

Bulletin

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Winners of the SWABC 2024 Big Fish Contest:
Bob Goldstein- Blackfish; Arnie Ulrich- Pollock; Ralph DeJulia – Porgy;
Glenn Peckel – Flounder; Don Lohse – Ling; Rick Reitano – Striped Bass
Missing is Jeff Criswell Sr. - Fluke



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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

March is always a busy month with our club participating in the Salt Water Expo (March 14-16) and then closely followed by our Past President's Dinner on March 18th at the Mountainside Inn in Clifton. Both of these events require volunteerism by our members to make them successful and I have written detailed reports about them that are in another section of this newsletter.

Our seasons for winter flounder and striped bass have just opened and we are now underway with our new fishing experiences for 2025. I would like to have pictures of your fish placed in our newsletters. Also, see if your fish can qualify to be placed in our Fishing Derby and see the requirements to enter this derby in another section of this newsletter. You can send the picture of your fish to me at tothjohn@verizon.net. If you qualify to enter our Fishing Derby, I will also need an affidavit confirming your entry and this affidavit can also be emailed to me at the above address. Copies of our affidavits can be found on our website www.swabc.org under the link: Contest & Affidavit.

April 15th Meeting – Dr. Melinda Weber to talk about skin cancer/melanoma

Since we are in the sun so much as we fish, so many of us have experienced some sort of skin cancer or serious problems like melanoma. Dr. Weber, Director of Clinical Nursing Practice, Hackensack Meridian, will be our guest speaker telling us about the dangers of too much exposure to the sun. She will also provide us with handouts to explain how we can further protect us from these diseases, especially before the start of the 2025 fishing season. Dr. Weber will be introduced to us at this meeting by Captain Kevin Fahey who has been treated by Dr. Weber to recover from a serious case of melanoma. Also, **Captain Jay Sullivan** will be present to make reservations for his **lobster/combo** charter trips for this fishing season

May 20th Meeting – Dave Lilly – Fluke Fishing the Ambrose Channel

Dave Lilly, winner of many fluke tournaments, will be our guest speaker to talk about fishing on the Ambrose Channel which he has caught some big fluke in it. Fishing this channel requires special techniques to catch big fish and Dave will explain them to us. Dave is a dynamic speaker and he always has words of wisdom for us to catch some nice fish.

New Member

Monica Hanna - Bayonne
Welcome to the Premier North Jersey
Fishing Club - SWABC

Date for Youth Trip Set – July 29th

We will be taking kids from the Garfield YMCA on July 29th on the MiJo for our annual Youth Trip. We took these kids last year on the MiJo and they were so enthusiastic about fishing and they were a joy to watch them catch fish. As soon as the boat stopped, these kids would rush to the rails to catch fish and were excited to bring them in. Tom Tyls will be taking names of members who want to volunteer to assist kids in catching fish. Member **Alex Rubino** donated **\$2,000** to pay for this trip with the kids! Thank you so much Alex for your continued support to help our club finance this charter on the MiJo for the kids that they enjoy so much!

Notice:

Raffle Drawing at April 15th

The drawing of raffle tickets will be held on **April 15th** at our regularly scheduled club meeting at the American Legion Post # 170. If you are turning in your tickets at this meeting, **please come early. No tickets will be added after 8:30.** To purchase additional tickets see Fred Villanova.

Great White Shark Facts

- Teeth – Great white sharks have over 300 teeth but instead of chewing they rip food into pieces and swallow it whole. Lost shark teeth regenerate infinitely.
- Smell – According to OCEARCH, Great white sharks can sniff out a single drop of blood in an Olympic-sized swimming pool.

The Captain's Table:

John Kolias (Captain Reel Fun Fishing Charters) **Rich Melton** (Mate) ,
Kevin Fahey,
Frank Tenore (Captain Fins on Feathers Charters, **Russel** (Mate) **Christina Tenore**,
Lina Henn, **Bob Henn** (Captain Ebbtide Charters)



Club Charter trips for 2025

May 24th – Club Charter on the Ebbtide Fishing boat for black sea bass docked at Atlantic Highlands – Cost - \$115 includes tip for mates – Ralph DeJulia, Trip Captain. (201) 206-4506 – newknww22@yahoo.com.

