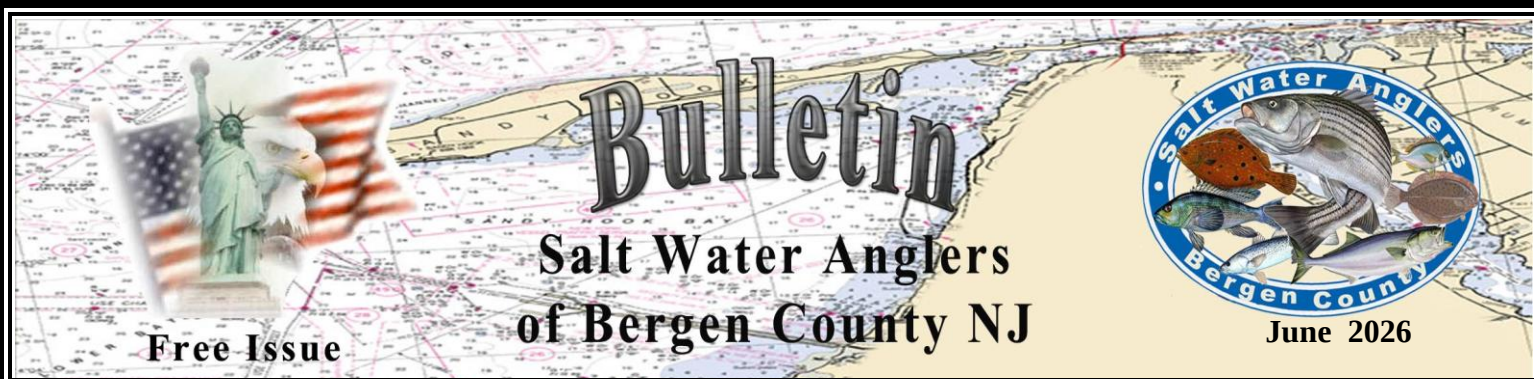




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**Bob
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with a fine
catch of Sea
Bass (photo
from 2025)**

**With Sea
Bass season in
full swing,
action has not
been steady
or exciting.
Keep your
fingers
crossed. It
may change
overnight?**

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

Presidents Corner

At our May 19th meeting, we had Al Durso (Gulp Guy) on hand to not only sell Gulp at discount prices, but he also gave us tips on how to best use Gulp in bays and in the ocean. Al told me that he really enjoyed being a guest at our club and that he would like to visit us again sometime in the future. Al also placed several packages of Gulp on our Dark Horse table and I thanked him for his generosity. Al will be a vendor at our 2027 Flea Market that will be held at the VFW in Paramus.

Ralph DeJulia canceled our May 23rd charter trip on the Ebbside since the sea bass were not around due to the cold water brought on by our harsh winter. All members who signed up for this trip were given their money back at this meeting. At the time of writing this newsletter, this trip has not been rescheduled. I cannot recall our fishing season being delayed so much because of cold water in May. However, it is better to cancel a trip than have it to out with the expectation of catching a few & no sea bass are around. We would not be happy and neither would the captain who wants us to have a lot of fish to take home.

Don Lohse and Rick Reitano are setting up a special Big Fish contest in July & August with the title **Jim Zimmer Fluke Contest** in honor of Jim Zimmer who loved to catch fluke and passed away a number of years ago. This contest is **in addition** to our Big Fish Derby. This new contest will be a lot of fun and the details of this contest are located in another section of this newsletter. In a change of pace, our Grand Chef Nico made hot dogs, accompanied with sauerkraut, salad, and dessert. Those Nathan hot dogs were really good and Bob Goldstein helped Nico to prepare them. Member Bill Fish brought bags of potato chips and beef jerky to go along with the hot dogs. **Thanks Bill!**

Hamza who works at Tackle World is doing a great job in adding nice prizes to our Dark Horse raffle table. Thanks Hamza!

Member Chuck Santoro won our 50/50 raffle of **\$175**. He did not realize he had the winning ticket until he put his glasses on!

Hopefully, fishing will pick up and when it does, please send me photos of your fish so I can place them in this newsletter. Send them to me along with your affidavit at tothjohn@verizon.net

It was very hot during the night of our meeting and my car thermometer read 102 degrees on my drive up to our meeting. Attendance was lighter at our meeting due to the extreme heat, but we still had a good time in spite of it.

