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### Big Fish Winners

**Rick Swarthe, Joe Salib, Bill Fish, Serge Radossi, Craig Zincavage & Lou Castellano**

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*Good fishing, good friends.*

*That's what SWABC is all about*

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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

Our March 19th Past President's Dinner at the Mountainside Inn was a successful one with plenty of good food and company! Craig Zincavage rounded up a lot of prizes to offer as Door Prizes and Tricky Tray items. I have been at our Past Presidents' dinners for many years and I think this dinner offered more prizes than any other! Craig did a great job in getting all these prizes for this dinner and many **THANKS** goes to Craig for a **job well done!**

At this dinner, I also presented plaques to three members who have contributed so much to the success of our club **over many years** and they include: **Chuck Santoro**, Past President, who spends a lot of his time in doing the paperwork for us to have a club raffle and other club activities. Plaques were also presented to **Steve Totten and John Piazza**, primarily for their work at the three trade shows our club participates in (Raritan, Boat and the Saltwater Expo). For example, at the recent 2019 March Expo, Steve and John worked on Friday, Saturday and Sunday selling our club's raffle tickets! They have **devoted a lot of their personal time** for the benefit of our club and their plaques are well deserved for the work that they do for our club! By the way, none of these men knew beforehand that they were receiving these awards and **it was a total surprise!** Board member **Don Lohse** made the recommendations to me that these members should receive recognition for their contributions to our club and he also took charge of getting the plaques made for them. **Thanks Don!**

**Congratulations** also go to club members who were the winners of our **Big Fish Derby** and they include: Rey Munez, Craig Zincavage, Bill Fish, Joe Salib, Serge Radossi, Rick Swarthe, Lou Castellano and Dan Tobia. Chuck Santoro presented certificates and Gift Cards to them for taking first place in the various categories of our Derby. A **big Thanks goes to Fred Villanova** for preparing these certificates! To make the certificates more special, Fred even placed pictures of fish around the perimeter of the certificates. So, if you won the porgy category for example, pictures of porgies would surround the perimeter of your certificate!

Our Past President's Dinner also received contributions from various individuals, and they need to be recognized and they include member Ricki Reitano who not only contributed a Basket of Cheer for a Dark Horse prize, but he personally handed me a **check for \$200 as a donation** for our club from his Dumont Park Tavern! Rick has been a **Big Supporter** of our club over the many years making donations like this and selling so many of our club's raffle tickets at his tavern. We also received contributions by: a MIJO from S&S Bucktails, Spring Basket from Ramsey Outdoor, Penn Warfare Reel by Mark Capalbo, Northeastern Sweatshirt by Northeastern, a Basket of Lottery Tickets by Chuck Santoro, Discount

Coupons for trips on the Katie James, an Open Boat trip on the Reel Fun Charters by Captain John Kolias, and Open Boat trip on the Fins on Feathers by Captain Frank Tenore, a Diawa Reel Basket by Butch Pawson, a Roll of Crocs by Craig and Amy Zincavage, a Bunker Spoon by M3 Tackle, a Bunker Spoon by Tony Maja a High Hook SPF 30 Shirt by High Hook and a nice rod & reel combo donated by Don Parr of Canyon Reels.

**THANK YOU SPONSORS** for supporting our Past President's Dinner! Much appreciated! Fellow club members, please patronize the businesses of these supporters of our club!

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### Speaker for our April 16<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting – Dominic Lammano – Backwater Baits

Dominic of Backwater Baits will talk about the different styles of jigs he offers and how to use them during different lighting conditions, colors and depths. They will also be available for purchase.

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### May 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting – Ryan Marlin (M3 Tackle)

Ryan (Roddy) will talk about fluke spoons and how to use them interchangeably for all types of fish. He will also cover his bunker spoons and how they are different from other companies. His products will also be available to buy.

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### Captain Al Ristori's Blog

We were happy to have Al Ristori as our guest at our Past President's Dinner! In the course of introducing him by the dais, I remarked that it is unfortunate that so many writers like him have been cut from newspapers because papers are losing money since so many readers are getting their news from other sources.

Al remarked that he maintains a BLOG that has so much updated information on what is happening on the fishing scene. I went on it and it saw information on stripers moving into our waters, cod fishing, tournaments etc. You can access this BLOG by logging on to: **tightlineswithal ristori.com**. Thanks, Al, for providing us with so much helpful fishing information!



