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JUNE 2025 FISH HAWKS NEWSLETTER

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If you have changed your mailing address, phone number, e-mail address, or you do not receive or miss and issue of the newsletter, please contact Membership Chairwoman, Sandi Roy. Sandi's cell phone is 609-618-6211 or an email can be sent to robandsandi@yahoo.com. Please do not leave a message on her home phone.

Please call Good & Welfare Chairwoman Marilyn Dahl if you know of any member who is ill or has been hospitalized. Marilyn can be reached on her cell phone at 201-232-6896 or home phone at 609-693-4674. You may also email her at be <u>marilynjd@comcast.net</u>.

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!"

Boat US membership discount code is GA83831B. Ask for new member applications.

Presidents Message

Hello all,

Well, I guess by the time you read this, the banquet had already passed and was a great success. I'm sure even though the prices skyrocketed this year, we had a great time. My thanks to Dave, Tony, Pat Bye, George and Alice Royston, Bob Mauro and Chuck Lanzerotti, and sneaky photographer Ken, for putting on a great program! Hey! Don't forget to bring your ladies and participate in the newly named Gail Matuska Memorial Ladies Day's Fluke Tournament on the 13th and 14th this month. Birthdays in June, 21st Mary Loraine Merkle, 21st Rich Mosolgo, 26th Peter Stalnaker, and 29th Denny Joyce. Happy Birthday all. If I miss anyone, please tell me at the meeting! Looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting to hear our speaker this month, Walt Bohn and a special lady will be demonstrating CPR techniques. If we show interest and have a few members who want to pursue getting certified, Walt will schedule a special day to receive extended CPR classes so that we can be CPR certified! New member Frank Sochocki and his son were able to get out for a couple of days and do a little Fluke fishing this week. They limited out the first day and got 4 on the next. All the fish were between 18 and 24 inches. They were fishing in the back bay of the Manasquan River and did great for the beginning of the season. If the fluke are in the Manasquan, they must be here in Barnegat Bay SOMEWHERE! Once water warms up a little you will get them in the deeper holes in the bay. Since they got nice keepers to eat, they "Hooked Em to Cook Em". See you at the meeting.

Karl

<u>"THE HAWK"</u>

JUNE 2025)

THE BIRD: Your probably tired of hearing it's WINDY! One more time (I hope), IT'S

<u>WINDY!</u> Sound familiar? Exact words said for past **3** years. A bunch of us haven't been out all spring. Those that did, had some decent Bay fishing especially for fluke in the shallows along the drop offs. Those in the know had bent rods mostly on the out-going tides. The word on the ocean fluking (the water is ICE COLD). No sea bass reports so far, again the water temps are quite low.

Our Annual <u>AWARDS BANQUET</u>: Sunday JUNE 1ST. Nearly \$5,000 will be awarded this year, another RECORD. And we expect it to be an enormous success!!! <u>"Thanks to our Banquet Committee" Dave Bye</u> our Vice President & Committee Chair, <u>Karl Dahl</u>, our President & Host & <u>Tony Guadagnino</u>; committee organizer. <u>Pat Bye</u> will greet all of our members & their guests she & <u>Lori Sherry</u> will hand out 2 tickets for our Auction & one coupon for a Beer or Wine to each member. The Club will also provide Cheese & Crackers at each table. NOTE: With the lost revenue from the cancellation our annual Flea market we were unable to provide door prizes this year. We will have 13 GREAT auction items the "BAZILLION \$\$\$\$" COOLER will be loaded with "STUFF", 50/50 tickets will also be available. We will recognize the winners of our Monthly Contests, Tournament Days, Club Fishing Trips, Bay Blowfish tournament & our Ladies Day Fluke Tournament. And during the evening our comedy team <u>Abbott & Castello</u> (Dave & Karl) will again try to keep us laughing "I HOPE". Last year you made our evening most enjoyable!!!!

"Thanks to all the committee members who put in the effort to make our night FIRST CLASS".

