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JCAA REGULAR MEETING

May 31st, 2022 via Zoom Meeting

Starting at 7:30 PM

NEXT JCAA BOARD MEETING

Thursday, June 9th, 2022

Via Zoom Meeting

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### IMPORTANT DATES

May 31<sup>st</sup> JCAA General Meeting

June 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> MAFMC Meeting (NY)

June 11<sup>th</sup> JCAA Fluke Tournament

June 17<sup>th</sup> JCAA Tournament Awards Ceremony

July 7<sup>th</sup> JCAA Board Meeting

*No General Meeting in July and August*

### JCAA General Membership Meeting

May 31, 2022, 7:30 pm (via Zoom)

### Agenda

- Call to Order – Mark Taylor  
Flag Salute
- Roll Call
- Secretary Report – Sue Rothermel  
Treasurer's Report - Doug
- Corresponding Secretary's Report – Paul Turi  
Membership Secretary's Report - JT & Mark Taylor

### Committee Reports:

- Fluke Tournament Committee report – Paul Turi
- Ways & Means – Don
- JCAA High Roller Raffle
- Heavy Hitters Tournament – Paul H.
- Youth Activities Committee – Don Marantz & Greg Kuchareski
- Forage Species & Access – Paul Eidman
- Legislative – Tom Fote

### Old Business

- Sportsperson of the Year Dinner – Paul H.

### New Business:

- Striped Bass Amendment 7 – Paul Haertel
- Problems with new fluke regulations – John Toth
- Lack of Menhaden – John Toth/Paul Eidman

# JCAA 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Fluke Tournament

*By Paul Turi*

This year the JCAA 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Fluke Tournament will be held on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. The Awards Presentations will be held on Friday night, June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Resorts Casino/Hotel.

The tournament will follow the same format as in previous years, with 7 regions and 7 prizes for each region. In addition to fluke calcuttas we will also be having two seabass calcuttas. We will also be offering a \$50,000 cash prize for the largest fish over 12lbs.

Resorts Casino/Hotel will be hosting our Awards Presentations on Friday night, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Resorts will also be offering as a region prize a one-night stay in their hotel along with \$40 in food. Also upon registering each registrant will receive either \$25 match play or \$10 slot play and one free drink at the bar.

Time is running out to register. The best and easiest way to register is by registering through Eventbrite. Go to our website [jcaa.org](http://jcaa.org) and on the blue banner at the top of the page click on where it says "[Click here for secure on-line Entry Form](#)". That will bring you to our Eventbrite site where you can enter. After entering you will receive an email with a link to request your affidavit/weigh-in slip.

## President's Report

*By Mark Taylor*

It seems that the New Jersey Recreational Community is having a good Spring Striped Bass season from reports I received and social media posts. Black Sea Bass has just started and looks to be having a good start. I hope everyone is getting a chance to enjoy our fisheries.

Jersey Coast Anglers has one of its big fundraisers upon us on June 11<sup>th</sup>. It is the JCAA Annual Fluke Tournament. If you have not entered it's not too late. Go to the JCAA website and at the top of the page is the link. This tournament is a unique format for those that do not know. When you enter you select a weigh-in location and those are the only

anglers you are competing against for prizes at that location. With additional fees you can also region and overall Calcuttas and a \$50,000 Doormat Fluke Prize which is the tournament's largest fluke over twelve pounds. Make sure you doublecheck all the areas that need to be filled out are correct. Any questions please call the JCAA office at 732-506-6565. The weather is getting better every day. Do not wait and get your entry in.

Membership Chairman John Toth has sent out emails to clubs. He is working hard to contact them. If you are a recreational fishing club and have not heard from John, please reach out to him at 732-656-0139 or [tothjohn@verizon.net](mailto:tothjohn@verizon.net). If you belong to a club that does not belong to JCAA and wants to learn more about us, reach out to John also. Read John's article in this newsletter for more information.

JCAA High Roller Raffle has been underway and that drawing will be on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Paul Haertel did an outstanding job putting the great prize list together. If you have not or want more raffle tickets to purchase, contact Paul at the JCAA Office 732-506-6565 and leave a message clearly with a number to call back. You can also contact me at 732-245-9445 or [mtsport64@aol.com](mailto:mtsport64@aol.com).

There are a few JCAA individuals that attend a lot of meetings dealing with all levels of recreational fishing issues. They can use help from you by participating in diverse ways. Depending on what you are interested in doing depends on how. Few of those ways are being at meetings or being on one of the advisory committees, councils, etc. If you want to learn more about this, reach out to Tom Fote or myself and we are more than willing to help you.

