

River Views

The Official Newsletter of the Hudson River Fishermen's Association



Hudson River Fishermen's Association



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Auction ... Auction ... Auction

Come one come all to the
Annual HRFA Fishing Gear &
Equipment Auction

PREVIEW STARTS AT 6:30PM



Tuesday December 10th at 7PM

Ridgefield Park Elks Lodge
19 Cedar Street
Ridgefield Park, NJ

Topic: HRFA's Annual Fishing Tackle Auction
Guest Speakers: Auctioneers Kevin Morgan, Gil Hawkins, Carl Bruger, Scott Havner

Next General Meeting
December 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm at
Ridgefield Park Elks
Guest Speaker
ANNUAL AUCTION

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

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If you've ever been to a previous HRFA Annual Auction you'll know this is not your average run of the mill flea market put on by many other fishing clubs. This is a fun fundraiser pitting you against friends as you try to outbid one another to take home that prized rod & reel combo or other valuable item at a great price.

The HRFA requires only a minimum of 10% of any item sold for providing the venue and bringing in prospective customers for your sale items. Seller gets the rest. Having said that, many sellers opt to give more back to the club as a donation - some giving as much as 50% or all of the selling price directly to supporting the club. For the buyer, this all adds up to getting great items at once-in-a-year low, low, low prices.

We suggest you show up early and check out the many items that will be up for auction and decide which ones you want to bid for and own.

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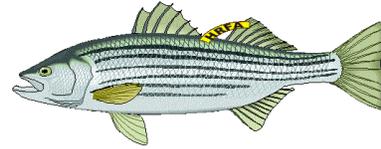
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Want to help us "Fight for the Hudson"? Click [here](#) or the striped bass image & make a donation today.



From our President

Hi All,

I can't believe this is the last time I will be writing this article as President of the HRFA. The last three years went by very quick. It was a pleasure and honor to serve as President of this great organization. Past President **Gil Hawkins** helped at the beginning of my stint by introducing me to some of the environmental groups and we have been building on those relationships ever since. I think, and believe **Gil** agrees, that the club is in a little better shape than it was three short years ago..



Some of the things that are new and exciting for the HRFA are:

THE NEWSLETTER At first I was not sure how changing *River Views* from a hard paper copy snail mailed by US Postal Service to an all digital format sent via email blast would be received by our members. We worried about whether or not people without computers would remain members. Actually, as it turned out, we have grown a little in memberships. I know that family members are helping those that do not have a computer. **Joe Albanese** has worked on

making this newsletter second to none. More people are sending him articles and pictures. Heck, even **Pete Musse** is sending in recipes on cooking your catch. Thanks **Pete**. It is VERY informative. We are keeping our members up to date with some important issues like the article Jim Hutchinson Jr. from *The Fisherman* magazine who wrote about the offshore windmills coming to New Jersey that appears in this month's edition of *River Views*. I'm sure these types of articles will continue.

FISHING TRIPS We now have more organized trips than we have had in the past. **Arnie Ulrich** ran the Bunny Clarke trip up to Maine and the Annual George Graf Blackfish Trip is this December 7th. It used to be **Arnie** doing all the heavy lifting with setting up trips. Now he has more members setting up trips all over the place. **Scott Havner** continues to book ice fishing trip(s) and up to the Great Lakes and the Niagara River. **Scott** also ran a fun Kiddie Fishing Rod Challenge in Harriman State Park. For the last two years **Miguel Sardinias** set up dates to fish the Hudson River on Hoboken's Castle Point T-Pier . He is even talking about doing more on the beach. (I'm looking forward to that.) I know others have set up trips and I am having a senior moment and forgot. Yell at me at the next meeting.

FISHING CONTEST Although this is not new we now have two major contests on our river. In the Spring there was the Catch & Release Striper Derby. The **American Littoral Society** awarded great prizes for the largest and most stripers tagged and released. In the Summer there was the Catfish Chaos Derby. These are two more events that people up and down the river are getting involved in. Thanks **Joe** and **Scott**. They are fun times on the river. The members in Haverstraw Marina are taking it to a new level where there is now a contest within a contest and everyone is having a ball. This also will continue to grow up and down the river.