<u>MONTHLY CONTESTS:</u> We had <u>3</u> first place entries for APRIL. *DOUG ITJEN; TOG 4.64 lbs. (\$25 BONUS); PAUL PIESCHI; STRIPED BASS; 10.99 lbs. DOUG ITJEN LING; 1.69 lbs.

<u>TOURNAMENT DAYS:</u> JUNE: T-D #5 SATURDAY 7th, T- D #6 FRIDAY 20th, T-D #7 MONDAY 30th

<u>THE GAIL MATUKA MEMORIAL LADIES 2 DAY FLUKE TOURNAMENT:</u> Friday & Saturday JUNE 13TH & 14TH. (see flyer)

<u>YOUTH SEMINAR:</u> Scheduled for Saturday July 19th KEVIN O'ROURKE is our (committee chair).

if you're interested in helping. Tony & Cy Guadagnino / BARBRA GINDHART (co-chair) needs help serving Breakfast & Lunch.

(WE'LL HAVE A SIGN-UP SHEET AT THE JUNE 5th CLUB MEETING)

JOE MATUSKA MEMORIAL TRI-CLUB FLUKE CHALLENGE: Will be held on Saturday Aug 2nd the TUNA CLUB WILL HOST the AWARDS PICNIC on Sunday Aug 3rd at the Tuna Clubs facility Eric Engard (609)313- 2281 is the contact. The VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB will be joining us again this year. There is <u>NO</u> ENTRY FEE for participating in the Tournament, <u>there is however a \$5 charge for the</u> picnic. (see flyer) Any questions contact Tony G @ (609)242-9471 or Val/Kenn Seefelt (committee chairs) @ (609)423-8982. We will be collecting the \$5 for the picnic.

(the flyer has been posted on our website & available at the meeting)

<u>FISH BITES:</u> Fluke season opened on May 4th & goes thru September 25th (3 fish @18") <u>Seabass</u>, opened on Tuesday May 17th thru June 19th (10 fish @12 1/2 ") closed from the 20th to June 30th. Re-opens on July 1st thru August 31st (1 fish @ 12 1/2")

<u>IMPORTANT NOTE</u>: <u>STRIPED BASS</u> FISHERY: YOU WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO TAKE <u>ONE SLOT FISH BETWEEN 28 & 31"</u> <u>THAT'S A 3" SLOT.</u>

<u>The BONUS FISH program is still in effect, allows ONE fish from 24" to less than 28".</u> (NO CLOSED SEASON)

<u>"GOING ABOVE & BEYOND":</u> SEA TOW General Mgr. & Captains<u>WALT BOHN &</u> <u>JOE GALLINATO</u> for assisting boaters in the Barnegat Bay & Inlet area during a tragic boating accident in Sept. 2024. We are proud to have Walt & Joe as Fish Hawk members.

> PLUMBER: "DON'T SLEEP WITH A DRIP" "CALL ME"! "BE SAFE OUT THERE" "THE HAWK"

Tony G. Up-dated forms & rules are always available on our website or enclosed in the current newsletter and will also be available at our Thursday meetings.

Fish Hawks Boat Trips

All payments for the Boat Trips <u>must be in 10 days before</u> the scheduled trip.

June 10, Sea Bass July 15, Fluke.

Oct 7, Sea Bass & Blackfish/Tog

Rule #5. All club organized Fishing Trips held on a Head Boat for club Members will be considered a FREE TOURNAMENT DAY. <u>Only members</u> who participate in these club trips will be eligible for the FREE TOURNAMENT DAY PAYOUTS. There are 6 species eligible for tournament day payouts, as noted by an asterisk (*****) on the Monthly Tournament Form. All fish will be weighed / judged while on board the boat and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place tournament winners will be announced at that time. **Note:** If you are also entered in the monthly contest and want your fish to also gualify for the monthly contest, you must weigh in your

Note: If you are also entered in the monthly contest and want your fish to also qualify for the monthly contest, you must weigh in your fish at one of the club's official weigh stations.

