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**John Farrell fishing with his wife Michele (taking the Picture)  
on the Dark Horse Party Boat**



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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 Commander Jim Dry from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary give us a presentation on boating safety that was very informative and, hopefully, help our members to prevent boating accidents. His interesting statistics showed that on calm seas more boating accidents occur than on rough seas since anglers are more complacent on calm days and are more aware of their surroundings when seas are rough. Alcohol is responsible for a lot of accidents and deaths and the person operating the boat should not be drinking any of it! Safety is the number one priority in boating and we are thankful that Commander Jim made us more aware of it at our August 19th meeting.

On our club's Youth trip, Hailey (13 years old) caught a legal fluke on the MiJo and her mother, Michelle Idrovo, told me that Hailey is very passionate about fishing. So that Hailey can be more involved in fishing, both of them attended our August meeting and joined our club. To give Hailey special recognition for joining us, Lou Castellano made a pink fishing hat with Hailey's name on it and presented it to her. Hailey had a smile on her face like she won a million dollars! Thanks for doing this nice gesture Lou since it meant so much for her.

In regard to our Youth Fishing Trip on the MiJo, it was a very hot day, but we enjoyed the day. I have a summary of it in another section of this newsletter.

Nico made delicious spareribs, I think better ribs than Texas Road House, along with corn, salad and blueberry cake. Thanks, Nico, for all those good dishes you make for us!

I was the lucky one to win the 50/50 and that will fund my upcoming fishing trips!

An evening of a good speaker, good company and good food!

Finally, for those members who signed up to be on the September 13th trip on the Debra Ann for fluke – **the boat leaves at 7:30 a.m. Be - there at 7:00 a.m.!**

### September 16th Meeting –

#### Tony Maja on Striper Fishing

Tony will show us his new tackle for catching striped bass with his bunker spoons and the techniques to use them with maximum efficiency. Tony also has new blackfish rigs that he designed and he will present them to us.

### October 21st Meeting –

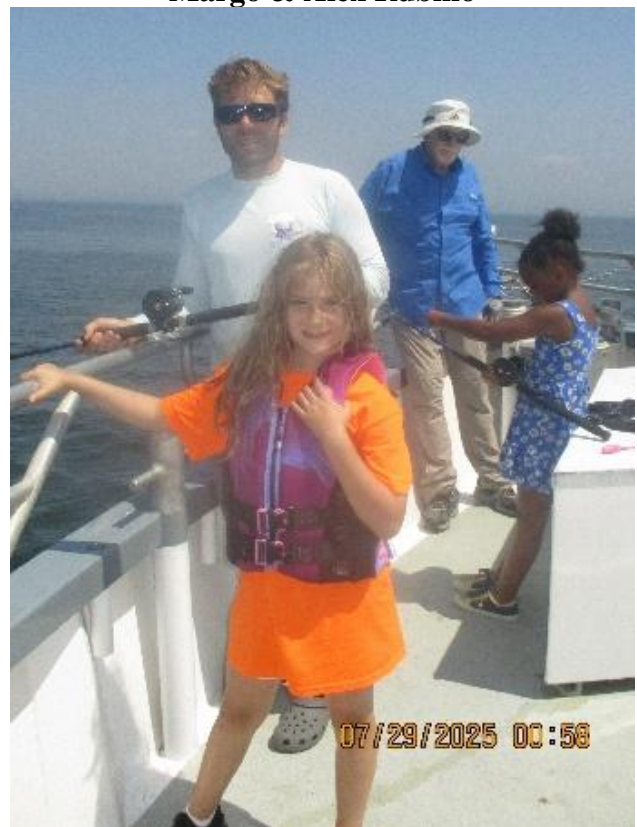
#### Pedro Lldefonso – Blackfish Presentation

Pedro gave a power point presentation on how to catch blackfish at the 2025 Salt Water Expo in March and it was very informative and well received by attendees. Pedro will do this presentation at our October 21st meeting and it should not be missed by those of us who like to catch blackfish!

### JoJo with her SWABC Fishing Medal



### Margo & Alex Rubino



**NOTE: SWABC Big Fish Contest has no changes from last month. See website for standings.**



## Club Charter trips for 2025

**August 9th** – Club Charter trip on the Ebbtide Fishing boat for Fluke – cancelled by the captain - engine problems

**August 21st** – Interclub charter with the HRFA on the Last Lady – Neptune. Changed to August 28th due to Hurricane Erin causing huge swells making fishing dangerous. Many beaches closed because of it. Trip recap follows below.

**September 13th** – Club Charter trip (NEW) on the Debra Ann for fluke. Boat leaves **7:30 a.m.–be there at 7:00.**

**October 11th** – Club charter trip on the Debra Ann for sea bass – Belmar. This trip is full.

**November 16th** – Club Charter for Blackfish on the Debra Ann – Belmar. Trip is full.

Trip Captain for all of these trips is Ralph DeJulia and he can be reached at (201) 206-4506 or at: newknee22@yahoo.com.

### Interclub Fishing Trip – August 28th SWABC vs. HRFA

This trip with the Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) was held on the Last Lady on August 28th and our club won this tournament with Lou Castellano catching a 23 inch fluke! **Thanks Lou!** Unfortunately, fishing was not great because the sea was still unsettled with Hurricane Erin keeping the bite off for fluke, but many nice big sea bass were caught. Around 12:30 p.m., a strong southeast wind picked up and making fishing impossible to do and dangerous boating conditions. It was decided to end the trip early and return to port. Since Lou caught the biggest fluke, he also won the pool making it a special lucky day for him! Representing our club was Jim Catanzaro, Jim Galanaugh Jr., Barry Paull, Harry Vogt, Hamza Essa, John Toth and Lou Castellano.

