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"WORKING FOR MARINE RECREATIONAL ANGLERS"

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Tuesday, February 27th, 2018

Starting at 7:30 PM

385 Herbertsville Rd, Brick

NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 8th, 2018

Starting at 7:30 PM at JCAA Office

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## **IMPORTANT DATES**

**February 24th** Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series  
**February 27<sup>th</sup>** JCAA General Meeting  
**February 28<sup>th</sup>-March 4<sup>th</sup>** Atlantic City Boat Show  
**March 8<sup>th</sup>** JCAA Board Meeting  
**March 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** Saltwater Expo at New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center, Edison  
**March 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>** ASA Government Affairs  
**March 27<sup>th</sup>** JCAA General Meeting  
**March 28<sup>th</sup>** NOAA Rec Summit

## **2018 Show Season for JCAA**

*By Mark Taylor*

2018 Atlantic City Boat Show is being held February 28<sup>th</sup> to March 4<sup>th</sup> at Atlantic City Convention Center. This is the show you need to be at if you are looking to invest in a new boat. Pick up the show guide book as you enter the show. This will make it easier to navigate through the show. Check out the JCAA ad in this guide. There are a lot of different manufactures present at this show and you may find the boat of your dreams. After you check out the boats and are walking the rest of the show, stop by the Jersey Coast Anglers Booth #460 and talk to the volunteers at the booth. Pick up the latest free newsletter which will have important information about the latest on issues dealing with recreational fishing. While you're there support JCAA by taking a few chances on our High Roller Raffle. By you taking a few chances in turn this helps JCAA support you in Trenton fighting for New Jersey Anglers.

2018 Saltwater Fishing Expo is being held on March 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> at the New Jersey Convention & Exposition Center in Edison, NJ. This is a new location which is larger, so NMMA can bring you even more great information from manufactures, vendors and originations. By doing this NMMA is

giving you more access to the people you need to talk to. JCAA has booth #136 so stop by and see what we have to offer you as a recreational angler.

As always, I am looking for volunteers to man the JCAA booths so if you have time and are willing, please contact me at [mtsport64@aol.com](mailto:mtsport64@aol.com).

## President's Report

By Mark Taylor

I would like to thank everyone for having the confidence in me to be your President. I will be contacting all member club presidents and setting up to have me come to one of their club meetings to introduce myself and explain in person that we all need to get involved. There are many different ways to get involved that fits everyone's lifestyle. I would like to help find that place for you. One of my goals for this year is to get the member clubs more involved. We all need to get involved together and can't rely on just a few to do all the fighting for what we all believe in. I only can achieve this goal with you.

The show season is upon us and Jersey Coast Anglers will be at the Saltwater National Seminar Series, Atlantic City Boat Show and The Saltwater Fishing Expo. Come down and attend one of these events and support the people that support you. Hope to see you all there.

Reminder, you must register for the **Saltwater National Seminar Series** if you plan on attending at [NationalSeminarSeries.com](http://NationalSeminarSeries.com) or call 1-800-448-7360.

### Show Dates and Locations:

#### Saltwater National Seminar Series

February 24<sup>th</sup>

Atlantic City Area

Linwood Country Club

500 Shore Road Linwood, NJ 08221

#### Atlantic City Boat Show

February 28<sup>th</sup> to March 4<sup>th</sup>

Atlantic City Convention Center

1 Convention Blvd, Atlantic City, NJ 08401

#### The Saltwater Fishing Expo – New Location

March 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup>

New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center

97 Sunfield Avenue, Edison, NJ.

I would like to thank Paul Haertel and his committee for doing a great job at running the beefsteak dinner February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Forked River Tuna Club Facility. I would also like to that The Forked River Tuna Club, Guest Speakers (Chris Lido, Capt. Chris Dossantos) and all that attended. Without out all them this event would not be a success.

## 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 9am and will conclude by 3pm. Long considered the best bargain in sportfishing, a Seminar Series ticket is only \$55.

