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**A Good Day of Fishing with Captain John on Reel Fun Fishing Charters with Harry Vogt, Chuck Santoro, Barry Paull and John Toth. Capt John spoke about catching fluke at our June 20th meeting**

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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 on the third Tuesday of the month, at 8:00P.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

Captain John Koliass (Reel Fun Fishing Charters) gave a really good presentation at our June 20th meeting on tips to catch fluke, especially targeting big ones. We all enjoyed it and fishing is always a learning experience! It is a very dynamic sport and what worked in the past is replaced with something new and more productive in catching fluke. Captain John also presented a certificate to Ralph Melito, for a free charter trip on his boat. This was the 1st prize of our recent raffle and Ralph was the lucky winner of it. Captain John has always been a good supporter of our club and we all thank him for it!

Also at this meeting, new name tags were given out to members. This was an idea that was brought up by John Piazza at one of our Board meetings so that we can better identify and know each other better. We have new members joining our club and the tags also help them to know who they are talking to. While John came up with the idea, Mark Capalbo ran with it and produced the name tags with his wife Michelle. Thanks Mark & Michelle! Please remember to wear your name tag at our meetings and members who did not receive it, please see our Membership Chairman, Jack O'Hara, at our July 18th meeting.

Our member Carl Bruger is very active in getting kids interested in fishing and he refurbishes old and used fishing rods for kids to use on various fishing outings. Don Lohse asked members at our June meeting to bring in rods that they do not want anymore and bring them to our meetings so that they can be given to Carl for his use with kids. So, bring the rods that you don't use anymore to our meetings so that they can be put to better use for kids to enjoy fishing!

Editorial staff from the magazine "Autumn Years" was in contact with our club to interview one of our club members on what it is like to go fishing. Member Chuck Santoro was interviewed by them and Chuck's picture is on the front cover of this magazine's Summer 2017 edition. This article not only focuses on Chuck's involvement with our club, but it also gives good information about our club's activities and its meetings. It is well-written and Chuck had a number of copies on hand to give them out at our June meeting. He may have some available to give out at our July meeting, so stop by and see him.

### Welcome Aboard!

We welcome from Montvale  
**Gary Muscarella**  
to our club! Have fun fishing with us Gary!

## July 18th Meeting - NJ Fish & Wildlife - Survey of Anglers for Data Collection

Jonathan Klotz and one of his colleagues will give us a presentation on why and how these employees of NJ's Fish & Wildlife collect data from anglers so that our state can have a more accurate picture of fish stocks. This presentation will be very interesting to hear given the recent problems we have been experiencing with our fluke regulations.

## August 15th Meeting – Eye Protection a Presentation on Sun Glasses

At this meeting, Mr. Jack Alt will talk about the right sunglasses that anglers should purchase for the protection they need to protect their eyes from harmful rays. He will also explain why effective sun glasses do not have to be so expensive and that they can be purchased at very reasonable prices.

## Coast Rica Trip

At our May meeting, Captain Butch Kloss gave us a presentation on fishing in Costa Rica (January 4th thru April 30th). A number of our members expressed interest in going on this trip (for 5 days - with 2 days travel and 3 days of fishing and sightseeing). The cost is \$1,400 for deluxe lodging, fishing, lunch & beverages, transportation to and from the airport and a 6 passenger golf cart to get around the hotel complex. The air fare from Newark International to Costa Rica is around \$600. The details of this trip has to be still worked out with the date, type of fishing etc... This \$1,400 rate is based on 5 people. John Toth talked about this trip at our June meeting and member Chuck Routar indicated he will go on it. Anybody interested in going on this trip should see John at our July 20th meeting. We would need 3 more members to make this trip a GO! John can also be reached at (732) 656-0139 or [tothjohn@verizon.net](mailto:tothjohn@verizon.net)

## July 29th - Fluke Charter Bus Trip to Rhode Island

Mark Capalbo is the Trip Captain for this trip and at the time of this writing, Mark needs 10 more anglers to fill it. What better way to go on a trip by bus and relax instead of driving. Rest stops on the way for bathroom and food breaks. For those members who have signed up for it, the bus leaves at 2:15 a.m. **sharp** at the same parking area as last year - opposite the Shoprite store down the street from our meeting hall. Please bring only what you need (not 10 rods) and if possible, combine your food and beverages with a friend that is also on this trip to reduce the number of coolers on the bus. This bus will return to the same parking location on Saturday evening. We had a good time last year on this trip and expect to have another fun trip this year

