

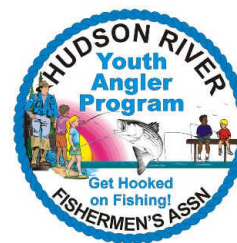
River Views

The Official Newsletter of the Hudson River Fishermen's Association



Hudson River Fishermen's Association

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April 9th General Meeting

Guest Speaker: Bill Hartnett

Topic: "Atlantic salmon fly fishing on the Restigouche River at the Restigouche River Lodge"

Once again **Michael Sardinias** has lined up a great speaker for our meeting this month.

The presentation will be given by Bill Hartnett from New Jersey. Bill is a friend of the H.R.F.A. and one of the original-founding partners of the Restigouche River Lodge. A group of six purchased the salmon camp at the close of the 2008 season. Since 2010 they have operated the lodge as a bookable fly fishing destination offered to the public. This stretch of river was always in private hands and is now available for all to enjoy thanks to their initiative.

Here is the outline for Bill's Restigouche River Lodge presentation:

1. Early history of the Restigouche River.
2. Description of the lodge, location, travel,

Next General Meeting

April 9 2019 at 7:30 pm at

Ridgefield Park Elks

Guest Speaker

Peter Douma

Executive Meeting

1st Tuesday of every month

Ridgefield Park Elks at 7:30 pm

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Scott Havner

Outdoors Shows

Dave Mercer

Janice Soto

- accommodations and dinning.
3. Our water.
 4. Life cycle of the Atlantic Salmon, "the king of game fish"
 5. Methods we fish for Atlantic's.
 6. The Atlantic salmon fly fishing season and what to expect during the seasonal periods, spring, prime, summer and fall fishing.
 7. Questions and answers.

Don't miss it!

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From Our President



Hi All,

Lets start with a fun activity idea that **Scott Havner** came up with.

Another fishing contest with a catch. (pun intended) Everyone that enters **MUST** fish with a kid's pole. Yea one of those push button superhero poles. The rules are very simple, use that pole catch a fish and have someone near you verify the length. The cost

will be \$20 dollars to enter and all proceeds will go to the scholarship fund. The date will be June 1st. The location will be determined by **Scott**. He will pick a lake that will be very easy for kayak, canoe or fishing from shore. The prize will be one of three equally fun commemorative trophies given to the winners. I'm sure some of our members will be fishing in some sort of costume. That may also be a prize winner :).

The news letter is getting better and better. Thanks **Joe Albanese** for taking it to the next level. It can only grow from here. We are asking all members to feel free to write articles and send pictures.

As you read this one of the biggest striper tournaments is going on in the river. Joe and Scott have put together a catch, release (and tag if you wish) tournament that will grow as years go by.

The awards dinner was a great time. Thank you to all that donated to make it a success. It was a pleasure giving the **Friend of the HRFA** award to **Mr. Bob Walters**. For all that couldn't make it next year will be even better. We now have a dinner committee that will start collecting prizes.

Last, but not least, I want to congratulate **Pete Musse** for winning the **Pete Barrett Award**. This is the highest honor the club gives to one dedicated person every year for going above and beyond. We are all volunteers and

Pete has given the HRFA a lot of his personal time. Thanks Pete!

Bee Well
Dan H

HRFA AWARDS DINNER GOES SWIMMINGLY



PETE MUSSE WINS PETE BARRETT AWARD

By Carl Bruger

The usual 100 suspects attended the awesome annual fete at Cornetta's Hudson Riverside Piermont restaurant. President **Dan Harrison** and his Committee made sure there were plenty of eclectic prizes for the men and women in attendance and of course the food was top shelf as always.

I'm a regular, going with my wife, **Pat** and friends all throughout the year. We especially enjoy the days when you can sit by the river and observe all the beautiful sights while dining.

Every table was filled and laughter and talk filled the air as anglers were awarded citations and gift cards for their top catches in over a dozen fresh and salt water fish categories. **Joe Marchese** was deservedly singled out as ***Fisherman of the Year*** for his record breaking catch of a 16 pound four ounce brown trout, not to mention plenty of trophy steelhead, bass, and lakers to boot! It was a proud father in-law, **Aram Setian** who got to make the presentations.

The ***Annual Photo Contest*** was swept up by the **Sardinias** family as little **Noah** has graduated to super striper fisherman well taught by daddy, **Miguel** and photographed my mommy, **Lydia**.

A very special award called the ***Friend of the Hudson Award*** is given to a person who has done great work to further the causes that help keep the Hudson River clean, protected, in the news, available to special groups, and educating folks on various aspects of history, ichthyology, geology, geography etc. Long time Yonkers resident **Bob Walters** was the 2019 honoree.

