

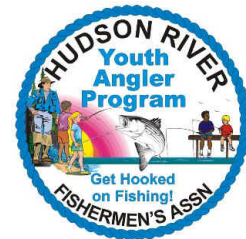
# River Views

The Official Newsletter of the Hudson River Fishermen's Association



## Hudson River Fishermen's Association

May 2019



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### May 14th General Meeting

**Guest Speaker: Capt. Paul Eidman**  
**Topic: Offshore Windmills plus Fly & Light Tackle Fishing**

Capt. Paul Eidman was born into the sport and is a fourth-generation fisherman. Capt. Paul has been fishing since he could walk and has been guiding saltwater light tackle anglers on New Jersey/New York coastal waters on his boat "Reel Therapy" for 20 years.

Capt. Paul offers a unique ecological perspective on our marine ecosystem as seen through the eyes of an avid fisherman and conservationist. As the founder of Menhaden Defenders, Capt. Paul has spent many hours and energy educating the public about the dangers of overfishing Atlantic Menhaden (Bunker). His efforts focus on the rebuilding of Bunker stocks back to historic range and abundance from Maine to

#### Next General Meeting

May 14, 2019 at 7:30 pm at  
Ridgefield Park Elks

#### Guest Speaker

Capt. Paul Eidman

#### Executive Meeting

1st Tuesday of every month  
Ridgefield Park Elks at 7:30 pm

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Texas. Simply put, if the Bunker populations are not maintained at sustainable levels, we will not have abundant Striped Bass, Osprey, Whales, Dolphin and much more.

For the past year, Capt. Paul has been diving head first into the world of Offshore wind energy projects to be built along the shores of NJ & NY. He has become an advocate for Anglers for Offshore wind and is focused on recreational fishing access, angler input in the planning stages and encouraging angler involvement with offshore wind developers.

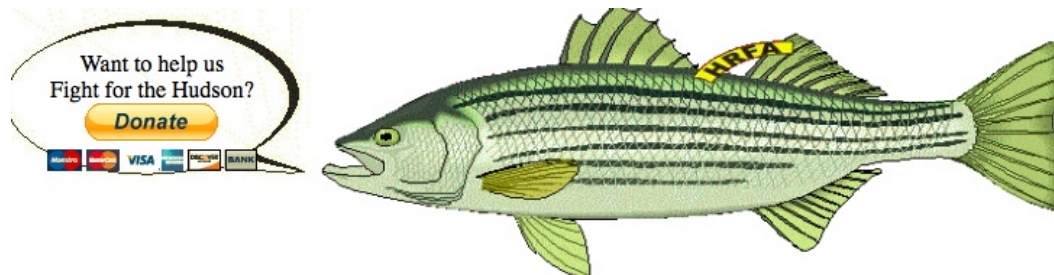
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[www.anglersconservationnetwork.org](http://www.anglersconservationnetwork.org)  
[anglersforoffshorewind.org](http://anglersforoffshorewind.org)

Blog updates can be found here:  
[paulyfish.blogspot.com](http://paulyfish.blogspot.com)  
[www.menhadendefenders.org](http://www.menhadendefenders.org)  
[www.anglersforoffshorewind.org/blog](http://www.anglersforoffshorewind.org/blog)



## From our President

Hi All,

Lots of things happening. Lets start with this months speaker. Capt. Paul Eidman has been doing his homework on the wind farms. He is going to inform us on whats happening. I would suggest that everyone read his blogs (above in his bio) and come

#### Educational Outreach

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Gil Hawkins

Aram setian

#### Send Comments to:

[Riverviews@hrfanj.org](mailto:Riverviews@hrfanj.org)





informed to the meeting. I'm sure there will be lots of questions and he is going to answer them to the best of his knowledge.

June 1st Scott Havner will be running a fishing contest in Lake Sabago NY. See details:

The HRFA will be hosting its 1st Annual Charity Kiddie Rod Challenge on Saturday June 1st at Lake Sebago in Harriman State Park NY.

Registration starts that morning from 7am to 8am with fishing from 8am to 1pm.

