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Chuck Santoro with two nice fluke Caught on the Fisherman

"Fishing,

Is not an Escape from life, But often a deeper Immersion into It."

Harry Middleton

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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 and participation if you choose in our 50/50 and dark horse drawings. Welcome all; we hope you enjoy the evening.

President's Corner

For our September 20th meeting, we had Tony Maja as our guest speaker who gave us a very informative presentation about catching striped bass with the various tackle his company produces to catch this tasty fish. Tony also gave our club a number his jigs that we will use for future Dark Horse prizes or for our Past President's Dinner that will be held on March 21, 2023, at the Mountainside Inn in Clifton. **Thanks Tony!**

Our chef, Nico, had knee surgery and our backup plan was to order boxes of pizzas for this meeting since we did not think Nico would be able to attend this meeting and make hid gourmet meals for us. However, we were glad to see that Nico was healed enough to be at this meeting and he made delicious pulled pork, macaroni, salad and cake**. What would we do without you Nico! Glad to see you in action again!**

Our Dark Horse had a prize of **$200 and Rick Reitano** had the winning ticket for it. Rick is a staunch supporter of our club with not only providing us with a cash donation at the end of the year, but also donating prizes for our Past Presidents dinner. **Thanks Rick!**

October 18th Meeting – Club Auction on Fishing Gear

Member Kevin Morgan will be our auctioneer and he is very good at moving auction items at a fast speed.

How this auction works is quite simple. Determine the **minimum price** that you want for an item. During the auction, that price will be the **starting price** of your item. If your item is sold at that price or higher, a **10%** of the selling price of your item will go to the club and the remaining money will be yours.

When you come to October 18th meeting, please arrive early **(6:00 -6:30 p.m.)** so that your item can be properly tagged with tags that will be given to you as you enter. In addition to **marking the minimum price on the tag, write your name and indentify your item on the tag** like Penn Fathom II Reel or Shimano Tralavera medium heavy power rod so that the auctioneer does not have to lose time trying to determine what you are selling. Accordingly, this will make the auction move along much faster and members know what they are buying. **Tags for our auction will be distributed at the start of our October 18th meeting.**

For those fishing items that you want to get rid of and you do not want back, a table will be set up for you to place these items on it. A tag or slip of paper will be available that you can place a price on it. If sold, you will get your price. If not, those items left on the table, and they will be sold at our club flea market on February 5th.

At one of our earlier auctions, we ended up with so many rods to auction that our members could not possibly buy them, and our auction went on 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.**

November 15th Meeting – Dennis Kuntz –Reel Repair and Maintenance

By November, many of us are starting to call the fishing season over and start to put away our fishing gear. Dennis will talk about what we should do with our reels when we take them out of use so that they are in good working order for the following year. If you need repair or maintenance on your reels, Dennis will provide service for them. Please place your reel (s) in a Zip Lock bag with a note on what you want done with the reel, regular maintenance or a specific repair issue. Also, include your name, address, and email or telephone number in case Dennis needs to ask you about a repair issue.

Club Name Tags Available

Member John Piazza makes name tags for our club members to wear so we get to know each other better. John has 36 name tags that have not been picked up by members. Please see John at our meetings to pick up your name tag.

Ship Lampreys to King Charles III

Michigan fishermen will be shipping lamprey fish over to England as part of King Charles III's coronation. Lamprey pies are traditionally given to monarchs by residents of Gloucester to show their respect. The prehistoric fish is no longer found in the United Kingdom. Britons now turn to the Great Lakes, where the invasive fish is very common. (New York Post, Weird but True, September 13, 2022).

Bob Goldstein with his 12 lb. fluke

Welcome Aboard!

Pedro & Amanda Taverasa – Bloomfield
TJ Taylor – West Orange
Richard Iseman - Paramus

Club Fishing Charters and Events

NEW - October 8th – Club Charter Trip for Sea Bass on the Last Lady – Carmelo Bufardeci Trip Captain – **Cost $120 includes tip.** Reserve your spot on this trip by giving Carmelo payment in cash or check made out to Carmelo Bufardeci at our **September 20th meeting.** Payment **must be made prior to the October 8th date.** Carmelo can be reached at **(973) 214-4247 or at cbufardeci@gmail.com**

NEW – November 5th – Club Charter Trip for Sea Bass on the Last Lady – Carmelo Bufardeci Trip Captain –**Cost may be slightly higher than $120, more info to follow on this cost.**

Note: The Last Lady is located **by the marina next to the Sunset Restaurant located at 302, S. Concourse Ave. Neptune, NJ.**

December 16th – Club Charter Trip on Allison's Nightmare – Cape May – Carmelo Bufardeci Trip Captain

December 20 – Club Christmas/Hanukkah party

FYI - Surf Fishing Tournaments by the American Angler

Sunday – October 2nd - Surf Fishing Tournament at Seaside Park, NJ. Individuals and youth are invited. Huge prizes and awards.

All details and direct registration can be found at www.AmericanAnglersus.com

Steven Weinstein with 2 nice fluke SWABC trip on Sea Rogue Charters

NJ DEP Law Enforcement wins Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Honors

NJ law enforcement officers were recognized for their outstanding efforts by the ASMFC to control the illegal harvest of striped bass throughout our state. In December 2001, more than **200 summonses were issued,** and more than 500 illegal striped bass were confiscated. From early March to the middle of May 2022, over 4,000 inspections were conducted within Raritan Bay, Newark Bay, Arthur Kill and the Hudson River. These efforts resulted in over 300 summonses being issued for violations including undersized fish, over the limit catch, fishing during closed season and interference with duties of a conservation officer. When possible, some of the seized fish were donated to food banks. (August 4, ASMFC Press Release, Tina Berger).