The greatest honor of the evening, the ***Pete Barrett Award***, went to **Peter Musse**, who lost a world record striper amount of weight in the last year besides doing an incredible "weight of work" for the HRFA in the almost six years that he has been a dedicated member. I signed up this dynamo of a worker who is a master chef, heads up the Hooked on the Hudson day, volunteers for every show booth we have, appears at all our functions to volunteer, works with kids, wounded warriors, special needs, etc. **Pete** is a natural at being enthusiastic. We joke about his "outside voice" that gets the attention from every customer there. No one else has that gift! He is one of a kind and I am so proud to call him a friend and fellow member of the HRFA. We were so pleased his wife and family were there to support him and enjoy the recognition he so richly deserved.

The photo above shows **Pete Musse** center stage proudly displaying his award. Past winners joined him for the photo op. Going from left to right is **Tony DiModugno, Sergio Radossi, Capt. Aram Setian, Rick Englesbe, Dan Harrison, Arnie Ulrich, Pete Orenzo, Wayne Geider, Frank "Skip" Wisniewski, Carl Bruger, Kevin Morgan, Tim Burden, Gil Hawkins & Mike Cargill.**



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Thanks go to **Dalas Musse** for volunteering to set up and maintain the Instagram app for the HRFA. Click **here**, the Instagram post on the left (shared live from our recent Annual Awards Dinner), or the Instagram icon.



How I Did It (Part-3)

By **Joseph Albanese**



Here is the much anticipated and long lost (Well, since the January 2019 issue of *River Views* anyway.) conclusion of "How I Did It" . . .

With all the vast experience garnered from a single day ice fishing under my belt I was ready to take on the biggest tournament challenge of the year; competing against some of the best in the world. Namely, the granddaddy of them all, the \$150,000 Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza, a fund raising event for local charities. (Recently seen on ESPN.) So, when **Scott Havner**, a veteran of the previous year's tournament, was recruiting HRFA members to make the trip up north I was "all in".

To call this event an extravaganza is no exaggeration. The night before the

tournament, which only lasts three hours, a multitude of volunteers swarms the frozen lake to drill about 10,000 holes in the ice. With all the heavy vehicles, temporary structures and expected mass of humanity to gather the next day the organizers must be sure the ice is at least 28 inches thick. If not, the event will be canceled for safety reasons. Tournament entrants enjoyed a great dinner and entertainment the night before, plus a really great breakfast the morning of the event.

Representing the HRFA were **Scott Havner**, **Stephanie Hess** and **Andy Ward** who drove up together with all their gear. They also brought along extra of everything that **Mona M** and **Joe Albanese** (that's me) would need. Traveling in a separate car together were **Aram Setian** and **Wayne Geider** too, who first fished another spot to catch a few nice walleyes before teaming up with us at Gull Lake in Brainerd, Minnesota.



Recognize these HRFA Members? From left to right - **Stephanie Hess**, unknown, Tammy Dietman, **Andrew Ward**, **Wayne Geider**, **Aram Setian**, **Mona M**, **Joe Albanese**. Hats/masks crocheted expressly for us by **Stephanie Hess**.



From left to right - **Aram Setian**, **Joe Albanese**, **Stephanie Hess**, **Wayne Geider**

The timing was perfect for me because I was flying into Minnesota for business anyway and simply extended my stay for the weekend. Although they would not be fishing, I was very happy that my sister Janis and her husband Joe (two who favor warmer climes above winters in Minnesota) reluctantly decided to join us on the trip. Happy because I anticipated some bone-chilling misery myself and liked the idea of sharing it with loved ones. (TMI?) Rounding out our contingent of competitive anglers was Minnesotan Tammy Dietman whose husband Jamie is an all-around outdoorsman. Jamie is also a respected hunting and fishing guide who comes highly recommended by many in the know.



Mona M in it to win it. (She didn't.)



Joe Albanese

When they signaled the start of the 3-hour long tournament, I was a few minutes late to drop my jig head tipped with a wax worm into the water. I sat fishing for only a minute or so without the benefit of a fancy-schmancy fish finder thingy and when I thought my enticing presentation reached a reasonable depth, I tried to raise the rod tip to start jigging. I was surprised to encounter resistance. I said, “I think I got something.” to **Mona**. The young people fishing close to us heard me and turned their heads to look. When they saw the bend in my fishing pole they yelled “He’s got one. Reel it up!” Next, I heard **Scott** say something like “Oh my god, that can’t be **Albanese**.”

Now, one must remember by this point I had developed quite a reputation for being one lucky SOB when it comes to fishing tournaments. So, we all have to forgive **Scott**. His outburst, though unfortunate, was quite understandable. If the Sorel’s were on the other foot, I’d have said the same.

