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SWABC & HRFA members on the interclub fishing contest. Joe Albanese (HRFA) holding trophy



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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

We had Michael Sardinias at our August 20th meeting to give us a power point presentation on his tips to improve surf fishing. Michael is a real pro at it and his family members love to fish with him and make it a regular family event. His wife Lidia and daughter Sara accompanied Michael to our meeting. I have been arranging speakers for our club for many years and I can say that Michael's presentation was done in a very professional manner and full of useful information.

Patricia Gallagher, Executive Director of the Garfield's YMCA, briefly stopped by at our meeting to pick up about 50 of our August newsletters to hand out to the youths who were on our July 25th MiJo trip. Our August newsletter had many pictures of the youths that were on this trip and she said that they would love to see their pictures from this trip. She also gave us Thank You notes that the kids wrote to us and I passed them out to our members to read.

Nico made a seafood dish made with pollock, olives and tomatoes that was so delicious and accompanied with corn, rice, salad and watermelon. Nico told me that club member, Bill Fish, donated the fish that he caught from a recent fishing trip to New Hampshire. Thank You Bill!

Kevin Kozlowicz won our 50/50. He left with a big smile on his face with that extra money!

With our fishing season in full gear, please send me pictures of your fishing trips so I can place them in our club's newsletter. Send them to tothjohn@verizon.net.

September 17th Meeting – Captain Bob Henn – Catching Striped Bass & Blackfish

Captain Bob Henn gave a very informative seminar at the Salt Water Expo in March of this year on catching striped bass. He has been invited to be to our September 17th meeting and he will do a presentation that covers both striped bass and blackfish so we can be better prepared to catch these fish during the fall season that is fast approaching. Captain Bob operates the Ebbtide Fishing Charter that is based in South Amboy, NJ. John Toth saw his presentation on striped bass at the Salt Water Expo and invited him to come to our club meeting since his presentation on striped bass was done so well and we all can pick up some pointers to catch these fish.

October 15th Meeting – Presentation on Jellyfish by Paul Bologna

Paul is a professor at Montclair University and has done a lot of research on jellyfish. He will provide us with a power point presentation on the many types and how they affect our fisheries and ecosystem. There are a number of jellyfish that are harmful, even fatal to humans and he will point them out to us, plus what we need to do if stung by them. This presentation is very interesting and should not be missed.

Club Newsletters Planned to be sent by Email to Members beginning January 2025

At our Club's August Board meeting, the issue was raised about our newsletters being sent by snail mail to about 34 club members. With the cost of postage 73 cents for a stamp, mailing newsletters to 34 club members comes to approximately \$325 a year. After some discussion, Board members decided that with the beginning of 2025, club newsletters will be sent by email to members to reduce the cost of postage, envelopes and mailing labels needed for mailing newsletters.

Our club newsletters are sent by email by our webmaster on the second Wednesday of the month, the day after our Board meeting, to all members on the email list. Our newsletter is also available on line by going to www.swabc.org. For members who want to read a hard copy, our printed newsletters will be available at all of our regular meetings.

The direction more businesses are taking is using emails to be in communication with their clients to reduce mailing costs and our club is no exception to this trend. If for some reason any club member has difficulty in receiving our club newsletters by email, please let John Toth know before the end of the year by telephone (732) 656-0139 or let him know at our regular scheduled meetings.



Bob Goldstein had a good day, the big one is 7 lbs.

Club Events for 2024

Sea Bass Charter Club Trip – Ralph DeJulia is in the process of setting up a sea bass trip on the Bingo during October or November

2025

February 2nd – Club Flea Market at the Hasbrouck Heights Hilton

February 13- 16 – New Jersey Boat Show at the NJ Convention Center. Our club has a booth at this show

March 14-16 – Salt Water Expo at the NJ Convention Center. Our club has a booth at this show

March 18 – Past President’s Dinner at the Mountainside Inn, Clifton, NJ

Other Fishing Events

Hudson River Fishermen’s Association (HRFA)