The ticket price covers 5 hours of instruction from the best pros in the business, a course textbook, 1-year subscription/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 Bass Pro Shops discount card (off any purchase of \$75 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).*

## **Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Fisheries Management Plan Update with Proposed NJ Regulatory Options**

By Paul Haertel

### **Black Sea Bass**

On 2/8/18 the ASMFC's Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Board approved Addendum XXX which establishes a regional allocation of the coastwide Recreational Harvest Limit (RHL) as opposed to Coastwide Measures. Allocations will now be based on both historical harvest and exploitable biomass rather than just historical average which had been done in the past. JCAA supported using this new method as it addresses changes in the resource's distribution and abundance. In recent years this fishery was managed by a two-region approach but there will now be three regions. The three management regions are defined as Massachusetts

through New York, New Jersey as a state-specific region, and Delaware through North Carolina. JCAA supported that option as well because New Jersey is a transitional state in which its sea bass fishery doesn't really fit in with the states to its north or to its south. This option will allow the NJMFC to set regulations that best suit our fishermen while allowing them to address spatial variation in size and abundance. However, there could be more volatile regulatory consequences if we over fish our regional quota.

The timeframe for setting allocations was a contentious issue. JCAA recommended using the ten-year time frame from 2006-2015 as it more accurately captured our historical share of the harvest. States to our north preferred using the five-year time frame from 2001-2015 as those were the years when their share of the harvest had skyrocketed. Tom Fote was away on vacation for this meeting and his proxy was unable to attend due to a family emergency. That left Adam Nowalsky to carry the torch for our state and he did an outstanding job representing us. The states seemed hopelessly deadlocked on the timeframe issue until Adam made a motion to combine the allocations from each timeframe and then take the average of the two. This hybrid approach resulted in an allocation of 65.35% of the recreational harvest limit for the northern region (Massachusetts-New York), 30.24% for the New Jersey Region and 8.41% for the southern region (Delaware-North Carolina). While the compromise was not the best solution for us as our historical share of the RHL was much higher, it is probably about the best we could have hoped for under the circumstances. The board also agreed with the JCAA position to adjust management measures to the allowable catch limit, though this may take until 2019 to be implemented as it has to be further refined. This method should be an improvement from the status quo method of annually evaluating the recreational fishery based only on harvest against the RHL. It is expected to result in better data and reduced mortality which hopefully will create more fishing opportunities for our fishermen. Educational programs to reduce mortality such as the one New Jersey has for summer flounder could be developed that would not only enhance our fishing opportunities but help maintain the sustainability of our stock.

So the \$50,000 dollar question probably is what does this mean for our regulations this year.

Unfortunately, we don't quite know yet but it seems that the severe cutbacks that were indicated in the charts in the draft addendum won't be as severe. New mathematical formulas will be used that will smooth MRIP numbers that seem way out of line. This will help smooth over extremely high harvest numbers like the ones in wave 6 (November-December) for New York in 2016 and wave 3 (May-June) for New Jersey in 2017. This may result in regulations similar to those we had last year but we won't know for a couple more weeks.

Additionally, the ASMFC as well as the MAFMC at their meeting a week later, voted to remove the mandatory closure of the sea bass fishery in federal waters from 9/22-10/21. That will benefit the states to our south as their regulations are identical to those in federal waters. It may also be beneficial to some states to our north as there are transportation issues when moving into and out of state and federal waters in the area of Block Island. At this time, though, it may not help New Jersey unless we decide to reduce our bag limits and instead fish more days during September and October.

## **Summer Flounder**

For 2018, the ASMFC approved New Jersey being its own region with no strings attached to what the other regions decide regarding their regulations. As you may recall, last year we were our own region but we were required to have the same 19" size limit that the Connecticut-New York region had. Our state won its appeal of that requirement and we were able to remain at 18" though our season length was reduced by 24 days. At the joint meeting of the ASMFC and the MAFMC this past December, states were given the approval to liberalize their regulations by up to 17% for 2018. Based on that, NJ submitted the following three proposals which were all approved. All have an 18" size limit and a bag limit of 3 fish. The seasons could either be from 5/15-9/16, 5/22-9/20 or 5/25-9/22. It is possible that these options could be tweaked a little or other new ones developed but that is unlikely. (The special regulations of 3 fish at 17" for Delaware Bay and 2 fish at 16" for Island Beach are expected to remain the same) While JCAA has not yet voted on which proposal to support, I anticipate that we will favor the one with the season ending on 9/22 as we need to bridge the gap to when sea bass season opens. Last year many of our fishermen were outraged when fluke season ended on 9/5 as sea bass season was closed until 10/22. That left our inshore fishermen

little to fish during that nearly seven week long period of time other than a limit of one blackfish and porgies for the boats in the northern part of the state.