Anyway, **Scott** and **Stephanie** were the first to abandon their own rods and come over to help. As **Scott** was trying to caution me NOT to try and lift the fish out through the hole in the ice using the rod, I did exactly that. And, just as he feared, the fish promptly fell off the hook. Luckily it flopped onto the ice and not back into the water. I scrambled to grab the fish and put it into the plastic Ziploc bag provided. **Stephanie** said to add water to the bag to keep the fish alive (this is a catch and release tournament) and run it over to the weigh station ASAP because time was of the essence. With my sister following me around frantically asking aloud “Where’s water?! Where’s the water?!” **Stephanie** calmly reminded her that we were standing on it. I crouched down and on bended knees pushed the bag a few inches under the water accessible through the hole in the ice from which the fish was just extracted then carefully opened the bag just enough to let in

sufficient water to keep it alive until weigh-in and eventual release back home. My sister and I had to run/walk/rest and repeat the process multiple times before we reached the weigh station tent which seemed like a mile away from our fishing spot. (Note to self: If there ever is a next time, fish a spot closer to the weigh station. Do I think there will be a next time? *You betcha!*) It was an exhausting journey but quite exhilarating with everyone cheering us on as we went past. Those poor secretly envious and amiable people. I felt sorry for them. Maybe a little.

Mine was one of the earliest fishes to get weighed by the judges. The largest 150 fish all receive a prize. First, second and third place win the biggest and best prizes. Then the quality and value of the prizes awarded became kind of random. For the next two plus hours we occasionally checked the leader board on the Brainerd Jaycees website and witnessed my entry, a 1.19-pound Tulibee, plummet from 3rd, to 16th, to 23rd and finally come to rest at 52nd place. If we hadn't raced like maniacs to the weigh station, mine would have been the second or third, instead of the first, 1.19-pound Tulibee entered. In the end I would get a \$400 gift certificate from Rapala. The second and third 1.19-pound Tulibees weighed-in did not fair nearly as well. Not too shabby for a guy fishing on hard water for only his second time and who didn't have even the slightest clue as to whatever the hell a Tulibee is.



The lucky author points to 52nd place on the Leader Board



This commemorative place-card is hanging on the wall back home.

The irony in all of this of course is that it represents a classic case of beginner's luck. **Scott, Wayne, Andy, Aram** and even **Stephanie** are all experienced hard water anglers who know what the hell they are doing and yet I'm the big winner in that group? Many people there told me they fish this tournament and get skunked year after year. One guy with a bearded face dressed in proper polar parker and matching pants ensemble and looking every bit like a Norwegian named "Sven" even said he's been coming to this tournament on Gull Lake for the last fifteen years (that's one-five, 15!) and never caught anything. This coming from a rugged outdoorsman who has probably ice fished his entire life, *dontchaknow.*)

For the written record, I extend a formal “thank you” to **Scott** for providing me with everything I needed to beat him. Beating my mentor is only further evidence that there is no justice in this competitive world of fishing tournaments. And I’m okay with that. Well, at least in 2017 to early 2018 I was because this tournament was the ‘icing’ on the cake for me. Icing. Get it?

As Paul Harvey used to say, “And now you know the rest of the story.” I know, who cares?

From our Membership Chair



HRFA Members just show up and win money. That’s what HRFA member **Luis Fernandes** did at the last HRFA meeting on March 12th last month.

With the new Split 50/50 in effect since the February meeting, (President **Dan Harrison** explained in the February *River Views*), a HRFA members HRFA name/number was picked from the HRFA member jug. That HRFA member was not present so the split 50/50 money went back into the till. At the March meeting, after the 50/50 was picked, the split 50/50 was drawn. Low and behold that HRFA member was **Luis**

Fernandes and he was at the meeting.

Arnie Ulrich
Membership Chair

HRFA Welcomes aboard the following New Members

Gary	Kulisek	Wallkill,	NY
William	Philip	Airmont,	NY
Duane	Miksza	Elmwood Park,	NJ
Ron	Serafin	Yonkers,	NY
Mark	Delany	Wappinger Falls,	NY
Peter	Cammarata	Morris Plains,	NJ
Bernard	Ruf	Newburgh,	NY
Stephen	Alfieri	Blauvelt,	NY
Albert	Sklarski	Blairstown,	NJ
Robert	Galarza	Chester,	NY
Anthony	Luongo	North Caldwell,	NJ
Alex	Yarembinsky	Westwood,	NJ
Robert	Stephens	Washington Twp.,	NJ
Alexander	Spindelman	Nanuet,	NY
Sean	Mirek Sr.& Family	Clark,	NJ
Howard	Kimlin	Hyde Park	NY
Andrew	Topazio	Roseland,	NJ
Arthur	Brown	Gillette,	NJ
Frank	Baez	Pomona,	NY
Jason	Salo	Ossining,	NY
Mona	Mak	Warren,	NJ
Dalas	Musse	Dumont,	NJ
Jeff	Alward	Upper Saddle River,	NJ
Heather	Fonseca	Pomona,	NY
Brian K.	Baez	Pomona,	NY
Keith	Baez	Pomona,	NY

HRFA 2019 Membership Application / Renewal Form

Date: _____
Name: _____
Address: _____
_____ Zip _____

Work #: _____ Home #: _____

Suggestions:
(Guest Speakers? Projects? Activities?)

