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Our Youth Outreach Group Photo of the Garfield Boys & Girls Club



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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

At our July 15th meeting, we had Al Durso (Gulp Guy) and his partner Mike Ramirez as our guests to not only sell Gulp at special prices, but to also give us tips on how best to use them. They had so many packages of Gulp to sell with a multitude of colors. Al also demonstrated the rigs he uses to catch fluke and the importance of using the right hooks to attach Gulp to land fluke. Just before our meeting, Al and his partner won the recent Sandy Hook Bay Tournament by catching a **11 lb. 6 oz. fluke!** The following day after our meeting, I received an email from Al telling me how much they enjoyed coming to our meeting and meeting our members. Al also told me that he will be a vendor at our upcoming Flea Market in 2026. It was a very nice meeting with our guests and it was also a productive one with our being able to purchase a wide variety of Gulp displayed on three tables and at discounted prices.

Our Grand Chef, Nico, was on holiday and member Chuck Santoro ordered pizzas from the pizza shop just down the street from the Legion. The pizza was good and Chuck told me that 5 members wanted to know where he bought it so I think pizza worked out well for our meeting. The name of the pizza shop is Milan and it is located at 182 West Passaic Street.

John Fatuzzo was elated to win our 50/50 prize and now he is going to use that money to go on a fishing trip.

Member Tom Tyls came up from his home in Toms River to talk briefly about our upcoming Youth trip and to take the names of members who have volunteered to help kids catch fish on the MiJo scheduled for July 29th.

Send me pictures of the fish you catch so I can place them in our club's newsletter. You send them to me at tothjohn@verizon.net

August 19th Meeting – Coast Guard Presentation

Commander 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. Safety is paramount in every activity we do and especially fishing that has inherent dangers with anglers falling overboard and storms that come out of nowhere that pose danger to everyone on board.

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.

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

Lou Castellano with his 6 lb. fluke



Bill Fish with his 8.5 lb. fluke



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

October 11th – Club charter trip on the Debra Ann for sea bass - Belmar

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

November 16th – Club Charter for Blackfish on the Debra Ann – Belmar. Trip is full.

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.

American Angler Classic Surf Tournament

Sunday, October 12th at Seaside Park, NJ – Rain Date – October 19th

\$500 cash prize – based on 200 anglers – largest eligible fish

\$27 adults - \$15 youths 17 and under

Contact Carl Hartmann – (201) 481- 4390 – or cfishitou@aol.com

Welcome Aboard!

Dominic Ciazza – Fair Lawn

Frank Scalise – Hasbrouck Heights

Barry Doll – a former member who decided to join our club again – welcome back!

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.

Joe Sproviero & John Farrell with their Sea Bass Limit.

Simple Life Sportfishing, Atlantic Highlands



Bob Goldstein with a handful of big sea bass



President Trump is considering banning reduction fishing by Omega Protein

By John Toth

President Trump is considering banning reduction fishing for menhaden in federal waters. The Jersey Coast Anglers Association (JCAA) has been requesting recreational anglers to let President Trump know that we want him to do this through a direct link to the White House. On behalf of our club, I sent a response to the White House urging President Trump to stop this reduction fishing since menhaden is so important to the ocean's ecosystem and it is also an important food source for other species like striped bass and bluefish. Also, without menhaden in our ocean, it negatively impacts the party/charter boat industry as well as tackle shops and marinas.

Omega Protein reduction fleets owned by its parent company, Canadian – owned Cooke Inc., have been taking huge amounts of menhaden within New Jersey's coastal zone for a number of years and even use spotter planes to locate the schools of these fish. On June 23, 2025, a fleet of these reduction boats coming from Virginia spent three days fishing off New Jersey and New York waters.

A member of the Menhaden Defenders that is associated with the JCAA, recently hand delivered a letter to Howard Lutnick, the new Commerce Secretary, explaining why menhaden is so important to the recreational fishing industry and why reduction fishing for it should be banned. I have also recently learned that representatives from Omega Protein and others are also pressuring Mr. Lutnick to allow reduction for this fishery to be continued. I think a decision on this issue will be reached soon. I will update you when it is reached.

Remembering "Jaws" and its Impact on Sharks

By John Toth

I think that everyone who has seen this movie 50 years ago will never forget the duh, duh, duh music before Jaws kills its victim and the red pool of blood that surfaces is unforgettable! People viewing this movie were not only spellbound by it but even terrified of it. I recall a friend of mine who told me that when scientist Matt Hooper, portrayed by Richard Dreyfuss, dove to inspect the damage done to a sunken boat by Jaws and a dead man emerged from it, she screamed and jumped up from her seat. By doing this, the big bag of popcorn she was holding flew up in the air and popcorn landed on everybody around her! The movie was a blockbuster and made a lot of money for Hollywood and its producer, Steven Spielberg.

However, the aftereffect and even unintentional effect of this move was to produce the idea that a dead shark is better than a live one. Throughout the 1970s and 1980s, these ocean predators were vilified as voracious monsters and were drastically overfished so that people could safely swim in the ocean without sharks

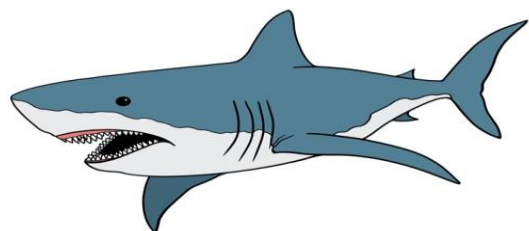
killing them. I do remember reading that Steven Spielberg even lamented that so many sharks were killed as a result of this movie that he produced.

But the film also ushered in an era of curiosity, inquiry and science to learn more about them. It produced a generation or more of researchers fascinated with these creatures that remained largely unknown. Most shark research was conducted by the U.S. Navy and much of it involved experimenting and testing repellents to prevent shark attacks on sailors. Very little was known about sharks, and the research also sought to understand why they attack people.

Today, thanks to this research, biologists have identified more than 500 shark species. But none has been more closely studied like the species in this film: the Great White shark. Research has helped to dispel its reputation as a man eating machine. This shark can live up to 70 years and it is highly migratory moving along the Eastern seaboard and into the ocean. Researchers using tags on the sharks can track their movements. Yet, while scientists know a lot about these sharks, many mysteries still surround them including their reproductive biology as where do they mate and give birth. "We can tell you where they are going," Dr. Skomal said, "But it is really hard for us to tell you what they are actually doing."












The movie is loosely based on Frank Mundos, a quirky captain in Montauk with a reputation of hunting and killing sharks. I wanted him to be a speaker at our fishing club. I called his home to set up meeting date. An acquaintance of his took my call and she told me that his speaking fee would be \$400 and that we would have to also set up a hotel room for him since he is coming to see us from Montauk. In the 1970's, \$400 was a lot of money compared to now plus a hotel expense. My club members would not approve such a high fee to have Captain Mundos visit us. I know that Captain Mundos's visit with our club would be very special and memorable given his reputation and the making of Jaws. With him as our speaker, people would be lined up to get in our meeting location and the place would be packed to see and hear what he had to say about Jaws. To this day, I still regret that we did not have this famous captain visit our fishing club and hear him talk about Jaws that we still remember that was made 50 years ago.

(New York Times, July 1, 2025)



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	2.5 lbs.	T.J. Taber
	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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Phone No. _____

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