### **Scup (Porgies)**

We received some good news on porgies as we will be allowed to increase our harvest by 59%. This will allow New Jersey to have a year-round season. Previously our season was closed from March 1st to June 30th. The bag and size limits will remain the same, 50 fish at 9”.

When will regulations be set for the aforementioned species? Regulations for fluke, sea bass, scup and perhaps blackfish will most likely be set at the next NJMFC meeting. This meeting will be held at 5PM on Thursday 3/15/18 at the Stafford Township Municipal Building located at 260 East Bay Av. in Manahawkin. The public is encouraged to attend and give their opinion on any of the proposals. JCAA will keep you posted as to specific options as they become available via our newsletter and on our Facebook page.

## **JCAA Votes No to Selling Striped Bass in NJ**

*By John Toth*

In JCAA’s February newsletter, I wrote an article “Proposal to Sell Farm-Raised Striped Bass in New Jersey” that summarized our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with Prime Time Seafood/Pacifico, the company that wants to sell farm-raised striped bass in NJ. My summary of this meeting was then followed by a letter from Pacifico as to why they should be allowed to sell their bass here and wanted a JCAA response to their proposal.

The decision on this proposal is not made by me, but can only come from JCAA member clubs. I placed this issue on the agenda of our January 30<sup>th</sup> General Membership meeting for their consideration and vote. After considerable discussion and weighing the pros and cons of this proposal, our membership voted NO to this company’s proposal to sell their striped bass in New Jersey. The letter (on JCAA letterhead) that explains our position on this matter to Pacifico follows:

2/14/2018

Mr. Mike Aldonas,

The following is the Jersey Coast Angler’s Association (JCAA) response to your request for your proposal to sell farm-raised striped bass in New Jersey. The JCAA is an association of fishing clubs and at our club membership meeting held on Jan. 30, 2018, your proposal to the selling of striped bass in NJ was on our agenda for discussion. You are correct in that there are a number of benefits to the selling of your striped bass and they are: making striped bass more available in stores, restaurants and these fish are very healthy for human consumption. We recognize these benefits and others that you indicate in your proposal to us.

However, our big concern is that illegally caught striped bass would be sold as farm-raised under your Pacifico brand. As pointed out to you at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, the tags that you place in your fish to brand them as Pacifico property can find their way to anglers who will catch local stripers and then pass them off as a Pacifico striped bass. What is to prevent a fish purveyor from selling/giving these tags to local anglers and then selling the striped bass they catch as a Pacifico product? This is a major issue that we brought to your attention at our September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and it still remains unresolved. Even if the tags are supposed to be punched at the time of sale, who would monitor this? The economic benefits to pass off locally caught striped bass as belonging to Pacifico can be very tempting for the fishing industries that would sell your striped bass, and the local anglers who could generate hefty income from catching them.

The benefits and the drawbacks to your selling farm-raised striped bass in New Jersey was discussed and voted on by JCAA member clubs at our September 30 meeting. After considerable discussion, the JCAA clubs voted against your proposal to sell Pacifico striped bass in New Jersey.

Through the 1970’s, our striped bass population was decimated and the JCAA along with other organizations succeeded with our legislators in making striped bass a no-sale Game Fish. While we all agreed that you run a very legitimate business, our members are very passionate about striper fishing. We proceed with caution to ensure the safety and viability of this popular fishery.

