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Results from Quincy Bay Flounder Trip in May

(we limited out – 48 flounder)

Chuck Santoro, Don Loche, Lou Castellano, Fred Villanova, Barry Paull, Harry Vogt



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

President's Corner

The speaker for our May 21st meeting was our good friend Dave Lilly who gave us pointers on how to purchase tackle at reasonable prices, especially for fluke fishing. For example, instead of purchasing expensive fluorocarbon leader, use mono since fluke are not leader shy. Go to Asian food markets to purchase bait and freeze it. Many times, he has encountered bait from tackle shops that are expensive and of poor quality. Gulp is around \$9 a package because of inflation and can be obtained much cheaper by going online. Dave has won many fluke tournaments and I know that we learned a lot of buying tackle at cheaper prices and catching more fluke. By the way, Dave had a lot of dental work and was not in the best shape to be at our meeting, but he came anyway because he keeps his appointments and does not want to miss an opportunity to be a speaker at our club.

At this meeting, we drew the tickets for our club's raffle and the winners of this raffle are posted in another section of this newsletter. Incredibly, three of our club members won prizes and they were at this meeting to accept them. Our members sold a lot of tickets at two winter trade shows, yet three of our members were lucky winners. Thank all of you for participating in our club's raffle program.

Nico was at his best by making spareribs for us and including salad and delicious cake. Thanks again Nico!

Our 50/50 was won by **Ralph DeJuia** who is a lucky guy since he has a knack for winning Dark Horse and 50/50s. You have to be in it to win it!

Pictures – with the upcoming start of the 2024 fishing season, please send me pictures of the fish that you catch. I would like to place them in our club newsletters and pictures to make our newsletters more dynamic and interesting! Please send them to me at tothjohn@verizon.net.

June 18th Meeting – Fluke Seminar by Alan Lee

Captain Alan Lee (also a representative of Shimano) will give us a presentation on his best techniques to catch fluke. This is the type of presentation that anglers pay to see along with other professional anglers at fishing seminars. Captain Alan was at our club last year and gave us a presentation on catching tuna.

July 16th Meeting – Captain Ryan Burlew – Lobster & Fish Trip Combo

Captain Burlew purchased the lobster business formerly owned by Captain Fahey (Curlaw) who developed serious health issues. Captain Ryan will talk about his new business and will sign up charters at this meeting for members who want to catch lobsters and then fish for fluke or sea bass

August 20th Meeting – Michael Sardinas – Surf Fishing Presentation

Michael Sardinas gives an excellent presentation on surf fishing and he will get us prepared to fish the surf for the upcoming fall season. A lot of what Michael covers can also be applied to fishing by boat.

Recap of Club's May 18th Sea Bass Trip on the Bingo

In one word – disappointing! For Whatever reason, the captain did not position us on where we were supposed to be to catch sea bass. While some sea bass was caught, the numbers were small and nobody caught their limit of 10 sea bass. The captain indicated that he received incorrect information on the location where sea bass could be caught, but that did not help us in catching these tasty fish. Sometimes you win and sometimes you lose, but we did not win on this trip.

Welcome Aboard 2 New members: Jim Van Bensalier from Maywood Don Rock from Wallington

Glenn Peckel with a 2 lb. 9 oz. winter flounder – Big Fish Derby leader



Upcoming Club Events

July 18th – Club Charter on the MiJo to take youths from Garfield YMCA

Fluke Trip – August 3rd - new club charter trip on the Bingo. Ralph DeJulia Trip Captain.

Ralph DeJulia can be reached at (201) 206-4506 or newknee22@yahoo.com. The Bingo holds 25 anglers comfortably. 17 members have already signed up for this trip.

July 18th Youth Outreach charter trip on the MiJo

Member Tom Tyls will be taking names of club members who want to volunteer their time to assist youths from the Garfield YMCA in catching fish. Contact Tom to sign up for this trip at (201) 575-3740 or at tatys@aol.com. Our club has been taking kids on fishing trips for many years so that they can have fun and learn how to fish.

