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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.

President's Corner

For our June 17th meeting, we had Vinny Delgozzo as our speaker to tell us about Penn Tackle and the many fine products that it produces. He passed around Penn rods and reels for us to see firsthand and other tackle. Vinny is the Territory Manager for Pure Fishing, the owner of many tackle companies. A number of our members came up to me and told me how much they enjoyed his presentation of Penn Tackle and their many products. Vinny is always welcome to visit us again!

Nico made Paella for us with a nice salad on the side and a delicious cake. Lou Castellano caught a lot of ling and he cooked it in a tempura style and Lou had it on hand for us to eat with Nico's Paella. What a feast! Thanks Nico and Lou for a nice meal that was delicious! Glenn Peckel won our 50/50 and he can certainly use that money to be on a nice fishing trip.

Please send me photos of your fishing trips so I can place them in our newsletters. Enter your fish in our Derby. The Derby regulations are listed in our newsletter.

July 15th Meeting – Al Durso – Gulp Guy

Al Durso was at our club's Flea Market and he had several tables of all types of Gulp to sell. Al will be at this meeting and he will have several tables of Gulp to sell at discounted prices. He will also explain how to best use Gulp to catch various types of fish and at different lighting conditions. Those of us who use Gulp, and that means almost everybody, should not miss this meeting.

August 19th Meeting – Coast Guard Presentation

Jim Day from the Coast Guard will be on hand to discuss boating tips to keep us safe while we are on our fishing trips

September 16th Meeting – Tony Maja on Striper Fishing

Tony will show us his new tackle for catching striped bass with his bunker spoons and the techniques to use them with maximum efficiency. Tony also has new blackfish rigs that he designed and he will present them to us.

Record 45.8 lb. Carp Caught in Newtown, Connecticut

Rafal Wlazlo pulled in a **45.8 lb. carp** from Lake Lillinoah in Newtown, Conn. and become the new record holder as certified by this state's Fish & Game for catching this big fish. The previous record holder was 45.5 oz.

Welcome Aboard!

Joe Mauro – Mahwah, NJ

The USS United States Is Going to Become a Huge Artificial Reef

In the 1950's, the United States built the S.S. passenger liner S.S. United States that was 990 feet long and even 100 feet bigger than the Titanic. It was the largest passenger ship ever built in the USA. The naval architect, William Gibbs, designed it so that it could carry 14,000 troops if needed in wartime. It broke the world speed record on its maiden voyage crossing the Atlantic in three days, 10 hours and 40 minutes travelling at 35 knots! It went on to carry the rich and famous over 800 times across the Atlantic.

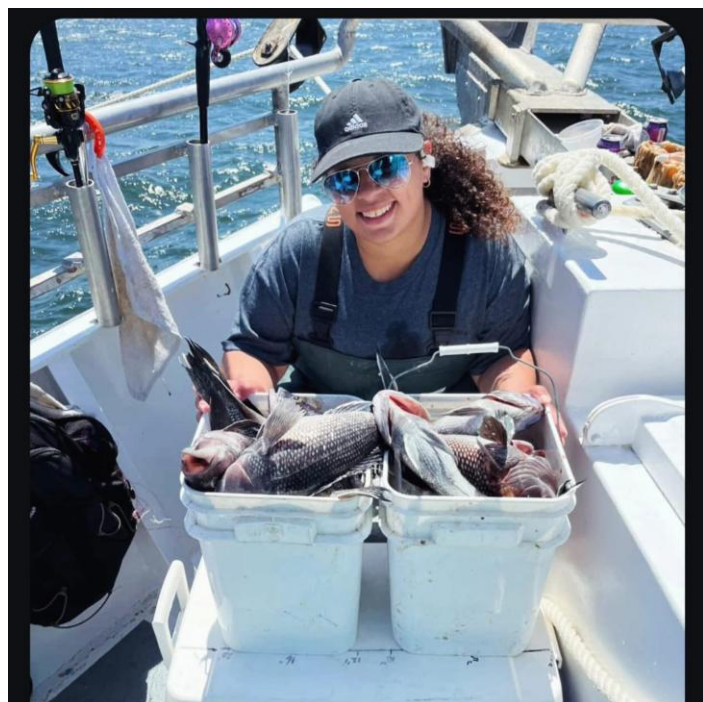
In time, travel habits changed with more people opting to fly across the Atlantic instead of taking a slower passenger ship. In 1969, the S.S. United States was taken out of service and docked in Philadelphia with hopes that this rusting ship might be restored to its former glory, but this did not materialize.

