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"WORKING FOR MARINE RECREATIONAL ANGLERS"

JCAA REGULAR MEETING:

Tuesday, November 28th, 2017

Starting at 7:30 PM

385 Herbertsville Rd, Brick

NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, December 14th, 2017

Starting at 7:30 PM at JCAA Office

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**November 28<sup>th</sup>** JCAA General Meeting  
**December 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>** ASMFC & MAFMC Joint Meeting Annapolis MD  
**December 14<sup>th</sup>** JCAA Board Meeting  
**December 26<sup>th</sup>** JCAA General Meeting  
**January 11<sup>th</sup>** JCAA Board Meeting  
**January 30<sup>th</sup>** JCAA General Meeting  
**February 24<sup>th</sup>** Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series  
**February 28<sup>th</sup>-March 4<sup>th</sup>** Atlantic City Boat Show  
**March 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** Saltwater Expo at New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center, Edison NJ

## **Super 50-50 Raffle**

*By Don Marantz*

Our Super 50-50 tickets are still on sale. Tickets are \$10.00 each. This will be an all cash prize. There will be three winners. Tickets can be obtained by calling the office and tickets will be mailed to you or see your club rep. We also sent out tickets by mail just recently. You can also pick them up and the November General meeting. The drawing will take place in December, so there is plenty of time to get your tickets and get them back to us.

## **President's Report**

*By John Toth*

We all had a good time at the JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner that was held on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Crystal Point Yacht Club in Point Pleasant. We had an attendance of 149 anglers and guests at this dinner that started at 4:00 p.m. with tasty appetizers and followed by choices of fish, chicken and prime rib dishes.

Congressman Pallone stopped by to say how much he appreciates the JCAA's efforts to support anglers in our continual struggle with ongoing fishing issues that involve sea bass, fluke, etc. Congressman Pallone also indicated that he would try to make changes with the Magnuson-Stevens Act to allow more flexibility concerning fishing quotas that have had and continue to have a devastating effect on both commercial and recreational industries.

Tom Siciliano was recognized as Sportsman of the Year for all the work he does to support recreational fishing. On receiving his award, Tom requested anglers to be more involved in recording their fishing trips with the Angler Survey that is set up with the Fish & Game. The New Jersey Federation of Sportsmen Clubs received the Youth Education Award for their involvement in getting youths more involved in fishing. Member Jerry Natale accepted the award on behalf of the Federation.

The 50/50 prize reached just over \$700 and when the winning ticket was drawn, Greg Kucharewski's wife had the winning ticket in her hand. Greg, past recipient of JCAA's Youth Education award, and his wife agreed to give this \$700 back to the JCAA so that this money can be used to further fund JCAA's efforts to get youths involved in fishing. Greg has been heavily involved in the Hooked on Fishing not on Drugs program throughout our area and also introducing it to local schools.

It was a very nice night of celebration and our JCAA Treasurer, Doug Tegeder, told me that his wife commented on how fast it moved along. We started the dinner at 4:00 p.m. and finished just after 8:00 p.m. These four hours included a cocktail hour, a dinner, comments from speakers (mine was under two minutes) and the drawing of tickets from the large assortment of tricky tray prizes and door prizes. Mark Taylor was our Master of Ceremonies and he did a great job in moving this dinner along to the satisfaction of its attendees. This dinner was very enjoyable and I look forward to our Sportsman of the Year dinner in 2018!

On another topic, I want to express our thanks to the Manasquan River Tuna & Marlin Club for the \$1,000 donation that was presented to JCAA Board members at its November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting by club member Ken Warchal. Thanks so much Manasquan River Tuna & Marlin Club anglers! Your donation is

very helpful in supporting the JCAA and its many activities!

## Election of Officers for 2018

In December we elect the Officers for 2018. Here is the nomination committee so far. As you can see we have a few vacancies. Anybody interested in filling these vacant positions should contact me at (732) 656-0139.

