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# Bulletin

## Salt Waters Anglers of Bergen County NJ



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Second Vice President Mark Capalbo with two nice fluke caught in Rhode Island. Mark wants to show us what they look like when we start fishing for them on May 5<sup>th</sup>



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Events & Stories

May 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Captain Frank Tenore of Fins on Feathers, best techniques to catch stripers. Detail on page 2

June 11<sup>th</sup> – SWABC Charter Trip on the MiJo for disadvantaged children.

June 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Captain Allen Gonzalez to give a presentation on catching big fluke. Detail on page 2

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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 has been taking disadvantaged children on a fishing trip since the end of the Second War. We have a trip scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup> on the MiJo out of the Atlantic Highlands leaving at 7:00 a.m. Our club members help the kids to land their fluke, untie tangles and provide assistance to ensure the kids have a good time. The kids usually make all types of mistakes when they first start fishing. But then they get the hang of it and start fishing like pros! Any member who would like to sail on the MiJo to help the kids have a nice day should see member Tom Tyls at our May meeting. Tom is taking names so we can know who is coming on the trip, and he can also be reached at (201) 796-8522. Members are asked to bring their own food and refreshments. **Please do not bring any type of alcohol.** These kids already have enough problems and we do not want to show them bad examples of any kind.

I am also running a charter trip for fluke on the MiJo out of Atlantic Highlands leaving at 7:00 a.m. on July 19<sup>th</sup>. I would very much appreciate your letting me know that you are coming on the trip, and paying me \$55 at our May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting so that I know how many members from our club are going on it. This trip also includes beer, water and the pool.

Also, member Mark Capalbo is running a club charter on the Eagle for fluke on August 18<sup>th</sup> leaving at 7:00: a.m. out of Atlantic Highlands. He would also very much appreciate your telling him at our May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting if you want to go on it and paying the \$60 cost for the trip. Mark can also be reached at (201) 313-6576 so that you can reserve your spot on this trip.

These are big boats and we want to have them filled with our club members and their guests. We not want to wait until the last minute to determine who is coming on these trips. Fishing is what our club is all about, **SO GO FISHING! Thank You for your support!**



## Welcome Aboard!

Please welcome new club member Paul Kwiecien of Fairlawn!

## April 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting - Captain John Koliass Reel Fun Fishing

Captain John Koliass from Reel Fun Fishing Charters was our guest speaker and he gave us a very informative presentation on how to jig for fluke. A lot of us drag our baits for fluke and that is also a very productive way to catch them. However, jigging for them with a teaser tied about a foot from the bottom jig is a relatively new way of fishing for fluke and that is what Captain John specializes in with his charters. His presentation also covered relevant information about tides, what baits and jigs to use. Our members really enjoyed his presentation and Captain John signed up two new charters at the end our meeting. We have four charters with Captain John and we may sign up for more of them. If you are interested, give Jim Zimmer, our Charter Trip Chairman, a call at (201) 666-5423

## May 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Speaker – Captain Frank Tenore

Captain Frank Tenore excels at fishing for stripers and he will give us a power point presentation on the fine points of catching stripers that are coming into our waters with full force. Our club members have had many charter trips with Captain Frank and those of us who have fished with him can testify that we have had great striper fishing trips with him. We have not only limited out with him, but we caught so many stripers that we were just catching them and releasing them for the fun of it. Captain Frank will give you many pointers to put more stripers in your cooler! Don't miss this meeting!



## June 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting, Speaker – Captain Allen Gonzalez

Captain Gonzalez loves his fluke fishing and he will talk about his tricks to get the big ones in our coolers.



## IN MEMORIAM – MIKE RIESS

We are so saddened to learn of the passing of our club member Mike Riess who died on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Mike loved his fishing and he looked forward to it, especially on the striped bass charter trips with Captain Frank Tenore. Members Bill Busch, Scott Richardson, Rich Bunger, Jim Zimmer and John Toth attended his wake. John Toth led a special club ceremony in his honor and talked about his fishing experiences with Mike. On one of our trips with Captain Frank, Mike caught a 40 lb. sturgeon and we took a picture of Mike with it before the sturgeon was released. That picture was on the cover of our January 2012 bulletin and we took that bulletin with us and placed it in his casket. In lieu of flowers, Mike asked his family to send donations to our club.