\$20 donation to enter. All proceeds going to HRFA Youth Angler Program. There will also be a \$5 lunker pool for longest fish caught. Trophies will be awarded for 3 largest bass entered. Rules are as follows:

1. Must fish with spincast reel and pole no longer than 40". Go out and get your favorite super hero rod!
2. Largemouth and smallmouth bass only
3. All lures and bait allowed.
4. Fish must be photographed with ruler in photo to determine length and sent to Scott Havner 845-300-1562
5. Winners will be determined by length of fish and time of photo received will be the tie breaker.
6. All bass must be released. The season is not open yet.
7. Fishing from boat or shore allowed. Boats must have Harriman State Park permit.

Come on out and have some fun trying to land a fish on one of these rods! It truly will be a challenge in more ways than one!

For more information contact Scott Havner 845-300-1562.

The HRFA would like to thank a few members that have donated to the youth fund and the scholarship fund. Jerry Crean, John Golon, and Pete Musse have contributed to the scholarship fund and John Ponticorvo and New Jersey Surf Casters for youth fund and trips. Thank you all the proceeds will be spent wisely.

The HRFA is now working with the Riverkeeper in getting that old boat out of the woods. Dave Mercer is working on getting the paper work in order and transporting to Kingston. More on this to come.

Thank you all that helped on Hooked on the Hudson. I was goofing off on a two week vacation but heard that we had a lot of volunteers at the event. An origination is only as good as its members and we have quite a good crew. Thanks again

Bee Well  
Dan H

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Annual FISHING CONTEST (for all ages!), exhibits, & more with the Hudson River Fishermen's Association. 9 AM to 3 PM at Ross Dock Picnic Area in Fort Lee.

For more information: [hrfanj.org](http://hrfanj.org).

Saturday, May 4

# Hooked on the Hudson



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!

**FREE + Open to All!**  
Food & Refreshments will be available

## H.R.F.A. Striper Derby

### Scenes from the Striper Derby Kick-off Event

By Michael Sardinas



On April 6th a group of HRFA members kicked off the First Annual Striper Derby bright and early along the lower Hudson River fishing at Castile Point Pier. The pier extends 125 feet into the river in the town of Hoboken.

The weather was perfect, a bright sunny day with an incoming tide. The bait of choice to try and catch the





From left to right . . .

Front row: **Wayne Geider, Noah Sardinias, Pete Musse, Ivan's daughter, Tim Burden.**

Standing: **Joe Albanese, Al Miller, Dan Harrison, Ivan Garcia, Kevin Morgan, Al White, Eddie Delapp, Michael Sardinias**

elusive striped bass were bloodworms. We had a whole flat of worms, thanks to **Joe Albanese** and **Scott Havner** for taking care of the logistics of getting the bait for our members. We also had plenty of donuts and coffee to keep us happy during the fishing.

**Ivan Gracia** was the first HRFA member to catch a striped bass. And I believe the only fish caught while we were there. I heard the fishing picked up right after we left. (Check out the photo below that I got from "Tim".) Lack of catching fish did not stop us from having a good outing. It allowed time for fellow members to share fish stories, tips, and tricks for targeting the big ones and so on.

A few staff members from "Fund For a Better Waterfront" showed up with their kids. And we were more than happy to show the youngsters how to bait a hook and make a cast.

Hopefully, the fishing will be better next time, mark your calendars because we will have another Castle Point Pier fishing trip in the fall, November 3rd



From l. to r. **Kevin Morgan** and **Al Miller.**



From l. to r. **Joe Albanese, Al White, Wayne Geider & Pete Musse**



## Tim Burden



Tim, one of the friendly local guys who regularly fish the pier, hooked up with a nice striper soon after we left.



**Pete Musse with Noah Sardinas**



**Ivan Garcia**

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## So far the Winners Are . . .

By Joe Albanese



We already notified the anglers competing in the 2019 Striper Derby who among their ranks were the winners for Week-1 and Week-2. See photos and captions below to find out for yourselves.

In the first two weeks anglers caught & released 114 striped bass. Eighty-seven (87) of those were tagged before being sent back into the Hudson. Where will they go from there? How long will they survive before being recaptured. I hope we find out one day.