The proposed slate of JCAA Officers for 2018 is as follows:

President – **Mark Taylor**  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – **John Toth**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – *Open*  
Treasurer – **Doug Tegeder**  
Recording Secretary - *Open*  
Corresponding Secretary – *Open*  
Membership Secretary – **Kyren Dooley**  
Tournament Director – *Open*



Season's Greetings

**Dear JCAA Supporter,  
JCAA Wishes you and your family Happy  
Holidays!**

We thank you for your continuing support of the JCAA! Without it we could not have accomplished all of our objectives during this year.

This has been a challenging year for JCAA. There are ongoing costs associated with trips that are required for JCAA volunteers to represent anglers at fishing-related meetings in Washington and other locations throughout the country, especially in Trenton where legislation affecting our fisheries and environmental issues is passed. In addition to the administrative costs associated with mailings, office rentals, etc., the JCAA actively supports youth educational programs and staff show youths how to fish and enjoy this sport. The JCAA also supports scientific research that is sorely needed by the recreational community. All of the activities of the JCAA is done by volunteer staff, with the exception of

an Office Manager who is needed to handle required administrative activities.

The JCAA is a 501.C3 organization and donations that are given to it are eligible for tax deduction purposes. The year 2017 is rapidly coming to a close and during this time period individuals and businesses often make contributions to charities and organizations that provide a tax deduction benefit.

Please consider providing a donation to the JCAA. Your donation will help us to fight for and protect the fishing rights for all recreational anglers who fish in New Jersey. You also benefit since your donation can be used to reduce your 2017 tax assessment. If your company provides for a matching donation, you may be able to double your contribution.

Please make your check out to the Jersey Coast Anglers Association and mail it to

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Thank you so much for your continued support! May your holidays be joyful and may you have a very **Prosperous** and a **Healthy** New Year!

John Toth  
President, JCAA

## Joint ASMFC & MAFMC December Meeting

*By Tom Fote*

The December joint meeting of the ASMFC & MAFMC agenda is posted at MAFMC web page. It is at the Westin Annapolis, 100 Westgate Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401. The agenda is below. The summer flounder portion will take place on the 12<sup>th</sup> and the ASMFC will probably propose an amendment to the plan. Black sea bass and bluefish will be on the 13<sup>th</sup>.

It is important that the proposed Summer Flounder Amendment allows NJ to be its own region and decide what measure it needs to put in place under conservation equivalence. Here is a reminder

what took place in the last few years. The states at the ASMFC Summer Flounder, Black Sea Bass and Scup Board have not treated New Jersey equitably. In 2013 the Board said they wanted to create regions on summer flounder but all they did was drag New Jersey into a region with New York and Connecticut. This was for their advantage, not New Jersey's. When Rhode Island and Massachusetts were placed in a region at the same board meeting that New Jersey was placed in the region with New York and Connecticut, they were allowed a different outcome. At the follow-up board conference call a few weeks later, Rhode Island was allowed to drop out of the region with Massachusetts. Then New Jersey made a motion to leave the region with New York and Connecticut and could not even get a second to discuss this motion.

In 2017 New Jersey filed an appeal on the 2017 regulations. The Commission's appeal process in its present state is a joke. New Jersey wrote a comprehensive appeal that covered a number of points. The only point the sub-committee would allow was our weakest point. When NJ refused to implement the regulations decided by the ASMFC, the ASMFC sent an Out of Compliance letter to the Secretary of Commerce. NJ replied to the Secretary of Commerce saying we would implement regulations that would accomplish the 30% reduction without making us go to 19 inches. After working with NOAA to include some their recommendations we implemented those regulations and the Secretary of Commerce did not find us out of compliance. Let's look at what those 2017 regulations that NJ put in place accomplished.

Reviewing the data, it looks like NJ did more than accomplish its target of reducing its catch by 30% in using the NOAA approved NJ conservation equivalence measures.