Whitey and the Club procures all the sandwiches, condiments, soft drinks & snacks. A reminder each trip cost \$90.00, but doesn't include a generous tip for the mates Any Questions call Whitey 609-242-3745 or Bob Merkle 609.902.7394

*****LACEY FOOD BANK***** JUNE 2025

Fish Hawks June Challenges: Shortly, schools will be closed for the school year. Programs that were providing children with both a breakfast and lunch meal plan won't be available over the summer months. Food Banks like, the Lacey Food Bank, will be put under additional pressure to provide food items for these children during the summer months. In last month's meeting I stated that over 440 families were receiving support from the Lacey Food Bank. Our support is critical during the summer.

I am asking for your full participation this month and ask our membership to help supplement the school's breakfast and lunch programs with either providing food items or with a monetary donation to the Lacey Food Bank.

Here is a list of items that are needed at the Food Bank but all food contributions are welcomed. Here is a short list of items:

Peanut butter Jelly Macaroni and cheese Pasta and Spaghetti sauce Cereals Chicken noodle soup Juice Boxes Pop Tarts SpaghettiOs

Snacks like pretzels, peanut butter crackers, Goldfish crackers, fruit snacks, cookies, etc.

Juice boxes Apple juice Applesauce

Should you forget to bring some food items to our June meeting, there is always a jar near the bin where you can place both checks made out to the Lacey Food Bank or money into. Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,

Ken Rylak

"GAIL MATUSKA MEMORIAL" "LADIES 2 DAY FLUKE TOURNMENT"

"ALL FEMALE MEMBERS & FEMALE FAMILY MEMBERS ONLY"

DATE: FRIDAY & SATURDAY JUNE 13th & 14Th <u>ENTRY FEE:</u> FREE; O; NADDA!!!! <u>PAYOUT:</u> 1st PLACE \$75 2nd PLACE \$50 3rd PLACE \$25 NOTE: CAN WIN <u>ONLY</u> ONE PLACE!!!!

RULES: MINIMUM AGE 12 YEARS OLD ALL FISH MUST BE HOOKED & FOUGHT TO BOATSIDE BY A LADY + NO SIGN-UP; JUST FISH, CATCH & WEIGH-IN

+ YOU CAN FISH ONE OR BOTH DAYS, "YOUR CHOICE"

WEIGH-IN: ANY OF OUR 3 CLUB SPONSORED WEIGH STATIONS, CREEKSIDE OUTFITTERS, GRIZZ'S, & GRUMPYS

REVISED: 4-29-20245 BOB M..

GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!!!!!

Fish Hawks July 19, 2025 Youth Fishing Seminar

The 2025 Fish Hawks Youth Fishing Seminar planning stages are well under way and here is an update on where things stand as of April 1st. Once again, we were able to plan with the Lighthouse Foundation, in Waretown, to use their facility for our event. Most importantly, we have received a check from Holtec Corporation in the amount of around \$2,500 to help fund the seminar. Without Holtec's sponsorship, it would be very difficult for the Fish Hawks to fund this seminar on our own. In addition, here is a short list of items and contacts that are in the process of confirming for the seminar:

- Initial contact with Ft. Dix's Director of Youth Program made.
- Purchase of Rod & Reel Combo's cost estimate received.
- Calls and emails going out to seminar presenters has started.

Arrangements for the purchase of Food and Supplies has started.

As the event draws closer, we may ask for additional volunteers for the seminar. If you have any questions regarding the "Youth Fishing Seminar" and how you could, assist. See me at our monthly meeting.