May you rest in peace Mike and enjoy your fishing trips along with the angels!

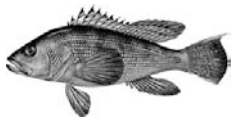
### Caught catching out of season sea bass

More Trouble for the Bogan Fleet. Trouble sometimes comes not only once, but several times. The Jamaica, as reported in last month's bulletin, was caught keeping illegal sea bass and the captain may still face stiff fines for filling up coolers with this fish. Now, Mr. William Howard Bogan and his daughter Sharon pleaded guilty to tax evasion charges in federal court. IRS agents went into their home and seized documents that showed them under reporting income from 2004 to 2009, and keeping another set of books. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are owed to the IRS from the Jamaica fleet. They face fines of \$250,000 and 5 years in prison. Sentencing is scheduled for October 1<sup>st</sup>. Of course, this type of business is mostly in cash and their tax returns showed them not making too much revenue. That was a red flag that caught the attention of the IRS. Greed is not good!

### New Sea Bass Regulations

There were two options for the NJ Marine Fisheries Council to consider and they are:

**12.5 inches – 25 fish – May 19 – Oct. 14 & Nov. 1- Dec. 31**



## Raffle Tickets – Come on Members!

At our June 19<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will be drawing the winners of our raffle contest. There are some nice prizes to be won, so get in the game before time runs out! June 19<sup>th</sup> is almost around the corner and before you know it, we will be pulling out those winning tickets. Proceeds from the raffle go to pay our club expenses like hall rental, speaker fees and other expenses. See Rich Bunger at our May meeting to pick up your tickets or call him at (201) 825-8347 to order them. Tickets sales have slowed a little and we need your help to make our raffle successful. We would like to have all members to sell at least one book (\$10) or as many as you can. The prizes are:

1. **6 Hour fishing trip on the Fins & Feathers**
2. **32" LCD HDTV**
3. **Shimano Reel and Tsunami Rod combo**
4. **Penn 320 GT2 Reel and Ugly Stick Rod combo**
5. **Two tickets for the Fisherman Party Boat**
6. **\$50 Gift Certificate for the Ramsey Outdoor Tackle Store**
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### Fishing Management Issues – by John Toth


**Pots Off The Reef Bill** – We have been trying to get this bill past for almost six years and even though we muster overwhelming support for it (54 Assemblymen & Assemblywomen last year) we can't get the issue resolved to our satisfaction because the commercials block it in the NJ Assembly. This is politics at its worse and that is why politicians (especially our US Congress) are receiving such low ratings by the public in over 100 years! As it stands now, DEP Commissioner Martin wants to propose a compromise solution so that both the commercial and recreational anglers have access to the reefs. There is talk about having the commercials having access on the two reefs in NJ's waters at specific locations. Also, a new reef would be built for exclusive use by recreational anglers to compensate us for the spaces used by the commercials on the two reefs in question. This solution would not solve the problem since the commercials would retain total usage of the two reefs due to the lack of enforcement. Federal law stipulates that the reefs must be accessible to all that use them. Having specific zones set up for the commercials would violate this regulation and future federal funding to build new reefs could be jeopardized. Public pressure to finally resolve this issue is building (those postcards, petitions and letters you filled out do help) and we may see some type of action soon. More info to follow as this frustrating story unfolds.