KIDS TRIPS I don't know if we can really call it that any more. We are now working with towns on the river with their river fest days. We are helping the Wounded Warrior Foundation, Spectrum for Living and special needs children. **Wayne Geider** has really made this a very special and active part of what we do. This year we also moved into the big city with helping people fish in Manhattan, this was a fun day with over a hundred people showing up and having a good time. I can't wait till next year.

THE BOAT IN THE WOODS Another project that is really taking off. As you all know this is going to be very interesting. More and more members are helping with this. I think it has gotten more people interested in the HRFA. A lot of members and different organizations are getting involved. We are still looking for skilled people to help.

OUTDOOR SPORTS SHOWS It is getting to be show time and **Janise Sotos** and

Dave Mercer have really stepped up our booth appearance but sure could use some help with manning the booths. If you can help please see them at the next meeting.

There is one thing that didn't get done in the last three years that I had hoped would have. The Spectrum for Living dock in Closter NJ. This is something near and dear to me. I / we will continue to work on this.

I'm looking forward to helping incoming President **Aram Setian**. He is a lot more organized than I am. (After all, he is an engineer.) He will be running a tight ship and under his leadership things will continue to get better for the HRFA.

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

Thanks all and Bee Well
Dan H

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 its 25-foot wooden boat tasked with patrolling the Hudson for polluters. It was initially piloted by Capt. John Cronin.



NOT TOO LONG AGO

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.

Boat Restoration Project Update



Dave Mercer and **Arnie Ulrich** met at the Liberty Landing Marina service yard Saturday October 19, 2019. They built a tent structure and covered the boat with a 7 mil thick green 19' by 30' tarp . The structure is mostly comprised of 2" by 6" wood planks and runs from bow to stern. They got the job done in a little over three hours.

It is interesting to note that they found two 40-gallon fuel tanks amidships. One on each side, at deck height, of the boat.

Before work was started Heather Gibbons from Fund For a Better Waterfront took pictures and asked for a review of the boat's history and how it got to Jersey City. **Arnie Ulrich** and **Ivan Garcia** provided that information. She wants to put together a power point or video and will get more pictures from **Joe Albanese**.

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 riverkeeper vessel*.



November Meeting Recap

By **Joseph Albanese**

HRFA member **Dr. Peter Park's** family ran a fish market in NYC and he grew up fishing the East River. While in college he studied the cognitive behavior (ability to learn) of stickleback fishes in Alaska. Currently, he is a biology Professor and ichthyologist teaching at Nyack College. He also runs a fishing club for students at the college.

The Professor gave an insightful presentation at our November general meeting. **Dr. Park's** talk focused on fishes inhabiting the East River and comparing methods for capturing and enumerating same. Something some of us didn't know before is that, scientifically speaking, the East River really isn't a river at all. The East River is actually a saltwater tidal estuary. It is the convergence of the Hudson River, Long Island Sound and the Atlantic Ocean. Of the 9,254 fishes captured from the East River between March and early November of this year 87% were seine netted, 9% from rod & reel, 3% by visual sighting and 1% by trap. There were 47 different species of fish captured. Sperring, a.k.a. Atlantic Silversides were the predominate species and not as many Menhaden. It was a bit unusual that no weakfish or red hake were captured.

He solicited further cooperation between the scientific and angling communities. Reports

submitted by anglers increase knowledge of the fish populations inhabiting the river. He hopes those HRFA members who fish the East River will report their catches to him. He knows that no fisherman, who is thinking like a fisherman, willingly gives up their "secret" spots. So, he has separated the river into zones; thus, not revealing any precise locations.

To support his efforts we may open up the our Spring 2020 Striped Bass Catch & Release Derby to include stripers caught in the East River. Possibly adding another prize category. What do you think of that idea?

Dr. Park can be reached at (845) 675-4552 or peter.park@nyack.edu.

Upcoming Events



Get Involved With the Auction SUPER BARGAINS GALORE!

By **Carl Bruger**

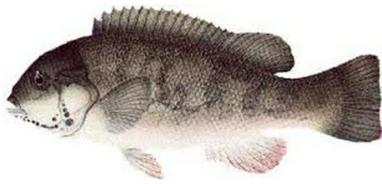
The HRFA December 2019 auction will soon be upon us and if you have not done any planning or preparation don't expect to reap many benefits. The Auction is as good as the numbers of those present make it! If you are going to have items to auction off it is imperative that you get stickers from **Arnie Ulrich** so that those labels are affixed to the items before you get to the Auction. This cash only bidding starts at \$15 for a minimum. The best items you can expect to sell are new and gently used high end well known brands that the bidders know and respect.