This majestic ship is going to become a huge artificial reef off the coast of Florida. It will be sunk to a depth of 180 feet and be 60 feet below surface water. It will be the biggest artificial reef in our waters!

It is sad to see this once beautiful ship end up as an artificial reef, but it will be put to good use for both fish and mankind instead of rusting away and ending up in a scrap yard!

(New York Times, February 21, 2025)

Monica Hanna with a nice bucket/buckets of Sea Bass



Club Charter trips for 2025

August 9th – Club Charter trip on the Ebbside Fishing boat for Fluke – Atlantic Highlands. Trip is full.

August 21st – Interclub charter with the HRFA on the Last Lady – Neptune

Fall 2025 – Club Charter on the Ebbside for black sea bass-date to be determined

November 16th – Club Charter for Blackfish on the Captain Cal - Belmar

Trip Captain for all of these trips is Ralph DeJulia and he can be reached at (201) 206-4506 or at: newknee22@yahoo.com.

Interclub Fishing Trip –

August 21st (SWABC vs. HRFA)

This trip with the Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) will be held on the Last Lady that holds about 15 anglers comfortably. This friendly competition between our two clubs will have 7 members from each club trying to win by catching the biggest fluke. Our club has been defeated on two of these trips and it is about time we win this contest! Representing our club will be Tom Tyls, Jim Galanaugh Jr., Barry Paull, Harry Vogt, Steven Weinstein, John Toth and Lou Castellano.

Fishing Management Updates

By John Toth

Bluefin Tuna:

According to NOAA, anglers had an exceptional fishery for bluefin tuna with so many of them moving close to our shore in 2024. NOAA is now taking action to reduce the ability of our taking bluefin this coming season.

For-hire vessels with a highly migratory species permit or HMS, such as charter or party boats can retain one school bluefin tuna from 27 inches to less than 73 inches per vessel/day or trip. For hire-vessels such as charters and party boats are allowed to take 2 tuna between 27 inches and 73 inches per vessel/day or trip. The quota for giant tuna, those over 73 inches, has already been met and closed.

In April, NOAA said it would likely have to take this measure after its data showed fishermen exceeded the 2024 quota by just over 138 metric tons. Recreational landings were particularly high late in the year due to a near shore fishery that developed off of Long Island, Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

NOAA also said these limits will stay in effect until December 31st, but it may need to take action later in the year, if appropriate, to further adjust the retention limits or even close the fishery.

Striped Bass:

The Atlantic States Fishery Management Commission (ASMFC) indicated that it would not close striped bass during any months of 2025. However, it may do so in 2026.

Date for Youth Trip – July 29th

We will be taking kids from the Garfield YMCA on July 29th on the MiJo for our 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 them catch fish. We will have trophies on hand to give them to kids with the biggest fish and who caught the most fish. 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 tatyls@aol.com. The MiJo sails around 8:00 a.m., but be there no later than 7:30 a.m. The MiJo has a nice galley to buy breakfast & lunch. Do not bring any alcohol!

Some Facts about the North American Right Whale

The American Right Whale is the most endangered species of whales in the world. There are estimates of only about 400 -350 of them left.

They can grow up to 50 feet and weigh 60 tons. At birth, they can be as long as 15 feet and weigh 2,000 pounds.

They are slow-moving at 3 to 7 miles per hour making them vulnerable to boat strikes. In the USA, all boats are required to stay at least 500 yards away from them.

They are found exclusively in North Atlantic and more so around the USA and are a rare sight in European waters due to centuries of whaling.

Right Whales are solitary in nature but do form in small groups for a short time period. Calves learn from their mothers how to be independent.

Massachusetts has adopted the Right Whale as their state mammal since it continues ongoing efforts to protect them and raise public awareness of their plight.

Bob Goldstein with a couple of Fluke



Catfish –

a Huge Farm –Raised Industry in the USA

Between 2010 and 2011, about 750 million pounds of catfish were farm-raised across 10 American states to feed our population. Most of the farming is concentrated in: Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama and Texas. A total of 89,000 acres in our country is in the farm-raised catfish business. Catfish has a mild taste and a flaky structure that is prized by restaurants and home-chefs alike. U.S. farm-raised catfish is endorsed as a top source of protein by environmental groups because of its efficient feed conversation rate and environmentally friendly farming practices.

Unlike fish production facilities on coastlines, enclosed U.S. catfish ponds are not subject to natural or man-made pollution from outside sources. Coastline fish farms are subject to contamination by sea lice and a lot of antibiotics are used to control this problem. The use of antibiotics on inland catfish ponds for disease control is very low.

