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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

Our guest speaker for July's 20th meeting was George Browne who gave an excellent presentation on where to fish at Island Beach State Park and the many amenities it has to offer to the public. This Park is really a jewel for New Jersey's residents!

I needed to have a laptop and a projector for George to do his presentation and member Arnie Ulrich stepped up to the plate to help me out by borrowing his daughter's projector and a laptop from the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA) for this meeting. **Thanks Arnie** for making the presentation for this meeting work!

Both Arnie and Bob Goldstein donated fishing rigs to add to our Dark Horse and **Thank You** for your donations! Bill Fish brought plates of candy to sweeten us up and we all enjoyed them! **Thanks Bill!**

Nico made delicious sausage & pepper heroes for us with salad and brownies. What a treat! **Thanks Nico!** Member **Rich Melton** went home richer by winning our **50/50** prize of **\$210!**

An informative meeting along with good food and fellowship of our members and that's what our club is all about!

Also, send me pictures of your fishing trips so I can place them in our newsletters. I may not post them as soon as I get them because of spatial limitations in our newsletter. Send them to me at tothjohn@verizon.net.

Additionally, let me know of any speakers you think may be good to have at our club meetings. Just let me know and I will take it from there

Speaker for our August 17th Meeting – John Tiedemann -Striped Bass life history, ecology and best practices for catch & release

John Tiedemann is the Assistant Dean at Monmouth University's School of Science and Director of Environmental Biology and Policy Program since 1978. His career has been dedicated to marine habitat and water quality. John has extensive knowledge on the best practices for the catch & release of striped bass and he will share his knowledge with us during a power point presentation at this informative meeting. So many striped bass die needlessly during their release and the right way to handle striped bass will save this fish for us and for future generations.

Speaker for our September 21 Meeting – Tony Maja

The Tony Maja name is associated with Bunker Spoons and other tackle. He has come out with a new product line of tackle that he is eager to present to us! Fishing is a dynamic sport with new lures to give us the edge we want to increase our fishing skills and Tony Maja will help us to do just that!

Fishing Trips by Club Member

Carmen Bufardecì

These trips, organized by Carmen, are **not** charter trips exclusively for club members. However, our club members are invited to fish with Carmen and his friends to fill out charters on the Fish Monger that sails from Point Pleasant. Please contact Carmen if you are interested to fish on the Fish Monger that takes about 10 anglers. The dates are:

November 23rd (Tuesday) – Blackfish (\$150 + tip for the mate)

December 21st (Tuesday) – Blackfish (\$150 = tip for the mate)

Carmen can be reached at (973) 214-4247 or cbufardecì@gmail.com

Mysterious Death of the Captain of Elaine B

By John Toth

Captain Stanley Zagleski of the party boat Elaine B in Atlantic Highlands, docked at Bahrs Landing Marina, was found floating in the river by Gateway Marina on July 21st. He was pulled from the water by a commercial fisherman who tried to perform CPR on him. The State Marine Police rushed him to the Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch, where he was pronounced dead. He was only 53 years old.

He had just taken over the business after his father, Stanley Zagleski Sr., who died in April at the age of 76. His father started the business in 1974 with the original Elaine B before purchasing the current Elaine B11 in 1986.

The cause of death is still under investigation. However, I learned from an anonymous source that Captain Stanley was diabetic and may have had a blackout causing him to fall in the water and drown. Whatever the cause of death, it is still a tragedy ending the life of a captain who had many good years ahead of him on the water.

The fate of the Elaine B 11 is uncertain since Captain Stanley was not married and from what I heard he does not have close kin to sail this ship again.

Captain Stanley, may you rest in peace!

Giant Sturgeon found in Detroit River

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife hooked a giant sturgeon in the Detroit River that weighed **240 pounds, measured nearly seven feet long and was estimated to be 100 years old.**

Officials said it was one of the largest lake sturgeon found in U.S. history (Weird, but True, New York Post 5/2/2021).

New Jersey Saltwater Registry

When it comes to distributing federal funding and having political clout during discussions with members of other states during fishing management meetings, our state is under represented since it only has about 250,000 **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 250,000 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**. To register for it go to:

nj.gov/dep/saltwaterregistry/

If you want to be registered for **New York's registry** it is also free. It is better to call them than going on line. Call them at (631) 654-2311.

New Jersey's Striped Bass Bonus program

The 2021 NJ Striped Bass Bonus Program re-opened on **May 15th** which provides a permit for anglers to retain one striped bass at **24 inches to less than 28 inches**. This permit can be obtained on line at: www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/bonusbas.htm through NJ's Division of Fish & Wildlife.

The American Angler Classic Surf Fishing Tournament on October 10th at Seaside Park, NJ

Men, women and kids are all welcome to participate at this surf contest that has \$2,500 in fishing prizes to be won and every kid walks away with away with a free fishing gift. There is 4X4 access and a free/optional Century Rod/Advanced Fishing – USA demo after this event. Go to www.AmericanAnglersus.com to download the application.

12 Accused of Illegally Trading Shark Fins

Federal authorities said that they have charged 12 people and seized \$8 million in cash, jewels and precious metals after disrupting a criminal enterprise that dealt in drugs and sold illegally harvested fins to buyers overseas.

U.S. Attorney Bobby Christine of Georgia Southern District said, "This operation is much more than disrupting the despicable practice of hacking the fins of sharks and leaving them to drown in the sea to create a bowl of soup."

