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The regular meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month, at 8:00 P.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

On September 21st, I was invited to be on the Miss Michelle (sailing from Point Pleasant) to witness the sinking of the boat, Austin, that created a new reef on the Axel-Carlson reef. This boat was sunk in memory of John Grady, a beloved angler in the fishing community, who died at 39 years due to leukemia. His friends built a **12 foot cross made of black walnut** that was affixed to the **top of this vessel** and it had their personal messages to him engraved on the cross. We all have lost fishing friends and some very good ones, but I have never heard of friends doing this type of beautiful remembrance for their fellow angler.

On board the Miss Michelle were his family, DEP Commissioner Bob Martin and his staff, Grady's friends, and staff from the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (NJOA) that has been very much involved in developing new artificial reefs which I am part of as its president. Staff from the Fisherman magazine was also there and you will most likely see pictures of it in its future editions. This sinking of the Austin was also covered by TV channels 2, 5 and 12. It was also very touching to see a number of boats circled around the Austin to witness its sinking (the Gambler, Jamaica, private boats etc.). As the Austin went below the waves, all of these vessels blew their horns out of respect for John Grady. I will keep this scene in my memory for quite some time.

(Additional details about John Grady & the sinking of the Austin is on page 4)

September 20th Meeting Recap

We had Captain Paul Eidman from the Angler Conservation Network to be our guest speaker. Paul talked about the importance of having regulations on unmanaged species like squid and river herring that are used by us as bait to catch fish. If not, the commercial industry will take all that they can and sell them to China to be used for food for their tilapia industry, or domestically in the USA for pet food. In regard to fishing, Captain Paul urged us to use baits that fish are presently feeding on to catch more of them. While this makes sense, he said that he sees anglers on the water who do not follow this principle. He also said that if we do not have bait fish in the water, we do not catch fish. "No bait, no fish".

Our chef, Nico, surprised us (as he usually does) with delicious clams and linguini for our meeting. **Thanks so much Nico!** Also, thanks goes to our members who helped Nico clean up in the kitchen with dishes that were left in the sink unwashed from an earlier event at the Legion before our meeting.

Speaker for our October 18th Meeting - Dave Lilly

Dave Lilly loves to catch striped bass and he will be our guest speaker at our October 18th meeting. He has offered to share his tips on catching more of these beautiful looking fish. Dave works during a night shift and he can only spend a limited time with us for his speaking engagement. So, in order to accommodate his schedule, we will start our meeting **promptly at 8:00 p.m.** with the Pledge of Allegiance, **skip all club business** and then have Dave give his talk on striped bass. After he is done, we will then move on to club business. Dave was with us in the Spring to talk about his tips on catching fluke and he is a very dynamic speaker and knows what he is talking about. Our members really enjoyed his fluke presentation in May and his striped bass presentation will be just as good. Don't miss it!

November 15th Meeting - Club Auction on Fishing Gear

Our club had an auction on fishing gear in November of last year and our members really enjoyed buying fishing gear at good prices and at the same time making money on fishing gear no longer needed. How this auction works is quite simple. Determine the **minimum** price that you want for a particular item (fishing reel). During the auction, that price will be the **starting** price of your item and if sold at that price or higher, 10% of the selling price will go to the club and the remaining money will be yours. Some of our members have made some nice money on their gear that only clutters their homes.

When you come to the November meeting, please come early (7:10 p.m.) so that your gear can be properly tagged with your identification and your minimum price. Also, at our auction last year, we ended up with so many rods to auction that our members could not possibly buy so many of them and our meeting went much longer than we wanted. To prevent this from happening again, **we will limit this auction to only members of our club and only ten (10) items can be sold by each member.** Kevin Morgan was our auctioneer last year and he has volunteered to do it again for us. **Kevin is a pro in doing auctions** with moving the bidding fast and furious! So, start thinking of what items you want to sell at our November 15th meeting.

At this November meeting, we also will have our traditional turkey and ham raffles to prepare our tables for the upcoming holidays. More details on the upcoming auction and turkey/ham raffles to be in our November newsletter.

New Club Hats on Sale

We had some difficulty in getting the right hats we wanted, but finally they are expected to be available for sale at our October meeting. They are reasonably priced at only **\$10 per hat!** So, support your club and show your colors by wearing your club hat! These hats will be sold **only before or after Dave Lilly is finished** with his presentation to hold down noise levels.

