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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

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President's Message — December 2025

Fellow Fish Hawks,

Well, here we are — the end of 2025 already! Hard to believe another year has flown by faster than a bluefish chasing bait. Looking back, it's been a heck of a season. We've had our share of great events — the Awards Banquet, Military Youth Fishing Seminar, Veterans Blowfish Trip, Annual Picnic, and our Monthly Contests and Tournaments. If there's a club out there having more fun than the Fish Hawks, I haven't met them yet!

We'll finish the year strong with our **Annual Members-Only Pizza and Beer Meeting on December 4th** — always a great way to wrap things up. Don't miss our **Gift Auction, 50/50**, and the drawing for our **custom rod and reel**. We will also have Elections for the 2026 Officers. And as a reminder, we do not have a meeting in January.

On the fishing front, **stripers are running strong**, and **blackfish are biting!** It's a shame we had to cancel our November blackfish trip due to low turnout — a first for us. Let's hope that's just a one-time thing.

To all our members, as the Christmas and holiday season arrive, I hope you find time to relax, enjoy family and friends and get that special fishing rod you have been wishing for.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and happy holidays. Thank you for your support and making this club strong.

Try to get some time on the water before the real cold sets in.

Fair winds and following seas — see you out on the water.

Dave

Fish Hawks Boat Trips

**The Club would like to thank all the member's that signed up for our Boat Trips,
And congratulation's to all the Boat Tournament Day Winners.**

*"Whitey" and I, enjoyed the comradery and company of all that fished with us.
Looking to more great days on the water in 2026 with all of you!*

Bob Merkle 609.902.7394 & Whitey 609-276-1899

“THE HAWK”

(DECEMBER 2025)

THE BIRD: A few of our members are catching Blackfish along the inlet jetties & the in-shore wrecks. A really good run of large stripers from the inlet & north. It should only get better as we enter December. Keeper (slot stripers) are in Raritan & Barnegat Bay among massive schools of bunker.

MONTHLY CONTESTS

There were 6 first place winners entered in **SEPTEMBER**.

PAUL PIESCHL won the \$25 Bonus with a 2.89 lb. Trigger fish.

Blackfish: KENN SEEFELT 3.75lbs. Blowfish: ROBERT MAURO 1.41 lbs.

Bluefish: DOUG ITJEN 3.78 lbs. Fluke: DOUG ITJEN 7.20 lbs.

Kingfish: ROBERT MAURO 1.33 lbs.

There were 6 first place winners entered in **OCTOBER**.

PAUL SCHELL won the \$25 Bonus with his 2.57 lb. Sea Bass

Flounder: FRED ARROYO 2.98 lbs. Blackfish: DOUG ITJEN 7.10 lbs.

Striped Bass: RAY SEBECKE 10.58 lbs. Porgy: KENN SEEFELT 1.34 lbs.

Triggerfish: TONY GUADAGNINO 2.59lbs.

LARGEST FISH OF THE YEAR (Thru Oct.)

Striped Bass: DOUG ITJEN 13.05 lbs.

Bluefish: DOUG ITJEN 6.31 lbs.

Sea Bass: DOUG ITJEN 3.08 lbs.

(DOUG HAS 4 OF THE 5 LARGEST FISH OF THE YEAR THRU OCTOBER) !!!

Please go to our website for all monthly contest & tournament day winners.

TOURNAMENT DAYS

Our 20th & final Tournament Day of the year is **SUNDAY DECEMBER 6th**

DECEMBER BEER & PIZZA MEETING

MEMBERS ONLY !!!

Thursday December 4th. As usual we will have a bunch of activities scheduled for the night. Our monthly 50/50, monthly Rod & Reel, and the yearly Custom Rod & Reel, our Fish Hawks Auction see list of items below. **ROBERT MAURO** will be selling 50/50 tickets & **Whitey** will be selling Auction Tickets. We will also be electing Club Officers for 2026.

FISH BITES

Sea Bass: 11/1 to 12/31, 15 fish @ 12 1/2” Striped Bass: 1 fish (slot) @ 28” to 31”

STRIPED Bass (Bonus fish) 1 Fish @ 24” & less than 28”

Blackfish: 11/16 to 12/31, 5 fish @ 15”

REMINDER

Membership dues are due by December 31st see enclosed letter & also the renewal form. We will accept your dues at the December meeting. Dues are \$40 which includes electronic mailing. If you want a monthly hard copy mailed to you an additional \$25 will be charged, for a total of \$65. (MICKEY SHERRY will be accepting dues WITH THE FORM). Please write legibly especially your address & e-mail.

NOTE: "WE DO NOT HAVE A MEMBERS MEETING IN JANUARY"

"I think my neighbor is stalking me, she's been Googling my name on her computer. I saw her through my telescope last night"

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"THE HAWK"

DECEMBER 4th. BEER & PIZZA MEETING **AUCTION ITEMS**

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Don't be the "GRINCH" that stole Christmas this year. If you haven't already participated in this year's campaign and wish to make a donation, time is running out. You can bring these items to our December Pizza meeting or send or drop off a check or gift at the Lacey Food Bank up until **December 5th** to do so. Please make sure that your check is specifically marked for the LFB Kids XMAS and noted on the memo line of your check. Let's make our 2025 Christmas donations a huge success! Through your help we can provide a happy Christmas for those less fortunate.

Our wish list for this year is as follows:

Child and Adult Sizes

Pajamas, Underwear, Socks, Flannel Shirts

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Puzzles – 200 pieces and larger or Games

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Of course, we are grateful for any food, gift or monetary donation and are very grateful for your many kindnesses.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



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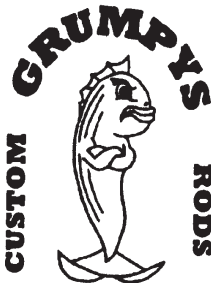
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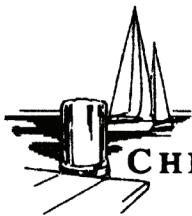


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