4th Annual Bass & Blues Surfcasting Derby

November 23, Gateway National Park at Sandy Hook, NJ
Meet at 6:00 a.m. at Parking lot B – Awards at 11:20 a.m. in Parking Lot B

Entry Fee - \$25 For more information call Michael Sardinias at (201) 232-5988 or masardinias@yahoo.com

American Angler Classic & Grand Slam

Surf Fishing Tournaments

American Classic – on Sunday **October 6** in Seaside Park – 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

American Grand Slam – on **October 19** at Long Beach Island – 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Go to **American Angler** for more information on tournaments

Report on August 15th Lobster/Fluke Trip on the Curlew

By John Toth

On the front page, Lou Castellano, Arnie Ulrich, Rick Swarthe, John Toth and Bill Horne (a friend of John) went on the boat Curlew out of Clark’s Landing in Point Pleasant on August 15th for a lobster/ fluke trip. The captain, Jay Ziola, made seven stops to pick up his strings of lobster traps with the help of his mate. At the end of the trip, 27 nice sized lobsters were picked up and divided among us. After the lobsters were picked up, we switched over to catching fluke but the fluke bite was off and we ended up with only 2 keepers. Needless to say, but fluke fishing has been just horrible so far this year and I hope it picks up before the season ends.

Captain Jay was pleasant to be with and he made a number of stops trying to put us on fluke. The mate, Jack, was very helpful and could not do enough for us. I recommend booking a trip with Miss Magic that uses the boat Curlew for their lobster trips. Captains Ryan Burlew and Jay Ziola were at our club meeting on July 16th meeting to discuss their lobster/fish combo trips and they can be contacted at (732) 547-0104 to arrange a trip.

Fishing Regulations

As we approach the fall fishing season, here is a reminder of the fishing regulations we need to follow:

Black Sea Bass – October 1 - 31 (10 fish- 12 1/2 inches)
November 1 – December 31 (15 fish – 12 1/2 inches)

Porgy: September 1- December 31 – 10 inches – 30 fish

Trigger Fish – no closed season, no minimum size, no bag limit

Tautog/Blackfish

August 1 to November 15 – 1 fish at 15 inches

November 16 to December 31 – 5 fish at 15 inches

Fluke

Closes at September 25 with 3 fish at 18 inches & over

August lobster trip on the Curlew - Lou Castellano, Arnold Ulrich, Rick Swarthe, John Toth, Bill Horne (friend of John)



Megalodon – the Biggest, Baddest, Shark Ever

This shark weighed over 60 tons – the equivalent of 8 hulking elephants and as long as a couple of freight cars. It had jaws wider than a lineup of SUV’s. Its cavernous mouth was lined with thick serrated teeth, making the megalodon a living, breathing super powerful buzz saw that could **slice a whale in half and then swallow it whole.** It was a super predator, with none like it, that suddenly vanished from the seas millions of years ago. (New York Post, July 7, 2024)

Update on Court Fight That May Change Fate of Most Important Fish in the Sea

By John Toth

As I reported in our club's July newsletter, according to the American Fisheries Act (AFA) this act prohibits foreign citizens from having "de facto control" over any vessel that engages in commercial fishing in the United States. A Canadian company, Cooke Inc., acquired Omega Protein in 2017 and is using it as a shell company in Delaware to mask its ownership of a lone menhaden reduction business on the East Coast out of Redville, VA. The CEO of this shell company is an American, but he is also the nephew of the CEO of Cooke Inc.

Two individuals sued Cooke Inc., on the grounds that it violated the AFA regulation as a Canadian company. However, the real reason behind their suit is Omega Protein's taking so much of menhaden (bunker) without regard to its sustainability. Omega uses huge vessels to scoop up schools of menhaden and also employs spotter planes to locate them. Cooke Inc. had a July deadline to respond to the lawsuit against them.

As expected, Cooke Inc. claimed in July that it did not violate the American Fisheries Act. This case now goes to the federal courts to decide if Cooke Inc. is in violation of the AFA and if found guilty, Cooke Inc. faces serious fines of \$154,000 per fishing trip or up to a total of \$2 billion in fines.

