

# Bulletin

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## April 25<sup>th</sup> Blackfish Trip



From the left; Fred Villanova, John Farrell, Bob Goldstein, Don Lohse, Lou Castellano & John Toth. Totals: 11 Tog & 5 Cod fish aboard the *Sea Owl* out of Point Pleasant. Capt. Christopher Dos Santos Jr.

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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 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 and participation if you choose in our 50/50 and dark horse drawings. Welcome all; we hope you enjoy the evening.

## President's Corner

Since the striped bass season is starting to open up, we had Captain Greg DEMello as our guest speaker to give us a presentation on his tips to catch this tasty fish. He showed us how he uses various Flutter Spoons to their maximum advantage to hook the bass. He casts a large net to capture bunker and this fresh bait lands many bass. He gave us a very informative presentation on catching striped bass that will be useful for us in targeting this fish. Captain De Mello operate his **ANDREASTOYCHARTERSNJ** and he can be reached at (201) 421-8653 to set up a charter with him.

Tom Bornemann had a **Big Smile** on his face when I handed the envelope as the lucky winner of our 50/50 drawing. Tom seems to be one lucky guy with his winning our Dark Horse and 50/50! As the saying goes, "you have to be in it to win it."

Nico made us a tasty pork dish with small potatoes, salad green beans and brownies. Thanks Nico!

I was glad to see both **Bob Wojtasek** and **Kevin Morgan** at our April meeting! Both members have been having health issues! Member Bill Fish sent me an email on a birthday celebration by Bob Cameron who was a long time member of our club and who also has medical issues. I have written a column about Bob that is in another section of this newsletter.

### Speaker for our May 16th Meeting – Dave Lilly

Dave is a very experienced angler for catching fluke and he has won many fishing tournament for fluke. Dave will get us prepared to catch some nice fluke when the season opens up for it. He is always an interesting speaker and he has a wealth of knowledge to share with us and help us to improve our fishing skills.

Fishing is a very dynamic sport and we can all learn from each other on the best ways to catch this favorite fish!

Also at this May 16th meeting we will be pulling the winning tickets for our club's raffle prizes. **All tickets must be turned in at this meeting** to be eligible to win these prizes. **Our meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and so that there is not a crush to turn in your tickets, please arrive a little early so that all tickets can be handled easily.**

### Speaker for our June 20 Meeting – Peter Clarke

New Jersey has one of if not the best artificial reef programs along our east coast. Fish are always trying to evade their predators and the artificial reefs give them the cover to do it. Peter Clarke is the NJ DEP's Director of its artificial reef program and his presentation will show how valuable our reefs are to our fishing opportunities. This will be a very interesting topic for us anglers and don't miss it!