## Upcoming Events and Fish Trips for 2012.


Club member and past President Tom Siciliano moved down to Tuckerton, and he also belongs to the Sunrise Fishing club. Tom is running three charters and our club members are also welcome to go on it since his club can use more anglers to fill up the trips. If interested, please call him at the number listed below to reserve your spot. Our club may have a fishing contest for fluke on August 11<sup>th</sup> with a weigh station at the Highlands. Details about it will be in the June newsletter

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Striped Bass Trip – Fins On Feathers - John Piazza – (201) 843-1941 

May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Fluke Trip on Reel Fun Fishing – Jim Zimmer – (201) 666-5423 


May 26<sup>th</sup> – Fluke Trip – Katie James – Jim Zimmer – (201) 666-5423 


June 5<sup>th</sup> – Fluke Trip – Reel Fun Fishing – Jim Zimmer – (201) 666-5423 

**Wednesdays Fluke Charters** - June & July- Katie James – Art Lein (201) 696-7592 


June 7<sup>th</sup> – Fluke Walk on Trip on The Prowler – Jim Zimmer (201) 666-5423 


**June 11<sup>th</sup> – Fluke Charter Trip for Disadvantaged kids on the MiJo** 


June 24<sup>th</sup> – Fluke Trip – Katie James – Jim Zimmer (201) 666-5423 


July 7<sup>th</sup> – Fluke Trip – Katie James – Jim Zimmer (201) 666-5423 


July 14<sup>th</sup> – Sandy Hook Bay Anglers Fluke Tournament – Jim Zimmer 

July 17<sup>th</sup> – Fluke Trip – Reel Class Fishing – Jim Zimmer (201) 666-5423 

July 19<sup>th</sup> – Fluke Trip – MiJo – Chuck Santoro – (201) 446-9047 


July 25<sup>th</sup> – Fluke Trip – MiMi VI – Tom Siciliano (732) 267-6451 

August 15<sup>th</sup> – Fluke Trip – MiMi VI – Tom Siciliano (732) 267-6451 

August 18<sup>th</sup> – Fluke Trip - The Eagle - Mark Capalbo – (201) 313-6576 

September 12<sup>th</sup> – Fluke Trip – Mary M (Barnegat Light) – Tom Siciliano 

October 27 – Striped Bass Trip – Fins On Feathers – John Piazza – (201) 843-1941 

November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Striped Bass Trip – MiJo – Andy Dixon – (201) 843-8115 

November 24<sup>th</sup> – Blackfish Trip – Fins On Feathers – John Piazza – (201) 843-1941 

## More Fishing Management Issues by John Toth

**Blackfish** – There was a mistake by management officials made in the amount of blackfish that was caught by us in 2011, so an adjustment is being made in our quota for 2012 that is in our favor. While these new regulations have not been officially approved, they are expected to be accepted by fishing management. All options have a **15 inch minimum size limit**.

January 1 to January 29<sup>th</sup> – 4 Fish

March 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> – Closed

April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup> – 4 Fish

May 1<sup>st</sup> to July 16<sup>th</sup> – Closed

July 17<sup>th</sup> to November 15<sup>th</sup> – 1 Fish

November 16<sup>th</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> – 6 Fish

**Sea Bass**- Again, while not receiving final approval from our NJ Marine Fisheries Council that will meet on May 10<sup>th</sup>, the JCAA at its April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting reviewed the options available and voted for Option # 2. This option would allow sea bass to be caught from May 19<sup>th</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup>, September 23<sup>rd</sup> through October 14<sup>th</sup>, and from November 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>. This option would allow 191 days of fishing and it is the best option to give anglers something to fish for when the fluke season closes on September 25<sup>th</sup>. **All options have a 12.5 inch minimum size limit with at 25-fish possession limit.**

### SWABC Items for Sale

At our meeting, these items that are available and we will take orders from members on what you want to purchase. Also, if you have any new ideas for new fund risers for our club, including special fishing trips, Please talk to our president or any of our board members. The items follow are available:

*SWABC Sweat Shirt - \$20 each*

*Large & Extra Large Tee Shirts - \$10 each*

*2 Extra Large & 3 Extra large Tee Shirts - \$15 each*

(For an extra \$5.00 you can order these shirts with a large club logo on the back, and you can have your name, the even, type of fish you caught, size and date!)