E-Mail Address _____

*Please note: Your E address is private and no spam
or solicitations will be intentionally sent*

Date of Birth: _____

Enclosed is my check for annual membership.

Please circle the appropriate selections.

Renewal Gift New member

Optional Questions:

How many children under 18 are in your family? _____

What is your current profession? _____

a) Scholarship Fund _____

b) Youth Angler Fund _____

c) Other _____

All Donations are Fully Tax Deductible

Annual Dues: **\$25.00**

Mail to: **HRFA, P.O. Box 421, Cresskill, New
Jersey, 07626** or

You also can renew online at www.hrfa.us Just
click on Members in the left hand column.

**Membership dues are renewed annually
(at the beginning of each year).**

You need a (2019) current card (or life time
membership card) in order to take advantage of the
great local area discounts at local tackle shops and
stores that are HRFA members themselves.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or
want to help (time, skills, or financially) on any
particular club projects or events, feel free to email
me, Arnie Ulrich (kavester@aol.com) or call me at
1-201-304-4691.

The Saltwater Registry for NJ, NY & Hudson River Regulations

For the New Jersey Saltwater Registry go to>
<http://www.nj.gov/dep/saltwaterregistry/>

To get your NJ Freshwater License, go to>
<http://www.nj.gov/dep>

Then in the lower righthand column click on>
Buy and Print Your NJ Fishing License and Trout
Stamp.

New York Saltwater Registry is at >
<https://decals.dec.ny.gov/DECALSCitizenWeb>
note: you must first register for a free Citizen
Access account, then log in and Buy Sporting
License(s) (the Saltwater license is free)

Also: you can also get your Freshwater License
here also (resident and non-resident)

Call in number to order licenses over the
phone> 866-933-2257

This web site below explains what the requirements
are for fishing in NY Hudson River Waters
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/88762.html>

A nice healthy Hackensack River Striper



Grandpa Carl's Column

Carl Bruger has been a writer for this news letter for a long time.
Here are his latest gems . . .

**GRANDPA CARL'S KIDS COLUMN for APRIL
INVESTING IN TROUT TIME FOR TYKES**

By Carl Bruger



Opening day of the trout season can be a very diverse event for a devout angler seeking trophy trout OR a Grandpa trying to supply stocked “tube trout” for neophyte grand kids or Sunday school beginners; you get the picture. On one hand a person is sallying forth with a five weight and a book of weighted nymphs he or she has hand tied over the winter. A storied limestone trout stream in Pennsylvania or the Catskills is often the sojourn target for the mature adult devotee.

This article has nothing to do with that at all! We here are 100% focused on getting young kids their opening day trout in an environment

that is conducive to fun, family, fascination and possibly future food. You will want to create an aura of safety around the entire experience as the day unfolds so obviously the target fishing place will not be a dangerously deep water river with rapids and shorelines replete with slippery rocks. As a matter of fact my first choice for the very young child seeking his/her first salmonid is to select a stocked pond or lake with a flat shoreline that has picnic benches nearby, maybe even a sandy beach and flat smooth rocks that are easy to climb and explore if that fits into the plans and moods.

The quarry will likely be ten inch stocked rainbows from the Pequest hatchery if it's a Jersey destination and if you grab one of the stocking brochure freebies they give out with a license you can find a list of every pond and stream that gets fish every spring. You can even follow the later stocking programs and see how many fish are put into each location. Use your computer if you don't have it on paper because the same information is readily available from the State stocking folks at both Pequest and Hackettstown.

Depending on the skill level of the child, the rod and reel can be anything from spin cast to light spinning to even a 5 weight fly rod for the advanced youth. You need to know the skill level of the kids you are bringing on opening day. They may vary and all three types of rods may need to be in your arsenal! Come prepared.

This applies to what will be used to catch the fish as well. For the neophyte anglers who need instant gratification and quick results, bait is often the best tactic on opening day. Trout worms, power bait, salmon eggs, meal worms, fat head minnows, and Velveeta cheese have all garnered limit catches over the years for this old scribe. On the small lure front the use of a plastic called a trout magnet jig is very lethal and it comes in a myriad of rainbow colors that seemingly will always have one that draws strikes. Tiny in line spinners are also killer early spring trouters with Mepps and Blue Fox double zero size very effective for the tiny stockers swimming in most streams or ponds and are the primary candidates to end up caught by your young charges.

Fly rods can be rigged to handle these items and lures like the famous Tin Liz and similar fly rod fare. They can also be used to drift real eggs or ersatz eggs where the child can pick up some fly rod stream reading skills and fish fighting techniques that will stick with the kids into adulthood. Down the road they will graduate to nymphs and dry flies in due time. Believe me I don't deserve a “diploma” some days for my skills especially with arthritis making the little bit of finesse I once

possessed vanish.

