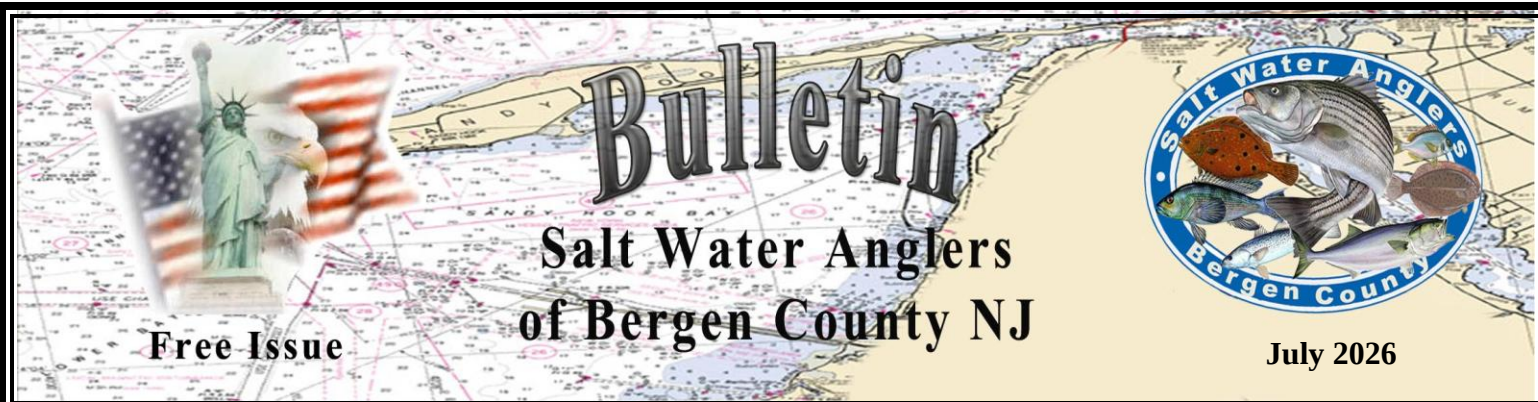




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The SWABC Members on our Club's Night Hawk Charter Trip On June 20th.



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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 16th meeting, we had Captain Bob Henn (Ebbtide Fishing Charters) as our guest to give us a presentation on catching big fluke. His presentation covered both dragging bait and jigging which is a popular way for many of us who like to snag fluke. We have a charter with him on August 8th for our interclub fishing trip with HRFA members.

For our July 21st meeting, we will be **having it in the pavilion** which is directly across the Legion since the hall in the Legion where we meet is expected to undergo some renovation and new painting. Unless the schedule for this renovation changes, we will meet at the pavilion. Our speaker will be Sam Panko who will give us a presentation on surf fishing.

Our Grand Chef, Nico, was injured while working at his job and was unable to prepare refreshments for us. We ordered pizza from a nearby shop and it was fine. Member Bill Fish supplied us with bags of potato chips and that went well with the pizza. Thanks Bill!

Bobby Jones looked like a happy man by winning our 50/50!

With the new fishing season in gear, please send me (tothjohn@verizon.net) or **Sal Crochiola** (salcrochiola@verizon.net) your fishing photos I can add them to our newsletter. Member Sal Crochiola will also add them to our club's Facebook. Be sure to include the boat you caught your fishing on.

Finally, I want to Thank Frank Rella, Hector Chacon and Sal Crochiola for their help in setting up the tables and chairs prior to our June meeting.

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.

August 18th Meeting – Justin Saginor – AOL Fish Tagging Program

Justin Saginor is in charge of the American Littoral Society (AOL) Fish Tagging program and he will give us a power point presentation on their important efforts to keep track of fish movements in our waters. It is amazing and surprising how fish move around in our bays and ocean and it will be very interesting experience to see how far they travel. Justin will also explain how we can tag fish to assist them in assessing where fish migrate.

Sick Call

Nico Lecourieux –

Please stay off your feet and get well again!