Price of Seafood is Soaring

Seafood is disappearing from a number of restaurant menus from New York to Seattle because of surging wholesale costs and owners do not want to pass them on to customers. If they do, they will look like they are price gouging and will lose their customers. According to federal data from the Bureau of labor statistics, the wholesale cost of finfish and shell fish has gone up **18.8%** from June of last year. Those surging costs have led to hikes, at the menus, with the price of fish and seafood up 4.5 % over that same period, according to the most recent data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The cost of certain items has risen more drastically. In Atlanta, a restaurant owner of Iberian Pig indicated that that the price of halibut went from **\$16 a pound to \$28 a pound**. And blue crab has gone from **\$18 a pound to \$44 a pound!**

Why the increase in seafood prices? Due to severe labor shortages, restaurant owners had to raise wages to lure new chefs and servers. Prices on seafood **delivery boxes**, olive oil and tomatoes have gone up and have hurt the bottom line.

Also, fishing ports are overwhelmed due to labor shortages. A shortage of truck drivers has also hurt the distribution of seafood. Deliveries of seafood to restaurants are late or even none at all. There is even a shortage of fishermen because many have left the industry when demand for fresh fish fell during the pandemic, according to a report by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration. (New York Post, July 29, 2021).

Note: seafood is not the only food item that has increased in price. They have risen on many food items in super markets. The real question is when will this inflation abate or will it rise even further?

They're Hooked!

Fish can become addicted to methamphetamine building up in rivers.

Researchers from the Czech University in Prague put 40 brown trout in a tank of water with meth levels similar to drug –tainted waterways in the wilderness then transferred them to clean tanks after two months.

They then gave the fish a choice of water- and found the fish preferred the meth water. (Weird but True, New York Post, July 8, 2021).

Aran Setian
President of the HRFA
looks happy holding a nice tuna 45 lbs.



Don't Throw Them in the Water!

Discarded pet fish dumped in lakes and ponds in Minnesota have grown to the size of footballs and are threatening the local ecosystems. "Please don't release your pet goldfish into ponds and lakes" city officials warned in a tweet. Last November, officials removed at least **50,000** discarded goldfish from local waters. (Weird but True, New York Post, July 13, 2021).

May the holes in your net
be no larger than the fish in it"
Irish Blessing

**In Memoriam –
Jack Walker**

We are saddened to learn about the recent passing of club member Jack Walker. Jack loved his fishing and liked to go fishing with his club buddies who will really miss him. Jack was a Vietnam veteran serving in the US Army and he was engaged in a number of firefights that earned him a Purple Heart among other service medals. Jack was a hero among us and we never knew it until this information was revealed to us at his funeral service. **May you rest in peace Jack!**



Activists have their Claws out over Seafood

Boiling lobsters alive would be banned in the UK under new legislation that protects the "welfare – rights" of crustaceans and mollusks. Parliament is considering updating its Animal Welfare Bill – which defends against the inhumane treatment of creatures with backbones – to include invertebrates such as lobsters, crabs, octopuses and squid, which activists say can feel pain. (Weird but True, New York Post, July 8, 2021)

"It is not a fish until it is on the bank"
Irish proverb

2021 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	13.8 lbs.	Jim Catanzaro
	COD FISH	10		
	FLOUNDER	1.5 lbs.	2.9 lbs.	Bill Fish
	FLUKE	4	13.2 lbs.	Jeff Criswell Jr.
	LING	2		
	POLLOCK	10		
	PORGY	1.5 lbs.	2.75 lbs.	John Farrell
	SEA BASS	2	5.25 lbs.	Dominic Catalano
	STRIPED BASS	12	24.4 lbs.	Don Lohse
	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. _____

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Update on Bill A 1365 By John Toth

Bill (A) 1365 was passed out of the Assembly Agricultural Committee on June 14th with the purpose of banning competitive events for trappers and hunters in our state. The culprits behind this bill are the animal right activists who desire to end not only hunting, but eventually competitive fishing events in our state. They are well organized and spend a lot of energy and time in influencing our legislators to sponsor bills like this one. While the penalties may change for holding a competitive hunting event that has prize or monetary rewards, the penalties for violating this bill include:

A five-year suspension of hunting license/permit. A penalty of up to six months of imprisonment, a fine to \$1,000, or both. Originally, this bill included anglers, both fresh and saltwater, but they were removed from the bill since they would also be expected to fight its passage. The Fisherman magazine regularly lists saltwater tournaments and even sponsors a Dream Boat Tournament. Imagine if these tournaments would be canceled since they would be in violation of this bill! While we are presently not included in it, if hunters and trappers cannot hold competitive events, do you think anglers would not be the next target of animal right activists?

What can we do to stop this misguided legislation? Contact your legislators and tell them you want them to oppose the passage of Bill (A) 1365. As it now stands, the animal right activists claim that this bill protects bobcats, but bobcats are already protected in New Jersey. The version of this bill protects raccoons, skunks and coyotes, but 80% of rabies cases in our state are attributed to these animals. Hunting contests not only helps to reduce these predator populations, but they also help to procure samples that lead to mitigation processes.

Sometimes, legislators do not fully understand the consequences of the bills that they sponsor or sign on to. I have seen this in the past while talking to them. That is why, at the time of my writing this column, I have asked for a meeting with Assemblyman Dan Benson from my district who is a sponsor of this bill to talk to him so he has a better appreciation of our concerns with it and, hopefully, withdraw his support for it.

About 10 years ago, Assemblyman Panter and Senator Karcher were persuaded by the animal right activists to stuff the NJ Fish & Game Council with a lot their members and, if successful, they would eventually end hunting and fishing in this state as we know it. They were thrown out of office by the collective efforts of our hunting and fishing organizations. Unfortunately, this fight with animal right activists is far from over and that is why we have Bill (A) 1365. They also want to again change the NJ Fish & Game Council by having them appointed to it so that they can influence the decisions made by this Council in their direction. We have to remain diligent in protecting our hunting and fishing rights from individuals and organizations that want to take them away from us outright or through a slow but shadowy way like this bill.

**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**

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