Be present at the annual Hooked on the Hudson event May 4th for the Award Ceremony to learn who won Week-3 and the overall Striper Derby grand prizes. All members should attend regardless to pitch-in to help make this the best HOH ever. Besides its great fun and very rewarding to volunteer to teach kids how to fish, etc.

## Congratulations Winners Week-1

**Charles Spindelman**



**Keith Baez**





**Largest Striper**  
Penn Spinfisher VI 650066JG  
6'6" jigging rod and reel combo

**Photo Competition**  
\$25 gift card from  
**Jigging World**  
(a.k.a. Tackle World)

## Congratulations Winners Week-2

**Jeffrey Christie**



**Largest Striper**  
A table full of fishing tackle, etc.  
(table not included)



Some of the other prizes. Including  
a something special for the shore  
anglers.

**Mona Mak**



**Photo Competition**  
\$25 gift card, T-shirt and  
water bottle from  
**Ramsey Outdoor Store**

## Striper Derby Awards Ceremony



The grand prize winners of the 2019 Striper Derby will be announced at the annual Hooked on the Hudson event May 4th at Ross Dock. Free for all to attend. Find out who the grand prize winners are that will be taking home the cash - 1st Place \$500, 2nd Place \$250 and 3rd Place \$125. (Maybe they'll lend you a few bucks.) Other prizes and raffles available. Hosted by Striper Derby Co-Organizer and Emcees Extraordinaire **Scott Havner** and **Andrew Ward**.





Who will win the fluke tagging field trip for 2 persons donated by the American Littoral Society for tagging and releasing the biggest striped bass back into the Hudson River?

Sat Aug 10th 7:00am  
MIJo II Charters,  
Atlantic Highlands, NJ  
Valued at \$200.



Who will win the weekend trip to Montauk for 2 persons donated by the Hudson River Fishermen's Association and the American Littoral Society for tagging and releasing the most striped bass back into the Hudson River?

Fri May 31st - Sun Jun 2nd  
Montauk Manor House,  
236 Edgemere St, Montauk, NY  
Valued at \$800.



Who will be the lucky angler to catch & release the largest striper from the shoreline and win this Tica Striper Collection rod & reel combo with a 300 yard spool of 30-pound Power Pro braid included?



Which lucky photographer will win the Photo Contest for Week-3? Art's Tackle & Fly Shop donated a \$25 gift certificate for the best striper release photo. Click on the logo above to shop their on-line store.

**Art's Tackle & Fly Shop**  
161 Main St  
Suites 2-3  
Nanuet, NY 10954  
artstacklenfly@gmail.com  
845-215-5470

**Carl's Corner**

**Carl Bruger Invitational  
Catfish Chaos Tournament**





As you read this column a group of HRFA members will again be joining me at my home in Dexter New York, on Lake Ontario for the latest yearly Catfish Chaos contest. According to the accurate

records kept by **Aram Setian**, **Wayne Geider** and others, well over 300 pounds of channel catfish were landed last year before and just after the tournament was held. **Pete Musse** had the winning monster at just under 25 pounds and **Tim Burden** caught a 25+ after the contest was over. **Gill Hawkins** landed a 38 1/2 inch 12 pound monster pike for a nice trophy variety and many other pike over 30 inches were also released. Every man present caught at least one catfish that tipped the scales at over 18 pounds and all of the fish were released this year since **Rev. Patricia Bruger** was retired and not working in Paterson where the fish formerly were donated.

The 2019 booking is totally filled and proceeds will now go to the Youth angler fund and Scholarship fund equally. The total amount to be donated this year will be \$500. I wish to thank all the men who are supporting this tournament and also those who did so in the past and those who will do so in the future. God willing I hope to continue the tournament each spring as long as my health allows and Lake Ontario holds water and whopper channel cats! We have the prospect of expanding if folks with trailers want to come up and camp and thus provide more "bunk space". **Gil** and **Wayne** are being hosted by my awesome neighbors Pat and Fred Lamon who made repairs to their flood damaged home last year.

