

The Official Newsletter of the Hudson River Fishermen's Association



Hudson River Fishermen's Association

November 2019



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November 12th General Meeting



Guest Speaker: Dr. Peter J. Park Topic: Integrating Angling, Citizen Science, and Fish Research: How the East River Can Enhance Our Understanding of the Hudson River

Dr. Peter J. Park is an Associate Professor of Biology in the Department of Natural Sciences at Nyack College in Nyack, New York. His expertise is in evolutionary ichthyology, and his current research interests include fish cognitive ecology, fish citizen science, aquaponics, phage biology, and teaching of science through active learning.

The East River is a robust marine ecosystem in the heart of NYC. The present work seeks to integrate understanding, awareness, and monitoring efforts of East River fish diversity through utilization of citizen science by achieving three goals: (i) development of a fish diversity database using data from angling and seining, (ii) establishment of novel beginners-level angling clinics at Brooklyn Bridge Park and World's Fair Marina and establishment of

Next General Meeting

November 12, 2019 at 7:30 pm at Ridgefield Park Elks

Guest Speaker

Dr. Peter J. Park

Executive Meeting

1st Tuesday of every month Ridgefield

Park Elks at 7:30 pm

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"intermediate" angling clinics at Randall's Island Park, and (iii) development of marine education winter workshops that integrate angling and ichthyology for diverse NYC communities. Through the compilation of angling and seining data, this work will also pioneer the establishment of a growing fish data group network of environmental education organizations. This work is a partnership of Nyack College, Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy, and Randall's Island Park Alliance, funded through a grant from the Marine and Coastal District of New York Conservation, Education, and Research Small Grants Program.

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From our President



Hi All,

What a great month for the HRFA. The boat in the woods was moved from Garrison, NY to Jersey City. **Dave**Mercer did a fabulous job getting the boat off the ground and on blocks. Turns out the port side was not as bad as we had thought. Then he built a custom trailer, loaded the boat and trailered it to JC. He

made this massive undertaking seem like it was nothing. Thanks **Dave!** More about the boat next month.

Pete Musse and **Skip Wisniewski** put together a Family Day that about 40 members, their family & friends attended. The food was great and some members also brought dishes that everyone enjoyed. **Scott Havner** fished his heart out and caught a Hudson River grand slam.

I would also like to thank two very special people that have helped me during the past three years: **Chris Letts** and **John Vargo**.

Chris just donated an almost new kayak. A 17 foot Mad River Canoe that weighs 50 pounds wet. This will be used as a raffle to raise money for the boat restoration project. He also donated two bamboo fly rods. These are light weight and in great shape. He also donated countless reels, lures, pot and pans for future Hooked on the Hudson events. Thanks **Chris** for your generosity.

John Vargo, where do I start? **John** ALWAYS has good advice. He knows the river better then anyone. That is a very strong statement but I'll stand behind it 100 %. **John** knows everyone on the river. Every time we (the HRFA) needs something done **John** is the first person to ask how to get it done. I personally have taken his advice about places to visit by boat and always had a good time. He told me about a brunch at Cornwall Yacht Club. I took three other couples one Sunday morning. We walked in and everyone was looking at us. As soon as I mentioned **John's** name the red carpet

came out. More about the Cornwall YC. Thanks John!!

Keep March 22nd open for this year's annual HRFA awards dinner.

Bee Well Dan H



HRFA President **Dan Harrison** (right) with benefactor **Chris Letts** who donated his own personal Mad River Canoe to our non-profit. **Chris** is a well known educator and advocate for the Hudson River. Watch the short video and get educated by **Chris** on Croton Point.



Chris Letts, a long time commercial fisherman on the Hudson River, donated his beautiful Mad River Canoe to us.



The Pride of the H.R.F.A.

Project to Save our Historical Heritage

By Joe Albanese

Robert H. Boyle's dream eventually became a reality when the Hudson River Fishermen's Association (formed in 1966) launched its *Riverkeeper* boat in 1983.



THEN

The H.R.F.A. created *the world's first* Waterkeeper Organization. The photo above shows the 1983 maiden-launch of it's 25-foot wooden boat tasked with patrolling the Hudson for polluters. It was initially piloted by Capt. John Cronin.



NOW

Up until Oct. 5th, the original Hudson River Fishermen's Assn's *Riverkeeper* boat was all but forgotten; rotting away in the woods in Garrison, NY. Now she is at Liberty Landing Marina in Jersey City awaiting her total makeover. Beginning in the Spring of 2020 volunteers will start working to refurbish her to her former days of glory when she was *the world's first and only r*iverkeeper vessel.

