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Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County NJ



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Youth Fishing Trip – Thumbs up answer to the question. Did you have a Good Time?



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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 50/50 and dark horse drawings. Welcome all; we hope you enjoy the evening.

President's Corner

For the July meeting, we had Michael Sardinias as our guest speaker to give us a power point presentation on surf fishing. He covered the basic tackle to have on hand and he also presented his techniques to land more fish during surf fishing. I have arranged the speakers at our club for many years and his presentation to us was done professionally and I think we all picked up some pointers from him about fishing. We also enjoyed having Michael's wife and daughter at our meeting. Michael also placed some of his surf plugs in our Dark Horse. You are always welcome Michael at our club meetings and along with your lovely family!

At this meeting, I announced that we are having an inter-club fishing trip with the Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) on August 22nd and on the Last Lady which takes 15 anglers comfortably. We will have 7 anglers from our club and 7 from the HRFA so that we are evenly divided. The HRFA won our last inter-club fishing trip with them and I think that maybe it is our turn now to win it. I have a column about this trip further in this newsletter.

We had our Youth Outreach trip on the day after our July 18th meeting and it was a really good trip on the MiJo. I have written a column on it and it appears in another section of this newsletter along with pictures of this trip.

John Farrell won our 50/50 raffle so he can go on more fishing trips with his buddies. Nico made Chicken Milanese with tasty pasta that I could not stop eating along with a nice salad. Great meal Nico!

Speaker for our August 15th Meeting

Captain Allan Lee from Mushin Charters will give a presentation on tuna fishing and the tackle/ techniques to bring tuna into the boat along with the Shimano product line.

Speaker for **September 19th Meeting** – Kaitlen Gannon – Presentation on Ghost Traps

Speaker for **October 17th Meeting** – Tony Maja on Striper Fishing

Club Newsletters – by Digital or Snail Mail

Our club newsletters are sent by email and snail mail. Some members like to read it on line and others want a hard copy. We send out about 35 hard copies by snail mail. With the rising cost of postage, our club would save money if we cut down on the cost of mailing the newsletters. Members, please consider receiving newsletters by digital instead of by mail. If you want to switch from snail mail to digital, please contact membership Chairman, Art Vrola, by email at art@ajvrola.com or at (201) 280-8612. If you still prefer receiving a hard copy of the newsletter, it will continue to be mailed to you.

Our Club's Youth Outreach Trip – July 19th

By **John Toth**

I had breakfast with member Hector Chacon at a coffee shop (Sissy's) before we went sailing on the MiJo for our club's charter trip for youths from the Garfield YMCA. Hector told me the bad news that it was going to be a rainy day. It looked like the rain was coming any minute even though it was not in the forecast. Even though it looked like our day was going to be spoiled by it, the rain held off for most of the day and our kids got by with some sprinkles.

Thank God!

I have been on many of these club charter trips for youths over many years, but this one was different in that these 14 youths were really into fishing! None of them were in the cabin looking tired or bored but left it as soon as the captain blew the horn to start fishing, even during a few sprinkles. I got a big kick out of seeing a small girl like Page holding a big rod and trying her best to land fish. Her picture is in this newsletter. Also, I saw two small girls rush from the cabin to fish at the bow and laughing so much when landing them. Emily McGuckin and her intern from the American Littoral Society were on hand to tag fish and explain the importance of it to the youths. I have to say that I think this may be the best trip I have ever been on with everybody having a fun time even while we had a few sprinkles.

While we were fishing, a big pod of dolphins swam by and the kids were so excited to see them! They put on a nice show for us!

Our members were on hand to assist the kids catch fish and much thanks goes to **Tom Tyls** who handled the signing up of 13 club members for this trip. On hand to help the kids catch fish were: Bobby Jones, Mark Havespian, Lou Castellano, Dennis Kuntz, Chuck Santoro, Harry Vogt, Hector Chacon, Jim Galanaugh Jr., Tom Tyls, Tony Lill, Don Lohse, Rich Melton and me.

We also give out trophies to the kids in various categories - biggest fish, 2nd & 3rd place and the most fish. Chuck gets the trophies made for these trips and at the last moment in pulling them from his garage, he noticed to his horror that the trophies had the date **2022** on them. Our trip was cancelled last year because of the weather and we could not get it rescheduled. Chuck raced down to the trophy shop and they quickly placed **2023** on all the trophies. **Thanks** for saving the day, Chuck!