This is a fun trip and we will leave the dock around 7:30 – 8:00 a.m. The MiJo has a nice galley and breakfast and lunch will be available. The MiJo will be back at the dock around 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Our club has received **\$2,000** from club member **Alex Rubino** and we are certainly grateful to receive his generous donation that will bring joy to the many youths that will be on this trip. This donation will cover the cost of this trip. **Thank You so much Alex for supporting this trip!**

Inter Club Fishing Trip – SWABC vs. HRFA

Our club and the Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) will have a friendly competition on which club can catch the biggest fluke. Date to be determined in the latter part of July on the Last Lady

Ralph DeJulia & Ray Pharaoh with Rick Swarthe



Club Raffle Winners

1. **Charter Fishing Trip on the Fins on Feathers Charters - \$800 value**
Captain Frank Tenore - 125 Concord Ave., Leonardo, NJ. – Rodrick Hickson – Passaic, NJ
2. **JW Night Ranger Rod, Diawa & Saltiga Star Reel – \$690 Value – Rick Reitano, Bergenfield, NJ**
3. **JW Nexus Rod & Diawa, Lexa Reel - \$380 value – Glenn Peckel, Little Egg Harbor, NJ**
4. **Apple I Pad (Generation 10) 64 gig with wifi –\$400value – Nick Casamassimo, Dumont, NJ**
5. **2 Tickets for the Party Boat “Fisherman”- \$200 value – Sue Reitano, Bergenfield, NJ**
6. **Gift Certificate – Jigging World, 175 Rt.17, Rochelle Park, NJ 07667 - \$100 Value, John Ward, Fairlawn, NJ**
7. **Gift Certificate – Jigging World, 175 Rt. 17, Rochelle Park, NJ – 07667- \$100 value – George Best, Cresskill, NJ**

Orcas are attacking boats

In the past 5 years, orcas have been ramming, and in some cases, sinking expensive yachts, fishing boats, motorboats off the coast of Spain, Portugal, France and Morocco. This is not a rare occurrence since **more than 673 boats have been attacked since 2020!**

An international group of experts met in February and released a report why this is happening and what can be done to stop it. The report indicated that it is being done by **bored teenage orcas** looking for something to do. The orcas interact with vessels to be enriched by this experience. Overall, the incidents have mostly involved juveniles who are more playful in approaching boats and usually target the boat's rudders and have been seen playing with pieces of the rudders.

This international group discussed methods to deter orcas from ramming boats. Since orcas hate jellyfish, boaters are encouraged to add flowing pieces of jellyfish behind their rudders to ward off orcas from hitting them. Using jellyfish seems to be effective since ramming incidents have been decreased.

Why orcas, (are not actually killer whales but are the largest member of the dolphin family) are ramming boats because they are bored is just a theory. More research is needed to determine why this is happening.

(Asbury Park Press, May 28, 2024)

Note: Why can't these orca parents control their unruly teenagers!



Giant Windmills Crumple to the Ground

By John Toth

A tornado on May 14th hit southwest Iowa and brought down three windmills that were in a string of them with a height of 250 feet. They were knocked to the ground and engulfed in flames.

Wind turbine towers are now built to withstand events like tornadoes, hurricanes and typhoons because of advances in technology since the early designs of the 1990's. They have built in mechanisms to lock and feather the blades and changing their angles when winds reach 55 miles per hour. This reduces the surface area of the blades pointed toward the wind.

In Iowa, they think windmills are giants since they are 250 feet high. The windmills planned for off our coastline are 850 feet high! That is half the size of the Freedom Tower in lower Manhattan and they can be classified as Giants!

At 850 feet high, think of the surface area that would be exposed to hurricanes that would come up our coast and many are predicted for this year. What if we experience another storm like Sandy?

If a tornado can bring down a 250-foot windmill in Iowa that is designed so that does not happen, can 850-foot windmills stand up when similar storms batter our shoreline? I shudder to think of the environmental and navigational damage if these huge windmills are brought down by storms in our ocean for years to come. (New York Times, May 21, 2024)

Nick Casamassimo with a nice sea bass



Sick Call

Captain Kevin Fahey, former owner of the Curlew who did the lobster/fish combo, became very ill and forced him to sell his business. He had a very bad health issue especially in January of this year. Fortunately, Captain Fahey is on the mend and we wish him a fast and full recovery!

A 200 Lb. Alligator Snapping Turtle Caught

A Kentucky angler, Art Weston, a holder of several world fishing records, caught a **200 Lb. plus** prehistoric looking Alligator Snapping Turtle in Sam Rayburn Lake in Texas. He hooked it in its claw and had to be very careful removing the hook since the turtle could easily snap off all of his fingers. Catching this huge turtle gave him another world record with the International Fishing Game Association (IGFA). This turtle was safely released to enjoy open waters again.

Last year, he caught a **293 Lb. alligator** in the same lake on **the 6 lb. fishing line** that took him 1 hour and 30 minutes to bring it in. He received another world record from the IGFA for the tackle he used to catch this huge alligator. Source: Fox News, May 4th










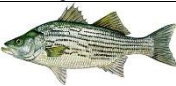

Lou Castellano with a nice fluke and only fluke caught on the Bingo



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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		
	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 _____

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