### American Angler Classic Surf Tournament

Sunday, October 12th at Seaside Park, NJ – Rain Date – October 19th

\$500 cash prize – based on 200 anglers – largest eligible fish

\$27 adults - \$15 youths 17 and under

Contact Carl Hartmann – (201) 481- 4390 – or cfishitou@aol.com

### Sick Call – Steve Totten

Steve is not feeling that well lately and we all wish him a speedy recovery so he can attend our meetings that he looks forward to do. Get well soon Steve!

### Welcome Aboard!

**Michelle & Hailey Idrovo –  
Lodi, NJ**

Jonathan with fish, Jackson & Richard's reflection



Richard with shark, Margot & Ashanti watching



## Youth Trip Report

By John Toth

Our club took kids and counselors from Garfield's YMCA on the MiJo on July 29th as part of our annual club - sponsored trips that we have been doing for many years. We had reports that it was going to be a very hot day and it certainly turned out to be one. At the end of the trip when I returned to my car to go home, the temperature reading on my car indicated it was 99 degrees!

We had about 25 youths and 5 YMCA counselors on board for this trip. We also had 18 our club members on hand to help the kids catch fish and they included: Alex Rubino, Tom Tyls, Chuck Santoro, Jim Galanaugh, Don Lohse, Harry Vogt, Mark Hovsepian, Lou Castellano, Bill Lissemore, Jim Piobono, Tony Lill, Bobby Jones, John Fatuzzo, Monica Hanna, Dave Slater, Chuck Routar and myself. I want to **THANK** all of our members who helped the kids have a fun day of fishing and also to Tom Tyls who organized the roster of our members to help the kids on the MiJo.

In regard to fishing, Tom Tyls recorded 52 fluke were caught and there was one keeper landed. In addition to fluke, 7 dogfish were caught and the kids were so excited to see them. One sea robin, 5 skates, and 3 sea bass were also landed. Emily Mc Glucken from the American Littoral Society and her intern were on hand to tag fluke. She talked to all who brought their fish for tagging and explained why tagging is needed.

Chuck Santoro had 4 trophies prepared and they were given to the children who caught the biggest fluke in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place categories and also the 4th trophy given to who caught the most fish. These trophies were a big hit with the kids and they told me that they wanted to win them! The trophies were presented to them by Alex Rubino. The kids also received a medallion with our club logo on it to remind them of this fishing trip.

Trophies and prizes given to:

1st place: Hailey – received a trophy & a bait casting combo, 2nd place trophy went to Nicholas, 3rd place Aaron a trophy and a spinning rod/reel and a trophy for High Hook to Delinda

It is a lot of fun to watch kids become so excited when they catch any type of fish! What also struck me was that these kids did not want to stop fishing! When the captain moved from one spot to another, they were ready to fish not stay in the cabin. All of them rushed out to the rails to get their bait back in the water. was such a hot day!

Not only are we taking out kids to have a nice day of fishing and enjoy nature, but I know we are making these children into becoming future anglers by introducing to the sport. They are the future of saltwater fishing! Finally, Hailey, who caught the one keeper fluke, wants to go fishing with us. Her mother Michelle Idrovo, attended our August 19th meeting along with Hailey and became club members!

Jim Galanaugh, our treasurer, paid the MiJo staff \$2,000 for this charter along with \$450 to pay for the mates who were so helpful to assist the kids. A special **THANKS** goes to member **Alex Rubino** who donated \$2,000 to pay for this trip!



**Nicholas, Aaron, Hailey & Delinda  
Nelly Ann Being helped by Jim Piobino**





## Lots of happy Faces from the Garfield YMCA Youth Fishing Trip

**Hailey with the Keeper**



**Isabella**



**AVA**



**Nicholas**



**Paige & Amar**



**Trinity**



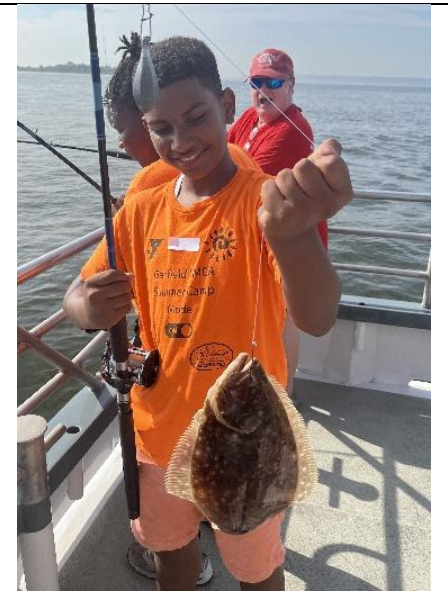
**Mya with JoJo at the rail**



**Krysana**



**Cesar**







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### Free Boating Safety Checks for SWABC Members

Member Captain Bill Lissemore is a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and he can conduct a safety check on your boat (water or land). If it passes this check, he will issue a decal that you can place on your boat that shows it is properly equipped to meet boating safety requirements. On seeing this decal, most likely the Coast Guard will not spend the time boarding your boat since it has already been certified that it meets required safety equipment. Bill can be reached at (201) 981-8694.

A few SWABC fish pictures have not been included due to limited space. They will be in next month's edition. This includes the Interclub Fishing Trip as well.

## Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County #1 Salt Water Fishing Club

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