Opening of Past President's Dinner by John Toth

### Salt Water Expo Recap by John Toth

When I went to this show with my car loaded with all of the stuff needed to set up our club booth at this show, I walked into the Convention Hall to locate where our booth was positioned so that I could start bringing in our club banner etc. to our booth. I asked a guard for the location of our booth and **she sheepishly pointed to a pile of rubble** with our club sign and show railings lying on the floor! Apparently, our booth was knocked down by high winds since it was located by a huge entrance door to the convention. **What a way to start this show!** I actually found humor in it and had a Big Laugh over it since I knew that it would not take long for Steve Totten, John Piazza and show staff to set it all back up.

In addition to both Steve and John working at this show, I want to **THANK** Bob Cameron, Tom Bornemann, Tom Tyls, Rick Swarthe Don Lohse, Barry Paull, Harry Vogt for working at this show and Captain Art Lein who helped me load up my car after the show was over with our booth items.

This is a good show for us to be in and it had a lot of attendees for us to sell raffle tickets and meet anglers who may be interested in joining our club.

### Club Membership to be Paid by the end of April 2019

According to our club's By-Laws, **club membership must be paid by the end of April.** Members who have not paid their dues by the end of April 2019 will be removed from our club's mailing list and will not receive our monthly bulletin. Our club's meetings are open to members who are current with the payment of their dues.

Our club membership dues are **\$55 for an individual and \$60 for family membership.**

Members, current and new, will be required as club policy when renewing their membership to buy **two** of our club raffle books for a total cost of **\$20.** (Each book has ten tickets in it at a cost of \$1 for each ticket). Members selling these raffle tickets can either keep them for their own use to possibly win one of the raffle prizes or sell the tickets and keep the \$20 from selling their two raffle books.

Pay your dues to our Membership Chairman, Jack O'Hara at our April 16<sup>th</sup> meeting or mail your check (made out to S.W.A.B.C.) **to the American Legion, Post # 170, 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, NJ 07622.**

### May 19th - Governor's Surf Tournament

The Governor's Surf Tournament on **May 19th** at Island Beach State Park. Sponsored by: Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA), The NJ Federation of Sportsmen's Club, NJ Beach Buggy Assoc., NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife and the NJ Division of Parks and NJ DEP. Cost to **pre-register** is \$15 for anglers 18 years and older, \$5 for ages 13-17. Ages 12 and under are free! For more information, call (609) 748-4347 or go to [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com).

### 2019 EVENTS

The following is a preliminary list of **charter fishing trips** and events that that our club is either holding or participating in. More trips and events will be added to it as 2019 unfolds. Craig Zincavage is the Trip Captain for most of these fishing trips and he can be reached at **(973-234-9618)** or at **zincman70@yahoo.com.**

**April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>** – No Limit – Blackfish – Delaware – **This trip is Canceled!**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Fish Monger – Blackfish

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** – Osprey – Blackfish – Atlantic City (bus Trip)

**This Trip is Canceled!**

**April 26<sup>th</sup>** – Fisnin Fever – Cape May - Blackfish – **This Trip Canceled!**

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Booked Off Charters – Rhode Island – Fluke

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** – Fins on Feathers – Sea Bass – Leonardo

**June 10<sup>th</sup>** – Youth Outreach Trip (Ranch Hope) on the MiJo in Atlantic Highlands

**July 19<sup>th</sup>** – Helen H. - Mass. – Fluke – Bus Trip

**September 14<sup>th</sup>** – **Pig Roast** – at the club's meeting location (American Legion Post # 170)

**November 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Fins on Feathers – Sea Bass - Leonardo

**November 9<sup>th</sup>** – **Beefsteak Dinner** – at the club's meeting location (American Legion).

**November 16<sup>th</sup>** – MiMi 6 – Black Fish (New)

**November 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Fins on Feathers – Black Fish - Leonardo

**More Information on bus trip to Massachusetts for the Charter on the Helen H.- see below.**

**April 28<sup>th</sup> - Bus Trip to Atlantic City on the Osprey** –**This trip is canceled** because we did not, for whatever reasons, have enough members to go on it! Craig needed about 30 members to go on this trip and we only had about 11 sign up for it. Maybe members did not want to go to Atlantic City on a Sunday, come back late from a bus trip and go to work the next day? If that's the reason, let us know for future trips.