June – Club Charter trip for fluke on the Keyport Princess – date to be determined

August 9th – Club Charter trip on the Ebbtide Fishing boat for Fluke – Atlantic Highlands

August – Interclub charter with the HRFA on the Last Lady – date to be determined

Fall 2025 – Club Charter on the Ebbtide for black sea bass- date to be determined

Fall 2025 – Club Charter for blackfish – date to be determined

Trip Captain for all of these trips is Ralph DeJulia

Upcoming Fish Contests

**Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA)
Fred Rung Memorial Striped Bass Derby – Catch,
Photo, & Release or Catch, Tag, Photo & Release**
Start 7:00 a.m. April 1st & end on May 18th at 2:00 p.m.

Many cash prizes up to \$1,200

Contact Joe Albanese – joealbanese2@gmail.com or
Alex Spindelman at siztastic@aol.com.

American Angler Classic Surf Tournament

April 26 at Long Branch, NJ

Cash Prize of \$500 for biggest fish

Contact Carl Hartmann at (201) 481-4390 or
www.americananglerus.com

**Governor's Surf Tournament –
May 18th –**

Island Beach State Park

Salt Water Expo Recap

This show is all about salt water fishing and has so many vendors focused on it. Our club had a booth at this show to sell our raffle tickets and talk to possible new club members. Volunteers working at this show included: Tom Bornemann, Tom Tyls, Hector Chacon, Don Lohse, Jon Campbell, Steven Blumnfeld, Bob Goldstein, John Farrell, Ralph DeJulia, Dennis Kuntz, Rick Swarthe, Dave Nicholson, John Toth, and a special Thanks to Steve Totten and John Piazza for working several shifts to sell so many of our tickets and all of our club members who devoted their time to make this show successful for us.

2025 Fishing Regulations

Fluke:

3 fish at 18 inches – May 4th – September 25

Weakfish:

1 fish at 13 inches – Jan 1 – December 31

Black Sea Bass:

12.5 inches minimum

10 fish – May 17 – June 19

1 fish – July 1 – August 31

10 fish - October 1 – October 31

15 fish – November 1 – 12/31

Bluefish:

Private/Shore Angler – 3 fish

For/Hire Vessel – 5 fish

Open Season – Jan 1 – December 31st

Striped Bass:

1 fish at 28-31 inches

March 1 – December 31

Cod:

5 fish – 23 inches minimum

Jan. 1 – May 31

September 1 – December 31

Pollock:

No limit – 19 inches

Porgy/Scup:

30 fish – 10 inches --January 1 – June 30th

September 1 – December 31

Winter Flounder:

2 fish at 12 inches – March 1 – December 31

The Head Table:

John DeBona (Fisherman Magazine). **Mark Taylor** (President, JCAA). **Paul Haertel** (JCAA) **Don Marantz** (JCAA), **Patty Diaz** (Post 170 Legion) **Chuck Santoro**, **Louie Castellano** & our Favorite SWABC President **John Toth**



Past President's Dinner Recap By John Toth

We had our Past President's Dinner on March 18th at the Mountainside Inn in Clifton and it was not only successful but it was also enjoyed by all of us! This event did not happen by magic but was put together by members who are dedicated to making our club successful and dynamic!