If you want to “cheat a little” for an anxious and eager beginner on a pond you can “seed” a preselected area the night before with worms, chopped meat, cheese tidbits etc; whatever you intend to cast out when the whistle blows on opening day. Be sure this is legal in your state and where you are fishing. I know the folks at Indian Lake in Little Ferry used to get their opening day trout for the young beginners this way for years!

Be sure to bring along a net to land the catch and also to release the fish if you do not chose to eat them. Many people I know, including my grandkids, are vegetarians; yet love to fish and practice catch and release. Actually the best thing to do is to use your cell phone to enable CPR (Catch, Photograph, and Release). You might just get some action footage of a classic battle or a grinning cherub with his proud catch immortalized for proud parents and others to cherish and appreciate. Fishing is a gift we must provide for our progeny lest we allow the warped and twisted propagandists who would turn children away from this fabulous activity that is a part of nature.

April 2019 Carl's Corner

By Carl Bruger

For too many HRFA subscribers who have not yet renewed this will be the last *River Views* newsletter that will be e-mailed to you unless you have already sent your \$25 2019 dues to **Arnie Ulrich** as this communication crosses. Because this is our first year without a paper or hard copy edition there have been glitches and issues that have come up that we at *River Views* are struggling with 100% effort to remedy. Please get in touch with us and stay with the HRFA as we smooth the waves into the modern computer driven age.

Believe me; this scribe went from a pen to a Remington typewriter to the first computers with great difficulty, so any problems you encounter gain my immediate empathy. I'm incapable of verbalizing “computer language”, but just like the car basically took over from the horse, there is no stopping the juggernaut of the coming era. We old dogs have to be willing to learn a few new tricks to survive or we will be in the doghouse gnawing “bones of the past” and growling at people who just wanted to help. Remember this; we should always be expecting and counting on change....unless it's from a vending machine!

The really great news is that a dozen new members and families have joined the HRFA since the New Year began, mostly because of the awesome work of our members in the booths at the shows in Edison and Suffern. Lead by **Dave Mercer** and **Janice Soto** we encountered many interested potential members and gave out literature that included membership applications, HRFA history and philosophy, upcoming Striped bass and Catfish Chaos tournament entries and dates, Hooked on the Hudson, etc.

We also sold hundreds of dollars worth of calendars, pins, coffee mugs, bourbon glasses, beer glasses, tapes, and other items. Many booth visitors simply made monetary donations to our 501c3 booth knowing that it all would go to good causes like our Youth Angler Program, Scholarships, Wounded Warriors, etc. As I write this the last of the three winter shows we have exhibit booths in, (the Edison Salt

Water Show), took place over the March 15, 16, 17 th weekend.

I can now report that this three day event was also well attended and garnered us several new members, renewals, prospects, and many bucks in booth gear donations that will go to youth angler and scholarships. Great thanks go to **Miguel Sardinias, Frank Greco, Joe Albanese, Mona Mak, Marvin Oresky, Pete and Dalas Musse, Wayne Geider, Scott Havner, Tony Dimodugno, Arnie Ulrich, Carl Eible, Dan Harrison, Aram Setian and Mike Banahan** for their spirit of volunteerism in manning the booth, unloading or setting up at one or more times at the shows. Forgive omissions from the above list of HRFA helpers for the 2019 show season. It was one of the best ever thanks to **Dave Mercer** and **Janice Soto's** leadership.

HOBOKEN ANTI DIESEL PUMPS FOR FERRY BOATS DEMONSTATION DRAWS DENSE CROWDS

H. F. R. A. MARCHES IN HOBOKEN TO SAVE SAND BEACH By **Carl Brugger**

The sunny, bright and beautiful winter day greeted hundreds of variously motivated demonstrators to Hoboken on this Saturday morning, March 9 th . It was the right time to take a stand for Our Hudson River Fishermen's Association which was proudly represented by 15 members with their family and friends; President **Dan & Eileen Harrison, Joe Albanese, Mona Mak, Arnie Ulrich, Tim Burden, Pete Musse, Scott Havner, son, Brendan, Ed Delapp, Ivan Garcia & son, Dave Mercer and Janice Soto**, plus this writer. Highly active member **Miguel Sardinias** could not attend but was integral in the organizational aspects of the entire function. We were all willing to walk the several miles along the beautiful Hoboken walkway, plus Frank Sinatra Drive along the Hudson, to show our support of the sponsoring demonstrators, the Hoboken Cove Community Boathouse.

They are part of a larger conglomerate of river loving groups such as kayakers, hikers, local park concerns and Liberty Park followers. The march was made even more enjoyable by the presence of the Hoboken High school marching band. Did they ever buoy up the spirits of every one of the hundreds who marched or rolled from wheelchairs to baby carriages and tiny tots to folks who were octogenarians!