October Meeting Recap

By Joseph Albanese





Check out the videos showing the transport of the HRFA Assn's original *Riverkeeper* vessel as it departs from upstate NY and



Present to witness the momentous occasion of the boat leaving Garrison, NY heading to Jersey City, NJ are dignitaries (from L to R) Capt. Bob Walters (retired Director of the Science Barge in Yonkers, NY), Capt. John Cronin (the world's first riverkeeper patrolling any river in the world in a motorized vessel), Dave Mercer, Janice Soto, Capt. Aram Setian, Dan Harrison, John Vargo (publisher of Boating on the Hudson), Gil Hawkins and Jessica Kuonen (NY Sea Grant Estuarine Resilience Planning and Policy Specialist for the Hudson River, Cornell University).

arrives at Liberty Landing Marina in Jersey City. We are extremely grateful for the support of the marina who graciously is allowing us to use space there, free of charge, while we work on the restoration.

The October meeting focused on introducing the special project begun to restore the world's original motorized riverkeeper vessel. Its mission was to patrol the Hudson River in search of polluters and hold them accountable for the damage they cause to the river's ecosystem.

Those in attendance heard from **Dan Harrison** who is spearheading the effort and other committee members who have been working behind the scenes including: **John Malool, Sergio Radossi, Joe Albanese, Dave Mercer, Janice Soto, Aram Setian, Arnie Ulrich** and **Ivan Garcia.**

There was much discussion and many ideas shared with members in attendance. When **Dan** asked for a show of hands from those in favor of continuing the project all hands went up. With nary a discouraging word the committee is now seeking volunteers to contribute their time and talents to the restoration which will begin in the spring 2020.

Upcoming Events



Castle Point Pier Fishing Trip

You'll want to be there **November 3rd** when **Miguel Sardinas** leads us back to Castle Point Pier in Hoboken to fish for fall stripers, blackfish and whatever else may swim along.

The Hudson River is one of the most productive and diverse fisheries on the northern coast. And it's no secret that the lower part of the Hudson River is the place to catch a trophy striped bass every fall. So on Sunday, November 3rd all HRFA members are invited to come and fish off Castle Point Pier (locals call it the T) in Hoboken, NJ. The pier stretches out 125 feet into the river, has one of the best views of NYC skyline and provides excellent fishing structure.

Striped bass are not the only fish on the menu. You will have the opportunity to fish for bruiser bluefish, blackfish, ling, tommy cod, and more.

The HRFA encourages tagging fish for science. **American Littoral Society** tagging kits can be purchased from **Kevin Morgan** at any HRFA general monthly meeting. Tags may also be purchased from the **American Littoral Society** by clicking **here**.

Fishing time: 8 am - 12 pm? Save the date because you don't want to miss this event.

If anyone has any questions on tackle, baits, etc. reach out to **Michael Sardinas** at 201-682-9577 or Masardinas@yahoo.com

Last call for 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 2020 ASAC Tournaments. If interested, please contact **Joe Albanese** at joealbanese2@gmail.com or **Pete Musse** at petemusse@gmail.com.

Only one Association of Surf Angling Clubs tournament left in 2019:

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

Nov. 3: The next day is the annual New Jersey Beach Buggy Association's surf fishing tournament. Besides the traditional three beaches at Island Beach State Park, Corson's Inlet State Park and Brigantine they have added a fourth. This year American Angler petitioned successfully for the NJBBA to include LBI. This is a huge convenience for those who fished their ASAC Tournament on the same beaches the day before.





AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY Caring for the Coast



Surf Fishing Clinic Sandy Hook, NJ

Saturday November 16, 2019 8:00am - 3:00pm Sandy Hook, Building #18, 18 Hartshorne Dr, Highlands, NJ 07732, USA

Surf Fishing Clinic November 16th Sandy Hook. NJ

Join **Jeff Dement**, Tagging Director, for a day of surf fishing and instruction on the beach. He'll cover the basics of casting, knot tying, lure/bait selection, and "reading" a beach. All skill levels are welcomed. Rods, reels and tackle will be provided, but bring your own if you have it. Children under 18 are welcome with a supervising adult. Meet at 8 a.m. at building 18. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided but please bring your lunch. Contact 732-291-0055 for more information

Cost: \$30 for members, \$75 for nonmembers

Click here to register.



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'perēən/)
adjective

LAW - relating to or situated on the banks of a river. ECOLOGY - relating to wetlands adjacent to rivers and streams.

