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# Great Day

on the  
*Katie James*

Each Angler  
Limited Out  
from left to Right

Barry Paull  
Harry Vogt  
Jim Zimmer  
Jim Salib  
Jim Catanzaro  
Mark Capalbo

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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 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

We had a representative from Viking Eyewear (Mr. Jack Calt) to give us a presentation about wearing the right sunglasses to protect our eyes from harmful rays while fishing. With the upcoming eclipse, he also touched on the safe way to see it to prevent eye damage. He also donated a dozen of these glasses to our club that we will use for our future Dark Horse raffles to help fund our club's various activities. **Thank You Jack!**

Our chef extraordinaire, Nico Lecourieux, made paella and it was delicious! The only problem Nico experienced is that his cooking and its resulting smoke set off the Legion's fire alarm system! The local fire house responded and the firemen with all of their gear came into the kitchen to check it out. By the time they got there, the fire alarms went off since we opened the doors to let fresh air in. They seemed to me more disappointed that we did not invite them to eat Nico's paella, than responding to an unnecessary call!

For our September meeting, we will have fresh corn supplied by member Walter Amos who knows how to get the sweetest corn for our enjoyment that we will have with butter and salt. Before the start of this meeting, we will need help in the kitchen to shuck the corn. Also, after our meetings please give Nico a hand in cleaning up the kitchen since he takes a lot of time to prepare very nice meals for us.

We just finished our 6th Annual fluke tournament and the winners of this tournament (1st, 2nd and 3rd places) were invited to our August 15th meeting to receive their prizes. Mark Capalbo gave out their prizes and they left the meeting with happy faces. More on this tournament to follow in this bulletin.

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### Speaker for our September 19th Meeting - Michael Sardinias on Surf Fishing

Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) member Michael Sardinias will give a power point presentation on how to fish New Jersey's fall run from the surf. His presentation will cover what lures to use and when for changing conditions, and selecting the proper equipment and accessories to maximize fishing opportunities. This presentation is very timely since we are entering the fall season.

Michael is a passionate surf caster from New Jersey and enjoys sharing his knowledge with other anglers.

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### Welcome Aboard!

Art Vrola, from Oradell, joined our club at our August 15th meeting and we are pleased to have him as a new member! Go fishing with us Art!

## SWABC Fluke Tournament

Our hats go off to Fluke Tournament **Director Mark Capalbo** who has managed our club's fluke tournament for 6 years! His involvement includes contacting people to sign up for this tournament with letters, phone calls and emails and taking tournament flyers and banners to our three ports. His wife, **Michelle**, also deserves our deep gratitude for helping Mark with the mailings and other activities that are not listed here to make this tournament run. **Thank You Michelle!**

At the Captain's meeting in Twin Lights, we had **Harry Vogt, Chuck Santoro, Don Kender and Mark Capalbo** registering the contestants and cooking hot dogs for them along with chips and refreshments. Marina owners **Wayne and Mare O'Neill** have always shown us their generous hospitality and we **THANK THEM** for their continued support for our tournament!

We had three ports for our weigh-in and they were Clarks Landing at Point Pleasant, Twin Lights Marina in the Highlands and at Neptune Marina in Neptune. John Toth and Don Kender weighed the fish at Clark's, Sergio Radossi, Mike Cargill, Hector Chacon, Bill Goodsir, Steve Totten, Jim Galanaugh and Mark Capalbo at Twin Lights and Jim Piobino and Tony Lill at the Neptune Marina

We had only 27 boats enter our tournament and it was disappointing for us, but we hope to do better next year. The winners were:

First Place: Mike Menzel, Steve Liberty, Ed Coddling  
Second Place: Jeff Crilly, Scott Crilly, Sean Smida, Lou DeRosa, Bob Hryzko

Third Place: Bob Cameron & crew

First place winner Mike Menzel also won a prize for his big fluke that was donated by Jigging World. It was a rod & reel combo - rod is a Black Widow (\$329) and the reel a Chronos 150 (\$230). **Thanks so Much Jigging World!**

**Thank ALL** of you members who supported our tournament in so many ways!

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### Jersey Shore Boat Sale & Expo - September 22nd - 24th

Boats for every budget - both new and pre-loved and great end-of-season deals. Boater's Marketplace also Featuring Marinas, Gear and related Services. Activities also for Little Boaters in the Kids Cove. \$5 admission and plenty of free parking. Show held at First Energy Park - 2 Stadium Way, Lakewood, NJ (Home of the Lakewood Blue Claws).