It's Raining Fish!

There is something fishy about this storm!

Dozens of tiny fish "rained down from the sky" in San Francisco during a possible atmospheric phenomenon that has baffled locals.

One resident said he "almost got hit by a fish waiting for a bus" while others reported the slippery suckers going splat on a roof deck.

Researchers said it may be linked to an anchovy population explosion off the coast of the Bay Area. (Weird but True, NY Post, July 2, 2022).

Chuck Routar with his nice fluke Also caught on the Sea Rogue

What Fishing in the Past Looked like & What it is Today

By John Toth

A neighbor of mine in Queens asked me to go saltwater fishing with him in the 1970's and that started my career with saltwater fishing. There were very few regulations then and the fishing for most species was great with the exception of striped bass. Member Bill Fish recently sent me a list of regulations published in **2007** by the NJ DEP that he stumbled upon that lists the regulations applicable to various saltwater species. Many of us anglers remember those good old days and I wanted to compare what we were able to catch in the past compared to what we are able to fish for today. This interesting information follows:

2007	**2022**
Weakfish - 8 fish at 13 inches October 2007 – 6 fish at 13 inches	**Weakfish** – 1 fish at 13 inches No closed season
Summer Flounder – 8 fish at 17 inches May 26 – Sept. 10	**Summer Flounder** -2 fish - 17 .99 & 1 fish 18 inches & over May 2 – Sept. 27
Blackfish - 14 inches minimum size 4 fish -Jan. 1 – May 31 1 fish - June 1 – Nov. 14 - 8 fish– Nov. 15 – December 31	**Blackfish** – 15 inches minimum size 4 fish - Jan. 1 – February 28 4 fish - April 1 – April 30 1 fish - August 1 –November 15 5 fish - November 16 – December 31
Black Sea Bass 12-inch minimum size 25 fish – January 1 – 12/31	**Black Sea Bass** 13-inch minimum size 10 fish - May 17 – June 19 2 fish- July `1 – August 31 10 fish –October 7 – Oct. 26 15 fish – Nov. 15 – 12/31
Winter Flounder 12 inches minimum size 10 fish - March 23 – May 21	**Winter Flounder** 12 inches minimum size 2 fish – March 1 – December 31
Bluefish 15 fish - no minimum size No Closed Season	**Bluefish** 3 fish – private angler/shore 5 fish – for hire vessel No closed season or minimum size

It is very obvious that fishing was so much better 15 years ago! Why are our fishing opportunities so different now than they were 15 years ago? There are not definitive answers to this question since the passage of time causes changes to everything around us, including ourselves. However, I can point to a number of issues that has contributed to our diminished fishing opportunities.

Poor Data – This is the root of our fishing problems since this faulty data results in inaccurate quotas that have a direct effect on size limits and increased fishing mortality as mentioned above. We were told that we overfished our quota for fluke after Sandy hit when so many boats were destroyed by it. I have yet to meet a person who has any confidence in the data that is used to manage our fisheries!

Spiny Dogfish – The stocks of these fish were thought to be in trouble in the 1990's and fishing for them was severely restricted. Now they are in abundance and are also voracious predators consuming all types of fish. We have never seen so many of them as we see now, especially when we are on wrecks fishing for blacks or sea bass.

Tone Deafness – Many of us have been to meetings or have written to fishing managers with recommendations to improve our fisheries and are ignored resulting in increased apathy by anglers to participate in any dialogue with fishing management.

Will this fishing picture get any better? I have briefly touched on a few issues and there are certainly more of them. Changes to our fishing prospects will not happen tomorrow, but hopefully they will in the near future.

2022 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. Dues card number must be on the submitted application (Dues number can be obtained from our Membership Secretary)
5. 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 Janaury15th of the following year.

FISH	SPECIES	MIN. WEIGHT	ENTRY WEIGHT	ANGLER
	BLACKFISH	4	11 lbs.	Bob Goldstein
	BLUEFISH	12		
	COD FISH	10	15 lbs 2 oz.	Arnie Ulrich
	FLOUNDER	1.5 lbs.	3 lbs 8 oz.	Carmen Bufardeci
	FLUKE	4	12 Lbs.	Bob Goldstein
	LING	2	3 lbs.	Fred Villanova
	POLLOCK	10		
	PORGY	1.5 lbs.	2 lbs. 2 oz.	Lou Castellano
	SEA BASS	2	4 lbs. 8 oz	Jeff Criswell Sr.
	STRIPED BASS	12	50 lbs. 14 oz.	Carmen Bufardeci
	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: _____

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.

_____

Signature of Angler

Witnessed by: _____

Address: _____

Phone No. _____

Date submitted with picture: _____

Caught from: ___Boat ___Surf - **Date**:_____

Name of Boat: _____

Port: _____

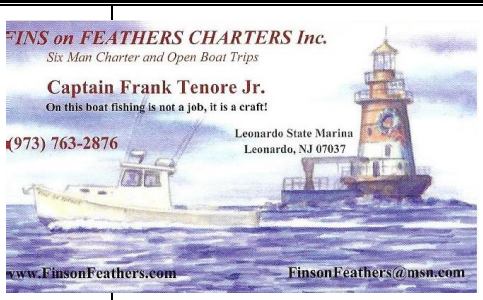
Where caught: _____

SPECIES **LBS.** **OZS**

1._____

2._____

3._____



Jeff Chriswell Jr with a Wolf Fish which is a protected species & was returned to the water

Jeff Chriswell Sr. with his 4.8 lb. Black Sea Bass Fishing on the Emma Jack out of Bass River

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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