H.R.F.A. to receive The Riparian Award from FBW

The Fund for a Better Waterfront organization will present their Riparian Award to the HRFA at their Connect the Waterfront Annual Fundraising Party. It will be held November 14th from 7-9 PM at the Elks Club, 1005 Washington Street in Hoboken. They will have an open bar (beer & wine), hors d'oeuvres, raffle and prizes for their Hoboken Waterfront Trivia Contest. Music by the Bryan Beninghove Trio.

Tickets available on-line for \$85 at betterwaterfront.org or for \$100 at the door. Click here to register.

Be sure to check out the H.R.F.A. Events Calendar for November 2019 (below) for member birthday notices, holidays and events.

From our Membership Chair



HRFA Members' stuff

Arnie Ulrich Membership Chair

Regarding the HRFA free money (split 50/50) and the October meeting: For October the split 50/50, was \$18.00 HRFA free dollars plus \$24.00 from September. Unfortunately, the paid member name tickets were not available, so the \$42.00 HRFA free dollars go into the jar for the November meeting.

The HRFA Welcomes the Following New Member

Welcome aboard, Roy Hulsebos, from North Haledon, NJ!

HRFA 2019 Membership Form

Fishing Licenses and Saltwater Registry for NJ & NY, Hudson River Regulations, etc.

Click on the buttons below for the:

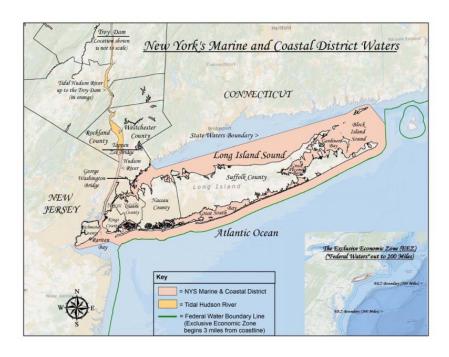
LICENSE

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NOTE: To order your NY State Fishing License by phone call 866-933-2257

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NEW JERSEY 2019 MARINE DIGEST

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NEW JERSEY RECREATIONAL SALTWATER ANGLER FAQ SHEET

Join the Striped Bass Cooperative Anglers Program

Complete the NY DEC's Striped Bass Fishing Survey

Carl's Column for November

Carl Bruger has been a writer for this newsletter for a long time. Here are his latest gem.



FISH & FLOODING REPORT FROM LAKE ONTARIO By Carl Bruger

As you read this the peak of the salmon run is upon us and this scribe has to admit having done very little to put a dent in the Chinook population. Some days I took a few casts from my own flooded shoreline when I noted a salmon or two porpoising in the Perch River channel within reach of my shoreline casts using a heavy spoon. Our ruined walls called me back to cement work and

the few other early tries at the recently submerged town docks also proved fruitless. Some of you may have noticed I did not write much lately but between cementing and sand bagging, *River Views* was a "priority" that came up when I was already sound asleep.

The summer of 2019 recorded the highest flood waters ever recorded on Lake Ontario and they held this level for destructive week after week eating away at every shoreline property on the lake doing multimillions in damage because the only outlet that could control the height was a single dam on the St. Lawrence River called the Moses-Saunders dam near Montreal. This single bottle-neck is the key to letting 20% of all the fresh water in the world out into the Atlantic Ocean from all five Great Lakes! That's right! Water from the top of Lake Superior eventually flows together with the waters in Huron, Michigan, Erie, and Ontario to flow into the great St. Lawrence and out into the ocean. It takes days to drop the lake depth a quarter inch and that is if nature cooperates by not sending copious amounts of additional

precipitation. The Great Lakes basin was deluged with up to 17 more inches of snow and rain than normal this winter and spring so the too late moves of the committee were compounded!

This committee of six men and women, three from Canada and three from the USA, {Perfect to avoid being sued by either country}, totally screwed up the water levels with a new plan called 2014 which was supposed to improve wetlands but to most of us is a simple ruse to help the rich shippers get wealthier by letting the cargo ships run heavier and deeper with no risk. Already new improved ports like the one in Oswego are showing huge profits to prove this point. Tourism is unfortunately a second level priority. The NY State Governor Cuomo has spoken out to help the area and money has been promised but the water is already under the bridge in more ways than one.

Our property will be elevated and improved with dozens of truckloads of rock, stone, dirt, clay, sand, and cement block. We will have an EPA approved birm at the swamp in the back and walls to deflect potential waves from future floods in the front and sides. Our road in is

several feet higher rock so only a flood worse than 2019 will ruin a future summer. We pray.

