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Good fishing, good friends.

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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 plus participation if you choose in our dark horse drawings. Welcome all; we hope you enjoy the evening.

President's Report

We opened our September 17th meeting with a moment of silence for the passing of Mary Tenore, wife of Captain Tenore, who passed away recently. Captain Frank of Fins on Feathers is a long time member of our club.

We had Captain Bob Henn of Ebbtide Fishing Charters as our guest speaker to talk about his techniques to catch both striped bass and blackfish. Captain Bob loves to catch blackfish and he told us that we should wait for three tugs before we set the hook on these hard to catch fish and then swing hard upward to catch them. I know we all learned something from his presentation on these fish and he was well received by our members who enjoyed listening to him and asking questions.

Our chef, Nico, was in a Chinese state of mind and made tasty pork belly, rice, salad, Chinese vegetables and cake. He also had Chinese fortune cookies for us and mine read "A sense of humor is one of your greatest assets." Who knew!

It was good for David Griep that he decided to attend our September meeting since he won our 50/50 and went home with a little extra cash in his pocket.

Please send me pictures of the fish you catch so that I can post them in our club newsletters. You can send them to me at tothjohn@verizon.net. Pictures of members make our newsletter more dynamic and interesting.

October 15th Meeting – Presentation on Jellyfish by Paul Bologna

Paul is a professor at Montclair University and has done a lot of research on jellyfish and he will provide us with a power point presentation on the many types of them and how they affect our fisheries and ecosystem. There are a number of jellyfish that are harmful even fatal to humans and he will point them out to us and also what we need to do if stung by them. This presentation is very interesting and should not be missed!

November 19th Meeting – New Jersey Marine Police Presentation

Our Marine Police will give us information that we need to know to be in full compliance with the regulations that apply to salt water fishing. The marine police also encounter anglers who commit crimes, often stupidly, and the police will share their stories about them with us. Expect some strange tales and even funny ones!

Sick Call

Member **Chuck Rutar** is under the weather and we all hope that he gets well soon!

Welcome Aboard!

Robert Held – Hillsdale, NJ

Don Rock holding a couple of nice Bonito caught on the Queen Mary



Woman Swept out to Sea for 37 Hours and Survives on a Swimming Ring

A Chinese woman recently was swimming on a beach in Japan and was swept out to the Pacific Sea by strong currents. She tried to swim back, but could not do so. She was swimming with an inflatable swimming ring and was kept alive by using it for **37 hours!**

She was spotted by a passing cargo ship and 2 men of the crew jumped into the sea to rescue her. She was airlifted by helicopter to a nearby hospital. She was dehydrated and given intravenous fluids, but in relatively good shape in spite of her ordeal.

She was lucky with her flotation device not losing air and not being hit by passing ships or attacked by sharks dawned to a swimmer like her.

Newsbreak

Club Events for 2024 & 2025

October 5th - Charter Club Trip for black sea bass on the Bingo sailing from Atlantic Highlands at 7:00 a.m. The cost is \$110 including tip.

Ralph DeJulia is the trip captain and he can be reached at **(201) 206-4506 or at [newknee22at yahoo.com](mailto:newknee22at@yahoo.com)** to sign up for this trip. We would like to have 20 anglers on the boat so there is enough room for comfortable fishing. As of 9/18 – we have 14 anglers to go on this charter.

November 10th – Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) Sportsperson of the Year Dinner. Any of our club members can attend (see article below) MFR: John Toth is the JCAA's Membership Secretary.

2025

February 2nd – Club Flea Market at the Hasbrouck Heights Hilton

February 13- 16 – New Jersey Boat Show at the NJ Convention Center. Our club has a booth at this show

March 14-16 – Salt Water Expo at the NJ Convention Center. Our club has a booth at this show

March 18 – Past President's Dinner at the Mountainside Inn, Clifton, NJ

JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) hosts a dinner to honor a person who has made a significant contribution for recreational fishing industry. This year's dinner is at the **Captain's Inn, 304 E. Lacey Road, Forked River, NJ (just off exit 74 on the Garden State Parkway) on November 10, 2024.** The cost of a table for this dinner is \$80 and our club, as a member of the JCAA, subsidizes this dinner so the cost to attend this dinner is only **\$40 per person.** This dinner starts at 5:00 p.m. with appetizers, and a selection of prime rib, chicken, salmon or a broiled seafood dish and a cash bar will be available. A huge tricky tray will offer an assortment of tackle along with door prizes.

