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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

We had our club charter trip on June 4th to take kids out on the MiJo for what was supposed to be a day of fun and fishing. Unfortunately, the bad weather forced us to change our plans. Due to very high winds that kicked up and the forecasts for wet weather, the captain of the MiJo called me and told me that this trip should be canceled. He also told me that the other party boats were not sailing due the bad conditions. Given this situation, if we took the kids out on this charter they would become wet, cold and sick with choppy seas. So, I canceled this trip and this is the very first time this has happened in my 40 year association with this club. Tom Tyls, who took the names of our club members who volunteered to help with this trip and I were able to contact all of our members to let them know of this cancelation. The home where the kids come from, Ranch Hope, will contact me when they are available for another fishing date.

On a more positive note, we had Dave Lilly as our guest speaker and he gave us so many good tips on how to catch more fluke. Dave honored his commitment to be our speaker even though he was in terrible pain with his back. **Thank You** for coming to be with us Dave and you are always welcome to visit with us!

On another positive note, our chef **Nico** made cavatelli with sausage and it was delicious and accompanied with salad and brownies. What a treat and **Thank You Nico!**

Finally, member Rick Reitano won $146 at our meeting's 50/50 drawing. He always supports our club by selling loads of raffle tickets at his Schraalenburgh Inn in Dumont and even making outright donations to our club – most recently $200 at our Past President's Dinner. I was glad to see Rick win this 50/50 since he has been such a good supporter of our club for many years!

Schedule of Speakers for Upcoming Meetings

July 17th Meeting – Summer Surf Casting by Michael Sardinas

Michael Angel Sardinas will discuss strategy and tactics necessary to land striped bass and other fish from the surf during the summer doldrums. He will also speak on "Nomad Surfcasting" – exploring surf casting opportunities north of NJ. Michael is passionate about surf fishing and he enjoys sharing his knowledge with others. Even though the presentation's focus is on surf fishing, anglers who like boat fishing can get some good fishing tips as well.

August 21st meeting – Bobby Uhrig to present Mega Strike, a fish attractant

Don't Mess With the Manatees

Luis Perez, 49, a Florida fisherman learned that lesson the hard way!

After he slapped the water around a group of mating manatees on Long Key, he was charged with harassment – and hauled off to jail by police.

It's illegal to poke, prod, pursue, feed or in any way alter the natural behavior of manatees. (New York Post, Weird but True, May 3, 2018).

Club Events for 2018

This is a quick snapshot of upcoming events that our club is either holding or participating in.

July 16th- Bluefin Tuna Charter – Manasquan **(sold out)**
August 6th – Bluefin Tuna Charter – Manasquan (**sold out)**
August 25 – Seven Bees – Big Fluke-Point Judith, Rhode Island (bus trip)
September 8th – City By the Sea, Bottom fishing, R I
September 13th – Charter on Fish Monger – Fluke
October 8th – Fish Monger, Sea Bass
October 20th – Booked Off Charters-black fish- R I
November 2nd – Booked Off Charters – black fish – R I
November 10th – **All You Can Eat Beefsteak Dinner** at our club meeting location – American Legion Post # 170.
November 17th - Bus Trip to Stonington, Conn. - Sea bass/cod (bus trip) – (**sold out**)
November 19th – Charter Trip - Fish Bound, Tog - Maryland
November 29th – Charter trip on the Fish Monger - Tog
December 1st – Osprey – black fish – Atlantic City (bus trip)

2019 Events

January 5th – 6th - Charter - No Limit, blackfish - Delaware
January 10th – Charter on the Fish Monger – Tog
February 17th – Club Flea Market – Hasbrouck Heights
September 22nd – City by the Sea – Rhode Island - bottom fishing

Note: The Trip Captain for almost all of these trips is **Craig Zincavage** and he can be reached at (973) 234-9618 or at Zincman@yahoo.com. Mark Capalbo is the Trip Captain for the November 17th bus trip to Stonington, Conn. on the Black Hawk for sea bass/porgies/cod and he can be reached at (201) 313-6576 or at markcapalbo@aol.com. Both Craig and Mark will talk about these trips at our club meetings and will answer your questions about them concerning costs etc.

August 25th Bus Trip to Point Judith, Rhode Island on the boat 7 Bees

Craig Zincavage talked about this trip at our June meeting and it is starting to fill up fast. So see him at our July 17th meeting to sign up for it. This trip will target **BIG Fluke** and **Point Judith** has a reputation for it. The cost is $170 and it includes beer, water and tips for the mates. It is a **BUS Trip** and you do not have to drive, just sit back and relax! We will leave from the big parking lot across Shoprite, just a little ways down the road from our Legion location. Craig has some spots left, so call him at (973) 234-9618 or email him at Zincman@yahoo.com. More detailed info on this trip (pick up time etc.) will be posted later in this bulletin as we move closer to the trip.

Revenge Bites!

A Florida man let go of a baby shark he caught while fishing – only to have it swim back and chomp on his foot.