June 16th Meeting – Captain Bob Henn –

Presentation to Catch Fluke

Captain Bob Henn of Ebbside Fishing Charters will give us his tips to catch more fluke. With the fluke season heating up, this is the time we need to learn more strategies to increase our ability to bring more of them in the boat.

July 21st Meeting – Sam Panko -

Presentation on Surf Fishing

Many of us like surf fishing and it is a passion of Sam. He will present his techniques and tackle to improve your surf fishing skills.

In Memoriam – John Piazza

By John Toth

John was a Past President of our club during 1989 and many of us who knew him well enjoyed fishing with him. I fished with John many times and we always had a lot of laughs and good times especially while fishing in Montauk for a fishing tournament that lasted for several days. While there, I always cooked fish & chips and John always stopped by to have some along with cold beer.

John was a veteran of the Air Force and also a member of American Legion Post # 170 that had a special ceremony for him at his wake at the Vanderplaat Funeral Home in Rochelle Park on May 20th. At this wake, I also read a special tribute to him as a member of our club and I had difficulty reading the script with tears in my eyes. I had a special connection with John and I will miss him.

Rest in Peace John!



Club Charter trips for 2026

Trip Captain Ralph DeJulia wants full payment in **Cash** for all trips (**Not Checks**) so that he can pay captains with hard cash. Paying in cash makes it easier for Ralph to handle all of these trips.

May 23rd – Club Charter on the Ebbtide Fishing boat for black sea bass docked at Atlantic Highlands – **Cancelled due to lack of sea bass** because of cold ocean water.

June 20th - Club Charter trip for fluke on the Night Hawk for fluke at Atlantic Highlands – Cost \$120 includes tip – (trip full) Sailing time is 7:00 a.m. – **Please arrive by 6:30 a.m. so we can leave on schedule.**

July 11th – Club Charter trip on the Debra Ann for fluke in Belmar – Cost \$115

August 15th – Club Charter trip on the Debra Ann for fluke in Belmar – Cost \$115 includes tip – (trip full)

New Charter Trips:

August 8th - Interclub fishing trip with the HRFA on the Ebbtide Charters in Atlantic Highlands- details below.

October 11th – Club Charter on the Debra Ann for sea bass – Cost \$125

November 21st – Club Charter trip for Blackfish on the Debra Ann – Cost \$125

Note: even though these trips may be full, you may want to be added to a standby roster in the event a member has to cancel due to a schedule conflict. Contact Ralph DeJulia to be to be on it.

The trip captain for all of these trips is **Ralph DeJulia** who has done a great job in setting them up!

Ralph can be reached at (201) 206-4506 or at newknee22@yahoo.com

Interclub Fishing Trip –

August 8thh (SWABC vs. HRFA)

This trip with the Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) will be held on the Ebbtide Charters that holds about 20 anglers comfortably. This friendly competition between our two clubs will have 10 members from each club trying to win by catching the biggest fluke by weight. Our club won this tournament last year, much to the consternation of HRFA members and we want to win it again!

Jim Zimmer

Fluke Contest

This contest is being held in memory of Jim Zimmer who liked catching fluke and passed away a number of years ago. A **\$50 prize in cash** will be given to a member of our club who catches the biggest fluke each month during July and August. The rules of our Big Fish Derby apply for this contest. The entry fee is \$1. Please see Don Lohse to enter this contest at our meetings or call him at (201) 832 - 1298.

Date for Cub's Youth Trip Set – July 17th

We will be taking kids from the Garfield YMCA on July 17th on the MiJo for our club's annual Youth Trip. We took these kids last year on the MiJo and they were so enthusiastic about fishing and they were a joy to watch. Tom Tyls will be taking names of members who want to volunteer to assist kids in catching fish. Tom can be reached at (201) 575-3740 or at tatys@aol.com.

The MiJo is docked at Atlantic Highlands and we will depart around 8:00 a.m. for this trip and return around 2:00 p.m. or so and sail in local waters to avoid high seas so the kids do not get sick. There is a galley on board for breakfast and lunch. **Please do not bring any alcohol on board.**

The benefits of our taking kids on these trips are many and they include **introducing them to nature** first and foremost! They are so excited when they see sharks coming on board the ship or whales and dolphins swimming around us. Many of these kids go on to becoming salt water anglers because of their catching their first fish and we need more young anglers in this sport. Finally, **we give kids a good time on the water**, even for some kids that come from broken homes.