I will be working to get all the recreational community motivated. So, if you do not belong to a club for whatever the reason and want to get involved, reach out to me at [mtsport64@aol.com](mailto:mtsport64@aol.com) or 732-245-9445. I will collaborate with you to see how you can get more involved for the future of our sport.

Have a safe and enjoyable fishing season.

## JCAA Comments on the Harvest Control Rule

ASMFC/MAFMC

The Jersey Coast Anglers Association represents approximately 75 fishing clubs throughout our state. We strongly support making a change in the way our

summer flounder, scup, black sea bass and bluefish are managed. We believe that very few, if any, of our fisheries managers believe that the MRIP numbers are accurate and should be the only data used in determining quotas, seasons, bag limits and size limits. Until this point, their hands have been tied but now there is an opportunity for change that we hope will result in better fisheries management and fairer regulations for our recreational fishermen

Of the options available to consider, we strongly oppose option A which is status quo. We believe any of the other options would be better than that. Options C, D, and E are not fully developed so we cannot support them at this time. Therefore, we urge you to implement Option B at this time and consider the other options once they are fully developed.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Taylor, JCAA President

## Fisheries Management & Legislative Report

*By Tom Fote*

There has been a lot going on and I don't have enough space to cover everything. I heard a lot of complaints about what the Mid-Atlantic fisheries Management Council and the ASMFC have been doing with regulations. There was also a lot of complaining about the fluke regulations that New Jersey put in place. When you complain to me the first question I will ask is, "Did you attend the hearings and meetings and write letters supporting your views?" If you say no to all three, then it is your fault. You need to get involved and you need to make your voice heard about what you want to happen with fisheries management. New Jersey's delegation fights hard but the other states are not hearing from their recreational sectors and we cannot do this by ourselves. Stop complaining and get involved. It is the only way we can change what is happening. The MAFMC will be holding a meeting and the agenda is below. Summer Flounder and the Recreational Reform are both on the agenda for a joint meeting with ASMFC. Below is information ASMFC put together for state directors as talking points on the

Recovering America's Wildlife Act. This is a good primer about the Act. We need to get involved in supporting this Act because of the money it supplies to the state to manage fish and wildlife and their conservation needs. We will be discussing this at the general meeting. We need to get our Congressional delegation involved.

### Ensuring Marine Resource Conservation Needs are Represented in State Wildlife Action Plans for H.R. 2773 & S. 2372, the Recovering America's Wildlife Act

The Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) would provide \$1.3 billion annually for states to implement State Wildlife Action Plans (SWAPs). In some instances, SWAPs underrepresent marine resources, potentially missing an opportunity to conserve these important animals and habitats.

The basic tenant of RAWA is to provide sufficient resources for states to *proactively* conserve fish and wildlife within their jurisdictions. The premise is that state fish and wildlife agencies know their needs best. RAWA will enable states to address species and habitat issues *before* they reach the point where drastic protection measures are needed.

Congress required each state to create a SWAP in 2005 and to update them in 2015. SWAPs must identify Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCNs), and any species so listed is eligible for funding under RAWA. SCGNs "may be fauna or flora, and may include terrestrial, aquatic, marine, and invertebrate species that are of low population, declining, rare, or facing threats and in need of conservation attention, as determined by each state fish and wildlife department."

SWAPs and the listed SCGNs can be modified at any time by a state. Changes need to be approved by the USFWS. A complete list of SWAPs can be found [here](#).

#### Marine resource conservation is eligible and deserving to share in RAWA funding

- The purpose of RAWA is to "make funds available for management of fish and wildlife species of greatest conservation need as determined by state fish and wildlife agencies."
- RAWA defines 'wildlife' as "any species of wild, free ranging fauna, **including fish...**"

- RAWA provides that funds shall be used “to recover and manage SCGNs and **the key habitats**... essential to the conservation of those species as determined by the appropriate state fish and wildlife department.”

