in New Jersey's ocean waters. Scot Mackey, representing Garden State Seafood Assoc., arranged for representatives from this company to make presentations to New Jersey's Marine Fisheries Council and to our state's DEP on this new enterprise. A similar presentation was also given to the Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) staff on September 6th at the JCAA's office in Toms River. The following is a brief summary of this meeting and its key points.

Representatives, Rex Ito and his son Matt, indicated to JCAA's members (Tom Fote, Paul Haertel, Ken Warchal, Don Marantz and John Toth) that Pacifico Aquaculture farm raises striped bass eight miles off the coast of Ensenada, in Northern Baja California, Mexico. Striped bass fry are grown in their company-owned hatcheries and then moved to pens in the ocean to grow up to market size which typically takes 18-24 months. Mr. Ito, a biologist with an extensive background in the fishing business, explained that these fish are stocked with plenty of room to swim and grow so that they do not crowd together and develop diseases; a big concern with farm-raised fish. He also indicated that the eggs they use are not from hybrid striped bass, but from 6 or 7 strains of striped bass to produce healthy brood stock, including Hudson River striped bass. These fish are sold when they reach 28 inches (about 3 lbs.) in Mexico and in the USA, especially, on the west coast. They are gutted and tagged so that their origin can be traced. The feed for these fish comes from Vancouver/Alaska that is basically from fish trimmings like pollock and other fish, and not chicken and less desirable feed scraps, also a big concern with farm-raised fish.

We explained to Mr. Ito and his son that the JCAA was in the forefront of making striped bass a game fish status to stop its precipitous decline in stocks. While it is good to have striped bass in stores and on the menu of restaurants, our **big concern** is that illegally caught striped bass would be sold as farm-raised under the Pacifico brand even though these fish are tagged. Paul Haertel asked "what happens to the tags when they come to a fish purveyor or restaurant? These used tags can be sold or given to anglers to catch illegal striped bass." Mr. Ito did not have an immediate resolution to that issue, but he and Scot Mackey felt confident that this tagging problem can be successfully resolved.

It was also explained to Mr. Ito that New Jersey's legislature would have to be involved in changing its regulations concerning the sale of striped bass, not an overnight process. He responded that he is aware of this challenge and that many other agencies would have to sign off for approvals. (The JCAA was most likely targeted to hear this presentation since it was involved in the game fish status for striped bass). We also told him that many anglers in New Jersey would strongly oppose the sale of striped bass so that we do not go back to the bad old days of their decline. He replied that he encountered the same type of problems in selling striped bass on the west coast, but his perseverance paid off in the long run to make it happen. He is well aware that this commercial venture, if it happens, will take a long time to reach fruition.

As our guests, we graciously thanked Mr. Ito, his son and Scot Mackey for taking the time to visit us. We did **NOT** give any approval to this sale of striped bass.

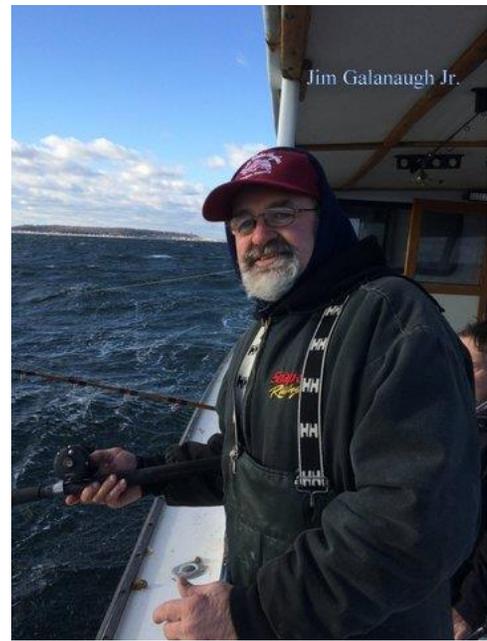
At our September 26th JCAA General Membership meeting, this issue was discussed and while this sale of striped bass will put more of these tasty fish on the menus of restaurants and in food stores, the big concern voiced by some members is that illegally caught striped bass will be sold commercially as farm raised. JCAA member clubs were asked to bring this issue up for discussion at their clubs to determine if they approve of this commercial selling of striped bass. The JCAA takes a formal position on this issue and other issues only after it receives input from each of its member clubs.

Jail Time for Shark Poachers in the Galapagos Marine Reserve!

An Ecuadorean judge has sentenced 20 Chinese crew members to jail and levied a \$5.9 million dollar fine after their ship was found with **300 tons** of frozen marine animals from the Galapagos Reserve, including protected sharks. The captain of the Chinese ship will serve four years in jail and other crew members will serve up to three years jail time.

Authorities found more than **6,600 sharks**, a protected species, inside the ship. Shark-fin soup is a big delicacy in China and shark fins bring big money for the crew that lands them! This Chinese ship had easy pickings for sharks since the Galapagos Reserve is a marine protected area with no ships around to fish for sharks or other species. (New York Post, August 29, 2017).

No Changes in the 2017 Big Fish Derby



Tiny Creatures that Filter the Oceans

Swimming hundreds of feet beneath the ocean's surface in many parts of the world are prolific architects called giant **Larvaceans**. These zooplanktons are not giant themselves - they resemble tadpoles and are about the size of a pinky finger. They construct one or more spacious "houses" that can extend to three feet in length and are transparent mucus structures that encase other creatures. Larvaceans beat their tails to pump seawater through their structures and filter tiny bits of dead or drifting organic matter for them to eat.

When their filters get clogged, the Larvaceans abandon ship and construct a new house. Laden with debris, the old house rapidly sinks to the seafloor. Scientists have found that these creatures can filter all of California's Monterey Bay from about 300 to 1,000 feet in **less than two weeks**, making them the fastest known zooplankton filter feeders.

In doing so, these creatures help transfer carbon that has been removed from the atmosphere. These organisms will likely play a crucial role in the global carbon cycle. (NY Times, May 9, 2017).



"Some men would rather be photographed with their fish than their wives." - Gwen Cooper

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