Fish Trips:

Club Charter Trips for Stripers and Blackfish

Member John Piazza has booked two charter trips (\$120 including tip) with Captain Frank Tenore on his Fins on Feathers which is a six pack that leaves from the Leonardo marina. These trips are:

October 22nd - for striped bass – 2 spots available

November 16th - for blackfish (opening day of season) - Sold Out

John announced these trips at our August meeting and they filled up fast. John can be reached at: **(201) 647-5350** or see him at our October meeting to sign on as an Alternate Angler in the event there is a cancelation due to an unforeseen issue.

New Charter Trip for Black Sea Bass, Porgies, Cod

Captain Bill Fish is running a charter trip for bottom fish that includes sea bass, porgies and cod on the Black Hawk that sails from Stonington Connecticut, on **November 19th** (Saturday) leaving at 6:00 a.m. and returning to the dock at 4:00 p.m. The cost is approximately \$100 per angler. Stonington is off exit # 91 on the I-95 (Conn. Turnpike).

Bill has had some very good fishing on this boat by catching some quality fish. It is almost 2 hours of driving from Rochelle Park. Give Bill a call to get more details on this trip at: (201) 566-3373. You can also see Bill at our October 18th meeting to reserve your spot.

Summer Heat Blamed for Killing Mussels

Thousands of dead mussels have washed up this week (August 21-27, 2016) on the shores of Long Island. A Stony Brook University marine science professor said he examined the blue mussels that have come ashore in Jamesport and said the die-off could have something to do with the hot summer heat. Professor Christopher Gobler said mussels thrive in Long Island Sound's typically mild temperature. (NY Post, August 27, 2016).

***“THERE IS MORE TO FISHING THAN
CATCHING FISH”***

Dame Juliana Berners

New Club Hoodies Available

Member Craig Zincavage is in the process of taking orders for new club hoodies that are of high quality with our club logo on the back. They are available in several colors and they will definitely keep the chill from reaching your bones! They have pockets on the outside and inside. Craig will have them on display at our October meeting so that you can see them firsthand. Tell Craig the size you wish to order and the cost is **\$50**. Please give a check or cash so that your order is confirmed. We need to have 36 orders for these hoodies to keep the cost at the \$50 amount. If you have any questions, please call Craig at (973) 234-9618 or email him at: zincman70@yahoo.com.

HRFA 15th Annual Surf Fishing Tournament at Seaside Park

The HRFA is running its 15th Annual Surf Tournament at Seaside Park on Saturday, **November 12, 2016**. There are different entry fees based on the date payment is made to be in it. For more information on this tournament, call Tournament Director, Carl Hartmann at (201) 481-4390 or e-mail Carl at Chartmann@HRFANJ.Org. or go to WWW.HRFA.US. Our club has sponsored a team for our members to fish in this surf tournament. Members interested in participating as a team for our club in this tournament should contact Bill Fish to participate in it that has nice prizes to offer. See Bill for more info at our October meeting or call him at (201)-566-1510.

November 20th - Charter Trip for Blackfish on the New Skylarker

Member Craig Zincavage has set up this charter trip for club members on the new Skylarker that is 70 ft. long. It sails from Belmar on November 20th for **blackfish**. The cost is \$90 and that includes the tips for the mates. At this point, there are **2 spots available**. See Craig at our meetings to sign up for this trip or contact him at (973) 234-9618 or email him at zincman70@yahoo.com. Craig would like to have money from members who have already signed up for this trip.

December 3rd - Charter Trip for Blackfish on the Tagged Fish

Craig Zincavage has also set up a charter trip on the boat "**Tagged Fish**". The trip is scheduled for December 3, 2016. Craig reports that this trip is **sold out**. Craig may take a few names as alternates in case somebody has to cancel for an unexpected reason. Again, See Craig at our meetings or call him at (973) 234-9618 or email him at: zincman70@yahoo.com.

President Obama Creates the Atlantic Ocean's First Marine Protected Area (MPA)

By John Toth

On September 15th, President Obama created the Atlantic Ocean's first MPA through his **Executive Power**. This new MPA is off the coast of New England and it is roughly the size of Connecticut. It is also 130 miles off the coast of Cape Cod. Its official title is "The Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument". This new monument lies in an area of the Atlantic where ocean temperatures are **projected** to warm three times as fast as the global average, and it is the home to endangered whales and turtles, ancient deep-sea coral and species of fish unique to the region. Mr. Obama said protecting it was a vital step to counteract increasingly grave trends taking hold as the planet warms. "Dangerous changes in our climate caused mainly by human activity; dead zones in our oceans caused mainly by pollution that we create on land; unsustainable fishing practices; unprotected marine areas in which rare species and entire ecosystems are at risk - all those things are happening now", Mr. Obama said. This designation comes two weeks after Mr. Obama created a similar ocean monument in the Pacific surrounding the northwestern Hawaiian Islands, creating the world's largest marine protected area. This president has increased by **20 times** the amount of protected ocean habitat of the continental United States, said Brad Sewell from the Natural Resources Defense Council.