### **RAWA is important to marine resources and the interests of coastal communities**

- Use state specific numbers to demonstrate economic contributions of marine commercial and recreational fisheries.
  - Note, if your state/agency doesn't have these figures, you can use [Fisheries Economics of the U.S. 2019](#)
- Restrictive commercial and recreational management measures can be avoided by increasing the conservation and management of marine SCGNs. *Many* marine resources are directly impacted by the Endangered Species Act (ESA), such as **American lobster** and **Jonah crab** (via entanglement effects that fishing gear for these species have on right whales), **American eel**, **horseshoe crab** (via shorebirds like red knots that feed on horseshoe crab eggs), and **Atlantic sturgeon**. In addition, there are other marine resources in need of proactive conservation. For example, improving fish passage can provide enhanced spawning opportunities for **American shad and river herring**, and coastal marshes and living reef systems conservation can provide flood protection, nursery habitat for fish, and improve water quality.

### **RAWA provides many opportunities for conservation of marine SGCNs identified in SWAPs**

- Fisheries independent surveys
- Fisheries dependent surveys
- Recreational catch and effort surveys
- Research, monitoring, or conservation programs
- Fish passage
- Marine habitat restoration (ex. living reefs and shorelines, eel grass restoration)
- Conservation Education including R3 (angler recruitment, retention, reactivation) efforts
- Conservation law enforcement
- Public access initiatives (up to 10% of funds)

- Assess and minimize/mitigate impacts of climate change and energy projects (ex. offshore wind)
- Conservation of coastal habitats
- Any projects or programs that can be performed using existing monies that might be freed up by the use of RAWA funds

### **State Marine Fisheries agencies have been an active and effective partner in the AFWA led effort to secure passage of RAWA**

- ASMFC is representing state marine fisheries agencies as an active member of the Alliance for America's Fish & Wildlife.
- ASMFC endorsed H.R. 2773 on June 14 and S. 2372 August 2, 2021, and sent endorsement letters to House and Senate Leadership, Members of the Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, the House Natural Resources Committee, and dozens of other Atlantic state members.
- Working through ASMFC, state marine fisheries agencies and ASMFC Commissioners have:
  - Conducted outreach to members of Congress representing Atlantic coast states.
  - Engaged in regular strategic planning with Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies staff who were leading the RAWA effort.
  - Engaged in discussions with the staff of potential Senate bill sponsors.
  - Recruited co-sponsors to the legislation in both the House and the Senate.
  - Met multiple times with the Senate EPW staff regarding concerns with the legislation.
  - Helped secure passage of RAWA by the House Natural Resources Committee and by the Senate EPW Committee.

The expectation that RAWA will benefit marine resources in addition to terrestrial and freshwater resources, is reflected in on- and off-the-record comments by several Members of Congress, including at the House Natural Resources' Water Oceans and Wildlife Subcommittee Hearing on July 29, 2021, the House Natural Resources Committee Markup on January 19, 2022, and the Senate EPW Hearing on December 8, 2021 and Markup on April 7, 2022.

*Upon request, ASMFC is available to send letters to state natural resource management agencies encouraging the inclusion of marine species and habitats in their SWAPs.*



## MAFMC June 2022 Council Meeting

*Meeting Agenda – June 7-9*

*Hybrid Meeting: Atlantis Banquets & Events, Hyatt Place Long Island/East End (431 East Main Street Riverhead, NY 11901, 631-208-0002) or via Webex webinar. Full agenda at [this link](#).*

### Tuesday, June 7th

**9:00am – 9:30am** - Update on Northeast Regional Habitat Assessment products

**9:30am – 10:00am** - Aquaculture Update - Consider approval of MAFMC Aquaculture Policy

**10:00am – 10:30am** - New Jersey Ocean Acidification Monitoring Network (Tab 3) (Dr. Grace Saba, Rutgers University)

**10:30am – 11:30am** - 2023 Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Specifications (Review)

**11:30am – 12:00pm** - Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy Presentation (Sharon Benjamin, NOAA Fisheries)

**12:00pm – 1:00pm** - Lunch

**1:00pm – 2:00pm** - Summer Flounder Management Strategy Evaluation Update (Dr. Gavin Fay, UMass Dartmouth, and Dr. Lou Carr-Harris, NEFSC)

### Council Meeting with the ASMFC ISFMP Policy Board

**2:00pm – 5:00pm** Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework / Addenda for Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass, and Bluefish Final Action

**5:00pm** - Council and ASMFC ISFMP Policy Board Adjourn

### Wednesday, June 8th

**9:00am – 10:30am** - Mackerel Rebuilding 2.0 Amendment (Including 2023-2025 Atlantic Mackerel Specifications) - Final Action