## NJ Saltwater Registry

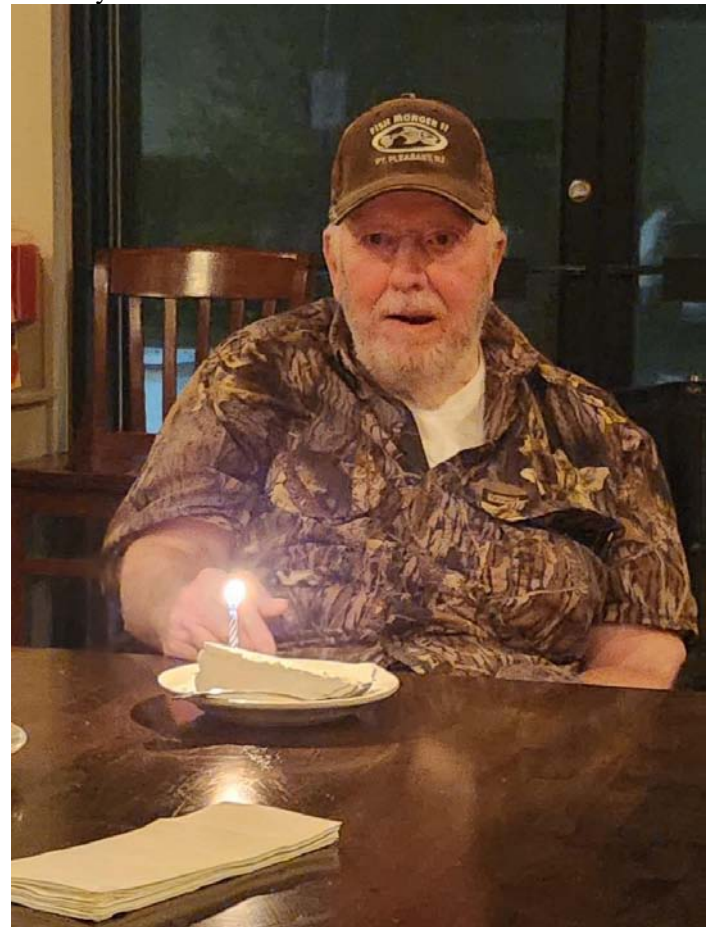
When it comes to distributing federal funding or having political clout during discussions with members of other states during fishing management meetings, our state is under represented since it only has about **140,000 registered** anglers. Other states with lower populations than New Jersey have more registered anglers and receive more federal funding than ours. When it comes to political clout, New Jersey can claim it has only 140,000 anglers while other states can show it has much more anglers than us even though we have a much larger population.

Some anglers are under the mistaken perception that they only need to register once with our state. Registration in New Jersey is required **each year** and it is free. There are fines if anglers are not registered properly and information about why anglers need to be registered can be found at the registry's website.

To register for New Jersey go to:  
[www.saltwaterregistry.nj.gov](http://www.saltwaterregistry.nj.gov).

## Happy Birthday Bob!

Bob Cameron is restricted from fishing for medical reasons but has caught huge fish that were all entered in our club's Big Fish Derby, Winning 6 times since 2015 in 4 different fish categories. Captain Jerry Posterino of the Fishmonger (not pictured) was with Bob to celebrate his birthday.



## Fishing Trips – 2023

John Piazza is running two trips on the Fins on Feathers (Captain Frank Tenore) and is looking for members to join him.

The trips are June 10th for sea bass & November 18 for blackfish. John can be reached at (201) 647-5350 or at [swabc@verizon.net](mailto:swabc@verizon.net).

May 27th – Club Charter Trip for sea bass on the **Bingo** - this trip sails from the Leonardo State Marina. Trip Captain is **Ralph DeJulia** and he can be reached at (201) 206-4506 or at [newknee22@yahoo.com](mailto:newknee22@yahoo.com). Fare is \$100 including tip

An inter-club fishing trip between our club and the Hudson River Fishermen's club (HRFA) is being planned in August aboard the Last Lady.

**Youth Outreach Trip – July 19th with the Garfield YMCA Youth group on the MiJo.**

More trips are in the process of being pulled together and they will be announced at our meetings or in our club's newsletter.

## Club Raffle Prizes

The drawing of raffle tickets will be held at the **May 16th meeting**, at the American Legion Post # 170.

**All raffle tickets must be returned so that people who bought them can be eligible to win our raffle prizes!**

Return your tickets at our club's May 16th meeting or mail them to:

American Legion Post # 170  
33 West Passaic Street  
c/o SWABC  
Rochelle Park, NJ 07662

## For Sale

*1999 Seaswirl Striper 21' Cuddy Cabin*

*Johnson 150 Outboard, Sea Lion 2-Axle Trailer. All Equipment You'll Need-- Plus Extras*

**Great First Boat.** . EXTREMELY low hours. Excellent gas mileage. Package Deal Only.

Lowrance GPS/Fish Finder, Uniden Handheld Radio, All lines, boat poles, anchors, life preservers, etc.

Live baitwell, washdown pump, sleep-in cuddy cabin.

Best Offer for Boat, Trailer and ALL gear.