Hours: Friday 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., -

Saturday - 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., -

Sunday - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

More info: JerseyBoatExpo.com

### Costa Rica Trip Filled

Captain Butch Kloss was a speaker at one of our meetings to talk about fishing in Costa Rica and he arranges annual trips for it that includes lodging, boats, airport transfers etc. This trip includes one day of offshore fishing (Marlin etc.) and one for inshore (rooster etc.) and opportunities for sightseeing in Costa Rica that has a lot to see. This newsletter advertised for members to go on this trip and five members will be going on it during February 2018 (when it is summer in Costa Rica). They include: Bobby Jones, Chuck Routar, Tom Boremann, Rich Melton and John Toth.

### New Jersey Beach Buggy Association (NJBBA) holds Children's Surf Fishing Tournament

The NJBBA is holding this tournament on September 16th at Island Beach State Park and is FREE for children 16 and under. It also includes hot dogs, beverages and lunch. Registration is from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and fishing is from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Refreshments/lunch from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony at 3:00 p.m. NJBBA will supply limited bait & tackle.

Information at [www.njbba.org](http://www.njbba.org) (click on charitable events) or call Ken Hollins at (732) 278-7312 or [turkey.trot2@optimum.net](mailto:turkey.trot2@optimum.net)

### Inter-Club Fishing Trip Report (SWABC vs. HRFA)

On August 31st, the Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) and our club had our inter-club fishing contest on the Fins on Feathers boat with Captain Frank Tenore. Representing the HRFA was Dan Harrison (President), Gil Hawkins and Linda Havner. Representing our club was Barry Paull, Harry Vogt and John Toth. Whoever caught the biggest fluke would be the winner and have bragging rights. We all fished hard, but the fish were not cooperating with only one keeper caught with six of us fishing for them. Prior to us going out, it rained hard the day before and the water was dirty and that did not help our fishing prospects. What did come up was a bunch of sharks that twisted up our lines.

**The HRFA was the contest winner** with Gil Hawkins catching a **20-inch fluke!** While the fishing was slow and Captain Frank tried hard to get them by making a number of moves, we had a lot of fun making wise cracks about each other's inability to catch fluke. We will do this again since it was so enjoyable! Having fun is what fishing is all about!

Also, our member, Rob Callen, is an avid surf angler and he is interested in setting up a inter-club surf contest with HRFA members in the near future.

### 2017 Calendar of Events

**October 22nd** - Sea Bass trip on the Break Even Charters - Belmar (\$95 inc. tip)

**October 29th** - (New) Sea Bass Trip on the Skylarker (\$90 inc. tip) Belmar (Craig Zincavage - trip captain)-(973) 234-9618.

**November 18th** - Club Bus Charter Trip (sea bass, cod, ling) on the Black Hawk in Connecticut

**November 24th** (Friday after Thanksgiving) - (New) Black Fish on Break Even Charters in Belmar (\$95 inc. tip - 6 pack)

**November 26th** - (New) Charter trip for blackfish on the Skylarker sailing from Belmar - Craig Zincavage is the Trip Captain.

**December 2nd** - (New) Black Fish Charter Trip on Break Even Charters (\$95 inc. tip - (6 pack)

**December 30th** - (New) Off shore - 18 hours - Sea Bass trip (\$180 inc. tip)

**Note:** September's here. October is not too far away. Craig Zincavage is running two CHARTER trips in Oct (see above) for sea bass on the Break Even and Skylarker out of Belmar. **Note: CLUB CHARTER TRIPS-** fish with club members and not be elbow to elbow like on open party boats.

**Craig needs your deposit or pay it in full for these trips ASAP!** You can give him your deposit at our September 19th. You can call Craig at (973) 234-9618 or e-mail - [Zincman70@yahoo.com](mailto:Zincman70@yahoo.com). Craig takes only a limited number of club members who know how to be courteous and be helpful with each other to have a nice day of fishing. **Reserve your spot now.** You can also book the charters with Craig for the trips that come up in November and December.

For you relatively new members, sign up for these trips to meet other members and enjoy fishing in good company! This is what our fishing club is all about - catching fish and having fun while doing it!

### Striped Bass Bonus Program

The striped bass bonus program goes into effect on September 1st and this Bonus Tag can be used until December 31st. This Bonus tag allows anglers to catch one striped bass from **24 to less than 28 inches**. In addition to the Bonus Tag fish, one striper from **28 to 43 inches** and another one at **43 inches or greater** are permitted to be caught. The Bonus Tag fish **does not have to follow any order of catch** and it can be used even for the first striper caught. To apply for this Bonus Tag go to <http://njfishandwildlife.com/bonusbas.htm#apply>. You will also be required to fill out a form that you are not in arrears with child support and then mail it to Fish & Wildlife to get your tag. Don't waste time doing this since the striped bass will be coming in during September.

