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Joe Salib with a nice 36.2 lbs. striper caught on the *Katie James* with Captain Art Lein.



John Piazza with a nice striper caught on the *Jenny Rose* his boat.

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Good fishing, good friends.

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The Best Fishing Club in NJ

The regular meetings will be held every third Tuesday of the month, (except March) at 8:00 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.

President's Corner

At our October 15th meeting, we had Frank Mihalic as our guest speaker and he gave an excellent presentation on his many tips and techniques on catching black fish. How do I know it was excellent? When you get a room full of our members and they are quiet to the point that you can't hear a pin drop, then I know the speaker is good! Frank is so passionate about catching this fish and it shows through his power point presentation. His presentation was geared to catching big blackfish, but I think we all came away with some good information that can be applied to catching this fish at any size!

Nico made filet mignon that was so tender and tasty along with French fries, salad and apple bread pudding for dessert. You feed us well Nico! Thanks! Craig Zincavage was the lucky winner of our Dark Horse and his winning ticket was worth **\$190!**

Joe Weber, who was a member of our fishing club over 20 some years ago or more, donated a number of nice fishing books to our club for our use. Joe cannot fish anymore so he did not want to just throw them away. We will enjoy them Joe and Thanks so much!

A good night with an informative speaker, good prizes and tasty food to end the meeting!

Speakers for our Club meetings

I am always looking for speakers to come to our meetings to talk about a variety of subjects. The topics can be the "how to" fish for a variety of species, environmental issues, scientific topics such as data on fluke migrations etc. With the New Year coming up, I want to set up a schedule of good speakers for our 2020 meetings.

All you have to do is to give me the name and telephone number of your contact and let me take it from there to set up the meeting date and details. My telephone number is (732) 656-0139. Thanks!

Kitchen Clean Up

Nico makes great meals for us and sometimes he runs short on help to clean up the kitchen at the end of the meeting. Please volunteer to help Nico with cleaning up the kitchen since he spends a lot of energy and time cooking for us. The kitchen belongs to the American Legion and we must leave it clean and the end of our meetings in good order.

November 19th Speaker – Dennis Kuntz – Reel Repair & Service

Many of us may need to have our reels service. After all the fishing season is coming to a end very soon. **Dennis Kuntz** will be our guest at this meeting and his presentation will cover what we need to do to keep our reels in good order so that that when the new fishing season starts in 2020, our reels will be ready for it. Dennis also provides servicing reels by taking them apart, cleaning and lubricating. His fees for this service range from \$10 to \$20, and parts are extra. He will explain his fee structure at our meeting. So, bring the reels you want serviced to this meeting.

It would be a good idea to place your reels in a plastic zip bag and also include a note that has your name, mailing address, telephone number and what you want done to your reel such as just cleaning and lubrication, or a specific problem like the drag does not work properly. For an \$8 postage fee, your repaired reel will be mailed back to you.

Also, at this meeting, we will have our traditional turkey and ham raffle so that you can prepare for Thanksgiving by winning a nice turkey or ham. Our club will have cards on hand and you can simply write your name in a numbered box for a \$1 dollar chance. At the end of the meeting, we will draw a number for each card and if you have the winning number you get to take home a turkey or a ham to start the holiday.

If you pay your **2020** dues at this meeting, you will also receive a numbered ticket. At the end of the meeting, we will have a special raffle just for those anglers who pay their **2020** dues. The prize is a turkey or a ham! So, pay your **2020** dues at the meeting and get another chance to win a nice prize!

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. In regard to refreshments, our club puts out quite a spread of food each meeting, courtesy of our Grand Chef, Nico, along with free beer and soda. Members have an opportunity while eating their food to sit down at the various tables and chat with each other to hear about fishing and, consequently, developing new friendships. This is what our club is all about!

Christmas & Hanukkah Party- December 17th

This party is our December meeting and no speakers are scheduled. We will do a little club business and then have a good time with our fishing friends and enjoy eating a lot of good food and forget about any dieting! Members can also bring their favorite food items to this meeting and we will eat very well because that is what we are supposed to do for the holidays! We may also have some food items catered. Please tell member Don Lohse what you are bringing so that we do not have duplicate food items. He can be reached at (201) 832-1298 and also at email ddllohse@yahoo.com.

We will also have an exchange of gifts and Santa Claus will hand them out. If you want to participate in this exchange of gifts, please bring an item (preferably a fishing-related one) that is approximately \$10 in value.

