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#### <u>SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2021 FISH HAWKS NEWSLETTER</u>

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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 marilynjd@comcast.net.

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 Gail Matuska, Treasurer, at the meeting. If you have or want a speaker on a specific subject, please contact our Guest Speaker Chairman Bill Browne at 732-504-9344

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#### \*\*\*\*\*LACEY FOOD BANK\*\*\*\* SEPTEMBER and OCTOBER 2021

- Attention Fish Hawk Members: The Lacey Food Bank is run by caring volunteers and exists solely on donations of food and monetary contributions from the community. As I stated in our September membership meeting, Lacey Food Bank is currently feeding well over **450** people each month. As parents get their children ready for the new school year, it's important that the children start each morning with a nourishing breakfast. Let's make sure that we provide these children this month with the right types of food as we send them off to learn each day at school. Something so minor, can make the difference in a child's ability to stay focused and learn each day. Should you forget to bring something from your pantry, monetary donation (\$\$\$) placed into our donation canister at our monthly meetings are always welcomed. Let's strive for 100% participation this month with food donations from the Fish Hawks.

As always, you still can drop off your food items or checks or mail them to, the Lacey Food Bank located at 102 Station Drive, Forked River 08731. Lacey Food Bank is open from 10 to noon Monday through Saturday. If you are unable to get to them during their normal business hours, you can call 609-242-2848 to arrange a drop off time for your check or food items. As always, we thank you for your continued support of others less fortunate in our community.

Thank you for your Support and Stay Safe, Ken Rylak

#### Presidents message

#### Greetings Everyone,

55 members and guests attended our Aug. meeting. Our monthly guest speaker, Joe Zagorski, a renowned "Trophy" fisherman explained how he targets trophy size Fluke and Blackfish. A great presentation sorry if you missed it! Dave reported that our Banquet was a huge success with about 100 members and guests attending. I hope you were one of the people there, but if not, TOO BAD! LOL. Debbie from the Captains Inn along with her staff, did their usual excellent job, both the food and service were great. Thank you everyone who donated gifts for our "Gift" Auction. I also want to thank our committee members, Alice and George Royston, Bob Mauro, Chuck Lanzerotti, Pat Bye, Bob Kratsch, Ken Kawalek, and special thanks to my Co-Chairmen Tony and Dave. Have you signed up for the "Bay & Surf Blowfish and King fish tournament? Aug. results are final, but you still have the month of Sept. Sign up the kids and grandkids too, no entry fee for them. Don't forget to buy some club gear, wear it proud and support our club. A big Thank You goes out to Ken Kawalek. Ken donated a rod to raffle off at our meetings and gave the proceeds to the Food Bank. Thank you, Ken, and all who bought tickets. Speaking of donations, Bill Browne who won a contest from a photo he took years ago of the Trade Center Buildings, raffled off that same picture at the picnic and then donated all the proceeds to the Food Bank. Thank you, Bill! A great time was had by all who attended our picnic on Saturday. It was a beautiful clear, cool summer day. Several people came up to me and said that this is the best picnic they ever came to. Hats off to Cy and Tony Guadagnino. I know that having a day like this takes a lot of work. In fact, Cy and Tony start buying, cooking, and preparing most of the food weeks before the picnic, and as usual they held a fabulous event again this year. Of course, thanks go also out to the many people who helped, all the guys who set up the area first thing in the morning, Dave, and Bill trucking everything to the park, Renee and Sandi checking everyone in, George and Rob on the grills, Frank and Ken making the seafood, Marilyn, Alice, JoAnn, and Mary serving.