According to the latest data we had a 34% reduction in catch without using the 7%. We did this by reducing hook & release mortality through education. Our total reduction was 42%. We also had a lot less hook & release mortality by cutting the season by 24 days, so the reduction was even greater. With black sea bass season closed and tautog having one fish bag limit, no one was bottom fishing so there was probably no bycatch discard mortality during this period of time. All you have to do is ask party and charter captains, marinas and tackle stores to know what happened. There were no customers on their boats, marinas were not selling gas and the tackle stores were not selling gear and bait. It also had an

impact on the businesses like restaurants that count on anglers spending money.

JCAA has been talking about getting people to this meeting and this discussion will take place at the November 28<sup>th</sup> general meeting so it important that your club representatives attend. We are hoping that clubs and their members will help pay for the cost of the busses. If we cannot get enough people, we could rent some vans and drive them down to the meeting. We will be sending out a JCAA Alert with the details when they are worked out. Sign up for JCAA Alerts at our web page.

I have not even discussed why this cut for summer flounder was not necessary and that the black sea bass quota needs to be increased but I will be doing that at the upcoming meeting and discuss this in the alert that will be sent out asking for help.

## Tuesday, December 12

**1:30pm** – Joint Meeting of the Council and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass and Bluefish Boards

**1:30-2:30pm** – Scup Recreational Specifications; Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations; Adopt recommendations for 2018 Federal waters management measures

**2:30-4:00pm** – Summer Flounder Recreational Specifications; Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations; Recommend Conservation Equivalency or coastwide management and associated measures for 2018

**4:00-5:30pm** – Summer Flounder Amendment; Review and approve November 2017 Demersal Committee recommendations for further staff analysis

## Wednesday, December 13

**9:00am** – Joint Meeting of the Council and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass and Bluefish Boards

**9:00am-12:00pm** – Black Sea Bass Recreational Specifications; Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations; Adopt recommendations for 2018 Federal waters management measures; Review Wave 1 fishery implementation; Board Addendum XXX

**12:00-1:00pm** – Lunch

**1:00-2:30pm** – Black Sea Bass Wave 1 Letter of Authorization Framework; Review background and provide guidance for development of draft alternatives

**2:30-3:30pm** – Black Sea Bass Amendment; Review initiation of black sea bass amendment (December 2015 motion)

**3:30-4:30pm** – Bluefish Amendment; Initiate Bluefish Amendment and discuss next steps

## Saltwater Sportsman National Seminar Series back in Linwood!

February 24, 2018

The Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series will return to the Linwood Country Club (500 Shore Road, Linwood) on Saturday, February 24. The host of the 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. presentation will be **George Poveromo** – of *George Poveromo’s World of Saltwater Fishing* on the NBC Sports Network, and Contributing Editor for *Salt Water Sportsman*. **Nick Honachefsky**, a noted writer, author, TV personality and New Jersey fishing authority, will serve as co-host. The Tour is being presented by Bass Pro Shops.

Joining **Poveromo** and **Honachefsky** in Linwood will be:

- **Captain Chris Dos Santos** – Legendary authority on catching trophy blackfish, fluke and sea bass, aboard his Point Pleasant Beach-based charter boat, Barb Gail IV!
- **David Arbeitman** – Renowned deep-drop specialist who excels at catching trophy class Golden tilefish and other benthic species off the Jersey coast; Arbeitman is also a noted trophy fluke authority!
- **Captain Tom Daffin** – Premier trophy striped bass, fluke, wreck and offshore fishing authority with Fishin’ Fever Sportfishing!
- **Captain Joe Trainor** – Fabled South Jersey-based offshore and canyon pro with Over Under Sportfishing!
- **Captain Sean Reilly** – Noted South Jersey trophy fluke, blackfish, wreck- and bottom-fishing specialist who also excels at catching sharks and tuna!