Let John Toth know if you want to attend this dinner and also the selection of food that you want. John can be reached at (732) 656-0139 or at tothjohn@verizon.net

Chuck Santoro Needs Assistance in Helping Him with our Club's Raffle Program

Our state requires compliance with regulations for any raffle program to prevent fraud. Accordingly, our club, like other organizations, has to complete a number of forms to comply with these regulations. Chuck has been doing this task for many years and would like to have a member help him do this and eventually take over this responsibility. Chuck would provide assistance and guidance so that this task would always be completed. If any member is interested, talk to Chuck at our meetings or call him at (201) 788-2460.

Arnie Ulrich while in Maine

went haddock fishing. Here's his best one.



Diver Catches the Biggest Lobster (15 lbs. 3 oz.)

William Sharp was diving July 4, 2023, on the sunken remains of the *Almirante*, an old banana boat that sank on September 6, 1018 while colliding with a Navy tanker during rough seas and fog. Sharp spotted a huge lobster in its hiding spot with a flashlight, but he was out of air. He cut the rope on his dive reel and tied it off to the lobster's location so he can find it on his return dive.

Forty minutes later and with a fresh tank of air, Sharp went back down following the line on his dive reel. The lobster was still there. He turned the light off, because a bright light can spook it. Then he reached in with his hand and grabbed hold of the giant lobster, trying not to get pinched by its massive claws.

"The lobster will stand up in defense and just get itself stuck there. You have to dig the sand out from under it." With the water cloudy with floating sand particles, Sharp won his tug of war and surfaced with the biggest lobster ever caught by a New Jersey diver since the state started keeping records. The lobster weighed 15 pounds, 3 ounces. The state's Fish & Wildlife sent a marine scientist to Scott's Bait & Tackle, where the lobster was certified to investigate. A month later, Sharp was anointed King of the Lobsters!

(Dan Radel, *Asbury Park Press*, July 6, 2024)

2024 Has Been a Horrible Year for Fluke Fishing

By John Toth

With the exception of all those fluke caught by our members on Frank Tenore's Fins on Feathers, I have not seen pictures like this anywhere in newspapers etc. It seems like Frank Tenore, who once told me that he hates fluke fishing, is now the **preeminent fluke captain** to catch fluke and the picture on the front cover of our newsletter offers proof of that!

As I write this article on September 19th before the fluke season closes on September 25th, a storm is moving up our east coast causing high waves and northeast winds that are making fishing for fluke or other species difficult, if not, impossible. The party boat Fisherman announced that it is not sailing until Monday, September 23rd because of this storm and when it does it will go for bottom fishing, not fluke. Why not go for fluke when only a few days are left in the season to get a last shot at it? The answer is that fishing for fluke has just been horrible most of this season! I have the following comments to support this assertion.

I have a good friend (Paul) who has his own boat and goes fishing almost daily. He is one of the best anglers I know of with all types of trophies showing huge fish of many species that adorn his living room. He is not happy unless he is fishing! By mid-July, Paul caught only two fluke that were legal and they were just over 18 inches! That has never happened to Paul since he always does well in catching fluke and other species.

I set up our Interclub fishing trip on July 25th with our club and the Hudson Fishermen's Association (HRFA) on the Last Lady that sails out of Neptune. I have fished on the Last Lady a number of times and the Captain, Ralph Leyrer, is one of the best in the fishing business. We had a total of 14 anglers on this boat with 7 anglers from our club and 7 from the HRFA. All of us on board are very experienced anglers and we know how to catch fluke. With 14 experienced anglers on board, only 4 legal fluke were caught with the biggest fluke only 20 inches. The captain moved his boat to a number of locations trying to find fluke but we either caught a few undersized fluke or nothing on these multiple drifts. It seemed like the sea was just empty of any fluke. There were many boats around the Last Lady and I did not see a net move to show fluke being picked up. One of our club members was on the Ocean Explorer, another good fishing boat, and it had about 45 anglers on board with about 10 legal fish caught for the whole boat. This situation has been very bad for the recreational fishing industry since the lack of fluke reduces the number of anglers who want to fish for them and that has a negative effect on tackle shops and the party/charter boat industry. Worse yet, some anglers going home with no legal fluke will blame the boat captain for the lack of fish and will not go on the boat again.