**Arnie Ulrich can be reached at
kavester@aol.com or (201) 304-4691**

What types of things sell? If you are looking through your basement, garage, closets, attic, or shed, the obvious items are rods, reels, lures, nets, tackle boxes, terminal tackle, and rigs. Sometimes there is a market and demand for the right clothing, electronics, fishing kits etc. Things like lead and molds are in demand by individuals. Coolers, minnow buckets, creels, antiques sometimes have "traction" as well. Rods better sited as tomato stakes and reels sprouting barnacles do not belong near the auction tables yet every year we waste time having to try to "sell" some of this stuff and waste the time of the folks interested in the honest bargains.

It is imperative that you show up and bring a friend or two who are interested in bidding on items. The more people present the better the auction will do. This is a great place to get Holiday gifts for the anglers in your sphere of present shopping. Guys who hang around until the end always get the absolute best bargains because some folks left and others spent their money yet there are awesome items yet to be bid on!

Here are some more bits of good advice. Arrive early and have an awesome relaxing dinner at the Elks for ten bucks plus a two dollar tip. Check out all the stuff other guys have put up for bid. Make a list of the things by number that you might want to bid on when they are brought up by the auctioneers. Be sure to make your bids clear to the auctioneers so they are not missed and you lose out on an item that you wanted. We all will be doing our best up front but please realize ahead of time that we are all amateur volunteers just doing the best that we can to help the HRFA and you enjoy the evening.



Annual George Graf Memorial Blackfish Trip

Blackfish: on the party boat Capt Cal. II
When: Saturday December 7th, 7:30 AM, Where: Belmar Marina

We are running a meet at the boat Blackfish trip on December 7th
The Capt. Cal II **leaves** from the Belmar municipal marina at 7:30 A.M. so make sure you show up early enough to get a good position on the boat. If you would like to get in on this trip go please notify Arnie Ulrich at email **kavester@aol.com** or call 201-304-4691. This is one of the last club-organized trips of the year. Don't miss it.

DIRECTIONS: Parkway: exit 98 to 138 east to / Route 35 North to Marina, Or Turnpike: exit 7a to 195 east to end / 35 North to Marina

Asking for Your Help

Volunteers are needed to help work the HRFA booth at the upcoming shows.
If interested please talk to **Dave Mercer** at an upcoming meeting or email him: mercerdh@gmail.com



New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center
Edison NJ



February 27 - March 01, 2020
Rockland Community College
145 College Road
Suffern, NY 10901



March 13 - 15, 2020
New Jersey Convention and Exposition Center
Edison NJ

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 Nov 12 meeting: There was \$24.00 HRFA free dollars plus \$42 from October (\$66.). The paid member's name ticket was picked by the



November speaker (Peter Park). The name picked was **Joe Spaccavento** and announced to all present. Unfortunately, **Joe** was not present. So, the \$66 HRFA free dollars go into the jar for the December meeting. This should be sizeable because of the HRFA December Auction.

The HRFA welcomes the following new members **Roy Hulsebos**, from North Haledon, NJ.

[HRFA 2019 Membership Form](#)

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Carl's Column for December

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

Final Report on Lake Ontario Salmon Fishing
By Carl Bruger



Thank God **Tim Burden** made it up to see and partake of the last mass surge of kings that made the 2019 season a rousing success. I was otherwise fishing alone or with local friends and kids when I wasn't mortaring my wall or sandbagging key spots we felt the next flood might affect. Our time together was all too brief, but did we ever nail some nice fish with **Tim** battling two beauties to the net both hooked in the mouth with my yellow nurple fly. The kype jawed male was a 22 1/2 pound fresh-from-the-lake spawner that yielded the best fillets I cut all year!

It's a good drive home to Jersey when you've got a cooler full of salmon, a 1/2 bushel full of apples and a box stuffed with four dozen Burrville Cider mill doughnuts! Way to go Tim! I just wish more HRFA guys could have made the trek up to enjoy the run while it lasted.