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Special Raffle - Free 6 Pack Fishing Trip!

December meeting, we will have a Free Raffle on a 6 pack Charter Trip on the Isabella sailing from Nantucket on July 28, 2020. To be eligible for it, you **must be a member in good standing with paid up membership** and you **must** be able to go fishing on the **July 28th date**. If for some reason you cannot go on that date, you can give your charter trip **only to a club member**, but **NOT** to any friend or relative. As you enter our December 17th meeting, you will be given a ticket and 6 tickets will be drawn at the end of the meeting for this 6 pack charter.

This **free charter** is being paid for by our club as a way of saying **Thank You** for your support of our club's activities during the year by buying 50/50 tickets, Dark Horse tickets, attending our picnic, Beefsteak Dinner, selling our club's 2020 raffle tickets and serving as volunteers in our winter trade shows.

Upcoming Fishing Shows for 2020

All shows at the NJ Convention Center - (Raritan Expo), 97 Sunfield Ave. Edison.

**Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show -
January 9th - 12, 2020**

NJ Boat Sale & Expo - February 13-16, 2020

The Saltwater Fishing Expo - March 13-15- 2020

Election Time - Board Members for 2020

At our November 19th meeting, the current slate of officers will be read and club members will be asked if they want to run for any of these positions. The following is the slate of our club's Board members for 2020. If you are interested in running for any of these positions, please see member Don Lohse at our November meeting so that he can include your name to run for one of these offices. Don can also be reached at (201) 832-1298. The current positions and the members who occupy them follow:

President – John Toth

1st Vice President – Craig Zincavage

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Assistant Chaplin – Rick Swarthe

Publicity Officer – John Toth

Assistant Publicity Officer – Fred Villanova

At our December 17th meeting, we will have a final vote on these positions.

Big Fish Derby

2019 fishing season is rapidly coming to a close. The latest submission of affidavits to enter our club's Big Fish Derby is **January 21, 2020 at our meeting**. (Affidavits can be downloaded at our club's web – www.swabc.org). After this January 21st meeting, **no more affidavits will be accepted**. Please return them to John Toth at our November/December meetings or email your affidavits to John at (tothjohn@verizon.net) Also check the listings in the Big Fish Derby to make sure your fish is entered correctly. Let John know if it is not.

Winners of our Big Fish Derby will be recognized at our March 24th Past President's Dinner and be given prizes.

Welcome Aboard

**Bob Rini & Mary Hopson
Rochelle Park**

Update on the NJ DEP Public Access Meeting held on October 7th

By John Toth

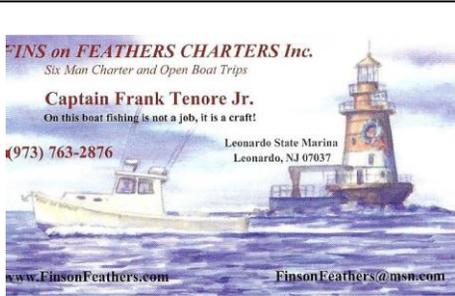
With the urging of many fishing and environmental organizations, Governor Murphy signed the Public Beach Access Bill into law on May 3, 2019 and it became effective on July 3rd. It codifies the Public Trust Doctrine (PTD) into law and confirms the public's longstanding right to use our state's tidal waters and adjacent shorelines. It also provides direction to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to protect and enhance public access when permitting development and approving publicly funded projects. The NJDEP is now directed to make all tidal waters and their shorelines available to the public and remove physical and other impediments that limit this access.

The NJDEP Division of Land Use Management has taken the lead on implementing this new law and has had a number of stakeholder meetings with a number of associations and individuals to receive input on developing and codifying the new Public Access Rules that the NJDEP would enforce. The NJDEP is looking to have a draft of these new regulations for review during January of 2020 and final rules in place during 2021. To receive more input from the public, a stakeholders meeting was held on October 7th at the NJ DEP office in Trenton with anglers, home owners, business trade groups and others to receive comments from a wide spectrum of individuals. Approximately 50 individuals were in attendance and I represented the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA) and the Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA). This meeting was chaired by Ms. Ginger Kopkash, Assistant Commissioner, NJDEP Division of Land Use Management. This meeting lasted for two hours and while I cannot record all of what was said, the following bullet points capture some of the main points that were raised at this meeting:

- Ms. Kopkash indicated that this is a complex issue involving competing interests with home owners, municipalities, anglers and "we are on a journey" to arrive at the new regulations to enforce the PTD.
- We need to look at not only the deficits that currently inhibit the PTD, but also new opportunities to enhance it.
- Dialogues with stakeholders will still continue well after this October 7th meeting.
- Access not only includes beaches, but waterfront locations as well (a couple living by the Hackensack River complained how people walk over their private property and wanted to know how the new regulations would address this issue). Walking over private property for access to and from beaches and waterways is a major comment that has emerged from previous stakeholder meetings.
- New locations for beach access by municipalities should be explored including new offsite locations to increase fishing opportunities. A new funding mechanism to develop these new locations should be considered through new permit fees or funding from other sources and placed in an escrow account. (I made the
- comment that if this new funding is approved, it has to

- be secured so that it is not diverted to other budget shortfalls).
- All municipalities should develop an access plan, possibly by following the guidelines of a new access template developed by NJDEP.
- Determine what is required through an access plan and what is not, like repairing a bulkhead.
- When new projects are being considered in the design process by a municipality, consideration should be given to access first and not last.
- Specific violations of access were raised in Avon and Deal. Ms Kopkash indicated that they were being put on a spread sheet for future resolution. I indicated that these were so egregious that they should receive immediate corrective action so that anglers would have more faith that something is being done as a result of this new law. She responded that NJ DEP would look into these violations, but they may have some legal ramifications that need to be reviewed first.
- The question was raised about what type of system will be in place that anglers can not only report access violations but, also be aware of the progress being done by NJDEP to correct them. Ms Kopkash indicated that NJ DEP will work on its design and implementation.
- Ms. Kopkash asked the audience if it had any objections to the creation of a special fund dedicated to expand access opportunities at municipal locations or other locations like possibly bay areas. The audience response was positive and nobody responded that it was a bad idea.
- After this meeting, I approached Ms. Kopkash and indicated that I have attended a number of these access meetings in Trenton. I said to her that there are so many competing interests that make accommodations for access in shore communities for NJ residents very difficult to achieve. She recognized this problematic issue and that is why she is seeking access to beaches and waterways at other locations instead of what are the traditional locations.
- The question was raised on how the audience can be aware of future progress being made on access and she gave us the contact of Jill Aspenwall who has our emails from the signing in process of this meeting. In summary, I have given you some of the many issues that were raised at this meeting. I thought that overall this meeting gave Ms. Kopkash a lot of useful information that can be used to develop legal guidelines to improve access. This is a "journey" as Ms. Kopkash indicated in the long road to follow the legal requirements of the Public Trust Document. I will keep you updated on the progress of this journey as it unfolds.

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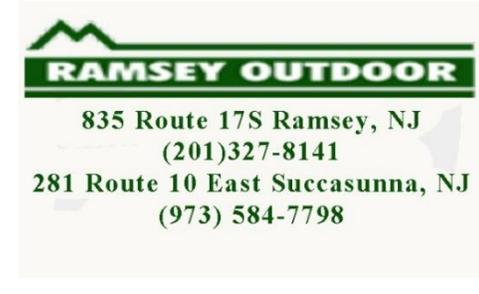
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2019 & 2020 Events

The following is a list of **charter fishing trips** and events that that our club is either holding or participating in. Craig Zincavage and John Piazza are Trip Captains for the following charter fishing trips. Craig can be reached at (973-234-9618) or at zincman70@yahoo.com. John Piazza can be reached at (201) 647-5350.

- November 16th** – MiMi VI – Blackfish – Craig Zincavage - Trip Captain
- November 21st** – Fishmonger – Blackfish – Craig Zincavage – Trip Captain (New)
- November 23rd**– Fins on Feathers – Blackfish – John Piazza - Trip Captain
- December 7th** – Fins on Feathers – Blackfish – John Piazza – Trip Captain (New)
- December 7th – No Limit – Blackfish – Craig Zincavage – Delaware (2 spots) (New)

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- January 5th** – No Limit – Blackfish – Craig Zincavage – Delaware (2 spots) (New)
- January 9th** – Fishmonger – Blackfish – Craig Zincavage – (New)
- January 9th – 12th** – Garden State Outdoor Sports Show
- February 13th – 16th** – New Jersey Boat Sale & Expo
- February 15th** - Club Flea Market –Hasbrouck Heights Hilton
- March 13th – 15th** – Salt Water Fishing Expo
- March 24th** – Past President’s Dinner at Mountainside Inn, Clifton

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