Sincerely,  
Mark Taylor, President  
CC: Scot Mackey

## **Letter to Regional Administrator NOAA GARFO on Artificial Reefs in the EEZ Off NJ**

February 19, 2018

Mike Pentony, Regional Administrator  
NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Region  
55 Great Republic Drive  
Gloucester, MA 01930  
Re: Comments on NJ SMZ Designation

Dear Mike,

Congratulations on your recent appointment to head up the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO). JCAA is pleased to know of your extensive background in sustainable fisheries management and look forward to working with you and your staff. We're also pleased that you hail from Point Pleasant, NJ and can relate to our local fishing issues and concerns.

JCAA is a statewide association of fishing clubs and organizations representing thousands of NJ recreational anglers and divers. Our mission includes seeking fair and equitable fisheries management, marine conservation, greater public access to shorelines and the promotion of responsible fishing practices.

As you know, the conflict caused by the commercial and recreational potting on the artificial reefs has languished for over 10 years. The NJ Reef Program was created in accordance with the 1984 Sport Fish Restoration Act. The objective of the Act is to restore "sport fish" stocks for the benefit of recreational anglers and divers. The Sport Fish Restoration Fund was established through payment of excise taxes by recreational anglers and divers on recreational products to manage and maintain the artificial reefs.

Pot fishing on the reefs is not consistent with the objectives of the Act. The presence of pots and pot lines interfere with and prevent anglers from fishing the very wrecks, reef balls and materials that they have paid for and deployed. The pot lines are also poorly marked and are a hazard to navigation. Funding to the reefs in federal waters was suspended because of these factors.

JCAA urges NOAA to comply with the NJDEP and MAFMC request to designate the 13 artificial reef sites in the EEZ off NJ as Special Management Zones under the provisions of Amendment 9 of the Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan (in unison with the states of Delaware, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida and the Gulf states).

We therefore endorse and choose Alternate 2- Designate all 13 reef sites as SMZ. It is the only viable alternative to solve the conflict and restore funding.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Taylor, President

## **Public Access Update**

*By John Toth*

I have written several articles in the JCAA newsletter about public access issues, especially as it relates to anglers trying to have access to fishing locations that dot our shoreline. I spent four days in Trenton with a large number of groups, up to about 50 people or more, trying to hammer out language that can be used by Senator Smith to help him craft a bill that he could use to advance public access to our beaches and at other locations. Senator Smith wanted the NY/NJ Baykeeper, American Littoral Society, NJ Chamber of Commerce, and the NJ Business and Industry Association to give him the language for his bill by working with a broad range of representatives from various organizations. I represented the JCAA and the New Jersey Outdoor Alliance at these meetings.

Coming to a consensus with this large group of people protecting their own interests proved to be very difficult. For example, I remember a person representing a certain municipality at one of these meetings saying "When Sandy Hook Park closes, all those people want to come down to our town and use 'our' beaches." When she said that, I envisioned a large horde of barbarians riding on their horses to that town to pillage it. A glaring example is Sea Bright that has stairways over their wall with signs that say only locals can use them and no parking is allowed by the wall. There are many other examples, but you get the picture. Several years have gone by, but resolution to craft a Public Access Bill seemed to be a goal that was unreachable. That has changed!



Legislation, unanimously approved and released by the Senate Environment Committee on February, 2018 addresses many of the long-standing problems which have denied public access to state waters under the Public Trust Doctrine. The language to do this had to be hammered out over a long time with competing interest groups. Tim Dillingham, Executive Director, American Littoral Society, took a lead role in making this happen. While this has come out of Senator Smith's committee, it still has to be posted for a vote in the Senate and Assembly.

Tim Dillingham has requested organizations to sign on to his letter requesting Senator Paul Sarlo, Chairman, Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee to post Senate Bill 1074 for a vote. Approximately 15 organizations have signed on to this letter, including the JCAA and the NJOA, to post this bill.

So, we may finally see some action for resolution to a long-standing problem. I will keep you posted on its progress.