The 52-year old fisherman caught the three-foot shark at a beach in Ponce Inlet and tossed it back while standing in the ocean.

"This particular lemon shark was very unhappy about being caught "an - ocean rescue spokeswoman said. The man suffered minor injuries. Weird But True – New York Post 5/30/18.

Free Fishing Trips

As a way of saying **THANK YOU** for all of you club members who have supported our club by buying raffle tickets, Dark Horse and 50/50 tickets, working at our club's Flea market, supporting our Past President's Dinner and working at the three trade shows in the winter where we sell our raffle tickets – our club is going to **give away a free fishing trip** at **five** of our club meetings. **All you have to do is just show up at these meetings. You also have to be a member of our club and show your dues card.**

At our June19th meeting, **Robert Goldstein** won a free trip on the **Reel Fun Fishing Charter (Captain John Kolias)**. At our July meeting, we will have a drawing for a free trip on the Katie James (Captain Art Lein). Of course you can go on these trips by yourself, but better yet get some of your fishing buddies to join you and have a good time fishing together. With one trip already paid, the cost to charter the boat is even cheaper.

Beefsteak Dinner – November 10th

Our club is going to have an **all you can eat** catered beefsteak dinner on **November 10th at our regular meeting location – American Legion Post # 170.** The caterer (Nightingale from Clifton) did a similar beefsteak dinner at a JCAA function and the steak was delicious, tender and kept on coming. This is **NOT** a club meeting where we read minutes, do business and have a speaker etc., but it is just a fun night and one to enjoy the company of our members and our wives. The price per person is **$50** and includes not only the all you can eat beefsteak, but beer, wine, coffee, tea and dessert. This dinner starts at 6:00 p.m. and ends around 9:00 p.m. So, mark your calendar for November 10 for good food and company at our club's regular meeting place!

Fishing Auction at our July Meeting

An angler who used to belong to our club decided to give up fishing. He decided to donate his fishing gear to our club for our use. Some of the light gear will be given to kids for their use in their fishing outings. However, we have a number of fishing poles and poles with their reels in **excellent condition.** This equipment was on display at our June meeting. At our July 17th meeting, we will have an auction on this fishing equipment. So, bring your checkbook or cash to bid on this very nice tackle.

Club Flea Market – February 17, 2019

Our club will again hold its Flea Market at the VFW in Hasbrouck Heights on **February 17th in 2019.** We had a good time doing with our club volunteers helping to make it a success. More information on this Flea Market will be posted in our future bulletins.

Welcome Aboard!

Joanne Lavato – Upper Saddle River

Ocean Garbage Dump Dwarfs Lone Star State

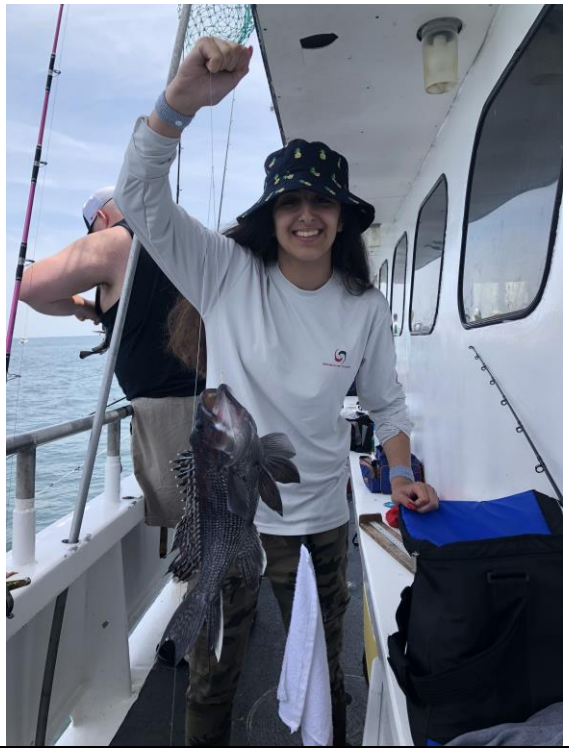
The world's largest collection of ocean garbage is growing. **The Great Pacific Garbage Patch**, a collection of plastic, floating trash half-way between Hawaii and California, has grown to **600,000 square miles – twice the size of Texas.** Winds and converging ocean currents funnel the garbage into a central location, said study lead author, Laurent Lebreton of the Ocean Cleanup Foundation, a non-profit group.

First discovered in the early 1900's, the trash in the patch comes from around the Pacific Rim, including nations in Asia and North and South America.

The patch includes about 1.8 trillion pieces – **the equivalent of 550 jumbo jets.**

No governments have stepped up to clean the trash, which is international waters. (Asbury Park Press, March 23, 2018).

Here's Gali Fish with one of her 14" keeper sea bass landed on the Ocean Explorer. Nothing better ...take a kid fishing!



Sea Turtles Go Home by Magnetic Fields

Sea turtles use the earth's magnetic fields to navigate back to the area where they were born **decades earlier,** according to new study that used loggerhead genetics to investigate their travels.