Whitey and Bob holding the casting contest, along with Mickey our resident Corn Hole official, Joe and Chris handling the spirits. George and Alice selling the raffle tickets, Brian with all his tables and grills, and a BIG very special thanks to best "mother shucker" of all time, Chuckie, Chuckie, Chuckie! I think he opened about 700 of the 900 clams we had. He even showed me a few tricks opening them! Also, thanks to everyone who brought salads and or desserts. I hope I didn't forget anyone but if I did, please forgive me, and thank you also. Not sure who our guest Speaker will be this month, but I'm sure Bill will line up someone interesting. Birthdays in September are, William McGrath 2<sup>nd</sup>, Tom Kowitski 6<sup>th</sup>, Charles Terjesen 6<sup>th</sup>, Gene Makitra 10<sup>th</sup>, Derek LaBatch 12<sup>th</sup>, Nancy Eadie 16<sup>th</sup>, Jack Frederick 16<sup>th</sup>, and John Ward 20<sup>th</sup>. October birthdays are as follows, Alice Royston 6<sup>th</sup>, Jack Hendersen 8<sup>th</sup>, Alan Bodak 10<sup>th</sup>, John Howell 11<sup>th</sup>, Doug Itjen 11<sup>th</sup>, Paul Schell 14<sup>th</sup>, Mike Sowa 16<sup>th</sup>, Andrew Dubman 20<sup>th</sup>, Mike Korygowski 20<sup>th</sup>, James Parula 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Dennis DiGugliemo 25<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday all. As always, any fish you target, remember that "You Have to Hook Em to Cook Em!"

#### "THE HAWK" (SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2021)

THE BIRD: The weather hasn't been perfect, but a number of our members have gotten out & were rewarded with limits of fluke & seabass. Sorry to say but by the time you receive "THE HAWK" seabass season will have closed (last day Tuesday August 31st). Blow fishing has been good for some & really good for those fishing a moving tide. Capt. Karl & mate Tony G took out a couple of vets. We kept 85 blowfish & one kingfish. Our guests went home with plenty of blowfish filets (Blow Fingers) & some fond memories. A number of club members are getting involved with this program "HOOKIT 22" (22 VETS ON AVERAGE COMMIT SUICIDE EACH AND EVERY DAY). If you're interested in participating contact Pat Bye or Karl Dahl.

#### **AWARDS BANQUET:**

Our Awards Banquet was a huge success, approximately 100 members & guests enjoyed an evening of Food, Friends & Funnies!! Dave & Karl did a fabulous job & their jokes WERE "FUNNY"! We'd like to thank all of the people who went out of their way in support of our club & who donated great auction items. The board & officers would like to thank NICK & PEGGY SUE JULIANO, GLORIA CASWELL (Bobs Bay Marina), Penn Reels, WALT BOHN (Sea Tow), MARILN DAHL, MARY DUNLAP, CY GUADAGNINO, TIM WERDER (Custom Rods), ANTHONY ARABASCIO (Tony Maja Tackle), CHARLES TERJESEN (attorney at law) LIZA (Creekside), BOB'S SQUARE DEAL, BLOODS MARINE, GRUMPY'S, DICKS SPORTING GOODS, BIAGIOS & last but not least DEBBIE & her entire STAFF (Captains Inn) "the food & the service was "EXCELLENT"!!!! "SPECIAL THANKS" To our committee members who sold tickets for the auction (ALICE & GEORGE ROYSTON), 50/50 RAFFLE (ROBERT MAURO & CHUCK LANZEROTTI), Member sign In/door prizes (PAT BYE), Fish Hawks Auction/committee co-chairman (TONY GUADAGNINO), president (KARL DAHL) & vice president (DAVE BYE).

#### **TOURNAMENT DAYS**

T.D # 12 SATURDAY OCTOBER 2nd; T.D. #13 MONDAY OCTOBER 18th.

#### ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERS PICNIC

We had another outstanding picnic; the weather was great & so the food. Close to 100 members & guests participated in our yearly function. The many volunteers helped to make our picnic a HUGE SUCCESS. We had some GREAT Home-Made food.

Mary Dunlap made the macaroni salad & potato salad (her mom's specialty). Rich Mohrbutter Jr. & Sr. brought a TON of the "Greatest Corn". Frank Genty made the pasta for our seafood. Cy Guadagnino cooked up the sausage & peppers. Tony made the Mediterranean & white Clam sauce. Thanks to all the BAKERS who brought the FANTASTIC Deserts. (If you didn't GAIN a few pounds, you probably forgot to "TAKE OFF YOUR MASKS"). Tony & Cy Guadagnino (chair & co-chair) would like to thank each and every one of you. We as well as all our club members & guests truly appreciate all your hard work & support. "THANK-YOU"!!