Unfortunately the Great Lakes got just what they didn't need this summer and fall; a hell of a lot more precipitation than normal. All five Great Lakes are way above normal with Ontario two feet higher than it should be in November. This meant further havoc for the decimated shorelines and way fewer anglers out on the waters.

It was great for the salmon run numbers on the small streams after they ran like chocolate milk and you hooked and released fish in the "assmouth", dorsal fin and tailfin because it was pure bad luck and snagging with flies, lures or eggs sacks when the water had zero visibility and the fish were as blind as the anglers!

When the waters became clearer sight fishing with my 8 weight Shu Fly fly rod and nurple flies resulted in action even if many of the fish had to be set free because they were foul hooked. One battle lasted over half an hour and was with a green belly hooked hen Chinook that was so heavy that my 30 pound hand scale bottomed out and the tape measure told all of us gathered over the net that she stretched 42 1/2 inches of rotund egg laden spawner. No eggs even squirted yet so she was still holding tight skeins and back into the Black River she went with my hope that some of those eggs might have a shot at natural reproduction in that sizeable salmon resource.

My greatest joys were getting local kid involved in the salmon fishery and two boys visiting their grandma at our Dexter Methodist church, Andrew, age 10 and Regan age 13 had no gear so I gave each salmon rods and fly rods to get them properly outfitted. We only caught perch on the short days we fished but the boys will plan to visit again next season with great expectations of salmon success!

Another 14 year old boy named Dakota from Dexter helped me up after I fell fighting a big male. (my best keeper at 23lbs. 8 oz.). He netted the beauty after I endured a long struggle climbing over the rocks. Soon after he snapped his own old spinning rod so I brought him over to my car and gave him a balanced fishing ready salmon rod with a Shimano reel. He was ecstatic and promptly caught two nice kings to proudly take home to his family. Seven rods are out there so far this year in kids hands and my school bus driver friend Alice Ferguson now has a proper wide gap salmon net after too many lost fish trying to tail monsters that got away. I fished with this awesome angler and helped her land a trophy 22+ king that jumped 4 times. She is a kayak fisher as well as stream angler and we hooked dozens of salmonids together in the last days of October.

My own dear wife Pat lived at the lake from May through November with occasional trips home for weddings, funerals, etc. This will be our future despite what nature and the moronic decisions of the 2014 committee of six bring as far as record Ontario water heights. This year our property was a disaster zone with 30 pound carp sucking worms out of my submerged eroding front lawn looking like marauding monsters from a cheap Japanese horror movie! We never took our pontoon boat out of storage and no one, not friends, family or HRFA members, were ever able to visit us because of the mud, mess and construction chaos.

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God willing 2020 will be a better year for our property and equal the excellence of the fishing that is always so great on the lake, feeding rivers, streams, and creeks!



HRFA is honored by FBW

On November 14th, at their annual Connect the Waterfront event, the **Fund for a Better Waterfront (FBW)** presented its 2019 Riparian Award to the Hudson River Fishermen's Association. They presented it in part to thank the HRFA for its support of FBW's effort to save the Union Dry Dock, but also in recognition of the HRFA as the group that started the "riverkeeper" movement, and has been fighting to protect the Hudson River for more than 50 years.



HRFA President **Dan Harrison** accepting the Riparian Award from FBW's Program Director Heather Gibbons.



Future HRFA President **Aram Setian** and current President **Dan Harrison** at the podium.



Hoboken Mayor Ravinder Bhalla addresses the crowd.



Previous winners of FBW's Riparian Award

- 2018 Hoboken Cove Community Boathouse/Noelle Thurlow of Resilience Paddle Sports
- 2017 Friends of Liberty State Park
- 2016 Renee Steinhagen, Executive Director, NJ Appleseed Public Interest Law Center
- 2015 Danny Gans and George Vallone, Developers of Maxwell Place
- 2014 Craig Whitaker, architect and Urban Planner
- 2013 Henry Arnold, architect of Hoboken's south waterfront



Flanking Hoboken City Councilman Phil Cohen is (from left to right) HRFA members **Joe Albanese, Aram Setian, Dan Harrison, Michael Sardinas, Sergio Radossi and Wayne Geider.**

MORE ON NJ's OFFSHORE WINDMILLS

This article ran in a recent issue of **The Fisherman Magazine**. The PDF version is here by permission of Jim Hutchinson, Jr. Managing Editor of the NJ/DE Edition. Jim shares it with us "in the hope it raises questions and forces a few folks to look deeper for answers." Simply click on the image to read it. jhutchinson@thefisherman.com

Should President Donald Trump be impeached? Or should Hillary Clinton be jailed for espionage? Those questions should probably get folks' attention, don't you think? Well before your blood begins to boil, I ask that you consider this - the polarization of positions has gotten worse by the day, with everyone, everywhere expected to choose an absolute side. Elections, sports teams, fisheries, climate change, offshore wind development - it's all pretty much the same, isn't it?