This was all to protest the potential proposal that a ferry diesel depot be opened at the Union Dry Dock site just up river from the Castle Point fishing pier many HRFA anglers are familiar with. (By the way don't forget we have a members trip planned for April 6th, a Saturday. Call **Mike Sardinias** at 201 682 9577 for more exciting details!) The city of Hoboken built it for anglers to fish for stripers and other river quarry.

This protested area is the only natural sand beach left south of the George Washington Bridge. It is the ideal location for kayakers and paddle boarders to launch their craft with over 6000 launchings recorded last year! It is ecologically sensitive with horseshoe crabs laying eggs there and diamond backed terrapins found in season. Research nettings show dozens of fish species utilize the site as an ecological intertidal zone.

Mayor of Hoboken, Ravinda Bhalla, led a large group of politicians and other important leaders who spoke eloquently against the proposed Union Dry Dock site. It was mentioned that we are not against ferry service expansion but that other; better options exist for this service to be located at the Hoboken Terminal maintenance facility. NJ Transit happens to own several other Hudson River front properties that would be better ecological options. Face it, ferries can be harmful to all sorts of marine life in the river, yet they are a necessity. Spillage from refueling, repairs, cleaning, pumping of sanitary waste water, inevitable spills, high wakes leading to erosion etc. None of these are conducive to an area we want to keep pristine next to a skate park and fishing area. I will keep you posted in future *River Views* articles on any further developments.



Fighting for the Hudson

On March 9th the HRFA joined with Fund for a Better Waterfront in a rally to prevent turning the sandy beach at the Hoboken Union Dry Dock into a ferry depot and preserve public access to this treasured section of the river. [Click here or on the image above to watch the video.](#)

H.R.F.A. PHOTO GALLERY

Have a photograph and/or fishing story you would like to share with the club? Email it to Joe Albanese at joealbanese2@gmail.com and we will do our very best to squeeze it into an upcoming issue of *River Views*.



Past HRFA President ('85-'86) **Rick Englesbe** stopped by the booth to chat with **Tim Burden**, **Dave Mercer** & **Joe Albanese**.



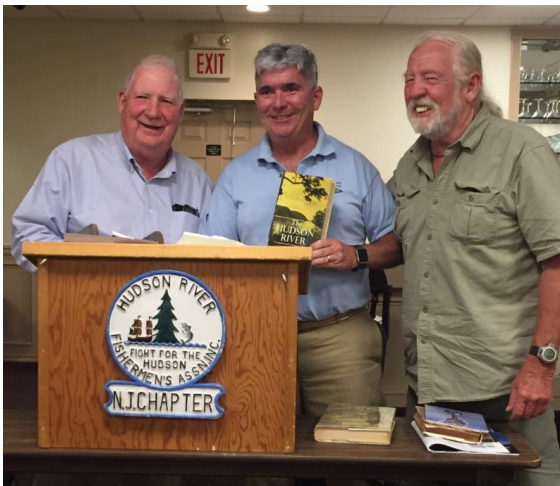
The crew working the booth shared a coffee break enjoying St. Paddy's Day donuts donated by the best guy ever - member **Tim Burden**.



Kevin Morgan teaching Fish Tagging 101. Looking on are HRFA members **Jeffrey Christi** (left) and **Charles Spindelman** (right). Contact **Kevin** for American Littoral Society tagging kits.



Peter Douma, showed us many of his saltwater fly creations when he shared his in-depth knowledge of fly rodding from the surf at our March meeting. Peter will be guiding out of Montauk throughout 2019. Peter can be reached at ...
email: skishnj@gmail.com
phone: 201-788-3337



Here is **Bob Walters**, the honored recipient of the this year's Friend of the Hudson award. The picture is from when **Bob** was the guest speaker at a recent monthly meeting. He gave us an excellent history of, and the many heroes engaged in, the fight to save the Hudson. Standing with him is President **Dan Harrison** holding his copy of *The HUDSON RIVER - A natural and unnatural history* the seminal treatise on the river written by the HRFA's founding father Robert H. Boyle. That's past President **Gil Hawkins** standing on the right.

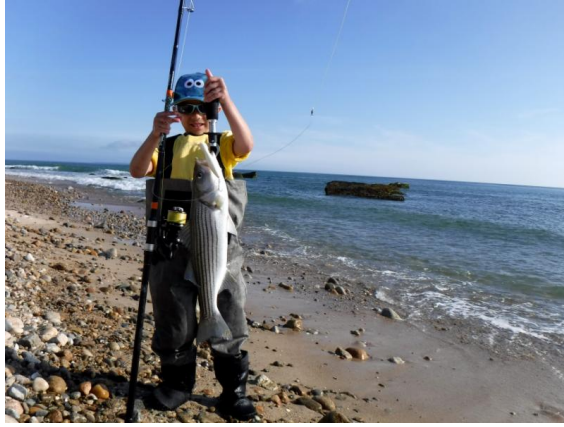


John Kravchak, who runs the Berkely Striper Club's annual Striper Derby, dropped by to give some guidance on running a successful catch & release derby. Here he is with **Joe Albanese** (left) and **Tim Burden** (right) showing off the official 60" vinyl tape measure of the HRFA Striper Derby.