This MPA designation in the Atlantic will immediately ban oil and gas exploration and drilling as well as most commercial fishing within the MPA's boundaries; giving fishermen 60 days to cease their operations there. Lobster and red crab fisheries will continue to operate for only seven years.

The New England fishing industry **strenuously opposed** this new MPA. New England fishermen have already faced many hardships (severe quota restrictions etc.) in trying to make a living in the fishing industry and this new MPA will be another hardship for them. Many of them have given up and gone out of business.

Climate change is happening and there is an ongoing debate of whether it is the result of nature, mankind, or a combination of both. But when I read that the Atlantic MPA is **projected** to warm as much as three times as fast as the global average, it gives me pause. Many weather forecasts are so wrong that I can't have faith in this type of projection since many daily forecasts can't predict the next day's temperature or even storms! How many times are we told not to go fishing when it turns out to be a nice day! But from my viewpoint, MPA's done by Obama through Executive Order is a dangerous precedent since much more of them can be created if extreme environmentalists/ Humane Society types capture the ear of succeeding presidents and these MPA's can really multiply with little to no input from our fishing community. While Mr. Brad Sewell from the Natural Resources Defense Council may be elated over this new Atlantic MPA, he most likely would have a different opinion if he were a New England fisherman trying to make a living for his family.

(Obama Protects an Area of Canyons and Peaks in the Warming Atlantic - NY Times September 16, 2016)

New Reef Site Created

A new reef site was created on September 21st on the Axel-Carlson reef that is 4 1/2 miles southeast of Manasquan inlet. This new reef, called Shady Reef, is in memory of John Grady III who died in 2007 from Leukemia at the age of 39 years. He was an avid fisherman and was well known in fishing circles and admired by his fishing colleagues.

The fishing boat that was sunk in his memory is called the Austin, a 68 foot trawler that fished in our local waters until it was decommissioned in 2013. The Austin is the sister ship of the Mc Ginty which already lies on the Axel Carlson reef. The funding of the deployment was made by the Grady family and the Greater Point Pleasant Charter Boat Association. This vessel will be the home of about 150 species of fish and marine life.

John Grady's friends, Glenn Egerter, the son of William Egerter of the party boat Dauntless and Kevin Lovgren from the commercial industry constructed a **cross measuring over 12 feet**, made of black walnut timbers and was affixed to the Austin. This cross is covered with hand carved scrolls that are heartfelt remembrances of a good friend and an avid fisherman.



(Note - it is common in the fishing community to have vessels sunk in memory of lost loved ones)

Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) Sportsperson of the Year Dinner - November 13, 2016

The JCAA will be holding its Sportsperson of the Year dinner at the Crystal Point Yacht Club on Sunday, November 13th starting from **4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** There are door prizes, a Chinese auction and also a silent one. This is a fund raiser for the JCAA and a table for 10 costs \$650. Our club supports the JCAA by encouraging our members to attend by charging only \$30 instead of \$65 for a meal of prime rib, chicken or a fish dinner. Appetizers are plentiful and there is a cash bar. Captain Pete Grimбилas, Chairman of the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance, is the recipient of the JCAA's Sportsperson of the Year Award.

If interested, see John Toth to sign up for it or call John at (732) 656-0139 or email him at: tothjohn@verizon.net. John is also the President of the JCAA. Carl Bruger, member of the HRFA, is the recipient of the JCAA's Youth Education Award.

First entry into the SWABC 2016 BIG FISH OF THE YEAR DERBY

Fish	Species	Min. weight	Entry weight	Angler
	Blackfish	4 lbs	10.2 lbs.	Barry Paull
	Bluefish	12 lbs		
	Cod Fish	10 lbs		
	Flounder	1.5 lbs	3.5 lbs.	Bill Fish
	Fluke	4 lbs	11 lbs. 4 oz.	Bob Cameron
	Ling	2 lbs	3 lbs.	Don Lohse
	Pollock	10 lbs		
	Porgy	1.5 lbs		
	Sea Bass	2 lbs	3 lbs. 12 oz.	Rob Callen
	Striped Bass	12 lbs		
	Weakfish	2 lbs		



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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 _____

Name of Boat: _____

Port: _____

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