Also, since it is free of contaminants like mercury, catfish can be eaten every day. It adapts well to a variety of cooking methods and seasonings. U.S. raised catfish is protein-rich, low in saturated fat and contains heart – healthy omega-3 fatty acids along with other important nutrients.

Catfish aquaculture is usually practiced in four distinct phases:

- ☐ Broodfish are held in ponds and allowed to mate in spring
- ☐ Fertilized eggs are taken from the broodfish pond to a hatchery
- ☐ Small fish named “fry” are taken to a nursery pond for 6 months
- ☐ Fingerlings are moved to a production pond until they reach 1 to 2 pounds in approximately 12 to 18 months.

Market-size fish are then harvested in large mesh nets and are immediately transported live in tanks to the processing plant to finally arrive in stores and restaurants for sale and consumption. Unlike fish this country imports from China and other nations that uses a lot of antibiotics and questionable farming practices, our citizens can rely on consuming catfish raised from farms in the USA that we know are safe to eat and also nutritious for us.

I have fished through fishless days that I remember
happily and without regret
Roderick Hag-Brown

“Men and Fish are alike. They both get into trouble
when they open their mouths.”

Anon

Hamza Essa – 23 inch Catfish



John Fatuzzo with a smaller one














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Justin

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2025 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. 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 January 15th of the following year.

FISH	SPECIES	MIN. WEIGHT	ENTRY WEIGHT	ANGLER
	BLACKFISH	4		
	BLUEFISH	12		
	COD FISH	10		
	FLOUNDER	1.5 lbs.	2.62 lbs.	Chuck Santoro & Don Lohse
	FLUKE	4	10 lbs.	Carmen Bufardeci
	LING	2	2 lbs. 4 oz.	Lou Castellano
	POLLOCK	10		
	PORGY	1.5 lbs.		
	SEA BASS	2		
	STRIPED BASS	12		
	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: _____

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 - **Date:**_____

Name of Boat: _____

Port: _____

Where caught: _____

Signature of Angler _____

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Address: _____

2. _____

Phone No. _____

3. _____



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Atlantic Shores wants to cancel its wind farm off Atlantic City

By John Toth

Atlantic Shores Offshore Wind petitioned the New Jersey Board of Public Utilities on June 4th to terminate its Offshore Renewable Energy Certificate Order for developing its 1.5 gigawatt wind turbine project east of Atlantic City. If constructed, the project would have powered about 700,000 homes across the state.

What led Atlantic Shores to stop the development of its wind farm off Atlantic City was caused by supply problems of essential materials to build windmills in the aftermath of the COVID pandemic. Increasing inflation inflated the cost of steel and other important components making the construction of the windmills less economically viable. Erecting windmills in the ocean is problematic and that increases the labor cost to build them. Also, in January the new Trump administration froze all federal permitting and approval for wind power projects citing a need to re-evaluate their environmental impacts.

As part of the company's initial agreement with the NJ Board of Public Utilities, Atlantic Shores had promised to invest in manufacturing at the state's Wind Port in southern New Jersey that builds windmills and planned to lease space there at a cost of about \$35 million over two years. It also planned to build an operational center in Atlantic City that would have employed about 88 people.

Atlantic Shore's CEO, Joris Veldhoven, said that their filing with the NJ BPU marks the close of one chapter, but not the end of Atlantic Shores. He also went on to say that demand for energy in New Jersey is outpacing demand and it needs more power generation.

I certainly agree with his last comment, but not using the deployment of offshore windmills to meet this increasing energy demands. The increased use of gas turbines and nuclear development is better to meet our energy needs. I have written a number of articles detailing the problems associated with offshore wind farms and first and foremost is the environmental problems that these windmills can have on our oceans and the thousands of sea creatures that live in them. Also, these windmills projects have not received the proper environmental review to ensure that they will not have a devastating impact on our ocean and they have been rushed for approval by the Bureau of Energy Management (BOEM) for political reasons. Without this needed review, it is like let's put them up and see what happens next since critical questions about them have been raised with no answers forthcoming.

Aside from environmental issues, the one question that is like an elephant in the room that windmill people do not want us to see and that is what will the average household have to pay for their electrical bills? This has not been answered to date and I have asked this question numerous times to wind developers with the response that they are still looking into it. With the construction of windmills 850 to 900 feet high, cables stretching for miles transferring electricity to shore, high labor costs to build them and other costs - will we see lower electric bills?

I do believe if the general public really knew the myriad problems associated with windmills, they would never support their development and demand that they should not be built.

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

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