While the president himself may have been the one who coined the term "fake news," don't think that's just a battle cry for the right against CNN, or lefties piling on FOX. Whenever someone today is confronted by a message that counters their own core belief or financial stake, simply stammering "fake news" and stabbing a pitchfork towards the messenger has become standard operating procedure in this first quarter of the 21st century.

So here's a message that should have a few folks running towards the tool shed for sharper implements of destruction; it's from professor John King from the University of Rhode Island's (URI) Graduate School of Oceanography and a member on the Rhode Island Coastal Resources Management Council's Habitat Advisory Board for offshore wind development.

"So the question becomes, if you build offshore power facilities, will migratory organisms cross the cables or not," King said of marine life like sharks and staves, which are sensitive to electromagnetic fields (EMF), adding "Will it affect eels that migrate to the Sargasso Sea or lobsters that have an onshore-offshore annual migration?"

That's professor King's quote; and so is this. "The concern is that DC (direct) currents generate permanent electromagnetic fields, and we don't really know how organisms will relate to them."

This is taken from an article written by Todd McLeish, a contributor to *ecoRI News* (www.ecori.org). The article details how professor King and a postdoctoral research fellow named Zoe Hutchison (no relation, different spelling) have been conducting field experiments around the Cross Sound Cable that carries electricity from New Haven, CT to Long Island, NY. They attached acoustic tags to skates and lobsters and placed them in an enclosure around the cable. An array of hydrophones in the enclosure detected the animals' movements. Additional animals were placed in a second enclosure farther from the cable to compare the results.

"We definitely saw effects in behavior in both lobsters and skates, though it was more dramatic in the skates," said King of EMF.

MYTH or MATTER **BY JIM HUTCHINSON, JR.**

IS offshore wind BLOWING IN TOO FAST?

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H.R.F.A. Photo Gallery

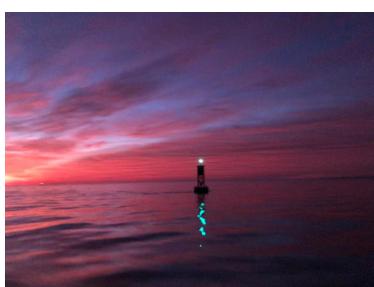
Have a photograph and/or fishing story you would like to share with the club? Email it to **Joe Albanese** at joealbanese2@gmail.com and we will do our very best to squeeze it into an upcoming issue of *River Views*.



On Tuesday October 29th the HRFA gang limited-out in 1.5 hours fishing aboard the ***Fins on Feathers*** with Capt. Frank Tenore. From L to R: That's **Wayne Geider**, **Joe Marchese**, **Aram Setian**, **Marvin Oresky**, **Dan Harrison** and **Tony Carbone**.



Joe with an 18-pound (or thereabouts) striper that was fooled by a trolled Mojo rig.



October 25th was a beautiful morning when **Joe Albanese** headed out from Leonardo State Marina aboard the ***Fins and Feathers***.



A first for **Joe**. This triggerfish fell for half a green crab and the filets cooked up as delicious as claimed.



H.R.F.A. Finishes 9th

Finishing 9th in any competition might not sound like much. However, in this case, coming in 9th out of 60+ teams in the Association of Surf Angling Clubs' final tournament of the year isn't too shabby for a fledgling surf fishing team representing the HRFA as it reenters the ASAC tournament circuit. The American Anglers hosted the successful event November 2nd in Surf City, NJ. First to score for us was **Mona Mak**. Next was **Pete Musse**. Each small

shark added a single point for the team. Rounding out the team was **Michele** and **Dalas Musse** and **Joe Albanese** whose small fluke didn't add a single point to the team's score. (It was not only too small it was also out of season.) Yes, 2 points was all it took to finish 9th as few teams caught anything at all. The weather was great, the food was very good and the prizes & raffles impressive.