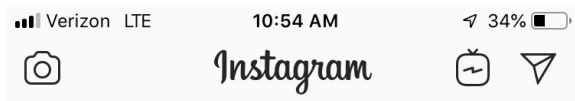
The 2019 tournament will have two prizes, one for the largest channel cat in weight, and one for the longest non catfish; (Pike, musky pickerel carp) I value the length over weight so a short fat carp doesn't beat a worthy pike that was a "better" catch. Quality fish are under CPR meaning Catch, Photograph and Release. Unless a gill hooked fish dies or we are keeping perch or trout to eat, tournament fish are hopefully all going to live to fight another day.

As of now I have the following men (see below) listed as definite and booked or possible attendees for the Catfish Chaos 2019 session on Black River Bay: **Carl Bruger**, **Peter Musse**, **Dalas Musse**, **Wayne Geider**, **Gil Hawkins**, **Marvin Oreski**, **Louis Fernandes**, **Dan Blackley**, **Scott Havner**, **Boris Maltsev** and **Gene Bazella**.

Most are already paid in full. Our first Wednesday night up will be the traditional "wing night" to officially begin the tournament. It will end with a prime rib dinner award night Saturday night at NuPier Inn in Sackets's Harbor. In between it will be all you can eat that **Pete Musse** and I can cook up for you off the Bruger's stove and grill. Be sure to bring all your personal meds and your own sleeping bag and pillow. We have hot and cold running water that is not drinkable! Bottled water and well water is available. Never drink from the taps. You can expect diverse weather ranging from wind and sleet in May to sun and eighty degree steamy days! Nights can drop to the thirties or stay reasonably warm. Our home has Propane gas heat, a wood fireplace and electric heaters as well so no man should ever suffer from frostbite. Be sure to bring your best foul weather gear just to be comfortable under the worst conditions Mother Nature throws at you.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING CALL**





## Follow us on Instagram

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, or the Instagram icon. Photos can be emailed to [dalasmusse@yahoo.com](mailto:dalasmusse@yahoo.com).

The photo by **Keith Baez** on the left was shared on Instagram. It captures the release of one of the stripers tagged in the Striper Derby. Oh, and by the way, it won him a \$25 gift certificate from Jigging World.



Instagram

## Upcoming Events



### 34th Annual Hooked on the Hudson

**Saturday May 4, 2019**

**Ross Dock**

**Palisades Interstate Park**

The Palisades Interstate Park Commission New Jersey and the Hudson River Fishermen's Association invite you to experience the Hudson River at the 34th Annual Hooked on the Hudson event.

Join us at Ross Dock (located on the New Jersey riverfront just north of the George Washington Bridge) on Saturday May 4, 2019. The event runs from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. Food and refreshments are available.

We continue our tradition of combining a fishing contest with exhibits provided by leading environmental, conservation and sportsmen's organizations in our area.

The fishing contest runs from 9:00AM to 1:30PM. Our fishing contest for all



children is free. No entry fees. No registration forms. Fishing information and assistance is provided by HRFA volunteers. Plus, the HRFA will supply all the equipment and bait for your children to use!

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

As in past years, we have invited leading environmental and conservation groups to join us. Their exhibits will run from 9:00AM to 3:00PM.

A Children's Casting Contest will be run from 2:00PM - 3:00PM with prizes awarded.

Awards Ceremony at 3:00 PM.

Additional information contact: **Mr. Peter Musse**  
(201) 233-3119 / petemusse@gmail.com.



Derby Organizer: **Scott Havner**



**Save the date: August 17, 2019**

more info to follow in the coming months

***Be sure to check out the [Events Calendar](#) for May 2019 (below) for member birthday notices, holidays and events.***

**From our Membership Chair**

By **Arnie Ulrich**  
Membership Chair





**HRFA Free Money News>** At the last HRFA meeting there was \$22.00 of free money for the HRFA member whose name was picked from the jar. Skip Wisniewski's name was picked, however he wasn't there. So, the free money (\$22.00) gets added to next months split 50/50. Make sure you show up at the MAY 14th HRFA meeting to see which HRFA member wins free money.