I have received multiple reports from club members and party boats that fluke fishing is way off and why did this happen? We did experience a lot of southern wind that chills the water and fish are very sensitive to water temperature. A wind that turns south while fishing is like a light switch that turns off fishing. It has been my experience that fluke fishing may start off a bit slow in May or June, but then it picks up by July and especially in August and into September but that did not happen. I have heard that commercial draggers picked up so many fluke and that is the answer to this question and I also heard that the sonar used to place windmill locations on the ocean floor may have caused fluke to change their migration patterns. However, there is no proof to back up either of these assertions. Hopefully, we may learn in time why our fluke season was so bad this year.

I certainly hope that we will have a better season for fluke during 2025!

While fishing on the *Sea Rogue Charter*, Long Island












Jack Babin got a nice sea bass



What is "Recreational fishing" or sport fishing or game fishing? It's fishing for leisure, exercise or competition. It can be contrasted with commercial fishing which is for profit and professional fishing also for profit; nor is it subsistence fishing, which is fishing for survival & your livelihood.

2024 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. 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	13 lbs.	Bob Goldstein
	BLUEFISH	12		
	COD FISH	10		
	FLOUNDER	1.5 lbs.	2 lbs. 9 oz.	Glenn Peckel
	FLUKE	4	12.5 Lbs.	Jeff Criswell Sr.
	LING	2		
	POLLOCK	10		
	PORGY	1.5 lbs.		
	SEA BASS	2		
	STRIPED BASS	12	48 lbs.	Rick Reitano
	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: _____

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Where caught: _____

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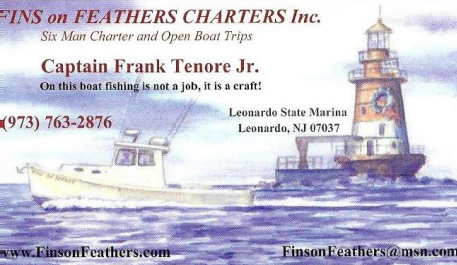
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Policies to Expand Electric Vehicles Getting Pushback

By John Toth

A group of politicians and refinery workers are pushing back on state and federal policies aimed at expanding the sale of electric vehicles policies by demonstrating on June 18th in front of the Statehouse in Trenton. These new policies would limit the sale of higher emission gas-powered vehicles. This rally included elected officials from across the region, union representatives from various trades and manufacturing groups and refinery workers from New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania who worry about their future job prospects under the new rules.

These protesters targeted a 2023 New Jersey initiative that mandates that all new passenger vehicle sales in New Jersey – at least those that weigh less than 8,500 lbs. be electric or plug-in hybrid by 2035. While the rule does not force consumers to buy electric or plug-in hybrid vehicles, it affects manufactures who sell cars in New Jersey. Also, state as well as federal mandates require light and medium vehicles manufactured in **2027** and later to meet more stringent emission standards.

New Jersey Business and Industry Association President, Michelle Siekerka said the mandate effectively bans future sales of gas-powered cars and trucks. She also said the rules threaten jobs for workers across the nation as well as freedom of choice for consumers. Assembly Gregory Myhre, former mayor of Stafford commented “Should the government mandate you to buy anything? Should they mandate you to buy electric cars? We believe in freedom of choice” State Sen. Carmen Amato also commented that the mandate will be unaffordable and impractical for many middle and lower income drivers. “We don’t have the roadside infrastructure or grid power to allow most drivers to have an electric vehicle.

Another problem with electric vehicles is trip anxiety. Will the car have enough juice to allow drivers to get from one point to another? Running the air conditioner and other electric components of the car further reduces the car’s mileage. I drive 300 miles to visit family members in my home town of Johnstown, by Pittsburgh, and it takes me nearly six hours to complete the trip mostly by NJ and PA Turnpikes. IF I had an EV, I most likely have to stop and charge it to complete the trip. Given six hours of driving, do I really want to add more time to make the trip by charging my electric vehicle?

At the present, eight shore towns in New Jersey are suing to stop windmills from being installed off their coast that is being mandated by the Murphy administration. This is another mandate that many NJ citizens do not want. While voices against windmills have already been raised, this is the first time that NJ citizens have had an organized rally against electric vehicles that took place in Trenton. I do not believe it will be the last one since our government is on the path of forcing us to buy cars that many of us do not want to do!

(Asbury Park Press, June 22, 2024)

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

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