## Youth Education Report

*By Greg Kucharewski*

### PLAY HOOK-e TAKE A VETERAN FISHING

On Sunday, April 29, 2018, 9:00 a.m. till 2:00 p.m. the Jersey Coast Anglers Association, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12 and Cardinale Enterprises will host the second annual Play HOOK-e Take a Disabled Veteran Fishing at the Ponderosa Estate Farm, Lake Julianna Millstone Township, NJ.

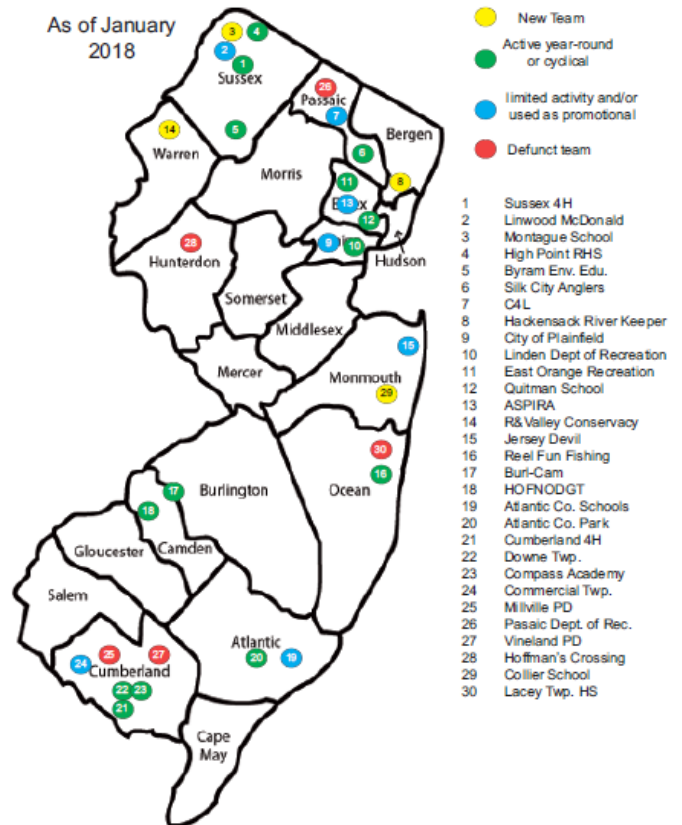
Disabled veterans and their guest are invited to fish at a private lake to catch and release big fish and then join Mr. Vito Cardinale, Cardinale Enterprises and his staff of volunteers that will provide soft drinks, hamburgers, hot dogs and all the fixin's. Veterans with mobility challenges will have the use of 4x4 transportation around the lake, along with fishing assistance if needed. Freshwater fishing license is not need because this is a private lake.

Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Jersey Shore Chapter will provide fly fishing instruction and their members are also welcome to join in and catch some big fish on a fly rod. To register, please phone 732-785-9278 or email [gkucharews@jcaa.org](mailto:gkucharews@jcaa.org).

## NJ HOFNOD 2018 INSTRUCTOR TRAINING

The next NJ HOFNOD instructor training workshop will take place at Lighthouse Center Natural Resource Education in Waretown, NJ on April 27-29, 2018.

Below is a map of thirty NJ HOFNOD teams as of 2018 and growing. As you can see NJ HOFNOD is actively growing. We expect to see another team listed for Ocean County after the training in April.



NJ HOFNOD is coordinated by Liz Jackson, HOFNOD Coordinator DEP Division of 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 [hofnod@dep.nj.gov](mailto:hofnod@dep.nj.gov).

Two members from HRFA received their NJ HOFNOD certification.

Brick High Schools NJ HOFNOD program is set to begin September 2018. Tim Brennan, Physical Education Instructor, is organizing educators within both high schools. Tim created a wish list of equipment if you have any of the following items and would like to donate towards the Brick High School NJ HOFNOD program. 10 ft surf rods/ reel combo, 7-7.5 plugging rods/reel combo, 6 ft casting rods/reel combo for the river/canal, 6 ft bottom fishing rods/reel