Please contact by email (Jonesy is deaf) and he'll call you back. [talumijo@gmail.com](mailto:talumijo@gmail.com)



## Our Club Youth Outreach Trip – July 19th

We will be taking youths from the Garfield YMCA on the MiJo that leaves from Atlantic Highlands starting around 8:00 a.m. Our club sponsors this trip and our members show the youths how to catch fluke and many of these youths become quite good at it! These youths have a day of fun and get in touch with nature instead of being glued with their phones and computers. They get so excited while even catching a skate or a shark! Hopefully, they will become involved in fishing and we need young people to take up with this sport!

The MiJo has a nice galley and you can get good breakfast sandwiches and hot dogs/burgers for lunch or you can bring your own food. **Do not bring any alcohol on board!** We do not to show them that drinking alcohol is OK

Member Tom Tyls is taking names of club members who want to volunteer their time to assist these youths in catching fish. See Tom to sign up for this trip at our May 16th meeting. Tom can also be reached at (201) 575-3740 or at [tatys@aol.com](mailto:tatys@aol.com).

Our club sponsors this trip and it costs our club approximately \$2,000 to do it and it is worth every penny since it brings joy to youths. The money for this trip comes from our treasury which supported by club dues, selling of raffle tickets at trade shows & club events like the club auction on fishing gear and our Flea Market.

## John Farrell with a nice Blackfish



## **Report on NOAA's Efforts to Promote Aquaculture**

**By John Toth**

Aquaculture plays a big part in our world's food supply and to learn more about it, I signed on to a February 24th ZOOM meeting with the title "NOAA's Work to Foster Sustainable Marine Aquaculture" as part of Rutgers' Marine Seminar series. The speaker for this meeting was Danielle Blacklock, Director of NOAA's Office of Agriculture. The moderator for this meeting was Professor Doug Zemeckis who introduced Ms Blacklock. Ms. Blacklock proceeded to explain why aquaculture is so important to our country and, even the world, and NOAA's role in supporting it. She made the following points:

Global demand for seafood is growing and we will need an additional 40 million tons of it in 20 years.

About 70% of seafood Americans eat is imported from other countries and one-half of that is grown from aquaculture.

Aquaculture can give access to nutrient rich seafood for a healthy diet that can reduce risks of heart attacks by 37% and depression by 20 % if fish is eaten at least twice a week.

Aquaculture is good for our economy and creates jobs and helps to lower our country's 16.billion seafood trade deficit. It also creates export opportunities.

Aquaculture helps to stabilize our nation's seafood supply in the face of climate change that threatens the global food production system.

In the top aquaculture producers worldwide, the top three are China, Indonesia, and India. USA ranks 17, behind North Korea, Brazil and Ecuador. (Being behind a country like North Korea is somewhat disconcerting!). However, this also shows that there is a lot of potential for growth in the aquaculture industry in our country.

In comparison to other countries, our country's aquaculture industry is small but it is growing. Looking at 2018 statistics for marine and freshwater national totals, the value of this industry was \$1.5 billion, up 1.8% from 2017. Production was 680 million pounds, up 7.8 % from 2017.

By region in the USA – the Atlantic coast has the most aquaculture development of 41%, followed by the Pacific region of 36% and the Gulf States by 23%.

Constraints on the aquaculture industry include the regulatory process, conflicting coastal uses and social issues. The regulations to receive approval to develop new aquaculture sites are daunting with a myriad of agencies that must give their approval. Coastal uses involve shipping lanes and local land uses that would interfere with the space required for farming. While farmed fish are safe to eat, a number of people still refuse to eat it since they believe it is not safe or does not taste right.

What is NOAA doing to promote the aquaculture industry

in our country? This would take a lot of space to cover in a comprehensive manner, but I will only provide the highlights of them. Ms. Blacklock indicated that there is a Whitehouse National Science and Technology Council Subcommittee on Aquaculture with its focus on expanding aquaculture in our country. It will streamline the permitting process required for new farms, improve farming through science-based techniques (reduce disease) and develop an economic plan with local and state officials to show the benefits of aquaculture by job creation, grants and other benefits they stand to gain.