- **Ava McMahon** – South Jersey coastal and back bay-fishing specialist for fluke, blackfish and striped bass!
- **Chris Lido** – Information and Education specialist at New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, and accomplished fluke and blackfish authority!
- **Captain Brian Williams** – Noted Ocean City-based shallow water and back bay fishing specialist with his Badfish Fishing Charters!
- **“Crazy” Alberto Knie** - Legendary trophy striped bass authority and innovative specialist at catching trophy class fluke and blackfish!
- **Captain David Wicker** – Noted marine electronics specialist and authority on reading the bottom and water column to locate fish!
- **Alan Wenzel** – South Florida-based offshore- and bottom-fishing specialist!

Courses for the February 24th presentation will focus on: Trophy stripers on ultra-light tackle; Live-lining for trophy stripers; Top trolling tactics for stripers; Chunking for bluefish; Bluefish on surface lures; Inshore wire-line techniques; Jetty tactics; How to catch more and bigger fluke; Targeting trophy fluke; Top southern tactics for jumbo fluke; Secrets of fishing the Cape May Rips; Trophy drum in Delaware Bay; Secrets of fishing Delaware Bay; Top tactics for big blackfish; Catching blackfish by the score; Jigging for blackfish; No-nonsense weakfish tactics; How and where to locate weakfish; Variety fishing in and around inlets; How to locate and fish productive bottom (blackfish, sea bass, spot and fluke); Back-bay stripers; Can't-miss tuna-trolling patterns; Chunking for tunas; Live-baiting for tunas; Advanced methods for bluefin and yellowfin tuna; Cutting edge lure-trolling tactics; Subsurface offshore trolling; Cutting edge spreader bar and dredge tactics; Secrets for catching more inshore tuna; Reading water temperature charts; Targeting trophy Makos; Basic and advanced sharking techniques; Offshore kite fishing for sharks and tuna; Specialized tactics that take more big-eye tuna; How to troll up more wahoo and white marlin!

**SUCH A DEAL!** - The Seminar Series kicks off at 9:00 a.m. and will conclude by 3:00 p.m. Long considered the best bargain in sportfishing, a Seminar Series ticket is only \$55.00.

The ticket price covers five hours of instruction from the best pros in the business, a course textbook, one-year subscription or extension to Salt Water Sportsman, one Roffer's Ocean Fishing Forecast Analysis, bottle of OrPine Wash & Wax, bottle of Star Tron fuel treatment, bottle of Star Brite Xtreme Clean, bottle of Corrosion Block, a \$10.00 Bass Pro Shops discount card (off any purchase of \$ 75.00 or more), and chances to win thousands of dollars' worth of door prizes! The Grand Prize at the conclusion of the Jersey seminar is a Florida Keys fishing trip! The Super Grand Prize, to be awarded two weeks after the conclusion of the 2018 series, is a new Mako Pro Skiff 17 cc!

**A ROCKING GOOD TIME!** - As an added bonus, attendees of the New Jersey seminar are entitled to attend the After Seminar Party at the Bass Pro Shops in Atlantic City. A special area will be set aside for the 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. party. Seminar attendees must show their Seminar Series name badge to gain entry, and are entitled to bring one additional guest regardless if they attended the seminar. Complimentary food, refreshments and live music will be provided. George Poveromo and several other faculty members will be present at the party.

**HOW TO REGISTER** – *Get your tickets now, as the New Jersey seminar sold out the previous four years. To pay with Visa, MasterCard and American Express, call (800) 448-7360, or register on-line, visit: [www.nationalseminarseries.com](http://www.nationalseminarseries.com).*

## JCAA Fluke Tournament Director Position Open

The JCAA is seeking a person who will manage its JCAA Fluke Tournament in 2018. This person in this position will promote the tournament with press releases, interacting with tournament sponsors to obtain prizes and recognition in promotional materials, handle promotional mailings to anglers concerning the tournament, distribute promotional material to tackle shops and port locations, enter tournament applicants in the JCAA's data base and be responsible for the overall management of the tournament for its successful result. This position requires the following skills:

- Effective writing skills
- Computer expertise skills with Microsoft Office
- Good verbal skills
- Experience in dealing with the public
- Ability to be a self-starter to complete tasks.
- Organizational abilities to prioritize tasks
- Prior experience in managing an event is desirable

The JCAA Fluke tournament will take place in July of 2018. This position **requires** the applicant to work part time starting November 1st and attend Board and General meetings. Starting in April the position becomes almost full time. It becomes full time throughout the month of June 2018 and part of July up to the Awards Ceremony at the Clarion Hotel in July. (Salary ranges from \$3,000 up to \$5,000 with possible bonuses dependent on the Tournament Director's ability to increase the number of anglers entering the tournament.)

The JCAA is now accepting resumes for this position. All resumes should be sent to JCAA President, John Toth, by November 1, 2017 at the following address or at his email: [tothjohn@verizon.net](mailto:tothjohn@verizon.net).

On behalf of JCAA I'd like to thank all those who attended the dinner to honor Tom Siciliano and the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs. I'd also like to thank Dan Miller, co-chairman of the dinner, his wife Heather, John Toth, Don & Al Marantz, Greg Kucharewski, Frank Richetti, Tom Fote, Paul & Linda Haertel. I'd also like to thank Mark Taylor who did a great job as our Master of Ceremonies this year.

I'd also like to thank our many sponsors who are listed below.

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- Jersey Coast Shark Anglers
- Ken Able
- Ken Warchal
- Kevin Bogan's Custom Rods

## Sportsperson of the Year Dinner

*By Paul Turi, Co-Chairman*

On Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> we held the JCAA Sportsperson-of-the-Year dinner to honor this year's Sportsperson-of-the-Year, Tom Siciliano. Also being honored at the dinner was the NJ Federation of Sportsmen Clubs for the JCAA Youth Education Award.



*Congressman Frank Pallone & Tom Siciliano*

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## Youth Education Report

*By Greg Kucharewski*

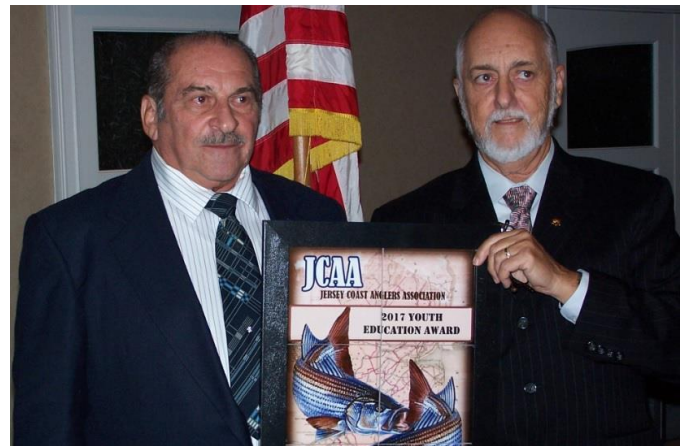
### 2017 JCAA YOUTH EDUCATION AWARD

This year the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs received the 2017 Youth Education Award at the JCAA Sportsperson of the Year Dinner. We appreciate all the hard work that the members of NJSFC do to teach our young people about NJ HOFNOD, conservation and protecting the environment. Jerry Natale accepting the award on behalf of Federation President Ray Szpond stated;

the goal of the NJSFSC is to get youngsters into the woods and waters, away from troublesome peers that can steer them towards a nonproductive future. By organizing fishing derbies, youth pheasant hunts and activities at wildlife management areas, the Federation makes it a priority to get kids involved in the outdoors.

Joining Jerry at the award podium was Northern Region John Rogalo, Central Region Dave McCready, Southern Regional President Tom Weeast was not able to attend and Frank Virigilo who was instrumental in creating policy for the NJ HOFNOD bill was present to accept the award.

By working together with the Federation's twenty county chapters and under the leadership of their three regional vice-presidents the success of their program will only continue to grow.