## Fishing Management Issues - by John Toth

### What Can We to Fish For and Tough Times for the For-Hire Fishing Boats!

The fluke season closed on September 5th. The sea bass season opens October 22nd to December 31st. Only 1 (one) Blackfish can be kept now until November 14th. On November 15th, this limit jumps to 6 blackfish at 15 inches minimum. What are we going to fish for from **September 6th through October 21st!**

To see this information another way to better bring this point home:

**Fluke** - September 5th - Fluke season closed - (usually it closes later and last year it was 9/25).

**Sea Bass** - October-22nd to December 31st (15 fish at 12 1/2 inches)

**Blackfish** - 1 fish until November 15th. November 16th to December - 6 fish bag limit

**Winter Flounder** - 2 fish until December 31st

**Striped Bass** - No closed season, but striped bass season starts to kick in sometime late September, and usually picks up to full speed in mid-October. Lately, this fish has become fickle by staying in one area lasting for a week or two, and then moving off to other areas that are out of reach for some party/charter boats. It is like a very limited window of opportunity for many for-hire boats trying to land striped bass to stay in business.

At the time of my writing this newsletter article, the bluefish are not around and one party boat that normally targets bluefish is going for sea bass and advertises that "you can keep all the sea bass you want" - but does not tell you that can keep only two of them! They are also going for fluke which they usually don't and, hopefully, also catch some mackerel. Basically, they are doing everything they can do to stay alive in business and have jobs for their mates!

Fishing management focuses on one species at a time when they should be focusing on all of the species that are connected together, basically a holistic approach, so that we do not have these huge type of voids in our fishing seasons. They think that protecting one species is good, but then fail to recognize that anglers who want to fish will pound other available species in season so that they have something to fish for like ling and porgies. If the bluefish were around, they could be that targeted fish, but many anglers really don't like to fish for them because they are too strong for dinner fare.

Boat captains have bills to pay like insurance, dock and maintenance fees. How can they pay these bills if they are sitting at the dock? What are the mates to do during these down times in September and October? How can they subsist while not working? The mates in many cases have to move on to some type of work making it more difficult for boat captains to maintain dependable and good mates. All of these factors, unfortunately, are causing more and more boats and related businesses like tackle shops to go out of business. Captain Bob Bogan of the Gambler that sails from Point Pleasant, NJ, recently wrote an article that first appeared on line pointing out that from 1996 to 2006, fifty (50) once viable party/charter boats operating from Bayonne to Cape May have gone out of business due to terrible regulations/management decisions. (This article is also in the Fall edition of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance's newsletter). The Bogan family has been in the fishing business for many years and they know the ups and downs of this industry. At the end of 2017, I fear (and I certainly hope that I am wrong) that we will be losing more fishing - related businesses.

This issue and others were brought up at an April 3rd meeting with John Bullard, Administrator, U.S. Department of Commerce, that I attended along with other members in the fishing community. I have received information that this issue and others will be discussed at future meetings with fishing managers to seek resolution of them. But, talk is just talk and our fishing industry is dying a **slow death** because of mismanagement by our fishing managers, especially at the federal level. What is needed is action/resolution now to resolve these issues facing our recreational industry. Hopefully, during 2018 we may see some light at the end of the tunnel and see some changes that will turn things around for people connected to this important fishing industry.

### A 10 - Year Old Wins Big in Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) Fluke Tournament!

Dlyan Cole from Andover, NJ caught a **9.69 lb.** fluke by bucktailing that was weighed in at Liberty Landing and won not only the first place prize at this port of \$1,200, but also the Calcuttas that his father entered for this contest. Adding all of this together, this 10-year old boy won \$12,800!

At the JCAA Awards Ceremony on August 10th that was held at the Clarion Hotel in Toms River, Dylan was observed smiling from ear to ear by about 400 anglers who were also there to collect their prizes. He was wearing clothes that looked like he could go out fishing in a moment's notice for fluke! When he got his prize money, the crowd gave him a standing ovation! His father had his arm over him and both of them were beaming with pride. There is no doubt that Dylan will remember this day forever and he will also be a fisherman forever!

# No Changes in the 2017 Big Fish Derby

Instead we have:



**Joe Salib's  
3.73 lb.  
Flounder**



**Dominic Cataleno's  
1<sup>st</sup> Black Fish**



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