**July 19<sup>th</sup> - Bus Trip to Massachusetts on the Helen H** –

The Helen H also has a very good reputation for landing some nice BIG fluke. This bus trip saves you the 4+ hours driving to it (plus gas & toll) to have fun catching some nice fluke. Craig plans giveaways (Gulp etc.) on this bus trip and pools will be available for various categories for fluke & sea bass. At this point, the Helen H. trip is almost sold out and contact Craig ASAP if you want to go on it

See Craig at our club meetings to sign up & save a spot on the bus trip or email him at [zincman70@yahoo.com](mailto:zincman70@yahoo.com) or (973-234-9618). The bus trip makes rest stops to and from the boat. The bus picks up location is at a parking lot just across the Shoprite that is located just down the street past the American Legion Post # 170 where we hold our club meetings. The exact location is 161 West Passaic Street, approximately ½ mile past our American Legion Post, after the first traffic light and before the second.

**Trips on the Fins on Feathers** (May 18, November 2 and Black Fish on November 23<sup>rd</sup>) – **John Piazza** is the Trip Captain and he can be reached at **(201) 647-5350** or see John at our meetings to sign up.

## Update on Offshore Wind Forum with Recreational Anglers

By John Toth

This forum was held on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Ocean County Library and scheduled to start at 6:00 p.m. It was hosted by Paul Eidman, Anglers for Offshore Wind Power, and Helen Henderson from the American Littoral Society. In attendance were representatives from windmill developers: Equinor, Orsted, and EDF Renewables/Shell. Approximately 50 anglers were also in attendance.

The purpose of this meeting was to have recreational anglers hear what the developers had to say about their windmill operations and to ask questions about how these new windmills could affect their fishing opportunities. Before this meeting started, attendees were asked to write their questions for the developers on a piece of paper and the developers would then be asked to answer them in the order that they were presented to them.

After opening statements by Paul Eidman and Helen Henderson, each developer was asked to give background information on their respective companies in developing windmill projects. I have to say that I was impressed by their solid backgrounds in this industry. For example, Equinor has developed a huge windmill farm off Denmark and EDF Renewables also off the coast of Holland. They are not newcomers to this industry, and they have a lot of experience in developing and implementing windmills at many offshore locations around the world. While Denmark and other European countries have developed thousands of windmills as an alternate energy source, we have only five offshore windmills in our region located off Block Island, by Rhode Island's coast.

**Question** – asked by Glenn Arthur representing the Diving community – can divers be allowed to do their diving activity by the windmills? **Answer** – No problem, diving activity is not restricted by the windmills.

**Questions** – by John Toth, representing the Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) and the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA) – Can anglers be allowed to fish by the windmills? Also, as a follow up question – Do you see this access being restricted in the event of terrorist activity; possibly resulting with all access restricted and resulting (as an unintended consequence) in the creation of a Marine Protected Area (MPA)? **Answer-** Anglers will be allowed to fish by the windmills. In regard to terrorist activity, the developers do not see this type of activity happening since there are so much better targets on land that would be far more effective in causing mayhem, such as bombing subways that a lot of people use. **Note:** The offshore windmills in European waters do not allow any types of fishing by them with the exception of England that allows them.

**Question** – Have developers researched other forms of energy production alternatives besides windmills such as energy that can be produced by harnessing the motion of waves. **Answer** – No, but it is an interesting concept and may be developed as an alternate energy source in the future.

**Question** – These windmills have a projected lifespan of 20 to 25 years and what are your plans to decommission them? Will you just leave them at their locations when they are not producing any energy? **Answer** – the developers intend to remove them. They will have a bond in their contracts to pay for their removal. (Interestingly, there were some comments made to keep them at their location even when they are past their energy production so that they still could be used as artificial reefs!) These unproductive windmills could become navigation hazards and the commercial fishing industry would want them removed.

**Questions** – By Bob Rush (member of New Jersey's Marine Fishery Council who spoke on his behalf and not on the Council) – Why has there not been more science introduced to first answer the negative effects that these windmills can cause with fish migration patterns, whale activity, electromagnetic effects of the cables on fish life. It seems to me “that we are building the windmills first, and then figuring out later the negative drawbacks that they pose on marine life”. **Answer-** An Environmental Impact Study (EIS) is being conducted presently to review possible negative impacts that the windmills can have on marine life. They will cover the effects of noise generated by the installation of the windmills by pile driving (that may have to stop when whales are located nearby) and the effects of the cables (that will be buried seven (7) feet underground). Presently, this EIS is in progress, but final results have not been concluded and there is not a projected time when it will be concluded.