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Share your photos on *Instagram*.



And the winner of the Annual Photo Contest is . . . **Noah Sardinias** with this awesome striper he caught by himself. Photo by his mom **Lydia Sardinias**. Congratulations!

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We're on Facebook too.
Coming soon ...



PAPERMOUTHS PULVERIZED!

By **Carl Bruger**

Crappie fishing exploded as soon as the ice melted on the northern lakes like Greenwood and Hopatcong. This scribe and **Wayne Geider** took home limit catches during a week of awesome angling that could only be described as top-notch! The fish were in so thick one

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day that a behemoth musky that a dozen angler witnesses saw was over four feet in length and maybe over forty pounds in weight, crashed onto the calicoes. It feasted, flipping foot long crappies out of the water, so there was a half hour lull while the school mourned their losses and abject panic finally subsided. Sadly nobody hooked the monster musky as it cruised back out of the inlet.

In my limit catch of ten I measured one crappie at 17 inches with many at the foot long mark. Keepers under ten inches were routinely tossed back to grow larger. The only bait **Wayne** and I needed was the famous Crappie magnet lure, a small jig tied three feet under a weighted pencil bobber that got hot the minute it was at depth when the fish could see it and were turned on by the right color. One day it was white and silver metal flake, the next orange/yellow was lethal and the next one green/white made them bite most readily.

It was great to see DEC officials cite the "pigs" who filled their pails with way more

fish than the daily limit. We heard this happened more than once so at least the law is on the prowl trying to give the fish a fair shake. My daily ten fish turned to fillets are on the menu for a giant church fish fry next month.

Yellow perch are also headed upstream to spawn and are suckers for a tiny trout magnet tipped with a small piece of worm behind a bobber and super light line. These fish have a 25 fish limit and will fill your pail in a few minutes when the school is at your feet and you are in the right place at the right time. Get in on the action while these delicious fish are here for the taking!

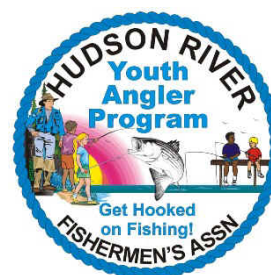


HRFA Youth Angler Program

By Wayne Geider

2019 looks to be a banner year in the making. Keep June 29th open for NYC fishing on the Hudson. Here is a partial list of the events we will be doing. We will be adding more dates with Spectrum for Living.

- April 4th - Hackensack Middle School. Assist Hackensack River Keeper with HOFNOD
- April 28th - WWP Newburg, NY
- April 29th - Special Needs fishing Bergen County at Englewood
- May 4th - Hooked on the Hudson at Roos Dock
- May 11th - Ridgefield Park Day
- May 15th - Special Needs Children of Bergen County. Wheel chair children
- May 16th - Special Needs fishing Bergen County at englewood
- May 18th - Waterford, NY children fishing
- May 31st - Mill Creek Park Secaucus, NJ. Assist Hackensack River Keeper
- June 5th - Waterford Park, Carteret, NJ. Assist Hackensack River Keeper
- June 6th - Special Needs Children of Bergen County
- June 8th - Oradell Reservoir Assist Hackensack River Keeper
- June 11th - Waterford Park Carteret, NJ Assist Hackensack River Keeper
- June 12th - Special Needs fishing Bergen County at Englewood
- June 20th - Oradell Reservoir Assist Hackensack River Keeper
- June 22nd - Wooden Boat Challenge - Kingston, NY



From our Historian



One of the working crews taking a lunch break: **Al White, Carl Burger, Bob Kaczorowski, Pete Orenzo, Tony Evangelista.** We had over 50 HRFA members running this tournament which was a great success.



John Vargo (red and black jacket), is the owner and publisher of the magazine *Boating on the Hudson*. He is seen here giving out awards to a few of the winners. **John** also was very instrumental in helping the HRFA in publicizing this event plus getting most of the sponsors together.



HRFA History LOOKING BACK IN TIME

By **Tony Evangelista**

The HRFA conducted one of the biggest striped bass fishing contests along the Hudson River with over 700 boats signing up for our tournament. This contest was a Catch and Release, plus if you were lucky enough to catch a tagged striped bass you would win a prize of \$100,000. Our HRFA members tagged and released a bunch of stripers a week before the tournament.

Our tournament started on a Friday and ended 5pm Sunday. We had shifts around the clock running things, and the Striped Bass restaurant (weigh-in station) would make sure we had the okay to order food.