**10:30am – 11:00am** - 2023 Longfin Squid Specifications (Review)

**11:00am – 11:30am** - 2023–2025 Chub Mackerel Specifications

**11:30am – 12:00pm** - Unmanaged Commercial Landings Report

**12:00pm – 1:00pm** - Lunch

**1:00pm – 1:30pm** - NEFSC Shad and River Herring Update

**1:30pm – 2:30pm** - Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Phase II

**2:30pm – 3:00pm** - Atlantic Sturgeon Bycatch Draft Action Plan

**3:00pm – 5:00pm** - Research Set-Aside Program Redevelopment

### Thursday, June 9th

**9:00am – 1:00pm** - Business Session

- Committee Reports – SSC
- Executive Director's Report (Dr. Chris Moore)
- Organization Reports – NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office, NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Office of General Counsel, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard
- Liaison Reports
- Other Business and General Public Comment

## JCAA High Roller Raffle

*By Paul Haertel*

JCAA now has its Hi Roller Raffle tickets on sale. We will be giving away prizes that have a total value exceeding \$2500. We will be selling them at the AC Boat Show, the Saltwater Fishing Expo and also by mail. This is one of our major fundraisers so please help us out if you can. Stop by our booth to buy a few or just say hello and talk fishing.

To purchase tickets by mail, make out a check to JCAA and mail it to: JCAA, 1594 Lakewood Rd., Unit 13, Toms River, NJ. 08755. We can fill out the ticket stubs for you and mail them to you or we can mail you books of tickets and you may fill them out and return them to us with your payment. Either way is fine and we appreciate your anticipated support. We also accept PayPal and credit cards. For more information call our office at 732-506-6565. Please leave a message if no one answers and we will get back to you.

**New Jersey Amin. Code § 13:47-8.7**

Location:

**At the JCAA office located at:  
1594 Lakewood Rd., Unit 13,  
Toms River, NJ 08755**

Drawing Date: **August 12, 2022 at 7:30 pm**

NJLGCCCC Identification: **#475-4-32152**

Municipal Raffle License: **#9265**

Beneficiary: **Jersey Coast Anglers Association**

Price of Ticket: **\$2 each, 3 for \$5, or a book of 7 for \$10**

**List of Prizes** (*retail values*)

1. Jersey Nutz Six Man Charter (6 hour, 6 man inshore weekday charter) – **\$1100**, *Donated by Captains Robert and Cody Melton*
2. \$500 gift Certificate from Fisherman's Headquarters – **\$500**, *Donated by Fisherman's Headquarters*
3. *St. Croix Triumph 10' TSRS100M2 Spinning Rod/Penn Spinfisher V 650LL* Headquarters – **\$250**, *Donated by JCAA*
4. *Shimano Tallus 7' TLC70M Conv. Rod/Montauk Cerebus CER210* Headquarters – **\$233**, *Donated by JCAA*
5. *Collection of Custom Striper Plugs* Headquarters – **\$200**, *Donated by Various Plug Builders*
6. *Tica 9' UEHA4290025 Spinning Rod/ Tica Galant 4500 Reel* Headquarters – **\$155**, *Donated by Tica*
7. *Tsunami 7' TSTSS702M Spinning Rod/Tsunami Shield TSSHD4000 Reel* Headquarters – **\$154**, *Donated by Bimini Bay Outfitters*

*Note: No substitution of the offered prize may be made and no cash will be given in lieu of the prize.*

## **JCAA Membership Report**

*By John Toth*

Payment for JCAA Club Membership dues are still coming into our office. We have received dues and sponsorships from **Barrington Rod & Gun Club, Forked River Tuna Club, Surf Kings, Berkely Striper Club, Perth Amboy Boat Owners Association, Raritan Bay Anglers, Sandy Hook Bay Anglers, Point Pleasant Fishing Club, South Jersey**

**Saltwater Anglers Club and the Village Harbor Fishing Club. Thank You!**

If I have missed your club's payment of dues, please let me know of this oversight on my part.

***Our next JCAA General Membership meeting will be held on May 31st.***

At the request of the **South Jersey Saltwater Anglers Club**, President Mark Taylor and I had the pleasure of meeting with them on May 16 at their club location in Mount Holly. Club member Robert Bowman extended the invitation for us to meet with them and we really enjoyed talking to them and explaining what the JCAA is all about. Because of the fear of COVID-19, we have relied on communications by ZOOM and it is a pleasure to meet club members in person! ZOOM has its good points like not having to drive to meetings (and save gas) but with in-person meetings we get to know each other better. One club member at this meeting told me – "so you really are the John Toth that I read about in the JCAA newsletters." I liked hearing that and the members of this club made Mark and I feel like we were long-time members of their club. **Thank You** for providing us with the opportunity to meet with your members!