We had a great Dark Horse thanks to **Don Lohse** who solicited prizes and also our club members who donated prizes to it like Bob Goldstein and John Farrell with their jigs and Bob Goldstein's Gulp. Frank Tenore donated a trip for one on his Fins on Feathers and also a trip for 2 was donated by Captain Bob Henn of Ebbside Charters. Captain Ralph Leyrer donated a trip for 2 on the Last Lady. A basket of Cheer was donated by the Legion and thank you Commander Duddie! A box of Gulp and teasers was donated by Fred Villanova and Steve Totten donated a nice tackle box. John DeBona (Fisherman Magazine) gave us a gift basket with goodies. Ramsey Outdoors gave us 2 rods- a 7-foot heavy rod & a 6 foot 6 inches medium heavy rod. Jigging World donated a nice Nexus rod and a Quantum PT reel. **Thank You Ramsey Outdoors and Jigging World!** Dexter Knives for a filet knife, Mark Mueller for a beautiful fishing painting and shirt. Mark & Michelle Capalbo donated a \$50 gift card and Chuck Santoro donated a coffee maker and a fishing rod rack. Rick Swarthe sold Trick Tray tickets and Fred Villanova sold our club's raffle tickets. Gary Gusterson handled the payment of dinner tickets at the door. Jim Galanaugh Jr., sold 50/50 tickets and settled payment with the restaurant's management at the close of the dinner. Chuck Santoro presented the plaques and gift cards to the winners of our Big Fish contest. A \$50 gift certificate for Tackle World was presented to **Ralph DeJulia** for his arranging our club's fishing charters over the years. **Barry Paull** called out the winners of our Tricky Trays, 50/50 and the special prize of a trip on the Reel Fun Fishing charter for 4 anglers won by Steve Totten. **Who could do this better than Barry!** All prize tickets were pulled from a 5-gallon container so that they were really mixed up. Kevin Kozlowicz and Jay Lesenko brought the Tricky Tray prizes to Barry and to the lucky winners. **Lucky Nick Casamassimo** won our 50/50 prize.

Lou Castellano - (Uncle Louie) donated a box of sinkers & a Custom hat.

Rick Reitano, a long-time supporter of our club, donated **\$200** to our club at this dinner and also a basket of cheer for a Dark Horse prize. **Thank you much for your continued support, Rick!**

It was a very good dinner and I was told by a number of attendees that they really enjoyed themselves and that we had a great array of Tricky Tray prizes!

I want to **THANK** all of our club members who made this event possible and to all of you members who supported our club by coming this dinner!

Update on the Court Fight that can change the most important fish in the sea

By John Toth

In a previous club bulletin, I reported that two individuals (Benson Chiles and Chris Mantley) filed a suit against Cooke Inc. claiming that it violated the American Fishing Act (ACT). The ACT prohibits foreign citizens from having "de facto" control over any vessel that engages in commercial fishing in American waters.

The basis of this lawsuit contends that Cooke Inc., used a shell company in Delaware to mask Canadian ownership of Omega Protein that targets menhaden with spotter planes and huge fishing vessels. If found guilty of violating the American Fishing Act, Cooke Inc. would be subject to huge penalties since it was not American-owned and fishing in our waters for this important fish.

However, U.S. District Court Judge Jesse Furman ruled that in order for the plaintiffs to collect penalties on behalf of the ACT, it would need proof that Cooke Seafood and its affiliates defrauded the U.S. out of money or property and the court found that neither the fishing licenses nor the fish in the sea constitute money or property owned by the U.S.

Benson Chiles and Chris Mantley are considering appealing this court's decision.

(Asbury Park Press, January 9, 2025)

Note: If fish in the sea does not constitute money or property, when Omega's fleets dock after returning from catching menhaden is their catch worthless?

Great White Shark Facts












- How many are there? - this is unknown, but NOAA estimates that there are about 3,000 to 10,000 of them
- Weight - up to 4,500 lbs.
- Lifespan - 70 years or more
- Threats - unintentional capture, habitat impacts. There are no commercial fisheries for white sharks

Members & Dark Horse prizes at the PPD



2025 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		
	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.

A New Year – A New Contest starts NOW!!



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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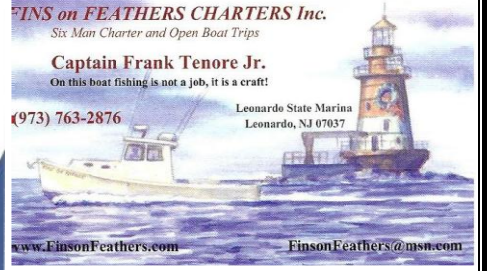
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