Sincerely,

Ken Rylak

<u>"JOE MATUSKA MEMORIAL TRI-CLUB FLUKE</u> <u>TOURNAMENT"</u>

TUNA CLUB, FISH HAWKS SALTWATER ANGLERS CLUB & VILLAGE HARBOUR FISHING CLUB

- 1. ONLY <u>MEMBERS</u> FROM EACH CLUB ARE ELIGIBLE TO FISH.
- 2. ANGLERS CAN BRING FAMILY OR FRIENDS TO THE AWARDS PICNIC AS LONG AS THEY ARE PRE-PAID & HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THE PICNIC (WE NEED AN ACCURATE HEAD COUNT FOR ORDERING FOOD)
- 3. PICNIC IS \$5.00 PER PERSON (KIDS 12 & UNDER FREE)
- 4. TOURNAMENT IS SATURDAY AUG. 2nd & AWARDS PICNIC SUNDAY AUG. 3, AT 1 PM AT THE FORKED RIVER TUNA CLUB.
- 5. RAIN DATES WILL BE UP TO THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS.
- 6. ALL FLUKE MUST BE WEIGHED IN AT CREEKSIDE OUTFITTERS (SPONSER)
- 7. IN WARETOWN (NO LATER THAN 5: 30 PM) SATURDAY,
- 8. EACH CLUB CAN WEIGH IN AS MANY FLUKE AS THEY WANT, BUT ONLY THE TOTAL WEIGHT OF THE 5 HEAVIEST FLUKE WILL DETERMINE THE GRAND PRIZE WINNER AND WHO GETS THE "JOE MATUSKA" TOURNAMENT TROPHY.
- 9. A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH CLUB WILL MEET THE FOLLOWING SUNDAY AT 11:30 AM AT THE FORKED RIVER TUNA CLUB TO DETERMINE THE RESULTS OF THE TOURNAMENT.
- 10.THERE WILL BE INDIVIDUAL PRIZES FOR THE LARGEST FLUKE \$100 GIFT CARD, 2nd \$50 GIFT CARD, AND 3rd TO 6th PLACES WILL EACH RECEIVE A \$25 GIFT CARD FROM CREEKSIDE OUTFITTERS.
- 11.THERE ARE NO LIMITS ON THE NUMBER OF FLUKE AN ANGLER WEIGHS IN (MUST BE WITHIN STATE & FEDERAL REGULATIONS).
- 12.HOSTING CLUB (every 3 years) WILL RUN THE AWARDS PICNIC, THE 50/50 & COLLECT THE \$5 PICNIC FEE.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL REMAIN WITH THE HOSTING CLUB.

13.TROPHY WILL BE PRESENTED, AT THE PICNIC, TO THE WINNING CLUBS PRESIDENT.

Revised: 4-29-2024 B0B M..



2025 BEACH, BAY & JETTY FISHING TOURNAMENT

SPECIES: NORTHERN PUFFER (BLOWFISH) & NORTHERN KINGFISH DIVISIONS: ADULTS & YOUTHS (Under 17 Years of Age-Proof of age needed to claim prizes) \$20 entry fee for each ADULT entered. YOUTHS less than 17 yrs. old FREE (Fee Includes Entry for BOTH Species) CASH PRIZES: FOR THE HEAVIEST OVERALL BLOWFISH & KINGFISH ADULTS YOUTHS 1st Place \$100 **\$20** 2nd " \$75 \$15 \$50 3rd \$10 For August and September a \$25 PAYOUT PRIZE will be awarded FOR THE HEAVIEST BLOWFISH & KINGFISH WEIGHED IN FOR ADULTS ONLY. WEIGH STATIONS: CREEKSIDE, GRIZZ'S and GRUMPY'S. PAY METHOD: CASH OR CHECK (made to "FISH HAWKS") MUST Sign up 24 hours prior to weigh in. ENTRY FORM: DETACH & MAIL TO OR SUBMIT AT CLUB MEETING Fish Hawks P.O. Box 700 Forked River, NJ 08731 Any Ouestions contact Kenn or Val @ 609-423-8982 FISH HAWKS WEBSITE: www.fishhawksnj.com (leader results posted monthly) A Winner can only win one category prize for each species! ELIGIBILITY: CLUB MEMBERS & FAMILY MEMBERS ONLY, Grandkids, Daughters, Sons, Nieces, Nephews, Cousins. ***Ocean caught fish from boat are not eligible. See rules for additional information. "ALL PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED AT OUR ANNUAL BANQUET" ***ANGLERS FISH AT THEIR OWN RISK* Please Print** Main Member Contact......Email: Address.....Phone #..... NAMES OF additional ADULT ANGLERS (\$20.00 ea.) NAMES OF YOUTHS (under 17 FREE) Date of Birth 1..... 2...../.../.../.../ 2..... 3...../..../..../ 3..... TOTAL PAYMENT \$...... Method of Payment: Cash......Check #.....

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