Either I, or one of the JCAA's Board members, will be calling your club to update our files to receive information on who is your president, treasurer and your representative(s) to the JCAA General Membership meetings. Also, we would like to have updated emails for your club so that we can contact you on issues that involve our fisheries. The date and times of your meetings would also be helpful so that a JCAA representative can either visit your club through ZOOM or an in-person meeting. Our JCAA membership files are outdated and in my position as Membership Secretary, I am trying to bring them updated as they should be.

As an alternative to a call by me, you can make my membership work a lot easier by emailing me at [tothjohn@verizon.net](mailto:tothjohn@verizon.net), with information that I am looking for – names and email addresses of your club's president, treasurer, names and email addresses of your club's representative (s) to our General Membership meetings (so I can send them the agendas of our meetings) and the location, date and time of your club meetings.

If you have any questions or need to contact me, I can be reached at (732) 656-0139 or at [tothjohn@verizon.net](mailto:tothjohn@verizon.net).

## Sportsperson of the Year Dinner

Saturday, November 12, 2022

Save the date! We are trying something a little different this year. Our Sportsperson of the Year Dinner is going to be held on a **Saturday** evening rather than on Sunday. It will also begin at 5 PM, an hour later than in the past. While we all had a great time at Yesterday's Restaurant last year, this year our dinner will be held at the Captain's Inn in Forked River. I can assure you that those who order the prime rib will get a bigger and more delicious piece than last year. Cocktail hour with hand-passed Hors d'oeuvres will begin at 5 PM with sausage kabobs, teriyaki chicken sticks, mini- Maryland crab cakes, beef satay, three cheese artichoke hearts and bacon wrapped scallops. That will be followed by a sit-down dinner beginning with cheese tortellini w/vodka sauce and a salad. Then you will have your choice of 4 Entrees, prime rib, baked Norwegian salmon, herb roasted chicken, or a broiled seafood combo. All entrees will come with potatoes and vegetables. Finally, dessert will consist of Tartufo & mini pastries. Coffee, tea and soda are also included and there will be a cash bar.

It's not too early to think about submitting candidates for our Sportsperson of the Year and Youth Education Awards. Please submit nominations in writing consisting of approximately 250 words. Additionally, Paul Turi will be honored with a lifetime achievement award. Paul has served as our office manager and fluke tournament director for many years and he will be retiring at the end of this year. As always, we will have gift and silent auctions along with a 50/50. Tickets are not yet available but are expected to be \$90 per person or \$800 for a table of ten.

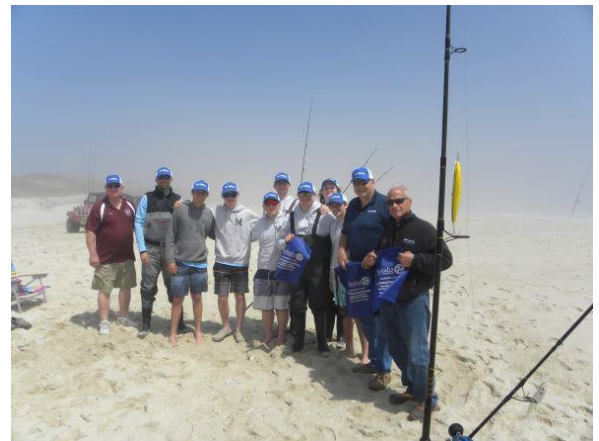
## Youth Education Report

*By Greg Kucharewski*

### SUCCESSFUL IBSP SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

Many thanks to our volunteers that came to assist veterans and high school teams at the 31st Annual Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament. Special thanks to IBSP Park Staff, Karen Byrne GSFT Committee Members, NJ DEP Fish & Wildlife, NJBBA, NJSFSC

& JCAA members, Ron Zastocki, Yamaha Marine University Gary Conk GSFT President, for fixing the beach wheelchairs and driving veterans to the beach, Ken Hollins GSFT Judges Official, Jim Vinciquerra, VVA 12 and Tim Burden, Jersey Shore Surfcasters. We also thank Brian Bergen, NJ State Assemblyman and Iraq war veteran for visiting our Vets on the beach to speak about fishing. Brian has also introduced [Bill A888](#) to support property taxes relief for veterans receiving VA service-connected permanent disability benefits below 100 percent. Example: If a veteran had a 30% rating, they would get 30% off of their taxes and would effectively pay 70%. If they had a 70% rating, then they would get a 70% discount and would pay 30% of their property taxes.