***HRFA Welcomes the following new members . . .***

Dominic Catalano, Bloomingdale, NJ  
Patrick Gagliardi, Hoboken, NJ  
Milo Maturi, Yonkers, NY  
Phillip Moliere, Teaneck, NJ  
Eric Robibero, Mahwah, NJ  
Mark Rodrick, Springfield, NJ  
A.R. Swan, Ossining, NY  
Alister Symon, Upper Saddle River, NJ  
Steven J. Topazio, Boston, MA  
Dylan Weyant, Fishkill, NY

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**Access the New Jersey 2019 Marine Digest at this site>**  
<https://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/2019/digmar19.pdf>

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## HRFA 2019 Membership 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 can join/renew online at [www.hrfa.us](http://www.hrfa.us)** Just  
click on Members in the left hand column

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](mailto:kavester@aol.com)) or call me at  
1-201-304-4691

## **A Day of Family Fun at the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament**

The 27th Annual Governor's Surf Fishing  
Tournament (GSFT) will take place in Island  
Beach State Park (IBSP), NJ on **May 19, 2019**.  
This event is one of the most popular surf fishing  
contests for the individual angler on the east  
coast. It is sponsored by Jersey Coast Anglers  
Association, New Jersey State Federation of  
Sportsmen's Clubs, NJ Beach Buggy Association,  
NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, NJ Division of  
Parks and NJDEP. For further info  
<https://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/gsft.htm>

## **Jersey Coast Anglers Association 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Fluke Tournament,**

Saturday June 15, 2018      Fishing Hours: Dawn  
until 5 P.M. To be eligible all **fluke** must be weighed  
in at one of the 7 official weigh stations (that you  
previously selected) starting from 1 P.M. but not  
later than 5 P.M. and must be accompanied by  
your official weigh slip affidavit with entry number.  
\$50,000 Doormat Fluke Cash Prize Angler weighing  
in biggest fluke in excess of 12 lbs.! Awards  
ceremony June 20<sup>th</sup>. Weigh in ports from **Jersey  
City, Liberty Landing Marina** to Cape May. For  
further info [www.jcaa.org/](http://www.jcaa.org/) or 732-506-6565

## **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 & Print Your NJ Fishing  
License & 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)

Number to order licenses by 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>

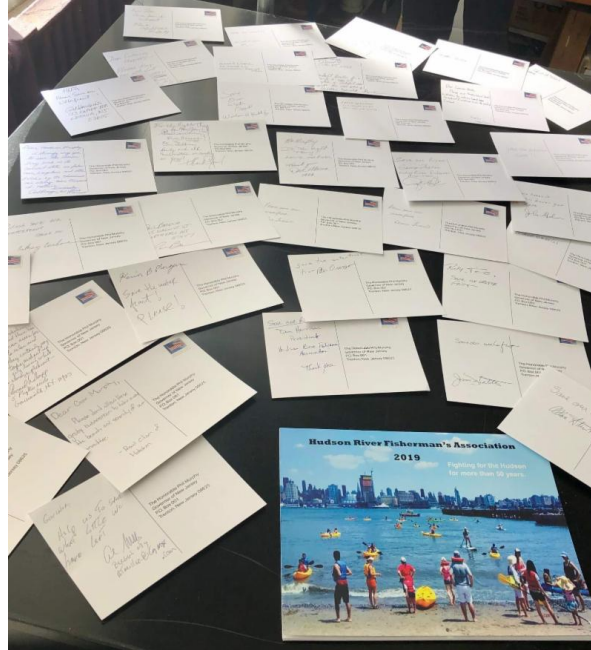
## **Doing what we do best ... Fight for the Hudson River and Preserve Public Access to the Waterfront**

This picture is taken from  
Fund for a Better  
Waterfront's FaceBook  
pages where they thanked  
the HRFA for joining their  
rally March 6th in  
Hoboken and then inviting  
them to speak at last



month's meeting.

Following the FBW presentation 36 members of the HRFA completed postcards to Gov. Murphy encouraging him to prevent the construction of a ferry boat maintenance & refueling depot at the Union Dry Dock when other locations are available.



The sandy beach at Union Dry Dock, featured on the cover of the 2019 HRFA Calendar, is a treasured river access point for so many people.