Lastly, **A Big Thank you** goes to our anonymous sponsor for this trip. It was a special Day for all.

Fishing Trips & Events – 2023/2024

November 18th - John Piazza has a charter trip on the Fins on Feathers and it is full.

The Club Charter Trip for sea bass on the Bingo which was cancelled back in May has not been rescheduled. We are still working on a date.

August 22nd – Inter-Club Fishing Trip on the Last Lady between our club and the HRFA – trip full
2024

February 4th - SWABC Flea Market at the Hasbrouck Hilton

March 15-17th – SWABC (booth) at the Salt Water Expo at NJ Convention Center

Jersey Shore Boat Sale & Expo

September 22nd – 24th

At the Shore Town Ball Park – Home of the Jersey Shore Blue Claws

Lot of boats for sale

For more information go to info@jerseyboatexpo.com or call (732) 292-1051

Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) Catfish Derby

August 19th, 2023

Entry fee - \$20 adults - \$10 youths under 16

Prizes - \$500 - \$250-\$125 - 9 Weigh Stations

Registration ends August 18th.

For more information call Dan Harrison (551) 265-3460

Inter- Club Fishing Trip – SWABC vs. HRFA – August 22nd

Our club will try to land the biggest fluke when we fish against the Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) on the Last Lady sailing from Neptune. Last year, the HRFA won this contest and they went home with the winning trophy. The Last Lady takes 15 anglers comfortably and this is the right boat for us since we will have 7 anglers from our club and the HRFA will also have 7 anglers on board too for this contest. The 7 anglers from our club include: Art Vrola, Lou Castellano, Rick Swarthe, Steven Weinstein, John Farrell, Tom Tyls and John Toth. This is a fun trip and we will have a lot of laughs. Hopefully, SWABC will take home the winning trophy this time! (If not, our SWABC Board members will consider what type of physical punishment should be given to these unsuccessful anglers)!

Shirts on Sale & Pick Up

The Solar Performance Long Sleeve Shirts have been delivered. Steve Totten still has a few shirts that have not been picked up. Please see Steve at our August 15th meeting to receive the shirt you ordered.

John Piazza is selling our club T shirts at our August 15th meeting and this shirt has a handy pocket and is of good quality. The cost is only \$15.

Page, caught a lot of fish, Harry Vogt's was her helper with this sea robin.



Even catching the small ones makes me happy!



Trenton Still Hiding Cost of its Energy Master Plan

By John Toth

Background: I wrote the following article last year and it was not published in our club's newsletter because we have so much in it with pictures, fishing management issues etc. However, I want to update it with the **big tax break** that our legislature gave to the windmill industry that appears at the end of this article.

I have attended a number of meetings on windmills and while attention is usually focused on cables, noise and other issues I have written about in this newsletter, one issue that is never really talked about is the **cost** to energy users (**us**) to move away from fossil fuels and rely on wind/solar power. When I have raised this issue up at these windmill meetings, I get the response that we are looking into it and don't have an answer yet.

There was an article in the Asbury Press with the above title that focuses on this issue. According to Ron Morano, Executive Director Affordable Energy for New Jersey, (AENJ) two years ago Governor Murphy announced on January 27 that his administration was moving forward with an Energy Master Plan (EMP) but has failed to release a cost estimate for it.

This plan will fundamentally change how New Jersey gets, pays for, and manages the energy that is the lifeblood of our economy. Governor Murphy has never stopped to reconsider the implementation of his energy master plan and continues to hide its financial toll. New Jerseyans deserve to know what it costs and what kind of damage it might do to their pocketbooks. There is a reason why this administration is afraid to release the cost of its Energy Master Plan (EMP) because it is simply too expensive! The offshore wind, solar and battery storage detailed in the EMP will cost New Jerseyans \$155 billion over the next 30 years according to AENJ and that does not include overhauling our electrical grid systems or retrofitting homes to electric and heating systems. About 2 million single-family homes currently rely on natural gas or fuel oil, but the EMP will force homes using fossil fuels to be replaced with an electric heating system. This is not cheap and a study in Massachusetts found that the average cost to convert a home was almost \$23,000. Overall, these costs add up to \$65 billion between now and 2050. Affordable Energy is demanding our elected officials to come to the table and be transparent about the **real costs** of NJ's Energy Master Plan and what it will take out of our wallets. (Asbury Park Press, February 6, 2022).