*Sample Back Logo*

*SWABC Hats - \$10*

*SWABC Bait pail & lid - \$3*

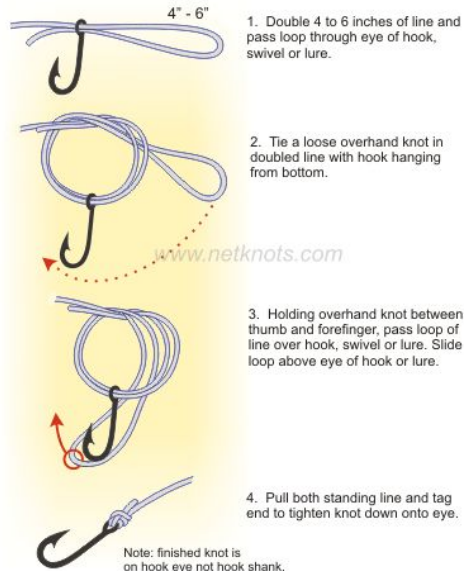
*Hand Towels with clip - \$3*

*Bumper Stickers \$1*

*Window Stickers 50 cents.*

### PALOMAR KNOT

A popular and easy to tie knot for small terminal tackle connections. It is one of the few recommended knots for use with braided lines.



Note: finished knot is on hook eye not hook shank.

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### Big Fishing Contest

The new 2012 fishing season is about to begin and now is the time to review our club's fishing contest categories and appropriate weights. When you catch a nice fish that you may think that has a chance to win in the following categories, please fill out our club's affidavit form. Your fish has to be verified on the affidavit form. That verification can be done by getting the signature of a boat captain, a tackle shop owner or at least another club member or person that can verify that you caught the fish. Member Bob Kreger has the affidavits and you can pick them up with Bob at our May meeting. The affidavits can also be accessed on line at our website swabc.org.

	Species	Min/Wt	Your Fish Wt	Angler
1	Blackfish	4		
2	Bluefish	12		
3	Cod Fish	10		
4	Flounder	1 1/2		
5	Fluke	4		
6	Ling	3		
7	Pollock	10		
8	Porgy	1 1/2		
9	Sea Bass	2		
10	Striped Bass	12		
11	Weakfish	3		

### Fish vs. Water Temperature

Blackfish-- - 48-52    Mackerel- -46-48    Cod-----42-45    Sea Bass--- --48-60    Flounder-- --48-52    Whiting-----42-45  
 Fluke-----55-70    Blues-----55-72    Ling-----45-47    Weaks-----56-68

### Membership Application for the Saltwater Anglers of Bergen County

Mail To: *American Legion Hall Post # 170, 33 West Passaic Street, Rochelle Park, N.J. 07622*

Please enclose a check or money order in the amount of \$30.00 for a one-year membership, into New Jersey's #1 Salt Water Fishing Club.

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## Good Recipe for Grilling Striped Bass – By John Toth

While on a fishing trip with **Captain Frank Tenore on the Fins on Feathers** and crew, I asked Captain Frank how he cooks the striped bass he catches. He told me how and this is this is way I do it based on what Captain Frank told me. This is now the season to catch striped bass and this recipe works very well on the grill. Use fillets that are about 2 inches thick or more

- Clean the fish & place the fish on paper towels to get the water out of them so that they absorb whatever marinade or sauce that you want to cook them with it (top & bottom) to get all the water out of the fish. I only use the fillets, with **no** skin on them.
- Place the bass in a container (baking dish) so that it lays flat and marinade it with Italian salad dressing. Do not use too much salad dressing, just enough to wet the fillets. Also, turn the fish over so that the under side gets marinade on it. Marinade the fish around 5 hrs. before grilling.
- Heat up the grill before grilling the fish. Then turn off to let it cool, then spray the grill with a cooking oil.
- Heat the grill back to 400 degrees and then set the fish on the grill. After about two minutes, I wet the fish with marinade. Then, using a turner/spatula to move the fish about an inch or so. This keeps the fish does not stick/weld on the hot grill that locks in the juices. Grill one side of the fish for about 7 minutes. Then I baste some marinade on the fish and then flip the fish over and repeat the moving of the fish after two minutes (just enough marinade to keep the fish moist).
- Grill the fish for about 12 –14 minutes total. Do not overcook fish!
- Chilled white wine and a salad go very nice with the bass. ENJOY!

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