### 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL VETERANS AND KID'S WISH'N TO GO FISH'N

The Play HOOK-e 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans, Disabled Children and Active-Duty Military Fishing Day will be held on August 27. The goal of the veteran, active-duty military and disabled children fishing day is to feel the health benefits of getting in touch with nature while making good memories with friends and family while fishing.



Veterans and families that have disabled children and other special needs are welcome to register for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual event. Attendees and their guest are invited to fish at Lake Julianna to catch and release big fish and then join Mr. Vito Cardinale and his staff of volunteers for a free BBQ that will provide soft drinks, pizza, hamburgers & hot dogs, and other goodies. Admission is free but registration is mandatory through [EventBrite](#). Come join us at Ponderosa Estates Farm, Millstone Township. Don Marantz, Event Chairman, Vito Cardinale, Cardinale Enterprises, and Randy Johnson, Laurita Winery always make this a fun event for children with disabilities and other special needs. The event includes a fishing fun day for children and honoring disabled veterans, along with active-duty military from Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, on Saturday, August 27, 2022, 9:00am until 2:00pm.

Disabled Veterans and children with mobility challenges will have use of 4x4 transportation around the lake, along with fishing assistance if needed. Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing Jersey Shore Chapter will assist with fly fishing instruction. Boating Education and Rescue (B.E.A.R.) will bring their mobile education booth and “Hooked on Fishing not On Drugs” loaner rods and reels. Mike and Debbie Bennett B.E.A.R. and volunteers will teach youngsters and families about fishing ethics.

Don Marantz, Event Chairman stated: “We have plenty of door prizes, terminal tackle, bait, and other fishing equipment available to ensure that participants have an enjoyable time at Lake Julianna. “Come out and catch a smile.” Things you might want to bring to have an enjoyable time: Folding Chairs, Blanket, Hand Sanitizer, Sunglasses, Rod and Reel, Lucky Fishing Cap, Sunscreen/Bug Spray, Pliers, Wet Weather Gear/Footwear, and Fishing Cloth. This is a catch and release event, please use barbless fishing hooks. No boats, rafts or wading in the water.

The event is sponsored by Cardinale Enterprises, Laurita Winery, and supported by NJ Military Support Alliance, MA22, Vietnam Veterans of America Shore Area Chapter 12, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, Boating Education and Rescue, and the Jersey Coast Anglers Association.

## **JCAA & VETERANS HELPING SCOUTS FISH**

On Saturday, June 4, the JCAA Youth Education committee and Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing will assist Boy Scout Troop 116 (Millstone Township) learn about freshwater fishing. VVA Chapter 12 and JCAA will support the program at Ponderosa Estates Farm, Lake Julianna.

## **NJ HOFNOD FISHING CHALLENGE SUNDAY, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>**

The NJ Hooked on Fishing-Not on Drugs Program's Youth Fishing Challenge is a statewide event to promote fishing among youths and their families. NJ Fish and Wildlife sponsors the program, and it is being held on the first of the state's two Free Fishing Days, Sunday, June 5, when no license is required to fish regardless of age. Visit their website and find a location near you. This free event is open to youths age 20 and under to promote fishing among youths and families.

## **REGISTER FOR OPERATION HOOKIT**

MA22's Operation HookIt is a great complement to our “Play HOOK-e from PTSD” program. Over 300 Veterans will have the opportunity to [participate in Operation Hook It for FREE](#). Boaters & Captains will support our heroes, and Veteran Advocates have an opportunity to assist.

Newark Bait and Fly Casting Club is also teamed up with MA 22 and will have a charter fishing trip on the Mi-Jo out of the Atlantic Highlands for veterans/disabled veterans. Play HOOK-e will supply rod and reel prize for the event.

## **IGFA & RCE PROVIDE FREE “REEL INTO FISHING”**

This is a terrific opportunity for youngsters to learn about fishing. The youth fishing program, "Reel Into Fishing!" is hosted by Rutgers Cooperative Extension (RCE) in partnership with the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) on August 16-18. [Learn more](#) about this exciting free program. Contact: Douglas Zemeckis (County Agent III – Assistant Professor) at [zemeckis@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:zemeckis@njaes.rutgers.edu).