## Grandpa Carl's Kid's Column

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



### SURE CATCH SHORELINE SPOTS FOR SUCCESS

By Carl Bruger

An angling and teacher friend of mine, captain Jim Freda, wisely named his Ocean charter business Sure Catch and this title rang true for the theme of this article for the hottest places I could think of to bring youngsters to be SURE they would go home having caught fish. Notice I never said trophy fish, wall hangers, bragging sized monsters or anything like that! Not at all! We're talking suicide sunnies, bumbling bullheads, pinheaded perch and other foolish fish that will bite on stuff like hot dogs, Velveeta cheese, bread balls, and classic garden hackle fresh dug by eager little hands from the garden.

My criteria for selecting these four places in Bergen and Rockland Counties included plenty of safe flat shoreline, available nearby park areas to picnic, and of course a copious supply of gullible panfish willing to bite at the drop of a hook. The goal here is to have immediate results. Always remember that children have short attention spans and need instant gratification. The horrible alternative, a full day skunking trying for wily brown trout or say blackfish on an ocean sojourn, is a great way to turn a frustrated child into a lifelong golfer or indoor couch spud. A bite on the very first cast is my target for the tykes in my charge. The shrieks of



joy are the same for a four inch sunny as they would be for a keeper crappie that would fill a frying pan. In the mind of a small child a fish is a fish and he or she has caught it! Your praise and mutual glee and shared excitement in the moment coupled with a cell phone photo can immortalize the moment and sent it spiraling into the world of the internet for international approval.

Little Ferry is the site of an old deep pit called Indian Lake that holds stocker trout in the early spring and all sorts of panfish and carp all through the warm months of the year. You will never know what will hit your line next, but the odds are that the bobber will not be still for long! Don't hesitate to "seed" the area ahead of your arrival with corn, worms, chopped meats, or fish food to attract feeding fish that the kids will enjoy catching. There are some bonus big carp and breeder trout taken by tykes every year on "Snoopy rods".

Up in Rockland County lies a popular 12 month fishery by Valley Cottage. Rockland Lake is loaded with big perch, bluegills, and crappie in the winter and obviously when the schools are near your shoreline cast they make for a great kid catch at any time of the year. Worms, minnows, spinners and tinny stick baits all work when cast from the fine docks the state installs after ice out. Plentiful parking, pool & picnic areas fulfill other requirements for family fun. Expect a bass surprise!

The smallest and least known of the four "hot" spots I'm sharing is Teaneck Pond, located just past FDU and the R4 entrances off River Road and before the small visible town park on the Road. It is just a dirt and rock berm separation from the Hackensack River and teams with tidal fish (I always got my fluke killies there). By-catch results can be awesome such as eels, turtles and wild goldfish (really a carp).

My ace of all holes is the Ramapo Reservation up in Mahwah off Rt. #202 and reachable by Rt. #17 from all southern points in Bergen County. There is ample parking, great hiking trails, superb picnic areas, the Ramapo River is loaded with trout and other fish plus an ultimate destination pond called Scarlet Oak. It teams with suicide sunnies that will bite on spit they are so dumb! Schools of stunted sunfish struggle to be the next fish to inhale the worm your child drops in front of them. No skills are needed except to drop and lift! Bring a picnic lunch and expect to have a fun time with all the kids you bring. Please promise to bring them back again because they will be hooked worse than the fish were. You will find very open and tapered shore areas easy for even toddlers to walk. If you go during the week it will not be crowded too badly but a gem like this is packed on the week-end because everyone else knows the secret.

PHOTO CAPTION: That's my wife, **Rev. Pat**, and our grandsons **Miles** (10-years old) and **Harry** (8-years old).

READER BONUS: I used to tie a huge night crawler to 2 lb. line and "gag" catch killies and sunfish to use as fluke and bluefish bait on charter boats. Kept alive in an aerator I put bunker oil on live sunfish and drifted them back into the slick like butterfish. I won several pools with this "free" and effective bait. Check it out!