combo, freshwater rods/reel combo, fly fishing/reel combo, fly-fishing Flies, seining nets, cast nets (small/med/large), large/long nets for canal and inlet, gaffs for the canal and Inlet, 5 gallon buckets, fishing waders (multiple sizes), 10-50lb braided line, 20-50lb leader line, 10-15lb leader line, 165qt, 9qt, 60qt coolers, freshwater bobbers, hooks, swivels including 3 way swivel, clips, tactical angler clips, fishing plugs/swimmers/shads/bucktails, bait knives, fillet knife & knife sharpener, minnow trap/live bait keeper, battery powered aerator pump, gulp!, swimming mullet in all sizes, crabbing basket/crabbing cage/crabbing net, tape measure (stickers and tape), 1-12oz lead weights, PVC sand spikes, pliers/braid cutting pliers, tackle boxes/bags, first aid kits.

Please phone the JCAA Youth Education Committee at 732-785-9278 if you have any of the items on the wish list you would like to donate.

### **NEWARK BAIT AND FLY CASTING CLUBKIDS FISHING DERBY**

NB&FCC annual Kids Fishing Derby is held each year at Echo Lake Park in Mountainside, N. J. and is free for children 16 years of age and younger. Adults may enter for a nominal charge. The Derby runs for three weeks April 14 – May 5, 2018.

The registration booth is located at the gazebo on the lower lake and registrations will be accepted from 8:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on the first Saturday of the derby only. Children that have registered will receive a gift bag at the derby location up until 2:00 P.M. on first Saturday of the derby. Prizes for the derby will be awarded at the Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club's meeting on June 6, 2017 at 7:00 P.M.

You can request additional information by emailing [info@nbfcc.org](mailto:info@nbfcc.org).

### **ANNUAL TROUT CONTEST FOR KIDS**

The Shark River Surf Anglers are proud to announce the 2018 edition of the annual Trout Contest for Kids at Spring Lake, NJ. This year's contest is scheduled for Saturday April 7th from 8 AM to 1:30 PM and it is offered FREE of charge to all children ages 15 and under. Great prizes will be a huge part of the day, as we award a sensational Grand Prize to an overall winner, and 1st, 2nd and

3rd place prizes to individual winners in each of four different age categories. Don't miss this contest, every contestant will go home a winner, as the Shark River Anglers present ALL participants with a "thank you" prize package that contains about \$40 worth of goods and gear! Bonus events prior to the contest: Get the latest information: on Facebook, you can find more at SRSA Kids Trout Contest, or follow them on Twitter at SRSA Kids Contest (@srsakidscontest). You can also visit their website at [this link](#) to view past events in their Photo Gallery. Join them at Spring Lake at 9:30 AM on Saturday morning March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, when they stock the fish.

Hundreds of young anglers are expected to circle around Spring Lake waiting for the start of the contest. Don't forget to get there early, otherwise you must park along the side streets of Spring Lake and walk a great distance to find a spot to fish. Every year, the Shark River Surf Anglers spend a lot of time and energy to make this event a success. Come out and enjoy some fishing fun, catch big fish, and win prizes. For more information phone: 732-492-6936.

### **HOOKED ON THE HUDSON**

The Palisades Interstate Park New Jersey and the Hudson River Fishermen's Association will host the 32nd Annual Hooked on the Hudson. This is a great time for kids at Ross Dock on Saturday, April 28, 2018 9 am--3:00 pm and the fishing contest is FREE.

Just come down to the park, throw your line in the water and enjoy yourself. HRFA will supply all equipment and bait Free for your children to use! They continue the tradition of combining a fishing contest with exhibits provided by leading environmental conservation and sportsmen's organizations in our area. Food and Refreshments will be available. Fishing Contest hours are 9:00am - 1:00 pm. Fishing information and assistance will be available. Exhibits start at 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Children Casting Contest 2:00pm-3:00pm with prizes awarded. Awards Ceremony will start at 3:00pm. For more information, visit the [website](#) or contact Skip at [cow221@aol.com](mailto:cow221@aol.com) or 201-214-987.

## **Take a Kid Fishing for the first Time in 2018**



## 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:

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Monroe Township, NJ 08831  
[tothjohn@verizon.net](mailto:tothjohn@verizon.net)