Which segues well into meeting a 10 year old fisherman, Andrew, at our local Dexter Methodist Church. He was visiting his grandma, our neighbor parishioner down the road. Andrew loved to fish as I learned from my wife, Pat from the previous week. So naturally I took him perch fishing and we caught a dozen or so off our wall and I filleted them so he could have a "shore dinner" with his family featuring the perch that he caught. He let me know how much he loved angling and hoped to get some salmon gear next. That was a cue to head over to the Bruger fishing shed and equip the young man with a spinning and fly outfit so we could plan our next more extensive expeditions in pursuit of trophy salmon. Future articles will hopefully share some exciting tales of angling adventures of Andrew and me. He's got himself an Ugly Stick spinning rod and new Penn reel plus a 7 weight Shu Fly fly rod and matching weight reel that this old coot will gladly exchange for the joy of teaching a polite youngster the joys of casting for trophy salmon.

I look forward to seeing most of my HRFA friends in November or December when we return to New Jersey for the winter to smoke some of the salmon catch.

GOOD NEWS! After finishing a goal of 20 bags of mortar in our repaired and raised walls, I started fishing for Chinooks in October and had the good fortune to encounter a run of early whoppers. My Cleo spoon finally hooked a monster hen that was 41 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and had to be well over 30 pounds but I let her go because the hooks lodged in her belly, not the mouth. I enjoyed

the 20 minute battle, but folks thought I was nuts for letting the trophy go. "That's the rules, not worth the fine, and there's a long season to go". That was my general reply to the well meaning townsfolk who were rooting for me to land the king. I'll be fishing almost every day as of now for salmonids and will let you know more results.

The big Ontario rivers are packed with kings now! Come on up!

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*.

Here's a couple of photo submissions from member **Craig Nugent** of his daughter **Emersen** and son **Tommy** - - - life long anglers in the making.



Five year old **Tommy Nugent** with a fluke caught on a Bucktail with Gulp while fishing the surf at Port Monmouth.



Six year old **Emersen Nugent** with a nice chain pickerel caught on a shiner at Duhernal Lake in Old Bridge, NJ..



Al Miller reports "A good day on the Hudson ... blackfish season. My favorite to catch and eat."



Al Miller also sent along this video of a night dive exploration of the sea floor. Check it out if you're interested in seeing what's down there.

Scenes from Family Day







Dan Harrison, Pete Musse, Carl Hartmann, Joe Albanese & Anthony Carbone



Gil Hawkins, Jane Ebihara and friend



Horsing Around - Michele Musse & Dave Mercer



Perfect Form - Dan Harrison & Carl Hartmann



Taking Aim - Stephanie Hess & Jeff Christy



Making Bubbles - Bridget, Stephanie Hess, Jeff Christy & Pete Orenzo



Good Eats - Noah and his little sis



Teamwork - Hank & Brady Harrison (that's Hank on the left & Brady on the right)



In the Shadows - Ivan
Garcia and Peter Musse



Pete Musse and "Fifi"



Clockwise from L to R: hot dog, corn relish, cheeseburger, tomato & onion

From our Historian

HRFA History
LOOKING BACK IN TIME
By Tony Evangelista



Photo 2005 Sandy Hook, NJ Marvin Oresky



Marvin Oresky is a long time HRFA member of over 20yrs. He has served for a few years on our Board of Directors and also was our Rep. for the NJ State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs.

Still to this day **Marvin** will speak up and support the HRFA in all their environmental efforts concerning our Hudson River. Marvin loves fishing the lower Hudson, surf, private and party boat even ice fishing. He has traveled around the country to many locations just to wet a line.

HRFA Calendar

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2.7	28	29	30	31 Halloween	1 Happy Birthday Carl Bruger	2
3	4	5 HRFA EBoard Meeting Election Day	6 Happy Birthday Duane Miksza	7 Happy Birthday Boris Maltsev Herbert Snoop	8	9 Happy Birthday Stephanie Hess
10	11	12 HRFA General Meeting Veterans Day	13	14	15	16 Happy Birthday Dennis Kooney
17	18	19	20 Happy Birthday David Staselis	21	22 Happy Birthday Bill Fish	23
24 Happy Birthday Amie Ulrich	25	26 Happy Birthday William Harris	27 Happy Birthday Dan Harrison Jr.	28 Happy Thanksgiving Howard Hendricks	29 Black Friday	30

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H.R.F.A. Merchandise

Newly redesigned HRFA baseball caps are now available. Pick one up at the next monthly meeting. Or, click on the photo to order yours today. Wear it proudly!

Other apparel with our logo are also available.

From Fish to Dish



parsley.