Pete Musse scored 1-point for the HRFA.



Mona Mak scored the first point for the HRFA.



Joe Albanese's tiny fluke - no points added but nice to at least catch something.



Baby Shark = 1-point



So cute. No points awarded for cuteness though.



That's **Dalas Musse** (in the foreground) and his dad **Pete** getting rigged up.



Scott Havner Finishes First

On November 3rd the New Jersey Beach Buggy Association added a fourth location to their annual members-only President's Cup surf fishing tournament. In cooperation with American Anglers, they added the beaches of Surf City to accommodate NJBBA members who fished there the day before in the ASAC tournament. While **Scott Havner's** 20.75" striper was shy of the 28" legal size, and therefore did not qualify for the NJBBA

tournament, it was all he needed to win a \$50 gift certificate to spend at Betty & Nick's tackle shop in Seaside Park from American Angler. By the time you read this, I'm sure he already spent that - and then some - on fishing stuff.

Scenes from the November 3rd HRFA Event



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Al White, Noah Sardinias & his dad Michael, Ivan Garcia and Arnie Ulrich



Noah Sardinias with a keeper ling cod.

Veterans Day Hook Ups . . .

On November 11th **Scott Havner** and **Joe Albanese** connected with schoolie stripers smashing peanut bunker stuck in the surf zone. Sometimes the action was beyond casting distance but frequently it was inside the sandbar, right in the trough. They started on Sandy Hook before sunrise and ended the trip early afternoon (after a hearty breakfast at Amy's Omelettes) in Long Branch. Many times the action was in right at the boots of their chest waders. **Joe** scored first but **Scott** out-fished him by a 2-to-1 margin.



Two Days Later . . .

On November 13 **Scott & Joe** returned to surf fish the northern beaches of NJ. The beautiful conditions of only 2 days ago were but a memory. This day it was very cold with the wind blowing hard from the NNE at 20 knots, whipping sand into their faces and making casting difficult. The seas were angry and white capped. When the wind puts a large bow in the line it's hard to keep contact with the lure to make an alluring presentation that will entice a striper to strike. If you manage to successfully fool one you might not be able to feel the hit and properly set the hook either. In these challenging conditions few anglers ventured out onto the beaches to try their luck. But we did.

Starting again at Sandy Hook before sunrise **Scott** landed the first striper. In fact, **Scott** landed the first four. This basically left **Joe** mumbling to himself wondering what he was not doing correctly. Later in the day (after another hearty breakfast at Amy's Omelettes) **Joe** finally caught his first of the day. Call it kismet but he caught it by the remnants of the jetty where he caught his very first striper ever at around age 14. **Joe** also caught the next three thereby evening the score. But who's counting? We weren't at first but now we were. **Scott** said, "You realize what this means don't you? Now we can't leave until someone wins." I countered with, "It's going to get dark soon anyway. So, let's just take 10 more casts each to try and break the tie." He agreed.

We had been fishing for almost 8 hours, making hundreds of casts, with only 8 fish between us. Now what could possibly be the odds that either one would get another striper in just 10 more casts? My belief that we would end in a tie was shattered when **Scott** caught a striper on his eighth cast. Unless he miraculously (skillfully?) landed another striper on his two remaining casts I had three casts left to bring the score even again. He didn't. Neither did I.

So, **Scott** won. Big deal.



Scott: 1 - Joe: 0



Scott: 2 - Joe: 0



Scott: 3 - Joe: 0



Scott: 4 - Joe: 2

Scott: 4 - Joe: 0



Scott: 4 - Joe: 1



The final score . . .