John Fatuzzo –

Take it easy and take one step at a time!

Dennis Bowman –

Get well soon!

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 them catch fish. As soon as the boat stopped, these kids would rush to the rails to catch fish and were excited to bring them in. 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 Saginor will be on hand to tag fish along with a summer intern to assist him in tagging fish. 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.

Don Lohse with his 3.6 lb. Winter Flounder



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. Also, when you sign up for one of these charters, you **are also responsible for payment of the trip** so that our club does not have to absorb your cost if you decide not to show up at the boat for any reason.

July 11th – Club Charter trip on the Debra Ann for fluke in Belmar – Cost is \$115 and payment will be collected on the boat since we do not have a club meeting before July 11th. Departure time is 7:00 a.m.

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 Ebbside 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 8th (SWABC vs. HRFA)

This trip with the Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) will be held on the Ebbside 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!

New Hats & Shirts are coming!!

Member **Sal Crochiola** has been working with a vendor to come with new design for our club hats so that he may have a prototype of it at our July meeting and take orders for them.

Member **Ralph DeJulia** has taken orders for a new club shirt that has a black sea bass on the back and they may be available to pick up at this meeting.

We still have some red club shirts left with various sizes and they have a pocket. The shirts will also be on sale at this meeting at a cost of \$10.

Welcome Aboard!

Leo Karpinski – Paramus, NJ

Recap of Club's Charter Trip on the Night Hawk on June 20th By John Toth

Even with a west wind, it was tough fishing for fluke with winds picking up speed making it hard for bottom fishing with 18 of us on board the Night Hawk. A lot of shorts were caught with Hamza Issa bagging up to 15 of them. Ralph DeJulia's son, Jake, caught 9 of them and while not catching a keeper he enjoyed the action. The captain tried hard to put on fish and made many moves to do it, but weather conditions were just not in our favor. There was a \$5 dollar pool and both Chuck Santoro and Hamza were the only two contenders for it with both fish looking quite that same. With the weighing being done by Sal Crochiola, Hamza's fluke won it by just 3 ounces. Hamza's fish weighed in at 2 lbs. 13oz. and at 20.5 inches long.

A big **Thanks** goes to **Ralph DeJulia** for putting this trip together for our club!

Jim Zimmer Fluke Contest

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

Members entered for July are:

Ralph DeJulia	Hamza Issa	Sal Crochiola
Steve Blumenfeld	Don Lohse	Tom Tyls
James Galanaugh	Chuck Santoro	Bobby Jones
Louie Castellano	Rick Reitano	Andrew Basso
Dave Nickolson	John Fatuzzo	TJ Taber
Nick Casumussino	Art Vrola	Joe Mauro
Mark Capalbo		

Chuck Santoro & Hamza with their Fluke



Is the New Jersey Striped Bass Bonus Tag Program Coming to an End?

By John Toth

Just not too long ago, striped bass fishing was red hot with them hitting any bait or lure that you threw at them. That was then, but it is not the same now with a number of party/charter boats not even bothering to go fishing for them during this past spring season. With the declining availability of this fishery, a Striped Bass Advisory Committee meeting was held on June 2nd to discuss whether our state should continue its striped bass Bonus Tag Program. Advisors, which are about a dozen of us, were asked by our NJ Marine Fisheries Council to provide our advice on continuing our state's Bonus Tag Program for striped bass.

This meeting was chaired by Brendan Harrison from the NJ DEP who first gave us an overview of the Bonus Tag Program. He asked that since the stocks of striped bass have declined, should our state continue giving anglers a number of Bonus Tags to catch additional striped bass. Some states and individuals have come out against it. There is a perception that we are allowing more striped bass to be harvested when the number of fish are in decline. What many people do not understand is that striped bass in New Jersey is a game fish. This designation prohibits commercial fishing for them. During the early 1970's, striped bass were in serious decline and a number of organizations banded together, especially the Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA), to have our Legislature designate this fish as a game fish and that brought this moribund fishery back to life again.