## August 12th (Saturday) - 6th Annual SWABC Fluke Tournament

Mark Capalbo is our Fluke Tournament Director and he has set up three weigh-in ports (Twin Lights in the Highlands, Fisherman's Den in Belmar, and Clark's Landing in Point Pleasant. The entry fee is **\$100 per boat** (up to 6 anglers). Instead of one fish being weighed to win a prize like we have done with our previous tournaments, the **combined weight of three fish** will be used to determine the winners of this tournament. There will be three categories of prizes, 1st, 2nd and 3rd with a **maximum of \$6,000 in cash payouts and Calcuttas** will also be offered. For those members who would like to help Mark with this tournament, see him at our meetings. Mark would also like to have help at the tournament's Captain's Meeting on August 10th (Thursday) that will be held at the Twin Lights Marina from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you have any questions about this tournament or would like to enter it, please call Mark at **(201) 313-6576**. Also, if you know of anglers who would like to go into tournaments, please encourage them to enter our tournament. He would certainly appreciate your help in making our tournament a very successful one!

### Inter- Club Fishing Contests with both Surf & Boats

A number of our club members like to go surf fishing. Why not surf fish with fellow club members and have more fun doing it! The Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) also has a contingent of anglers who like to go surf fishing, and they expressed an interest in having an inter-club surf fishing contest with us. We used to do this a number of years ago and had a lot of fun doing it. The HRFA is also interested in a boat contest between our clubs. Most likely, one boat with three members from the two of our clubs will be used for this contest and sailing out of Leonardo.

These contests would be for **Fun Only** with **no contest money** involved and the rewards would be for bragging rights only! Just friendly completion! Our member, Rob Callen, is interested in setting these trips up for our club and with the HRFA. See him at our July 18th meeting to let him know you are interested, especially you surfers out there. Rob can also be reached at [Rbrtt2005@yahoo.com](mailto:Rbrtt2005@yahoo.com).

### Fishing for Salmon Aid

The federal government is looking to fund projects to help recover the population of Atlantic salmon. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) says typical awards will range from \$50,000 to \$300,000. Total funding is capped at \$600,000.

**Atlantic salmon once lived from Long Island Sound to Canada!** (NY Post, May 1, 2017).

## 2017 Calendar of Events

There are a number of new fishing trips (**5 in total**) that have been added to our Calendar of Events

**July 18th** - Club Meeting - NJ Fish & Wildlife presentation on surveys for data collection.

**July 29th** - Club Charter Bus Trip to Rhode Island

**August 12th** - 6th Annual Club Fluke Tournament

**August 15th** - Club Meeting - Presentation on Using Sun Glasses for Eye Protection

**October 29th** - (**New**) Sea Bass Trip on the Skylarker (\$90 inc. tip) Belmar (Craig Zincavage - trip captain)- (973) 234-9618.

**November 18th** - Club Bus Charter Trip (sea bass, cod, ling) on the Black Hawk in Connecticut

**November 24th** (Friday after Thanksgiving) - (**New**) Black Fish on Break Even Charters in Belmar (\$95 inc. tip - 6 pack)

**November 26th** - (**New**) Charter trip for blackfish on the Skylarker sailing from Belmar - Craig Zincavage is the Trip Captain.

**December 2nd** - (**New**) Black Fish Charter Trip on Break Even Charters (\$95 inc. tip - (6 pack)

**December 30th** - (**New**) Off shore - 18 hours - Sea Bass trip (\$180 inc. tip)

### Remote Island a Dump after 38 Million Pieces of Trash Wash Ashore

Researchers found almost 38 million pieces of trash that washed up on a tiny and uninhabited island in the Pacific Ocean. Henderson Island, designated as a World Heritage Site in part because of its bird life, has the highest density of plastic debris anywhere on the planet, according to a study published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Science. Researchers estimate **37.7 million pieces of plastic** litter the beaches!

Henderson Island (administered by Britain) is in the center of the South Pacific, gyre ocean current, making it a bulls-eye for debris carried in ocean currents from South America and fishing boats, according to the University of Tasmania Institute for Marine and Antarctic studies.

2017 According to the study, 3,750 new pieces of plastic wash up every day on one beach alone.

Research has shown that more than 200 species of birds are known to be at risk from eating plastic and 55% of the world's seabirds, including two found at Henderson Island are at risk from marine debris. (Asbury Park Press - 5/20/).



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### **Fishing Management Issues - by John Toth**

We kill a number of fluke unintentionally less than 18 inches when they swallow the hook into their gut, making removal of it a death sentence. Totally unavoidable! While this is unavoidable, we can take measures to reduce mortality and our NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife has come out with a press release outlining how we can do this. Our club member Sergio Radossi, who is also on the NJ Marine Fisheries Council, has also offered some tips on saving undersized fluke and they follow:

1. We are targeting large fluke and small hooks increase the possibility of gut hooking the fish. It is better to use larger hooks 6/0, 8/0 and larger.
2. Hook type is important and circle hooks and the English Hook known as the fluke hook will increase jaw hook ups.
3. If teasers are used with buck tails, keep the dropper distance short so that you will feel the hit faster to avoid gut hooking. Avoid long leaders since they increase the percentage of undetected bites and gut-hooked fish.
4. When releasing a fish, use a de-hooking tool to avoid handling the fish and improving the odds of survival. Check the NJ Fish & Wildlife web page for instructions at:  
**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xwx6D1LAXoE>**.
5. Do not handle the fish by the gills. They are the lungs of fish. Do not squeeze fish to remove a hook and use a wet towel to hold it and a needle-nose pliers for hook removal.
6. Fluking is best in moving water. When there is not a drift, buck tail since a bait rig increases gut hooking.
7. When bait fishing, hold the rod and avoid the drop back technique that adds to gut hooking fluke.
8. No dead sticking - causes more discards of fish.
9. Surf fishing - avoid the sand spike and actively cast in a fan pattern to new spots to catch more fish to reduce mortality.

We all need to take steps to save our fluke fishery for not only ourselves, but for our grand children. Check the NJDEP Division of Fish & Wildlife web for more information at: **<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/fluke.htm>**. Also, the group "Save the Summer Flounder Fishery Fund" has made progress in improving the science to develop better models that are used to develop our fluke quotas and their web is: **<http://www.ssfff.net>**.

### **Oysters to Help Clean Up The Navesink?**

The American Littoral Society (ALS) has a plan to improve water quality in the Navesink River by introducing oysters in this river. This river has been plagued by pollution that poses a threat to the future of this once-pristine waterway. These saltwater mollusks are filter feeders, meaning that they draw water in through their gills to trap plankton. In the process, they absorb certain pollutants before flushing the water back out of their bodies. "One adult oyster can clean up to 50 gallons of water a day", said Mr. Pim Van Hemmen, the society's assistant director. So, if you have a million-oyster reefs, you're cleaning up 50 million gallons of water every day. The ALS plans to hang recycled oyster shells off the docks on the Navesink in May. If oysters still exist in the river, the ALS would expect to see oyster spat - baby oysters cling to these shells in the bags in the following weeks. If that fails, they will introduce shells with oyster larvae into a tank in the river. The next step after this is to receive approval from our state's DEP to install an entire reef of oysters in the river. "Our hope is that the conditions of the river will improve enough that the NJ DEP will give us permission to install this reef of oysters", according to Van Hemmen. This seems like a worthwhile endeavor to improve the environment, but shellfish harvesting restrictions put in place because of the declining water quality of the Navesink river make the creation of oyster reefs illegal. NJ DEP has not issued permits to the ALS for this project, but it intends to work with them "in the near future," according to Bob Considine, DEP spokesman. He said a new department rule does allow what ALS is proposing, but under the conditions of the permit, the oysters would not be allowed to grow more than 1 1/2 inches and then have to be re-located to approved or conditionally approved areas.

The major concern with this program is poaching of these oysters that may possibly be contaminated due to the diminished water quality and sold to the unsuspecting public. Also, if this would happen the public would be afraid to purchase oysters even if they were harvested in safe areas causing monetary damages to the people who make their livelihoods from this industry. (Asbury Park Press, April 9, 2017)

# 2017 BIG FISH OF THE YEAR DERBY

To limit confusion about the rules governing our Big Fish Contest, our Board members discussed this issue and agreed to the following provisions that would take into effect for 2014 and in the future:

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.

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.

FISH	SPECIES	MIN. WEIGHT	ENTRY WEIGHT	ANGLER
	BLACKFISH	4 lbs.	13.6 lbs.	Bob Cameron
	BLUEFISH	12 lbs.		
	COD FISH	10 lbs.		
	FLOUNDER	1lb.8oz.	3.72 lbs.	Joe Salib
	FLUKE	4 lbs.	8 lbs. 8 ozs.	Ray Pharao
	LING	2 lbs.		
	POLLOCK	10 lbs.		
	PORGY	1lb.8oz.		
	SEA BASS	2 lbs.		
	STRIPED BASS	12 lbs.	42 lbs.	Rich Bunger
	WEAKFISH	2 lbs.		

Our members are catching some nice fish that qualify for our Big Fish contest. However, there are big fish that have been bumped from this contest due to larger fish being caught, and there are other entries of nice-size fish that do not make the contest, but are significant to mention and they are: **Tom Siciliano** - 10.83 lb. blackfish; **Arnie Ulrich** - 6 lb. fluke; **Mike Cargill** - 5 lb. fluke; **Bill Fish**- 2 lbs - 8 oz winter flounder; **Tony Carbone**'s 31 lb. halibut. Turn in your affidavits to enter the Big Fish contest and these affidavits can be found at our club's website at: [www.swabc.org](http://www.swabc.org). See John Toth at our meetings to turn in your affidavits and ask him for copies of them. Good Luck Fishing!

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