Note: In June of this year, NJ's Legislature approved giving the windmill developer, Orsted, a tax break of **\$1 Billion dollars**. This amount of money was supposed to go into New Jersey's treasury, but our legislature voted on party lines (D 24 yes-R-14 no) to give Orsted this tax break due to their claim of increasing costs to build windmills because of inflation. This means that our state's

treasury was deprived of \$1 Billion dollars that otherwise could be used for a variety of purposes like tax reduction for us, improving our roadways and a multitude of other programs to improve our state. Also, since Orsted received this tax break, other wind mill developers like Atlantic Shores will request the same tax breaks from our legislature. Of course, we tax payers will pick up the tab for these giveaways!

While we cannot get an answer on what these windmills will cost for the average household, what must be added in this cost is the \$1 billion that will be used to subsidize Orsted through with this tax break. Is it any wonder why we can't get a straight answer from the Murphy Administration on we will pay to put these windmills up and running? I do believe that if the citizens of our state **really knew** the financial consequences of building these windmills and the environmental damage that they will create, we would not approve of this massive project going forward.












Finally, giving a \$1 Billion tax break to a Danish company that stands to make a lot of money building windmills off our coast does not make sense and it **does not pass the smell test**. As the saying goes, "**Follow the Money**".

A Couple of happy fishing ladies at the rail.



2023 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	17 lbs.	Chuck Rutar
	BLUEFISH	12	11 lbs. 4 oz.	Chuck Santoro
	COD FISH	10		
	FLOUNDER	1.5 lbs.		
	FLUKE	4		
	LING	2	4.0 lbs.	Kevin Kozlowski
	POLLOCK	10		
	PORGY	1.5 lbs.		
	SEA BASS	2	5.2 lbs	Jeff Criswell Sr.
	STRIPED BASS	12	42 lbs.	Frank Rella
	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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Witnessed by: _____

1. _____

Address: _____

2. _____

Phone No. _____

3. _____



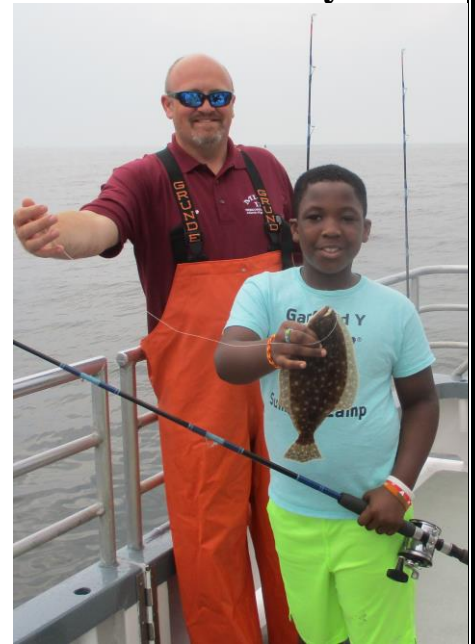
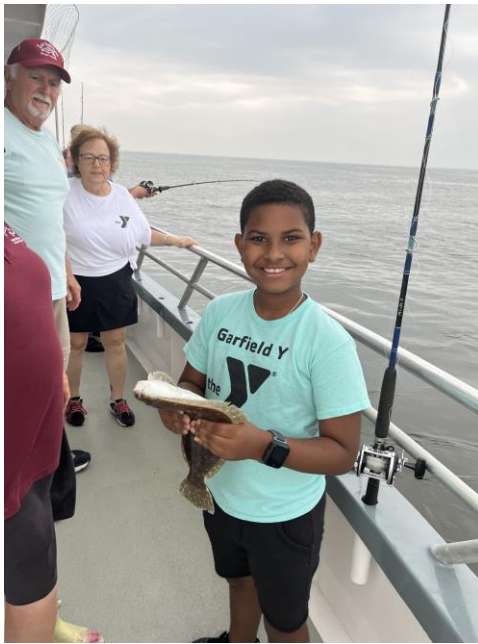
Proud Of their Fish?



I'll say they are -



The Smiles say it!



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

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