Member **Alex Rubino** donated **\$2,000** to pay for this July trip for the kids! **Thank you so much Alex** for your continued support to help our club finance this charter on the MiJo that the kids enjoy so much!

Justin Signor will be on hand to tag fish along with a summer intern to assist him. The kids love taking their fish to them for tagging. Our club provides trophies for the winners in several categories and the kids winning them are so proud of themselves while holding their trophies

Update on Locations for Past President's Dinner and the 2027 Flea Market

By John Toth

We have had our Past President's Dinner at the Mountainside Inn for over 15 years and our dinner there in March was terrible and we will not go there again. We are also looking for a new location to have our 2027 Flea Market since the Hasbrouck Heights Hilton rental is expensive and most likely will increase. Our Board members, especially **Gene Snyder**, has been looking at alternate venues for these functions and they were presented to our Board at its May 12th meeting. After reviewing this information, the Board approved the following:

For our President's Dinner – the Brownstone in Paterson

For the Flea Market – the Paramus Elks Lodge

Many Thanks to Gene Snyder for taking the time to thoroughly research these locations to help us determine what new venues we need to have for our dinner and 2027 Flea Market.

Sportsman's Paradise

By John Toth

It is hard to believe that Manhattan with its huge skyscrapers was once packed with wild game and marine life in its rivers and nearby waterways. I have just finished reading a book with the title "**All Around The Town**" by Herbert Asbury that covers a lot of interesting stories about New York and a chapter that focuses about the early days of Manhattan called **Sportsman's Paradise**. This chapter details the fantastic game and fishing available from 1618 to about 1833. I thought that I would share this interesting information with you and the following are just a few examples of the many wild game and marine life that existed during this time period:

- Game of every description, including deer, bear and occasionally bison and even panthers roamed the present site of New York.
- The Hudson and East rivers teemed with sharks, whales, salmon, mackerel, porpoises and fish in innumerable numbers.
- Sturgeon 10 to 12 feet long and salmon measuring 6 feet from nose to tail were frequently taken from the Hudson.
- From the Hudson and East rivers, fishermen brought lobsters to market from 5 to 6 feet long.
- Crabs as big as dinner plates and shrimp from 10 inches to a foot in length.
- Oysters so huge that 3 or 4 sufficed for a family of five. The finest oyster beds were in the East River between the Battery and Ellis Island, which was originally called Oyster Island.
- Salmon were so plentiful during the first hundred years of the city's existence that servants signing bonds to work for a specified term of years stipulated that they were not to be required to eat salmon more than twice a week. Salmon was considered to be a poor man's food.
- Whaling was a thriving industry off Long Island.
- As late as 1825, half a dozen men still followed the profession of catching sharks off the Manhattan docks for the fish markets. The most successful one was an old man named Sam Way who caught 7 in one day as long as 14 feet.
- Wild turkeys from 20 to 40 pounds were also plentiful in the forests.
- Deer were so plentiful that they were considered a nuisance and boys and Indians were employed to scare them away from crops.

- Bears were very numerous but were seldom eaten except by Indians and slaves.
- One of the great spectacles of New York was the semi-annual flight of wild pigeons that appeared in such size as to obscure the sun for several hours as if a thick cloud had paused before it. A single shot fired from a gun into this mass of pigeons would kill 50 to 100 birds.

With the passage of time and the taking of animal and marine life for human consumption and the pollution that fouled rivers and waterways, these abundant resources gradually diminished to what we experience today. However, I can only imagine what lobsters would look like at 5 to 6 feet long or sturgeon 10 to 12 feet long or huge oysters like dinner plates! While looking at Manhattan with its buildings of every size, it is still hard to believe it was once a Sportsman's Paradise.

Significance of New Jersey Commercial & Recreational Fisheries

Jobs & Economics

- NJ marine fisheries contributes **3 Billion** to NJ's economy
- Has over **21,000** commercial & recreational jobs
- Ranks **3rd** of Atlantic coastal states (3 of 15) in both recreational trips & total pounds landed commercially (Source – NJ DEP)

Do Sharks Have Communication Skills?