FISH BITES: Seabass season closed on Wednesday September 1<sup>st</sup>. for 6 weeks. Re-opens October 8<sup>th</sup> thru October 31<sup>st</sup>. 10 fish @ 12 ½" & on November 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup>, we go to 15 fish @ 13". LAST DAY OF FLUKE SEASON WAS SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 19<sup>th</sup>. Blowfish/Kingfish are open so join our BAY & SURF Tournament. Tournament goes thru all of September

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#### **UPCOMING 2021 FISH HAWKS FISHING TRIPS**

Oct. 19, 2021, Tuesday, Sea Bass Bottom Fish Nov. 16, 2021, Tuesday, "Tog" Blackfish

All members are required to submit a \$25 deposit for each trip they are interested in attending. Total trip cost is \$75 (lunch & drinks included). Please call Whitey @ 609-242-3745 or 609-276-1899 to reserve a spot. Mail or drop off checks to Whitey 833 Bowsprit Pt., Lanoka Harbor 08734

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#### FISH HAWKS FLUKE TRIP SEPTEMBER 8, 2021

#### "The Sky above and the Water below"

The weather held out even though there were small craft warnings and the iffy forecast on Fishweather & Marine Buoy Data.

But here we were 19 of us and the only boat in the ocean! Wow!!! All the fish to ourselves we thought, but as the day ended only 5 keepers were measured.

First drop, I got a 17.5 fluke and a few fluke babies, then it was very quiet up in the bow. There were some big Sea Bass that were kissed and released near the stern. a couple of giant sea robins, dogfish and yes, a "rockfish" about a 10-pound piece of rock was hooked by Al Carruth, it took the two mates to bring it up hand over hand. Bob Gay also caught a big chunk of mussel bed. But, in my opinion the fluke bite just wasn't there.

We drifted over rocks and other bottom stuff that many of my jigs and sinkers had big dings, not to mention the number lost to snags. I lost at least 6 full rigs—bummer, So back to the cabin to get some more jigs & rigs.

By 10.30 many of us started to get into those big, wonderful raps and sandwiches with drinks, chips that "Whitey and the club supplies—but the show must go on so back to fishing. The two mates, Jake and Drew were helpful to net or unsnag us and themselves. We anchored up when drifting was unproductive and a many of us still lost rigs to snags as the boat rocked back and forth from the swells and wind.

It seemed useless at times when 10 ounces didn't hold bottom.

When the final horn blew twice, we headed home back to the dock safe and a little tired. CONGRADULATIONS to those that caught fish! Bob Pots son caught the biggest fluke a 25-inch beauty that won the pool.

The tournament day Boat Winners were by balance scale.

1<sup>st</sup> Maurice Schnakenberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Browne, 3<sup>rd</sup> Alan Bodak.

Till next trip, UBFishing/UBCatching Bob Merkle

	FISH HAWKS		
	2021 REMAINDER CALENDAR OF EVENTS		
October	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tournament Day #12 18 <sup>th</sup> Tournament Day #13	Sat & Mon	
	7 <sup>th</sup> General meeting	Thursday	*BOD Mtg. Thur. 10/29
November	4 <sup>th</sup> General Meeting and Nomination of Officers	Thursday	*BOD Mtg. Thur. 11/18
	5 <sup>th</sup> Tournament Day #14 22 <sup>nd</sup> Tournament Day #15	Fri & Mon	
December	2 <sup>nd</sup> General Meeting "PIZZA & BEER" Night	Thursday	Election of Officers
	4 <sup>th</sup> Tournament Day #16	Saturday	
NOTE: BOD	meets the Thursday PRIOR to General Meeting		
1/1/22	(Tony G)	Next BOD	NO BOD Mtg. December Mtg. Thurs. 1/27/22

#### **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.

Thank you for any consideration you may have in becoming an officer or nominating one. Contact: Bob Merkle UBFishing@ comcast.net 609-902-7394 or Maurice Schnakenberg boaterschnak@aol.com 917-558-3620, you can also bring this filled in form to the November meeting.

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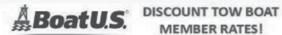
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