Broiled Catfish

By Pete Musse

Combine oil, lemon juice, pepper & salt. Season fillets by rubbing with oil mixture. Place fillets in greased baking pan. Dot each fillet with equal amounts of butter. Top with lemon slices. Broil for 10 minutes or until fish is opaque and flaky. Garnish with

INGREDIENTS

- 2 Tbsp. salad oil
- juice of 1 lemon
- cracked pepper & salt to taste
- 1 lemon sliced
- parsley
- 4 catfish fi

H.R.F.A. Youth Angler Program



Want to volunteer?
Just call Youth Angler Program
Chair **Wayne Geider** at
(201) 384-8046.



Youth Angler Program
By Wayne Geider



Check out this weeks fishing report from *The Fisherman* magazine's Jim Hutchinson. In the first three (3) minutes he provides a brief overview of the decision made on October 30th by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASFMC) on their Striped Bass Addendum VI.



Announcing the HRFA's Slate of Candidates for 2020

President: Aram Setian

Vice-President: Joseph Albanese

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Publicity/Historian: Miguel Sardinas
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Outdoor Shows/Events Support: Dave Mercer
Outdoor Shows/Events Support: Janice Soto
Special Fishing Programs: Carl Bruger

Outreach: Dan Harrison

Director Emeritus/Historian: Tony Evangelista

Trustees

Marius Behr (2019) Antony Carbone (2020) Ivan Garcia (2021)

Nominating Committee
Gil Hawkins
Scott Havner
Aram Setian

Fishing Contest Leader Boards

(only listing 1st, 2nd & 3rd place)

The HRFA NJ hosts an annual fishing contest which runs from January through December and is open to all HRFA NJ members. Various divisions are available for prizes. You have 30 days from the day you catch a fish to send in your entries. As a member of the HRFA you and your immediate family are eligible to enter fish in any of our categories. Website updated daily. *River Views* newsletter updates below are done around the first the month.* indicates a new club record.

HRFA Annual Fishing Contest Record Holders

Saltwater Species





Striped Bass Released Caught From Boat (leaders determined by length)

John Francesconi - 22"

Striped Bass Kept Caught From Boat (leaders determined by weight)

Mike Santiago - 47 Lbs 8 oz.* Butch Pawson - 22 Lbs





Striped Bass Released Caught From Shoreline (leaders determined by length)

Sandy Federico - 48" Carl Hartmann - 38" John Francesconi - 34"

Striped Bass Kept Caught From Shoreline (leaders determined by weight)

Carl Hartmann - 18 Lbs Butch Pawson - 15 Lbs. 14.4 oz. Butch Pawson - 10 Lbs



Bluefish

Butch Pawson - 9 Lbs. 12 oz. Carl Hartmann - 7 Lbs

Flounder

Butch Pawson - 2 Lbs 0.3 oz Butch Pawson - 1 Lb. 3 oz Butch Pawson - 8 oz.

Fluke

Chester Fabyanski - 13 Lbs. 3 oz.*

Anthony Chinni - 12 Lbs 3 oz. John Francesconi - 7 lbs 120z

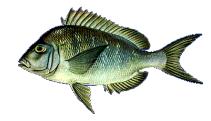


BlackfishNo Entries



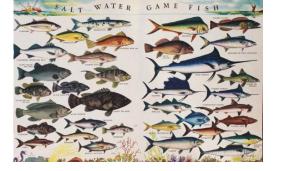
Black Sea Bass

Steve Santiago - 5Lbs. 3 oz.



Scup (Porgy)

JohnFrancesconi - 2 Lbs. 3 oz.



Open Category Salt Water No Entries

Freshwater Species



Catfish

Carl Bruger - 19 Lbs. 8 oz. Scott Havner - 8 lbs 11 oz Bill Greene - 7 Lbs



Carp

Bill Greene - 13 Lbs 1 oz Bill Greene - 12 Lbs. 7 oz Bill Greene - 12 Lbs 1 oz



Trout - Local

Scott Havner - 2 Lbs 6 oz Marvin Oresky - 1 Lbs 14 oz



Trout - Great Lakes

Aram Setian - 14 lb 8 oz Mona Mak - 14 Lbs.



Smallmouth Bass

Linda Havner - 6 Lbs 5 oz. Scott Havner - 3 Lbs. 4 oz.



Largemouth Bass

Andrew Ward - 6 Lbs 2 Oz Andrew Ward - 5 Lbs 7 oz Scott Havner - 4 lbs 4oz

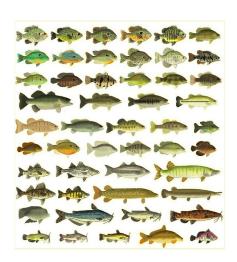


Salmon

No Entries



Noah Santiago - 24" Striped Bass Released from Shore



Open Category Fresh Water

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