Omega Protein has taken so much menhaden out of the Chesapeake that the striped bass stocks have been reduced to the lack of menhaden. We are lucky to have a vibrant stock of striped bass in the Hudson to give us good fishing in our area.

I will keep you updated on the progress of this case as it moves forward.



Bill Fish
Working
unloading a
lobster trap
while **Jon
Campbell**
(not in
picture)
rebailed.
Their
lobster trip
was out of
Rhoad
Island.

Wind-Farm Disaster Slams Nantucket

On July 13th, a 300 foot blade broke off from a wind turbine scattering fiber glass debris in the Nantucket Sound and on the beaches of Nantucket closing it for several days. This wind turbine is part of the Vineyard wind-farm that has windmills as high as the Eiffel Tower. The blade fell off this wind turbine even though there were no high winds or storms. There are hundreds of windmills planned to be installed of New Jersey's coast. What if we get a storm similar to Sandy and many blades break off?

Also, windmill blades, mostly made of fiberglass, are not recyclable

(New York Post, July 25th)

Offshore Wind Farm gets Green Light from Feds - Atlantic Shores South Project Moves Closer to Construction

Atlantic Shores South Offshore wind project, to be built 9 miles off the Jersey Shore and south of Long Beach Island, received another important approval on the company's path toward construction. On July 2nd, the U.S. Department of Interior announced federal officials had approved Atlantic Shores plans to mitigate harm to the surrounding environment in the construction and operations of its facilities. As part of the review process, the Interior Department's Bureau of Energy Management (BOEM), reviewed and approved the company's measures to minimize harm to local marine life and fisheries.

Opposition to this project is coming from SAVE Long Beach Island (LBI) and contends that these wind farms are too close to the shore, in the historic migration of the endangered Right Whales, and have a negative impact on the recreational and commercial fishing industries.

Approximately **195 wind turbines** will be built along with **10 substations** to transmit power from the turbines to shore.

Once complete, the windmills are expected to power 1 million homes

(Asbury Park Press, July 7, 2024)

Terror of Relentless Whale Ram

Orcas relentlessly battered a 39 foot yacht in a terrifying 2 hour attack on July 23rd until the boat sank.

Robert Powell and his crew were just 22 hours into their 10 - day trip from Portugal to Greece when the orca pod set its sights on his boat.












He said, "They knew exactly what they were doing. They knew the weak points of the boat"

Though they were just 2 miles off the coast of Spain, the crew radioed for help and it took two hours for it to arrive. A salvage vessel helped them to abandon the stricken boat minutes before it sank 130 feet below the surface.

(New York Post, July 28, 2024)

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	12.5 Lbs.	Jeff Criswell Sr.
	LING	2		
	POLLOCK	10		
	PORGY	1.5 lbs.		
	SEA BASS	2		
	STRIPED BASS	12	48 lbs.	Rick Reitano
	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

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1. _____

Address: _____

2. _____

Phone No. _____

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**Stuffed Flounder/Ling Recipe
 (Shared by Member Harry Vogt)**

Ingredients:

- Ritz crackers – one sleeve from box and crushed
- 1 can of crab meat, including juice
- 1 stick of butter
- 1/2 Cup of Parmesan cheese
- Onions – about a small or medium chopped fine
- Shot of garlic powder or 2 bulbs chopped fine
- Lemon juice from 1 or 2 lemons
- Fish – about 1 & 1/2 lb.

Preparation:

- Melt butter & add onions to sauté along with garlic
- In a bowl, add crushed Ritz crackers, crab meat & Parmesan cheese & mix well
- Add butter from pan & mix well
- Spread on fish & roll ends around stuffing and use toothpicks to keep fish in place
- Drizzle lemon juice over the fish
- Bake for 20 minutes at 350 degrees

Nice bottle of chilled white wine goes well with this dish

Club Member Joshua Liberman

Looking for Members to Go Fishing With Him

Joshua has a 22 foot boat based in Cove Marina in Port Monmouth and he can take 2 or 3 members with him to have a day of fun fishing. Joshua can be reached at (201) 294 – 1748.

**Harry Vogt & Don Lohse
 with some Ling for the attached receipt**



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