Since there is no commercial fishing for striped bass, our striped Bass Bonus Tag Program utilizes their **commercial quota** for this program. Usually, we only use about 10% of the commercial quota for the Bonus Tag Program. For example, in 2025, approximately 20,141 lbs. of striped bass were harvested with bonus tags toward the commercial quota of 200,796 lbs.

There is a new striped bass stock assessment program underway and the results of it are expected during May through August of 2027. The results of this stock assessment may affect continuation of the Bonus Tag program and if it will continue at all. Poor results of the stock assessment may even change our striped bass regulations from what we have today.

When anglers apply for bonus tags, they are required to submit reports on their catch of striped bass and this is not being followed by many anglers who may or not understand this requirement. Our state DEP uses this information to keep track of how many striped bass are being caught, especially by bonus tags. As a way to address this problem, when anglers apply for the Bonus Tag Program, they will be also required to view a new video that will be developed by the NJ DEP to explain the reporting details as part of this program.

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)

T.J. Taber with fluke caught on the Fisherman. He claims the smaller one is Bobby Jones?



Rick Swarthe holding a nice pollock caught in Maine on a private boat. He was fishing with member Arnie Ulrich



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.	3.6 lbs.	Don Lohse
	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 _____

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

Witnessed by: _____

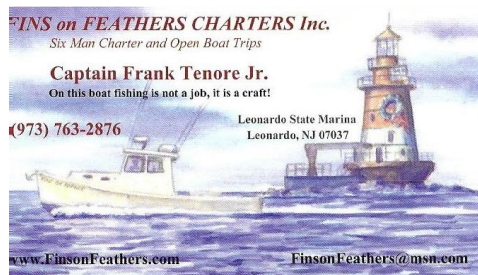
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Address: _____

2. _____

Phone No. _____

3. _____



Pee Does Not Help a Jellyfish Sting

You may have heard that urinating on a jellyfish sting is a useful remedy to relieve the pain.

But urinating on a jellyfish sting can actually cause more pain than it provides relief. Urine is made up mostly of water, so there is not enough ammonia and other chemicals in it to have the desired effect of stopping the clinging cells and their barbs.

Using a saltwater wash is the best first step for all species of jellyfish because it will not stimulate further firing of stingers or the further release of their venom.

Vinegar can also help because it rapidly halts the thousands of tiny unfired stinging cells left on the surface of the skin after tentacle contact. Applying ice also helps to reduce inflammation.

Consideration should also be given to taking an antihistamine to reduce itching, or an anti-inflammatory, such as ibuprofen to reduce pain and swelling.

(Oh, What a Relief It Actually Isn't, New York Times, June 9, 2026)

Lobsters Move when it gets Cold!

By John Toth

It was a tough winter for all of us including land animals and creatures of the sea. I was surprised to read in a report that when it gets very cold, lobsters move from their local habitat of about 3 miles to **over 40 miles** to the open sea and bury themselves into the mud/ sandy bottom to escape the cold!

Since lobsters are now way out to sea and the weather has not been favorable for commercial lobsterman to fish for them, the price of a lobster roll sandwich has skyrocketed to **\$40** and even more! It is simply a supply and demand situation.

(New York Post, March 9, 2026)

Connecticut Angler May Have Caught a Record Shark

Ed Lovely spent six hours on August 6th reeling in a **700 lb. Thresher shark** which may be a new record for the largest shark caught in state waters.

Once out on the water, Lovely felt a huge tug on his line and it kept peeling fast off his reel. He knew he had something big, but no idea of the **16.5 foot shark** that did not want to be caught. At one point, he was in complete "awe" over the shark's head peeking out of the water. Once the catch was completed, he and his friend found that it was too big for Lovely's boat and that it had to be rigged to the side of the boat to bring it to the dock to be weighed and certified.

Lovely is in talks with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to see if his catch is a new state record.
(Asbury Park Press, August 9, 2025)

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

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