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Yearly membership cards for those current in dues are available at the meeting. If you have paid your dues and have not received a current dues card, please see Mickey Sherry Treasurer, at the meeting. If you have or want a speaker on a specific subject, please contact our Guest Speaker Chairman Ken Kawalek at 609-575-1230

“SEA TOW offers 13 months for the price of 12 and an additional \$20.00 off for a yearly membership for Fish Hawk members!”

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President's Message — November 2025

Fellow Fish Hawks,

As I sit down to write the November message, I'm astounded by how quickly this year has flown by — only two months left in 2025! This also reminds me that it's time for Nominations and Elections of Officers.

Everyone should have received the Officer Nomination Form in your newsletter. Please take a moment to consider nominating a fellow member — or yourself — for an officer position. Bring your completed form to the November meeting, and if you have any questions, reach out to a member of the Nominating Committee: Bob Merkle or Ken Kwalek.

On the Fishing Front

The fall fishing season is in full swing!

- Seabass is open with a 10-fish bag limit.
- Stripers should be running soon.
- Blackfish bag limit increases to 5 fish on November 16.

There are still plenty of opportunities to get out and catch fish before the cold of winter sets in.

Upcoming Meetings

Our next meeting is on Thursday, November 6, 2025. We're pleased to welcome Emily McGuckin from the American Littoral Society, who will present on fish tagging. Emily has also been a speaker at our Youth Fishing Seminar for the past two years — her presentations are always informative and engaging. You won't want to miss this one!

Looking ahead, our **December 4th meeting will feature Officer Elections**, followed by our **Members-Only Pizza and Beer Night** — always a great way to wrap up the year.

Fair winds, following seas, and I look forward to seeing you on the water,

Dave

Fish Hawks Boat Trips

All payments for the Boat Trips must be in 10 days before the scheduled trip.

Nov. 19, Blackfish/ TOG, (5) Fish limit

Any Questions call Bob Merkle 609.902.7394 or Whitey 609-276-1899

“THE HAWK”
(NOVEMBER 2025)

THE BIRD: The fall fishing season has begun. Club members have been weighting in their tog, stripers, porgies, trigger fish, bluefish & sea bass. Good catches have been made when the wind allows us to fish the inlet, beaches & wrecks. The SEA BASS stacked up on the wrecks, try APOXY JIGS they really work.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER TOURNAMENT DAYS

T-#18 FRI. NOV. 7th T-#19 SAT. NOV.22ND T-#20 FRI. DEC. 5TH

Our last tournament day of the year #20, Friday, December 5th.

SEPTEMBER MONTHLY CONTEST WINNERS

There were 6 first place entries for the month.

The \$25 monthly bonus winner was PAUL PIESCHL 2. 89lb. TRIGGER FISH.

Blackfish: 3.75 lbs. KENN SEEFELT

Fluke: 7.20 lbs. DOUG ITJEN

Blowfish: 1.41 lbs. ROBERT MAURO

Kingfish: 1.33 lbs. ROBERT MAURO

Bluefish: 3.78 lbs. DOUG ITJEN

*** Trigger fish: 2.89 lbs. PAUL PIESCHL**

LARGEST FISH OF THE YEAR

Bluefish: 6.31 lbs. DOUG ITJEN

Blackfish: 4.64 lbs. DOUG ITJE

Fluke 10.10 lbs. CHUCK LANZEROTTI

Sea Bass: 3.08 lbs. DOUG ITJEN

Striped Bass: 13.05 lbs. DOUG ITJEN

Weakfish: none entered

BAY/ShORE BLOWFISH & KINGFISH TOURNAMENT

AUGUST: (Monthly Largest Fish)

Blowfish: 1.10 lbs. ROBERT MAURO \$25

Kingfish: .85 lbs. ROBERT MAURO \$25

SEPTEMBER: (Monthly Largest Fish)

Blowfish: 2.23 lbs. BILL WESTERVELT \$25

Kingfish: 1.33 lbs. ROBERT MAURO \$25

OVERALL TOURNAMENT WINNERS:

Blowfish: 1st Place: 2.23 lbs. BILL WESTERVILLE \$100

2nd Place: 1.41 lbs. ROBERT MAURO \$75

3rd Place: 1.38 lbs. TOM KOWITSKI \$50

Kingfish: 1st Place: 1.33 lbs. ROBERT MAURO \$100 (2nd & 3rd no entries)

YOUTH DIVISION:

“NO ENTRIES”

(GO TO OUR WEB-SITE FOR ALL CONTEST & TOURNAMENT WINNERS)

“BEER & PIZZA MEETING”

Thursday December 4th. “IT’S FREE” !!!!!!! “NO CHARGE” !!!!!!!