Dolphins whistle. Whales sing. Fish croak, chirp, grunt, hum and growl. But in the chatter of the sea, one voice has been missing until now.

Sharks have been seen as the silent killers of the sea. But scientists at the University of Auckland in New Zealand recently recorded a rig shark making a sharp clicking sound, most likely by snapping its teeth together according to findings published in the journal Royal Society Open Science. They believe it's the first time a shark has been recorded actively making noise. The lead researcher, Carol Nieder, first heard the sound while she was researching the hearing abilities of sharks. While she was handling one shark, it made a clicking, snapping sound similar to that of an electric spark, she said.

Other sea creatures have mechanisms for making sounds. Fish, for example, have a swim bladder, a gas-filled sac that is used for buoyancy but can be also used as a kind of drum. Many fish have a muscle that can vibrate the swim bladder in a way similar to a human's vocal cords, generating sounds.

Sharks were thought to be silent with no communication skills, but they do have them like other seas creatures. (New York Times, April 15, 2015)

2026 Big Fish Contest

1. Fish must be in season.
2. **The fish can only be caught in New Jersey & New York waters.**
3. The fish entered must 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 the Dec. meeting of a given year must be received by the January meeting of the following year.

Any member who knowingly submits a false affidavit, faces expulsion from the club.

FISH	SPECIES	MIN. WEIGHT	ENTRY WEIGHT	ANGLER
	BLACKFISH	4		
	BLUEFISH	12		
	COD FISH	10		
	FLOUNDER	1lb.8oz.		
	FLUKE	4		
	LING	2		
	POLLOCK	10		
	PORGY	1lb.8oz.		
	SEA BASS	2		
	STRIPED BASS	12	38 lbs. 6 oz.	Hamza Issa
	Trigger Fish	1lb. 8 oz.		
	WEAKFISH	2		



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.

Date submitted with picture: _____

Caught from: ____Boat ____Surf - **Date:** _____

Name of Boat: _____

Port: _____

Where caught: _____

Signature of Angler _____

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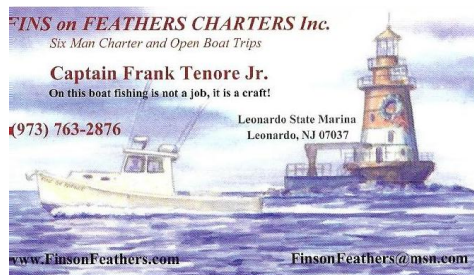
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Salvatore Crochiola has been looking into new hats. Prices could be around \$18 to \$20 dependent on the style, quantity and type of logo (embroidered, printed or patch). But how about these patches?



Journey of the Sea Turtle

The female loggerhead sea turtle swims to shore dragging her hulk through tangled seaweed and shells. Heavy with eggs. She scoops the wet sand and with wide sweeps of her rear flippers, prepares to leave 100 or more eggs behind. With the pink light of morning, her nest complete and camouflaged, she heads out to the morning sea and hitches a ride on a wave, to depths unknown. She will ride the Gulf waters until some inner light, some earthly magnet pull, leads her ashore about every 14 days to prepare more nests until she has laid three to six clutches averaging 100 to 126 eggs per nest. From these sandy beach front plots, will emerge tiny hatchlings, brothers and sisters, breaking their eggs with flippers and out to the light. They emerge and out to the sound of water by the shore.

The moon watches over them in the cool of the night guiding them to the surf. They scramble to the sea, toward the waves of protection. Instinctively, they follow the horizon's light to sanctuary in the waters of the Gulf.

Light is life for hatching sea turtles. Unfortunately, sometimes light holds a false promise and it means certain death. Artificial light on beachfront properties and roadways can distract hatchling on their way to the sea. Because of this danger, many beachfront communities in Florida have adopted lighting ordinances requiring lights to be shut off or shielded during the nesting and hatching season.

While the baby turtles are rushing to the sea, birds and other predators are waiting to devour them. Once they have reached the sea, other predators are waiting to eat them. Of all the many turtles that finally reach the sea, only a relatively small number of them survive to adulthood. (Along the Waterway, Sarasota, Florida)

Salt Water Anglers of Bergen County #1 Salt Water Fishing Club

Enclose a check in the amount of \$55 for a one-year membership, into New Jersey's #1 Salt Water Fishing Club

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