After swimming for years in the Atlantic, turtles from southeastern Florida found their way back to nest on beaches within 40 to 50 miles where they were born. The study suggests that the turtles learn their home beach's distinctive magnetic signature, through what is called geomagnetic imprinting. Researchers used previously reported genetic data from over 800 nesting Florida loggerheads. It showed that there was more genetic similarity among turtles that nest on beaches with similar magnetic signatures than there was among turtles that nest on beaches that were physically close to each other. (New York Times, April 17, 2018).

Fishing Management Issues – By John Toth

It seems to me that challenges to our recreational fishing rights never ends with regulations that make no sense like sea bass stocks up 230% yet we can only catch 2 sea bass from July 1st to August 31st. Now, the commercial fishermen want to have more of our bluefish quota allocated to them. On June 28th, I attended a meeting in Toms River's Public Administration Building held by the Atlantic States Fishery Commission (ASMFC) and the Mid-Atlantic Marine Fishery Council (MAMFC) to hear public comment on this proposed transfer of bluefish quota. I read the following testimony to stop this increased transfer. I represented the Jersey Coast Anglers Association as its Vice President, our club, the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance as one of its directors and the NJ Federation of Sportsmen's Club. I wrote this letter on our club letterhead and presented it on behalf of our club, the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance (as one of its Directors) and the NJ Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.

ASMFC & MAMFC, June 28, 2018

The Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County have the following comments to offer on your Bluefish Management Plan (BMP) and its proposed Bluefish Allocation Amendment. We are totally against transferring an increased amount of our recreational quota of bluefish to the commercial sector.

1. Why do this now? Does a benchmark stock assessment of bluefish support this increased transfer? What if this assessment indicates that recreational anglers have exceeded their bluefish quota? If that becomes the case, then our recreational quota could be significantly reduced and resulting in a shortened season and even a closed season for recreational anglers to catch fish.
2. Because of efforts to conserve this fishery, we have not overfished our bluefish quota. We want to rebuild the stocks of bluefish and not reduce it! What do we get for our efforts to stay within our quota – we have to transfer some of it to the commercial sector. This is not fair and it definitely supports our impression that commercial fishermen receive better treatment from your management than recreational anglers.
3. Historically, the split for bluefish has been 83% for recreational anglers and 17% commercial. This has worked for many years and now we are contemplating changing it. What is going to be now? Will it get to 60% for recreational and 40 % commercial? What about the following years? An even split of 50/50 %? We have experienced confusing seasons for our fisheries and sea bass is a prime example. So, with changing allocations of the bluefish fishery between the two groups, we may end up with
   confusing fishing seasons for bluefish just like sea bass in the future.
4. The recreational fishing industry is dying a slow death in New Jersey with many charter/party boats going out of business, including marinas. Closed seasons and restricted seasons for sea bass, blackfish, and fluke mean anglers are taking less fish home and sometimes nothing. Why should anglers pay to go on party/charter boats under these circumstances? We have heard this from captains and an overwhelming number of recreational anglers!
   Now, we are hearing that we should transfer more of our bluefish quota to commercial anglers! How much more punishment should we receive! Bluefish helps us get through those periods when fishing gets tough for fluke and other species. But, that safety valve can be taken away with this new allocation. What's next – you can catch only five or 3 bluefish instead of 15.

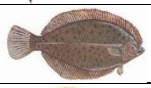
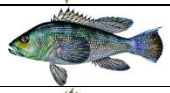
   An article in the June 5th edition of the "Record" points out that there have been fewer party and charter boat trips since 2016. Recreational fishing remains an economic engine for New Jersey that supports 20,000 jobs and contributes $1.5 billion to New Jersey's economy. The Bluefish Allocation in question will contribute to the slow death of New Jersey's recreational community.

   Thank you for this opportunity to express our comments on this Bluefish plan.

   John Toth, President
   Vice President, Jersey Coast Anglers Association
   Director, New Jersey Outdoor Alliance
   Member, NJ Federation of Sportsmen's Club

2018 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.

FISH	SPECIES	MIN. WEIGHT	ENTRY WEIGHT	ANGLER
	BLACKFISH	4	14 lbs.	Rey Muniz & Craig Zincavage
	BLUEFISH	12		
	COD FISH	10	23 lbs. 2 oz.	Rey Muniz
	FLOUNDER	1lb.8oz.		
	FLUKE	4	5 lbs. 1 oz	Jim Catanzaro
	LING	2		
	POLLOCK	10		
	PORGY	1lb.8oz.	2.95 lbs.	Rick Swarthe
	SEA BASS	2		
	STRIPED BASS	12	45 lbs.	Dan Tobia
	WEAKFISH	2		

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.

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
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2.		
3.		

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Membership Application for the Saltwater Anglers of Bergen County

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Please enclose a check or money order in the amount of $40.00 for a one-year membership, into New Jersey's **#1 Salt Water Fishing Club**.

Name_____

Address_____

Home/Business Ph #._____

E-mail Address _____