“MEMBERS ONLY”

This is our last meeting of the year. It’s always a fun one, with plenty of “BEER & PIZZA” We will have the usual 50/50 drawing, (wear your name tags! (It’s worth \$5), monthly rod & reel drawing, choices include rod & reel, club gear, pfd’s, or a \$75 gift card to one of our four weigh stations. We will also be drawing the ticket for the YEARLY Custom Rod & Reel. Last, but not least, we will have our FISH HAWKS AUCTION.

This is also the meeting where we will be nominating our club officers for 2025.

“WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT TURN OUT”

FISH BITES:

**SEABASS: RE-OPENED OCTOBER 1st THRU OCTOBER 31st 10 FISH @ 12 1/2”.
NOVEMBER 1st THRU DECEMBER 31st, 15 FISH @ 12 1/2”**

**BLACKFISH: OPEN THRU NOVEMBER 15th, 1 FISH @ 15” BAG LIMIT INCREASES
TO 5 FISH @ 15” FROM NOVEMBER 16th TO DECEMBER 31st.**

STRIPED BASS: 1 FISH @ 28” TO 31”

REMINDER: (NO MEMBERS MTG IN JANUARY).

**MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DO NO LATTER THAN DECEMBER 31st. PLEASE
SUBMIT YOUR DUES BY THE DEADLINE TO AVOID THE \$10 LATE FEE. (dues will
not be accepted without a renewal form DUES ARE \$40.00 & INCLUDES ELECTRONIC
NEWSLETTER. IF YOU CHOOSE A MONTHLY HARDCOPY (MAILED TO YOU) AN
ADDITIONAL \$25.00 WILL BE CHARGED, FOR A TOTAL OF \$65.00**

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“THE HAWK”**

NOVEMBER MEETING THE LACEY FOOD BANK KIDS CHRISTMAS 2025 WISH LIST

URGENT, NOVEMBER MEETING!!! Our November meeting is the time to collect gifts for the LFB Kids XMAS. If you want to give a check, please make sure that your check is specifically marked for the LFB Kids XMAS and noted on the memo line of the check. **VISA Gift Cards in \$25 amounts are also Requested items of PJs, Sweatshirts/Sweatpants and Slipper Socks (All Sizes) are needed.** Through your help we can provide a Happy Christmas for those less fortunate.

Our wish list for this year also includes:

Slipper Socks – Child and Adult Sizes

Scarves, Hats, Gloves – All sizes from Children through Adults

Sweatshirts – Adult sizes – Small/Medium/Large

Puzzles – 200 pieces and larger

Legos

Craft Kits

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Of course, we are grateful for any food items, gifts or monetary donations. LFB is very grateful for your many kindnesses.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Nomination of Officers



The time has come again to nominate the Officers of the Fish Hawks Club. As we grow in membership, we need to have a rotation of officers to continue the life of this wonderful club and the things we as fishing people support and enjoy.

Many of the current officers are serving way beyond their call of duty.

So, we are asking for your support. Think about offering your time and talents and placing your name for nomination or nominating another talented member, please fill out the information area below of who you would like to be a officer, please include your name.

Thank you for any consideration you may have in becoming an officer or nominating someone.

Contact: Bob Merkle UBFishing@comcast.net 609-902-7394 or

Ken Kawalek klsancap@verzion.net 609-575-1230

You can also bring this filled in form to the October and November meetings.

President:

_____ Name _____

Vice President:

_____ Name _____

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RMM 10/03/2023 form 2304

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ANNUAL RENEWAL FORM

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STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE#: _____ CELL PHONE # _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ DOB: _____

Applicant's Signature : _____ Date _____

Check One:

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