### **Questions**

What about farming for tuna? Answer – tuna farming has proven to be very difficult with very little success making it a costly endeavor.

What about escaped fish from the farms and interbreeding with pure stock? Answer- there have been some instances of fish escaping but not creating a problem of any magnitude.

Is the feed used in fish farms safe? Answer –for the most part in our country the feed is safe but in other countries the feed is not. We are looking at using algae that is nutritious and abundant.

How about storms? Answer – we are looking at various techniques to better protect the farms from storms including the use of drop cages that are sunk with the advent of storms.

Do you set up fish farms near oil rigs? Answer – absolutely not, because of safety issues and possible contamination issues.

Sea Lice - I wanted to ask a question about sea lice that are a threat to farmed fish housed in close quarters, but was unable to do so because of time limits to the ZOOM meeting.

Ms. Blacklock thanked us for taking the time to listen to her presentation and she said that she enjoyed giving her presentation on aquaculture to us.

There were 77 participants on this ZOOM call).

## **Welcome Aboard! Philip Busardo - Lodi**

### **Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament – May 21st**

The annual Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament will be held on Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> at Island Beach State Park. The hours are 6:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lots of nice prizes to be won. Register prior to the event by calling (609) 748-4347.












### **Fishing pictures Wanted**

Our club's newsletter has a lot of club information, but pictures of our club members catching fish in it makes the newsletter more dynamic and interesting. Please email pictures of your fish to John Toth at

[tothjohn@verizon.net](mailto:tothjohn@verizon.net)

# 2023 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. Dues card number must be on the submitted application (Dues number can be obtained from our Membership Secretary)
5. 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		
	BLUEFISH	12		
	COD FISH	10		
	FLOUNDER	1.5 lbs.		
	FLUKE	4		
	LING	2		
	POLLOCK	10		
	PORGY	1.5 lbs.		
	SEA BASS	2		
	STRIPED BASS	12		
	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: \_\_\_\_\_

Port: \_\_\_\_\_

Where caught: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Angler \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIES**

**LBS.**

**OZS**

Witnessed by: \_\_\_\_\_

1. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

## One-Pan Gnocchi & Shrimp Scampi – By John Toth

### Ingredients:

- 3 Tbls. Olive oil
- 1 lb. gnocchi (I used frozen & it came in a 20 oz. package that worked well)
- 2 Tbls. Unsalted butter
- 4 garlic cloves finely grated or chopped well
- ½ cup of dry white wine or clam juice (I used wine)
- ½ tsp. red pepper flakes
- 1 lb. raw shrimp – large or extra large shelled & deveined
- 1 lemon (grate it first to make lemon zest & cut in half to squeeze for juice)
- 1/2 cup chopped parsley
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. black pepper

### Preparation:

- Add olive oil to skillet & when hot add gnocchi
- Break up gnocchi stuck together & fry for about 10 minutes and tossing until golden brown (add olive oil if necessary). Transfer to bowl to keep warm.
- In the same skillet over medium heat, add butter & let melt a few seconds, garlic to sauté a few seconds, wine, red pepper, salt, black pepper & stir for about 2 minutes
- Add shrimp & cook until pink
- Return gnocchi to pan & stir
- Add parsley, lemon zest & lemon juice & stir a few minutes and serve

Have everything ready before starting this dish since shrimp cooks fast. Have your side dishes ready.

## 12-Year Old Boy Catches a Great White Shark

Campbell Keenan from Massachusetts caught a Great White Shark off Florida's coast that weighed about **400 lbs.** He used tuna as bait and fought it for 45 minutes to bring it in. The shark was tagged and set free. The boy will remember that fishing experience for a lifetime!

### A Joke for Kids

**Jack:** Why didn't Noah do much fishing on the ark?

**Jill:** Search me. Why?

**Jack:** He had only two worms.

## Fred Villanova with a keeper Cod



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

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

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_