At our monthly meeting in April we delighted in hearing "Fly Fishing the RESTIGOUCHE" presented by William Hartnett

The most picturesque presentation our group may have ever witnessed took

place at the Tuesday general meeting, with hundreds of shots of a New Brunswick river in all its seasonal glories. The fish, food, folks, and fellowship of the famous **Restigouche River Lodge** provided a great allure to all of us present and made everyone wish they were lottery winners or sudden wealth inheritors to spend a few weeks basking in the "heaven" that is the best Atlantic Salmon fishery in North America. Magnificent fish in the twenty to thirty pound class are regularly caught and released from May through September on a fascinating array of varying flies designed especially for these regal titans of the sport fishing clan. Heavy duty two hook barbed sinking flies gave way to autumn "bomber time" offerings that also catch the trophy Atlantics. The photos of colorful fish in magnificent mating palettes and kype jawed reality brought home the talents of the photographer as well as the angler. Bill even offered a two for one special that should tempt members to consider booking in the future. Mr. Hartnett can be reached personally at 201- 788-2920 if you have interest in booking or other questions. The fly shop to check out is Streams of Dreams on Rt. #17 North in Ramsey. They offer all the top flight gear an aspiring fly fisher could ever want. If you are in need of a rod, reel, line, hooks, or any related gear such as waders, nets, foul weather gear etc. the folks there are experts and can outfit you with the finest products made.

I do know that more of our membership is getting into fly fishing and guys like experts **John Golon** and Great Lakes Salmon nuts like me will gladly help in any way we can to foster growth and increased knowledge. I have extra gear and nurple flies for those who want to pursue fall Chinooks and Cohoes. I will loan fly gear to any man or woman who needs it to get started. My house on Lake Ontario is within minutes of rivers, creeks and streams that teem with runs of steelhead, browns and salmon every fall and then in the spring the two trout are there again to provide awesome sport on fly and spinning rods. Do not hesitate to get into this awesome aspect of angling!

## 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](mailto:joealbanese2@gmail.com) and we will do our very best to squeeze it into an upcoming issue of *River Views*.

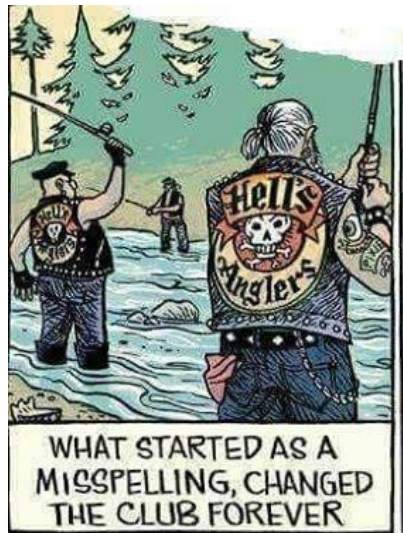




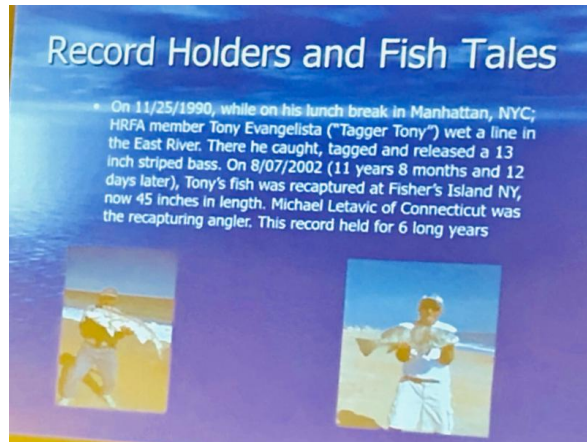
**Joe Marchese** proudly shows his 'Fisherman of the Year' certificate.



The **Green Hornet** requests new Striper Derby category be added for the *smallest* striper.



Just seeing who's still reading



Records are made to be broken. Slide from Jeff Dement's presentation. HRFA Historian **Tagger-Tony Evangelista**, a true sportsman dedicated to tagging & releasing.



**Arnie Ulrich** caught & released a



**Bruce Halstater** smaller striper



nice schoolie bass at a secret location on the Hudson River.

same secret spot as **Arnie's**.



This photo was sent to us by **Milo Maturi**. **Milo** became a member of the HRFA for the first time when he entered the Striper Derby. Of course he caught this 50" trophy size striped bass in the Hudson River.