**Question** – What kind of security will be provided by the windmills? – **Answer** – the Developers do not have any plans to provide security. They indicated that most likely, the US Coast Guard would provide it. (Continued)

**Question** – How much space will there be between windmills. **Answer** – The spacing will be .7miles. A number of attendees thought that this spacing is just too tight with both recreational and commercial ships using this narrow path. **Note:** in a prior windmill meeting I attended with commercial anglers' present, the commercial industry wants at least two (2) miles spaced between windmills to make navigation much easier

**Question** – Will the windmills be able to withstand the hurricanes the USA has almost on annual basis and storms like we had with Sandy? **Answer** – We have put up thousands of windmills and we have not lost any of them, especially the ones in or by the North Sea near Denmark. The North Sea is very rough on many sailing vessels.

**Question** – How much will taxpayer have to subsidize these windmills? **Answer** – this subject is not part of this forum. It will be addressed at future windmill meetings.

Unfortunately, time did not allow me to ask other questions that I would like to have answered. Windmills are planned to be placed on productive scallop and clam grounds. The commercial industry plans litigation to prevent this from happening and, consequently, this litigation will possibly delay implementation of the windmill project. I want to know if there any plans to change the location of these windmills. Why should we lose a valuable food source when these windmills can be placed in another location?

The developers talked about a substation that is part of this windmill project and they did not explain how it ties in with the windmills. I want to know more about it and will ask for clarification of this substation at another meeting.

I plan to attend future windmill meetings and keep you informed of all the latest developments of this huge project that will affect all of us NJ residents.

### **Special Presentations Awards to Chuck Santoro, John Piazza and Steve Totten for all the extra work, time and effort they put in for benefit of SWABC**



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#### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual American Angler Classic Surf Fishing Tournament**

A new **surf tournament** – Sunday - April 28<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 a.m. to 2 p.m in Seaside Park, NJ. \$500 cash to winner (Adults only). Sponsored by Fireplace Plus and Muller Insurance. It has an early registration fee, includes raffle for Costa Demar Sunglasses and other prizes. Free 4x4 access with paid registration. Largest of 3 fish of four species (catch & release encouraged); \$25 for adults and \$10 for kids (special category). Go to [www.americananglerus.com](http://www.americananglerus.com) for more details

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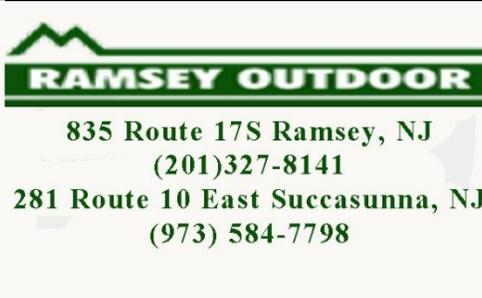
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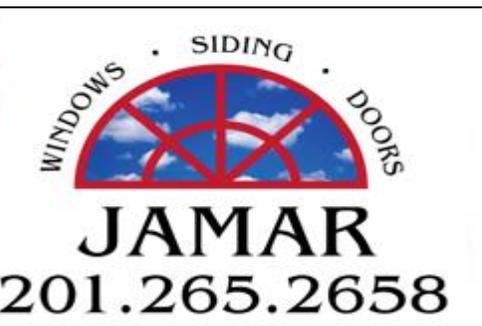
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**Preliminary Fluke Regulations for 2019 – by John Toth**

This is somewhat of a complex story! While it looked like we were going to get an increase in our fluke quota for 2019 since we under fished it in 2018, another look at the data by the Atlantic States Marine Commission (ASMFC) and the Mid-Atlantic Marine Fishery Management Council (MAMFC) resulted in our 2019 fluke regulations to **remain basically the same as 2018!**

For 2018, we were allowed to catch three (3) fluke at 18 inches from May 25<sup>th</sup> to September 22<sup>nd</sup>. For 2019, it seems that we can catch **three fluke at 18 inches** with a season starting at **Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> to September 21<sup>st</sup>** – a shift of just one day to align with the start of the Memorial Day weekend. This season has not been officially approved by the ASMFC or the MAMFC yet. Approval is expected in April sometime.

Sea Bass and Porgy regulations are also expected to remain about the same with the shifting of dates during the seasons for them.

**Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County, #1 Salt Water Fishing Club.**

Please enclose a check in the amount of **\$60** for a one-year membership, into New Jersey's #1 Salt Water Fishing Club  
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