*Jerry Natale, NJSFSC Treasurer, accepting the Youth Education Award for the NJ State Federation of Sportsmen Clubs membership.*

### NJ HOFNOD

New Jersey DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife's NJ Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs (HOFNOD) training sessions will start again in 2018. Please check their website and stop by their booth at upcoming outdoor shows to learn how you can become a certified NJ HOFNOD instructor.

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association will provide training funds for upcoming NJ HOFNOD workshops. You must be a member of JCAA to receive training funds. To receive an application from the JCAA Youth Education Committee, email: [gkucharews@jcaa.org](mailto:gkucharews@jcaa.org).

NJ HOFNOD is coordinated by Liz Jackson, HOFNOD Coordinator DEP Fish & Wildlife. Please contact Liz to learn more about the benefits of becoming a NJ HOFNOD instructor. 908-637-4125 x122 or e-mail at [Liz.Jackson@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Liz.Jackson@dep.nj.gov).



*Charter fishing on the Bonanza II with NJ HOFNOD teams from Sussex, Union, Cumberland and Passaic counties.*

### **JERSEY SHORE SURFCASTERS**

On Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> we presented a program at the Jersey Shore Surfcasters monthly meeting at the Knights of Columbus located in Brick, NJ. We were invited to speak about Play HOOK-e from PTSD and NJ HOFNOD. We explained how NJ Hooked on Fishing not on Drugs ties in with the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12 “Play HOOK-e from PTSD program for veterans.

The two programs complement each other. Veterans that complete NJ HOFNOD certified training work within their community to teach youngsters about fishing. Veterans also help volunteer at youth fishing events and it gives them an opportunity to redirect their thoughts away from PTSD symptoms. Youngsters learn fishing skills and make veterans feel good about being part of the community.

We thank the membership of the Jersey Shore Surfcasters for their generous donation to the veteran and youth fishing programs. We appreciate the support of the Jersey Shore Surfcasters and plan to use the funds to help veterans connect with the outdoors and teach youngsters fishing skills.

### **VETERAN’S “PLAYING HOOK-E” AT LZ 64**

During November, we presented a “Play HOOK-e” from PTSD Surf Fishing Striped Bass workshop on the beach at Spring Lake. Veterans without surf fishing equipment were able to use loaner rods and reels. Bait, rigs, and fishing tackle

was provided by the Vietnam Veterans of America magnet campaign and JCAA Youth Education Committee lending library.

On November 14<sup>th</sup> veterans and family members attended our Play HOOK-e from PTSD at LZ 64 Monmouth Jet Center, Wall Township, NJ.

The goal of the program was to introduce veterans to outdoor activities, connect with other veterans, and participate in learning about outdoor activities that are available to veterans for free.

Dan Brown, Rich Thomas and employees of Monmouth Jet Center welcomed veterans to LZ-64 and invited veterans to visit table-top displays that offer the following: Aviation - RC Control and Model Building group, Boating Education and Rescue, Archery, Boating and Fishing, Heroes on the Water, M2 Deuce Deuce “Ruck It”, Operation Beachhead, Peaceful Warrior Meditation - John Sullivan Group, Project Healing Water Fly Fishing Jersey Shore Chapter, Scuba Treasures by Kevin Schuerman, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12, and Warhorse Scuba.

Music was provided by the Down Range Band from the Vet Center in Lakewood, NJ and it was GREAT to hear their renditions of oldies from our younger days.

We appreciate all the Monmouth Jet Center staff did to make this happen and the Brick Honor Society Volunteers for their hard work and very tasty cookies. We also thank Cus and Nancy from the Elks Veteran Service Unit for contributing the pizza for the evening and Billy Williams for supplying the donuts.

Please encourage young veterans that you know to join us and help plan our upcoming outdoor schedule.



*Debbie Bennett, B.E.A.R. and David Mormack, Heros on the Water discuss programs for children and veterans.*