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**Coming soon ...**



## From our Historian



Photo April 9, 1990 Englewood Boat Basin - Jeannie Ross (left), Jeanie's assistant Jennifer (center), **Tony Evangelista** (right)

H.O.H.'s original 3-part series:

- Part 1 - a seminar plus a live fish



## **HRFA History** **LOOKING BACK IN TIME** By **Tony Evangelista**

In the early 1990's Jeannie Ross was



tank. We would fish up & down the P.I.P. for stripers to display in the tank. We also had environmental vendors on display. By the way, Bobby Kennedy was a speaker years ago.

- Part 2 - a beach walk down Ross Dock led by Christopher Letts.
- Part 3 - a shad-fest hosted by Christopher Letts. We ran our fishing tournament and served our food & drink.

working for the Palisade Interstate Park. Jeannie was one of the people who put together our "Hooked on the Hudson " program that is still currently running in 2019. In those days we had a three-part series to H.O.H. Jeannie would offer the P.I.P. Interpretative Center to use for our Seminars.

Thank you Jeannie for always being a great friend to the HRFA.

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**Subject: Fwd: [New post] Take it easy on Raritan Bay stripers**

Gentlemen,

As you may know, there has been an extraordinary Striper bite in the Raritan.

Please read Al Ristori's blog below and distribute to the HRFA & SWABC membership.

I can you tell that the Striper population numbers indicate that over fishing is occurring. If this stands there will be a quota reduction or closure in our future. I know you both are already aware that we need to practice conservation, please spread the word.

Thanks

Serg





## Take it easy on Raritan Bay stripers

by [alristori](#)

Raritan Bay has been producing good numbers of legal striped bass, but anglers should avoid killing most of those fish since the Hudson River spawning stock not only maintains our high quality local spring fishery, but also provides a summer fishery after the coastal migrants have moved far to the east.

It's a good bet that any bass weighing 20 pounds or more will be a female just weeks away from contributing to the Hudson River stock. If you're going to keep a bass, select one closer to the 28-inch minimum that may well be a male.

Capt. Ian Devlin of East Norwalk, Ct. has decided to release all of the stripers taken on his charter trips in Long Island Sound, unless they're unrecoverable, in response to the coastal overfishing problem. That's a tough move for a charter skipper as it eliminates a portion of his potential patronage, but a courageous one.

The larger stripers were hiding today from the Sea Hunter out of Atlantic Highlands as it was strictly shorts after days when legal bass were common. A rarely used provision gave the pool to the first short released.

Stripers didn't show in the ocean again, but the fleet will be looking for them over the weekend. That will include the Jamaica from Brielle which will seek bass both days.

The Big Mohawk from Belmar found good blackfish action on bottom today, and added a few ling and cod. Some fares limited on tog. They'll sail at 7 a.m.

At Seaside Park, Grumpy's Tackle reports a few small bass being caught on bait in the surf, though there are more to be had on worms and small plugs in the back bay.

## 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](mailto: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

## HRFA Calendar

May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 Happy Birthday Joe London	2 Happy Birthday George Lorino Sean Mirek	3	4 <u>Hooked on the Hudson</u> Happy Birthday Joe Anelli
5	6 Happy Birthday Rocco Moretto Walter Weglinski	7 <b>HRFA EBoard Meeting</b>	8	9 Happy Birthday John Kimlin	10 Happy Birthday Dan Harrison Sr.	11 Happy Birthday Peter Doman
12	13	14 <b>HRFA General Meeting</b> Happy Birthday Angel Cruz Joe Spaccavento	15	16 Happy Birthday Anthony Senzamid John Wilm	17 Happy Birthday Chester Fabyanski	18 Happy Birthday Mike Corbett
19	20	21 Happy Birthday Ken Jennings Capt Frank Tenore Dirk Van Everchngen	22	23	24	25 Happy Birthday Richard Rodriguez
26 Happy Birthday Robert Galarza	27 Happy Birthday Dalas Musse	28	29 Happy Birthday Sylvio LoVecchio John Ponticorvo	30	31 Happy Birthday Ed Delapp, John Garb Skip Storch	1

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