Scott: 5 - Joe: 4

Scott: 4 - Joe: 3

Scott: 4 - Joe: 4

HRFA Calendar

December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Happy Birthday Billy Dixon	2 Happy Birthday Lou Costello	3 HRFA EBoard Happy Birthday	4 Happy Birthday Steven Corris Noel Cote John Shanahan	5	6	7 HRFA George Graf Blackfish trip Happy Birthday Joseph Augeri
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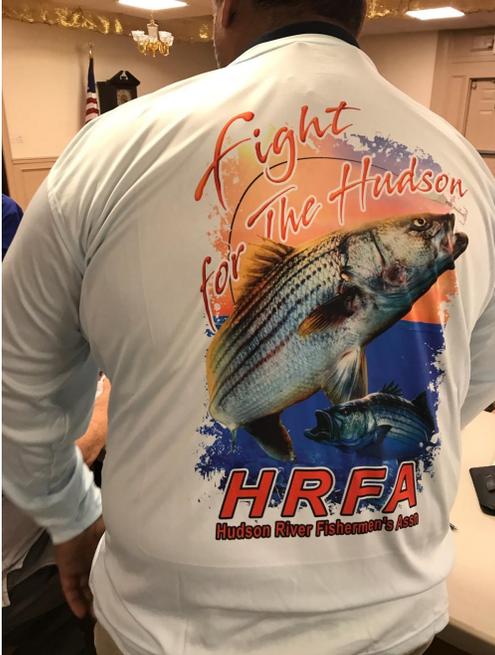
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From Fish to Dish

Here's a new recipe shared by Chef **Peter Musse** ...



Broiled Catfish

Carolina Classics Catfish - Ayden

Ingredients:

- 2 Tbsp. salad oil
- Juice of 1 lemon
- Cracked Pepper & Salt to taste
- 4 Catfish Fillets
- 1 Tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1 sliced lemon
- Parsley

Directions: Combine salad oil, lemon juice, pepper & salt. Season fillets by rubbing with the exiled mixture. Dot each fillet with butter. Top with lemon slices. Broil for 10 minutes or until fish is opaque and shaky. Garnish with parsley. Serves 2.

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. You have 30 days from the day you catch a fish to send in your entries. So, the deadline for submissions is January. As a member of the HRFA you and your immediate family are eligible to enter fish in any of our categories. Various divisions are available for prizes presented at our Annual Awards Dinner in March of the following

year. Website updated daily. *River* newsletter updates below are done around the first of 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.*

Ivan Garcia 39 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

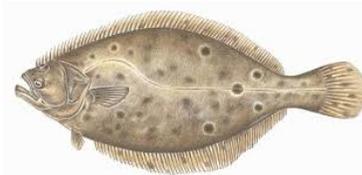
Butch Pawson - 9 Lbs. 12 oz.



Flounder

Butch Pawson - 2 Lbs 0.3 oz

Butch Pawson - 1 Lb. 3 oz



Fluke

Chester Fabyanski - 13 Lbs. 3 oz.*

Anthony Chinni - 12 Lbs 3 oz.

Carl Hartmann - 7 Lbs

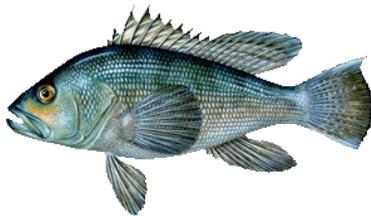
Butch Pawson - 8 oz.

John Francesconi - 7 lbs 12oz



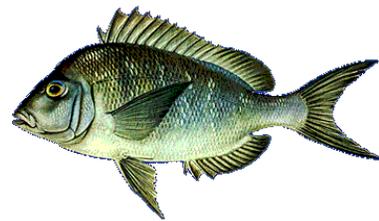
Blackfish

Carl Hartmann 4 Lbs 13 oz.



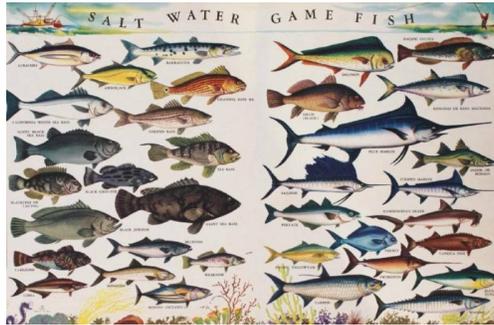
Black Sea Bass

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



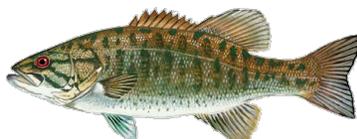
Trout - Local

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



Open Category
Fresh Water

John Francesconi Sturgeon 10 lbs 33"
Andrew Ward - 4 Lbs 12 Oz Walleye

YOUTH ANGLER DIVISION

Noah Santiago - 24" Striped Bass
Released from Shore

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