The photos are from 2005. Taken at the weigh-in station at the Striped Bass Restaurant, Tarrytown, NY

Calling all surfcasters

Come join the fun fishing with family and friends under the H.R.F.A. banner. Team (Teams?) now forming to fish in the ASAC Tournaments. See Fall Schedule below. If interested, please contact **Joe Albanese**. joealbanese2@gmail.com



Association of Surf Angling Clubs
Fall Tournament Schedule

Sept. 7: 57th Annual H.W. Shaner Tournament by the Association of Surf Angling Clubs, Avalon, NJ

Sept. 21: 35th Annual Women's Surf Fishing Club of NJ Tournament, Brigantine, NJ

Sept. 28: 73rd Annual Long Beach Island Fishing Club Tournament, Harvey Cedars, NJ

Oct. 5: 65th Annual Pennsauken Surf Fishing Club Tournament North Wildwood, NJ

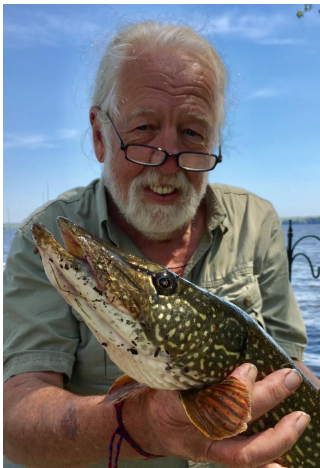
Oct. 12: 41st Annual New Jersey Beach Buggy Association Great Fall Classic Tournament, Seaside Park, NJ

Oct. 19: 3rd Annual Merchantville Fishing Club Surf Fishing Tournament, Long Beach Island, NJ

Oct. 26: 51st Annual Ocean City Fishing Club Surf Fishing Tournament, Ocean City, NJ

Nov. 2: 2nd Annual American Angler Surf Fishing Tournament, Long Beach Island, NJ

Upcoming Events



Hudson River Beach Cleanup

On **Saturday April 13** at 10 AM, the Hudson River Fishermen's Association, in association with Clean Ocean Action and The Palisades Interstate Park, will sweep the beach at Bloomer's Beach at the Englewood Boat Basin in the Park. Located at the bottom of Dyckman Hill Rd., the eastern extension of Palisades Ave. off of exit one on the Palisades Interstate Parkway, the beach is located at the north end of the boat basin. All hands on deck to help clean shoreline of The Hudson.

For more information call **Gil Hawkins** 201-446-2652.



Fishing on the "Bunny Clark", Ogunquit, Maine

Our Spring trip to Maine has been a special trip for HRFA members for many years. HRFA members can car/van pool for the trip, so just about all individuals can be accommodated.

Those interested in this annual trip should let us know as early as possible.

When: Sunday April 28th Ogunquit, Maine on the Bunny Clark

Leave: Saturday April 27, Fish Sunday April 28, and return next day.

Available fish: Pollock, Haddock, Cusk, Wolf fish, Redfish, White Hake, Whiting, and Ling

Web Site <http://www.bunnyclark.com>

Questions: Arnie Ulrich: email kavester@aol.com or call 201-304-4691



34th Annual Hooked on the Hudson Saturday, May 4, 2019 Ross Dock Palisades Interstate Park

The Palisades Interstate Park New Jersey and the Hudson River Fishermen's Association invite you to experience the Hudson River at the 33rd Annual Hooked on the Hudson event.

Join us at Ross Dock on Saturday, May 4, 2019 9 am--3:00 pm our fishing contest is FREE.

There is no entry fee. There are no registration forms.

Just come down to the park, throw your line in the water and enjoy yourself.

We will supply all equipment and bait free for your children to use!

We continue our 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 9:00am - 1:30 pm Fishing information and assistance will be available

Exhibits 9:00 am--3:00 pm

As in past years we have invited leading environmental and conservation groups to join us.

Children Casting Contest 2:00pm--3:00pm with prizes awarded

Awards Ceremony @ 3:00pm

additional info> Info: Peter Musse (201) 233-3119 petemusse@gmail.com



Catfish Chaos

Save the date: August 17 2019

more info to follow in the
coming months

APRIL 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2 HRFA EBoard Meeting Happy Birthday Patrick McNulty	3 Happy Birthday Mary Deluca Frank Grecco	4 Happy Birthday Christian Bruger Anthony Bunero Andrew Kelvas Randall C. Smith Sr. Arginos Stoumpos	5	6 Happy Birthday John Golon
7 NJOA Wild Game Dinner	8	9 HRFA General Meeting Happy Birthday Ula Gore	10	11	12	13 Happy Birthday James & Jerry Gleason
14 Happy Birthday Peter Cammarata	15	16	17	18 Happy Birthday Joe Curvino Dean Remoundos	19	20 Happy Birthday Keith Moh
21 Happy Birthday Capt Jim Freda	22	23	24 Happy Birthday Lou Commisa	25 Happy Birthday Joe Marchese Mike Scittorale	26	27 Maine Trip Happy Birthday Bill Tamacki
28 Bunny Clark Fishin	29 Happy Birthday William Higgins	30	1	2	3	4 Hooked On The Hudson

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